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Senior Soccer Stars... Portland High School boys' soccer seniors – from left, Cole Bates, Brandon McPhee, Andrew Johnson and Ryan Clarke – were celebrated prior to the team beating Haddam-Killingworth on Senior Night (Oct. 22). Johnson scored the team's third goal to secure the team's seventh win of the season.

## Osten Seeks Sixth Senate Term

By Michael Sinkewicz

The candidates eyeing the seat for the 19th state Senate district – incumbent Democrat Cathy Osten and Republican challenger Pietro “Rocky” Camardella – come from distinct backgrounds and have contrasting views on the direction the state should be moving in.

Osten, from Sprague – where she previously served as first selectwoman – is seeking a sixth term in the Senate chamber, after first being elected in 2012. Her opponent is a self-identified political newcomer from Norwich, who is running on shaking up a system he believes has become detached from the constituents it serves.

The large district includes the *Rivereast* communities of Hebron and Marlborough, as well as Columbia, Franklin, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Montville, Norwich and Sprague.

Osten is chair of the state Senate's Appropriations Committee and vice chair of the Public Safety and Security Committee. She is a U.S. Army veteran, serving four years of active duty, and was involved in the state Department of Correction for more than 20 years.

Born in Naples, Italy, Camardella came to the U.S. in 1981 after serving as a sergeant in the Italian Navy and the Italian Merchant Marines as an engineering officer.

He has owned and operated the small busi-

ness Artphoto in Norwich since 1986, fulfilling his passion for photography.

“We have to be closer to the heartbeat of the citizens,” Camardella told the *Rivereast* this week.

He shared the story of becoming involved with a local radio station and winning a competition that allowed him to speak on-air. Eventually, he was given his own one-hour show, which then expanded to multiple hours and becoming “The Rocky Radio Show” for nearly eight years.

It was this platform that allowed him to share his opinions and generated calls for him to run for public office.

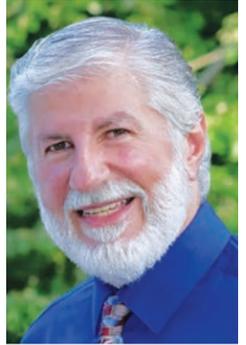
“I said, ‘what’s my excuse?’ It’s time for you to step forward,” Camardella recalled. “I’m conservative. I’m Christian and I don’t hide it. I believe in destiny.”

After governing at the state level for 10 years, Osten views her experience as a valuable asset.

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Cathy Osten



Pietro “Rocky” Camardella

## Marlborough BOS Okays School Officer

By Jack Lakowsky

In a sudden change of stance, the Marlborough Board of Selectmen, specifically Democrat Betty O’Brien and unaffiliated board chair Deb Bourbeau, gave support for the Marlborough Elementary School (MES) school board to seek funds for a school resource officer.

Previously, it appeared the two selectwomen favored an armed security officer (ASO), an employee of the school board, to a school resource officer or SRO, an active-duty member of the local police department, much to the chagrin of the public.

Last Tuesday night, the selectboard set for last Thursday an executive session to discuss the SRO matter. Then, after the board got word from Board of Finance member Ken Hjulstrom that a private talk wouldn’t be appropriate, the board made the meeting public.

The *Rivereast* was unable to update last week’s story about the meeting before it went to print.

Despite it being held last Thursday morning, the meeting was packed with residents, school

officials and law enforcement.

In a follow-up call, Bourbeau told the *Rivereast* the board “never distinguished between the SRO and ASO.”

Bourbeau said selectmen sent the MES board to the Board of Finance to ask for the money to get a guard, but they never specifically used that term.

“[The school board] refused to do that,” said Bourbeau, adding the request was “dropped into our lap without input” and that the memo requesting the guard gave selectpersons additional responsibilities.

“We needed to think that through,” said Bourbeau. “We never said ‘no’ to an SRO; that’s been a misunderstanding. People assumed we were saying that; we’re all committed to school safety; we just have to get there correctly.”

In the meeting, Bourbeau, at the behest of school superintendent Holly Hageman, partially organized an unofficial committee of at least six people, consisting of herself, selectman Joe

Askar, Hageman, school board chair Wes Skorski, and others to be determined.

Askar was originally skeptical of this (what Bourbeau referred to as a “nonmeeting”), saying he thinks an official committee, required to keep the public apprised of its activity, was more appropriate.

Though it hadn’t yet been officially set, Bourbeau guessed the meeting would happen sometime this week.

Local law enforcement sat in on last Thursday’s meeting, with local state trooper Douglas Bernier giving input, saying an SRO employed by local police could benefit the town, working throughout it during the summer months.

Marlborough’s public safety head Jay Kehoe said the department could use another set of hands, which could cover unfilled patrols and other duties.

Now, with local police officially notified to hire the SRO, the town must figure out other logistics before moving further forward.

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### Andover Seniors Christmas Party

Andover seniors will hold their annual Christmas party at Georgina's Restaurant in Bolton on Tuesday, Dec. 6, from noon-4 p.m. Door prizes will be raffled, with proceeds to benefit local charities.

Attendees are encouraged to each bring a wrapped gift for the raffle table. Entertainment will be provided by Tony Susi.

Cost is \$15 for any Andover senior, and is due Nov. 15. Call Georgia O'Brien at 860 742-9947 to sign up and make your menu choice

with your payment. Entrée choices are: Chicken Francaise, Baked Salmon with Creamy Dill Sauce, or Sliced Sirloin with Mushroom Brown Sauce. All entrees include honey-glazed carrots and rice pilaf, salad with Italian or ranch dressing, coffee or tea, and marble sheet cake for dessert. There is a cash bar.

For any senior needing a ride, senior transportation pickup will be at 11 a.m. Return is approximately 4:30 p.m.

This event is open to any Andover senior.

### Annual Lowering of Andover Lake

The Andover Lake Management Association (ALMA) will begin lowering the level of the lake to its winter level on or soon after Oct. 30.

This is done each year to maintain the quality of the water and of the plants and fish that inhabit it. It may take two weeks or more for the lake to reach the winter level of 30" below the summer level.

Anyone who wishes to make repairs to their dock or sea wall should plan on doing so now rather than waiting until spring. ALMA will fill the lake to its summer level beginning in the middle of March or as soon as the ice melts, whichever is later.

### Last Farmers Market Nov. 5

The final Andover Farmers Market of the season will be Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., outdoors at First Congregational Church, 359 Route 6. There will be farmers and other vendors, along with a food truck and live music.

The church is also having a Pumpkin Patch sale that day.

### Huge Tag Sale

Andover Congregational Church, located at 359 Route 6, will hold a Huge Tag Sale Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be a bag sale from 1-2 p.m.

### Reflective Address Markers

Reflective address markers will be available Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Andover Volunteer Fire Department, 11 School Rd. There is no charge to Andover residents.

### School Board Vacancy

Any Andover elector interested in serving on the Board of Education for a term ending June 30, 2025, should send a letter of interest to: Town of Andover, Board of Education Vacancy, 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232, or email one to townclerk@andoverct.org.

Deadline for submitting letters of interest is Monday, Oct. 31.

### Andover Pumpkin Patch

Andover Food Pantry is sponsoring its first-ever "Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser" behind the pantry, in the historical field at 359 Route 6 in Andover. The sale runs through the end of the month.

Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Featured for sale will be pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, bales of hay, apples, cider, jellies and jams, and more. Take a photo with your family in the photo-op area. Different events

will take place throughout the month.

All are asked to consider donating their no-longer-needed wagon or special outdoor fall decoration to the pantry for this fundraiser. People can drop it off behind the Andover Congregational Church where the food drop-off boxes are. A tax donation letter will be given to you upon request.

For more information, call Food Pantry Director Joan Soucy at 860-208-3226.

### Congregational Church News

Andover Congregational Church, UCC, located at 359 Route 6, invites all ages to worship Sundays at 10 a.m. The service also streams live on the church's Facebook page (First Congregational Church, Andover, CT). For more information, call the church office at 860-742-7696, email andoverctchurch@gmail.com or visit www.andoverctchurch.org.

**Children's Church:** Sunday school is provided.

**Food Pantry:** Mondays from 5-7 p.m. Bring your own bags. The **Foodshare Van** comes to the church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30

a.m.; next date is Nov. 9. The senior food pantry is open the opposite Wednesdays, also from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is Nov. 2.

**AA Meetings:** Saturdays and Mondays, 7 p.m.

**Sonshine Stammers:** All are invited to join this group, which meets Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. to make greeting cards.

**Beginning Nov. 1:** Faith Sharing with the Movies, Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

**Thanksgiving Meal:** Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, at 3 p.m. All are invited for a potluck meal. Please RSVP.

### Senior Citizen News & Notes

The following have been announced for Andover seniors, veterans and disabled. To attend any event, call senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi at 860-916-6122 to register. Visit the senior page at andoverct.org for all senior events and information. A new events calendar will soon be posted for November and December.

**Rides to Food Pantry:** The bus is now available for the Food Pantry on Mondays at 5 p.m. and for the Wednesday Foodshare or food pantry - all of which take place at Andover Congregational Church.

**Rides to All town events,** town meetings, referendums or board meetings, and all medical

appointments, are available by calling Palazzi. All seniors, veterans and disabled are welcome. If you have a caregiver, they may come with you.

**New Seniors Welcome:** New seniors are welcome to all events. Call Palazzi for all luncheon reservations and transportation needs including medicals, Foodshare, food pantry, weekly shopping, movie rides, Farmers Market, and town meetings and scheduled voting dates. Call Judy Knox at 860-643-6824 to join Young at Heart, call Georgia O'Brien at 860-742-9947 for all trip information, and call Sue Schmidt at 860-604-1057 for all movie information.

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Andover Volunteer Fire Department will host a Thanksgiving food drive Saturday, Nov. 12, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., at the fire department, 11 School Rd., to benefit the Andover Food Pantry.

Thanksgiving dinner items needed: stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, biscuit and bread mixes and dessert mixes such as cake, cookie and brownie.

Monetary contributions are also welcome; make checks payable to Andover Food Pantry.

### Members Sought for EDC

The Andover Economic Development Commission is need of new members. Contact Elaine Buchardt at 860-202-4619 or email AndoverCTEDC@gmail.com for more information.

### Cemetery Fall Clean-Up

The Townsend Cemetery Committee is preparing for the annual Fall Clean-Up on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the cemetery on Townsend Road. The committee requests that all personal items and decorations be removed from the gravesites before Nov. 5.

Any items found that are not allowed or prohibit maintenance activities will be removed.

### Autumn Afternoon Tea

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold an Autumn Afternoon Tea Saturday, Nov. 12, from 1-3 p.m.

The tea will include an assortment of teas, a basket raffle and homemade items.

Admission is \$10, and reservations are required. Leave a message at the church office, 860-742-7696, to reserve seats.

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## From the Editor's Desk

# Observations & Ruminations

By Mike Thompson

As you may have noticed already, there's a special second section inserted in this week's paper – a special political section.

In the section you'll find a couple of election preview stories by Jack Lakowsky and Michael Sinkewicz, pictures of sample ballots from all six of our towns – and lots and lots of letters. Nearly all of the letters this week are in that special section.

And speaking of letters: thank you to everyone who got their letters in by noon on Monday this week. Not everyone did, but most of you followed that guidance, and I appreciate it. If you sent your letter after noon on Monday....well, you won't be seeing it here. But you will next week.

We've still got one more issue before Election Day, so next week will bring with it an early deadline for letters as well. If you want to see your letter to the editor in next Friday's *Rivereast*, it **must** be in no later than **noon Monday, Oct. 31**. We are simply unable to make exceptions.

Also next week, the political-themed letters are to be endorsements only; this is because the candidates won't have time to respond before Election Day on Nov. 8. I gave warning of this last week – and it looks like many of you heeded that advice as well. There are definitely some attacks in the letters this week, some real mud-slinging. And that's fine; the candidates still have next week to respond to the criticism. But when it comes to submit-

ting letters in next week's *Rivereast* – well, as the old saying goes, if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all.

Thanks in advance to everyone for their cooperation.

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Among the various items hanging on the bulletin board at my desk at the office are a few of the notes I've received from readers over the years. One I particularly like is a card dated March 14, 2020, saying simply "Dear Mike – And not one of the jokes didn't make me smile! Thanks, Jon."

What's the context, you're probably wondering? In the paper that came out the day before, I wrote about the coronavirus pandemic, which at that point hadn't shut everything down quite yet, but it was abundantly clear that things looked, well, pretty dark. So, I'd attempted to lighten the mood with some admittedly-awful jokes I'd found online. At the very least, I figured it would take people's mind off the pandemic.

Two and a half years later, things aren't quite as bleak as they were back then, at least on the COVID front. But, I figured, who couldn't use some laughs?

With that in mind, here are the jokes that ran in that March 13, 2020, *Rivereast* – which was incidentally our last issue before going on a two-month hiatus, one that, like most hiatuses that spring, was prompted by the

**Editor's Desk continued on page 5**

## Bulletin Board

In watching the Kansas City Chiefs drop a close game to the Buffalo Bills recently, I have to say I was a bit surprised by the way Kansas City fans were carrying on with what appeared to be menacing "Indian" chants and tomahawk chops.

I had assumed (wrongly, it appears) that such behavior and symbolism had been ruled out of bounds in the modern rush toward team nicknames designed to be more acceptable to ethnic and cultural sensitivities—like Notre Dame's pugilistic leprechaun, for instance.

Okay, maybe that's a bad example. But at least he's not brandishing a gin bottle or something. Personally, I've been a little taken aback by the antipathy toward some now-defunct team mascots and nicknames. It's pretty hard to argue that calling a team the "Redskins" isn't offensive, but I'm less persuaded that "Indians" or "Warriors" or even "Braves" is all that objectionable, though I would suggest that calling a women's field hockey team the "Scranton Squaws" would definitely be a bad idea.

Also, if you're going to call yourselves the "Indians," you probably don't want to have a cartoon rendition of a maniacal indigenous person as your team symbol—as Cleveland apparently decided in its switch from "Chief Wahoo" to the "Guardians." The "Guardians," incidentally, is a reference to some pillars on a Cleveland bridge, which I guess isn't likely to arouse much venom except maybe from hypersensitive ferry boat operators.

I have always felt that nicknames like "Warriors" or "Tomahawks" are intended to reflect admirable qualities like determination, self-reliance and valor, but I seem to be in the minority on this one. Colleges that have switched from "Indian"-oriented symbols/mascots include St. John's, Dartmouth and Syracuse (more about Syracuse in a moment).

St. John's went from the "Redmen" to the "Red Storm" with a new mascot titled Johnny Thunderbird. Dartmouth adopted an unofficial mascot, described as "an anthropomorphic beer keg." Not having the benefit of an Ivy League education, I had to look up the meaning of "anthropomorphic." It means ascribing human form or attributes to a being or thing not human. In other words, Dartmouth's unofficial mascot is a walking, talking beer keg named "Keggy."

In Keggy's defense, I must point out that a website touting "Fun Things to Do in Hanover, N.H." lists riding bicycles in the snow among the attractions, which, to my mind, makes Keggy considerably more appropriate than he might be in, say, New York City or even Bridgeport. Harvard's mascot, by contrast, is "John the Pilgrim," which I would think poses some sensitivity problems of its own given the questionable validity of post-1620 real estate transactions.

The safest trend—at least until PETA decides to get involved—appears to be toward animal mascots/nicknames. Yale teams, of course, have long been known as the Bulldogs with their mascot being a real dog named "Handsome Dan" (having seen Dan in person, I would venture that "handsome" is a bit of a misnomer, even to someone such as myself who has a weakness for dogs of all breeds). UConn has its Husky, the Connecticut connection being elusive to me, but certainly not even marginally offensive.

My own alma mater, Syracuse University, abandoned its mascot, "the Saltine Warrior" (also known as Chief Big Orange) in the late 1970s. The warrior was briefly replaced by a Roman-style gladiator who was subjected to so many boos, profane insults and general derision when he appeared on the field, that he was hastily retired for his own safety. Enter our current mascot, "Otto Orange," a rotund grinning piece of fruit who dances around the field or basketball court to the bemusement of visiting teams. A less fearsome representative could scarcely be imagined—I am only grateful that the university did not adopt the slogan "The Fighting Fruits" to go along with it.

The solution is to find a mascot that will offend no one, yet is still appropriately threatening. Like a disease. Who would be offended by the "Princeton Plague," "the Harvard Herpes" or the "UConn Consumptives?" Mascots would depict symptoms, not victims—the "Princeton Plague," for instance, could have a student dressed up as a festering pustule merrily leading the crowd in cheering their team to victory (fans responding with chants of "Bring out your dead! Bring out your dead!").

Better yet, how about a briefcase-toting lawyer as a mascot? Such a mascot would be both adequately menacing and unlikely to invoke much concern in the general public about hurt feelings (presuming lawyers even have feelings). The team nickname could be "the Litigators" or maybe "the Ambulance Chasers."

If that doesn't intimidate the opposition, no whooping Indian is likely to get the job done.

**Jim Hallas**

## Rivereast Hours of Operation

The offices of the *Rivereast News Bulletin* and *Glastonbury Citizen*, located at 87 Nutmeg Lane, Glastonbury, are open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and can be reached at 860-633-4691. The *Rivereast* can be reached any time via email at [bulletin@glcitizen.com](mailto:bulletin@glcitizen.com).



**Meeting the Firefighters...** The Colchester Cooperative Nursery School recently took a field trip to the Colchester Fire Department as part of National Fire Prevention Month. The children met the firefighters, learned about the trucks and equipment, saw safety demonstrations and even got to squirt water with fire hoses.

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### Hebron DPW Proposal Plan B?

To the Editor:

A project the size of the proposed Hebron DPW should have a plan B; other options to offer taxpayers. Think outside the box! Consider the financial impact on residents.

This facility will come at an exorbitant cost passed on to all Hebron residents! The final cost is yet to be determined and it is our hope that our building committee and town council will consider other options. One Hebron resident suggested outsourcing the Public Works function. If not all functions, some of them in an attempt to reduce our DPW footprint. Has this been researched and considered?

Has the town considered relocating the DPW functions to separate smaller locations? Keep the existing site while making room for expansion by relocating only the transfer station functions?

According to meeting minutes from a 2013 Building Committee Meeting it was the consensus of the committee to combine Hebron Parks & Rec and DPW maintenance facilities at Burnt Hill Park. Locate office and garage space there while keeping the transfer station operation and salt shed at the current Old Colchester location. The Burnt Hill site is already there with the space available if considering splitting the operation between two locations. Why isn't this fiscally responsible solution getting further consideration?

Recently, a union rep criticized the current DPW. He said, "I don't need them [meaning the town of Hebron] to build a new building, I want

them to fix what they have."

This should be at the root of our town officials' planning. They shouldn't be concerned with building a facility that other towns are envious of, as previously stated by one of our elected officials. They should be focused on providing our town employees a safe work environment today while making fiscally responsible decisions for our future. The future of all Hebron residents!

#Save17

**Greg Shortell – Amston**

### A Great Choice

To the Editor:

I am writing to encourage everyone to vote for Mark DeCaprio for state representative on Nov. 8. He is a great choice to represent the people of Colchester and our neighboring towns at the state capitol.

One great advantage Mark has is his years of experience and inside knowledge of Connecticut state government. I can say from experience that a huge amount of a legislator's job is interacting with state officials from dozens of agencies. Those officials almost always have the upper hand because they know the system and the programs much better than the legislators do.

That will not be the case with Mark, who has years of experience at the DEEP. Mark will know just as much as they do – or even more. This means he can fight for us and advocate for us much more effectively.

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This is just one reason to vote for Mark DeCaprio. There are others. He is dedicated to preserving our freedoms in the face of powerful government. At the same time, he a family man who cares about his neighbors and community. Mark knows that there will be times when some of his fellow citizens may need a little help.

Please vote for Mark DeCaprio on election day. You will be making a good decision. In turn, Mark will make good decisions for us in Hartford.

Andrew Norton – Colchester

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pandemic. Enjoy – or at least try not to roll your eyes too much.

A turtle is crossing the road when he's mugged by two snails. When the police show up, they ask him what happened. The shaken turtle replies, "I don't know. It all happened so fast."

A poodle and a collie are walking together when the poodle suddenly unloads on his friend. "My life is a mess," he says. "My owner is mean, my girlfriend ran away with a schnauzer, and I'm as jittery as a cat."

"Why don't you go see a psychiatrist?" suggests the collie.

"I can't," says the poodle. "I'm not allowed

on the couch."

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi want to see who's best at his job. So they each go into the woods, find a bear, and attempt to convert it. Later they get together. The priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the Catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his First Communion."

"I found a bear by the stream," says the minister, "and preached God's holy word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him."

They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on a gurney in a body cast. "Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."

A man is walking in a graveyard when he

hears the Third Symphony played backward. When it's over, the Second Symphony starts playing, also backward, and then the First.

"What's going on?" he asks a cemetery worker.

"It's Beethoven," says the worker. "He's decomposing."

A guy spots a sign outside a house that reads "Talking Dog for Sale." Intrigued, he walks in.

"So what have you done with your life?" he asks the dog.

"I've led a very full life," says the dog. "I lived in the Alps rescuing avalanche victims. Then I served my country in Iraq. And now I spend my days reading to the residents of a retirement home."

The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the dog's owner, "Why on earth would you want to get rid of an incredible dog like that?"

The owner says, "Because he's a liar! He never did any of that!"

Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. He's not breathing and his eyes are glazed. The other guy whips out his cell phone and calls 911.

"I think my friend is dead!" he yells. "What can I do?"

The operator says, "Calm down. First, let's make sure he's dead."

There's a silence, then a shot. Back on the phone, the guy says, "OK, now what?"

Every ten years, the monks in the monastery are allowed to break their vow of silence to speak two words. Ten years go by and it's one monk's first chance. He thinks for a second before saying, "Food bad."

Ten years later, he says, "Bed hard."

It's the big day, a decade later. He gives the head monk a long stare and says, "I quit."

"I'm not surprised," the head monk says. "You've been complaining ever since you got here."

A ventriloquist is performing with his dummy on his lap. He's telling a dumb-blonde joke when a young platinum-haired beauty jumps to her feet. "What gives you the right to stereotype blondes that way?" she demands. "What does hair color have to do with my worth as a human being?"

Flustered, the ventriloquist begins to stammer out an apology.

"You keep out of this!" she yells. "I'm talking to that little jerk on your knee!"

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### New Winter Coats

The Portland Knights of Columbus, with the support of the parishioners of St. Mary Church, has purchased new winter coats for those in need for almost 10 years. This year, in addition to helping the Portland Food Bank obtain new coats, the Knights of Columbus Freestone Council will participate with area councils for a "Black Friday" distribution in Middletown.

The local council will take part in the National KofC "Coats for Kids" Drive to provide quality winter wear. Last year, 5,000 coats were

donated in Connecticut and more than 100,000 nationwide.

A special monetary donation box will be set up for the "Coats for Kids" drive in the Church of St. Mary Rosary Room, 45 Freestone Ave. Donations for New Coats for Kids can also be sent to Knight of Columbus Council 7, Box 7, Portland, CT 06480

Call Bill Caffrey, co-chair, at 860-342-4259 to arrange pick-up of donations.

### Trinity Episcopal Church News

Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 345 Main St., invites the community to celebrate each week.

Bible Study starts at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday. Worship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School is in session and held during the service. Children ages 4-12, baptized and unbaptized, are welcome to attend Church School.

All who are vaccinated may remove their masks for the service. All who are not fully vaccinated are asked to wear their masks.

On Sunday, Nov. 6, services will start at 10 a.m. to accommodate our stewardship luncheon, being held after the service.

The church is open for prayer and meditation

on Fridays from 2-4 p.m., and there will also be a gathering in the church office at the same time, for Anglican Prayer beading at the same time. No prior beading experience is required. All are welcome.

Check out more information, the church's calendar of events, donate, or listen to past sermons at [www.trinitychurchportlandct.org](http://www.trinitychurchportlandct.org). If you have any other prayer requests to lift up, email the church office at [trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com).

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

### First Congregational Church News

The First Congregational Church of Portland, located at 554 Main St., is a member of the United Church of Christ. The church is an "open and affirming" congregation, welcoming everyone. Facial mask-wearing is optional. The worship service is livestreamed as well as available for later viewing on the church's YouTube channel; search on YouTube for First Church of Portland CT.

The Sunday worship service on Oct. 30 will include A Moment for Stewardship in order to announce the beginning of the fall campaign. The Rev. Jane Hawken's sermon is titled, "Put Your Money Where Your Heart Is." Under Kasha Breaux's direction, the choir will sing the anthem, "Just a Little Walk with Jesus" by Cleavant Derricks. The church school is having their annual UNICEF Carnival. Coffee hour follows the service and this Sunday, the Board of Christian Education will host a Baked Potato Luncheon. Proceeds will benefit a mission project

selected by the church school children.

First Church Nursery School offers a program for 3-year-olds on Tuesday and Thursday, and one for 4-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Contact Amy Jahnke at 860-342-1111 or [1stchurchnurseryschool@gmail.com](mailto:1stchurchnurseryschool@gmail.com) for more information.

First Congregational Church of Portland is a member of the United Church of Christ, and is an open and affirming congregation, welcoming everyone.

The church emails a weekly newsletter, *The Weekly Word*. To join church mailing lists (both email and regular mail), email [first.church.pct@sbcglobal.net](mailto:first.church.pct@sbcglobal.net) or call 860-342-3244. For more info, look for the church on Facebook at The First Congregational Church of Portland, or visit [www.firstchurchportlandct.org](http://www.firstchurchportlandct.org). Those who wish to follow the church on Facebook may do so at The First Congregational Church of Portland, CT.

### Turkey Shoots

The Portland Fish and Game Club will hold its annual Turkey Shoots Sundays, Nov. 6-21, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., each week, across from the Exchange Club Fairgrounds.

Cost is \$3 for one shot or two for \$5. There is a Superbird every week.

Food and drink will be available. Families are welcome.

### Police News

10/22: Devon White, 29, of 174 Marlborough St., was arrested and charged with third-degree assault and third-degree strangulation.

### Parks and Rec. News & Notes

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

Drop-In Tai Chi at Riverfront Park: Wednesdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m., or Saturdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Fee is \$7 per session.

'Come on Over' 5K Run and 2.1 Mile Walk: This year's event is taking place Saturday, Oct. 29, at 9:30 a.m. Register at [runsignup.com/Race/CT/Portland/ComeonOver5KandWalk](http://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Portland/ComeonOver5KandWalk).



**Sprucing Up the Trail...** The Portland Air Line Trail recently benefited from the Gilbane Building Company of Glastonbury. Mike Mazzarella, Gilbane's general superintendent, contacted Lou Pear, co-chair of the Air Line Trail Committee, to discuss a possible volunteer opportunity for their Young Professional's group. The 16 young professionals from Gilbane were broken into three groups: cutting back invasive plants along the trail, repairing washouts on the trail and cleaning up around the old railroad overpass on Middle Haddam Road. Thanks to their work, many of the items on the Air Line Trail Committee's 'to do' list were completed. Individuals or local groups who would like to volunteer can contact Pear at [louisjpear@gmail.com](mailto:louisjpear@gmail.com), or Riz Rizzo at [theriz4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:theriz4@sbcglobal.net).

### Library Programs to Celebrate Native Americans

November is Native American Heritage Month, and Portland Library is honoring the month with several programs. Registration is requested for all; do so through the library's calendar at [www.portlandlibraryct.org](http://www.portlandlibraryct.org) or by calling 860-342-6770.

**Book Discussions:** The library is holding two book discussions featuring Native American author Louise Erdrich. The First Thursday Book Club is reading *LaRose* by Erdrich Thursday, Nov. 3, at 6:30 p.m., and Talk About Books (T.A.B.) will discuss *The Night Watchman* by Erdrich Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 1 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Food for Thought:** Tuesday

Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. Darlene Kasca, education director from the Institute for American Indian Studies, Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, will present a discussion about the myths and misconceptions surrounding this holiday.

**Indigenous Music in the 21st Century:** Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m., in the Mary Flood Room at the library, for fifth grade through adult. Combining research-based storytelling and archival audio/visual, this program by musician and educator Craig Harris celebrates the sounds and musicians creating today's Indigenous music.

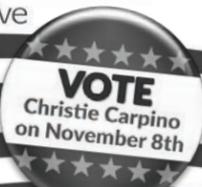
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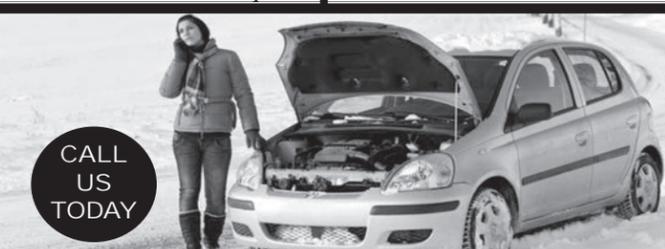


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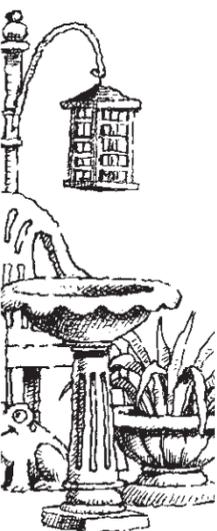
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# Town Advances Transfer Station Solar Panels

By Jack Lakowsky

Since last year, Portland has tried installing solar panels at the Sand Hill Road transfer station's defunct landfill, a project lessening the town's carbon footprint and growing its revenue.

However, due to state requirements the town discovered late in the game, the project had to be delayed earlier this year. Portland First Selectman Ryan Curley said he didn't want to rush.

"We hit some hiccups," Curley said at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen last Wednesday.

In the meeting, after hearing from consultant Robert Klee, selectpersons voted to move forward with another go at installing the panels, giving Klee and his team the go-ahead to send out a request for proposals (RFP) to developers.

The town's looking to lease the currently unused spot for 20 years.

Curley said the town redid its application, and though bids for clean energy projects are competitive, he told the *Riverast* he's hopeful Portland will succeed.

Klee described two different state incentives that would benefit the town.

Boiled down, the first program from Ever-source and the state, called the Shared Clean Energy Facility (SCEF) program, makes the

town money by selling the solar-generated electricity back into the grid.

The second, a new program called the Virtual Net Metering (VNM) program, saves rather than generates the town money, keeping the generated electricity in town to fuel streetlights, schools, and the like.

The selectboard, taking Klee's advice, said it will let the market decide which path to take, determining with developers the best option.

Klee the proverbial iron is hot, with the state allowing more robust solar panel development than it did the first time Portland tried getting the panels.

Klee said the panels' installer must maintain them throughout the two-decade lease and have financial incentives to do so.

Selectperson Ralph Zampano said he wants these for the town, that the landfill is unproductive space, but the numbers must be practical.

"We do have a good shot," Curley said last Thursday morning, saying the fact the array is going up at a transfer station is attractive to developers; the town won't have land to clear.

Klee estimated he'll send the request out in early November. If all goes well, hopes are to get work started next fall.

## Zion Lutheran Church News

Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., offers in-person worship Sundays at 9 a.m. Masks may be removed when seated.

For those unable or reluctant to worship in person, a recording of the service is posted to YouTube on Mondays by 9 a.m. Bulletins for the service are posted each week on the church's website, [zionlutheranportland.org](http://zionlutheranportland.org).

Sunday School has resumed for the year, but there is always time to join. Ages 3 to 16 are welcome. Sunday School meets the first and third Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m., following worship. Attendance at worship is not required but is certainly welcome and encouraged. Contact the church for information about

registering your child.

Adult Bible study takes place on the second and fourth Sunday of the month, following worship at 10:15 a.m. The focus is on season two of the television series *The Chosen*. Anyone may join at any time. Call the church for details.

The community is welcome to participate in all worship services and special events. For more information about any church activities, or if in need of pastoral assistance, call 860-342-2860, email [zion.lutheran@snet.net](mailto:zion.lutheran@snet.net) or visit [zionlutheranportland.org](http://zionlutheranportland.org). Sara Stall-Ryan is pastor.

## Veterans Day Activities Planned

Portland's American Legion Ormont Post No. 69 will kick off this year's Veterans Day activities with the Veterans Breakfast on Nov. 5, starting at 0730 and serving until 1030 or when the food runs out, whichever occurs first. The meal will be at the American Legion Hall, 12 Freestone Ave.

The menu includes omelets, chipped beef on toast, bacon, sausage, toast, grits, and coffee, tea, or orange juice. There is a suggested donation of \$8 per person, with kids under 10 admitted free.

Also, the Portland Veteran Affairs Committee will hold a brief wreath-laying ceremony on

Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 1100 at the Portland Veterans Memorial, behind the Town Hall, 33 East Main St.

Finally, the Portland Veteran Affairs Committee will host the annual Veterans Day Dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 1800, at the Portland High School, 95 High St. Once again, Seb Milardo, the owner of Melilli Caffé and Grill, will provide the food for the veterans and their guest. A maximum of two tickets per veteran are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Portland Town Clerk's office and at the Quonset Surplus Store, 11 Pickering St.

## Election Day Information

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 6 a.m.-8 p.m., at Portland Middle School, located at 93 High St. Remember to bring identification, and to vote on the question located on the right side of the ballot.

Curbside Voting will be available for those with disabilities. If you want to utilize this service, please call The Town Clerk's Office at 860-342-6743 when you are on your way to the polls, and let them know you are coming. When you arrive at the polling place, please put your hazard lights on, so the poll workers will know you are there.

**Voter Registration:** The last day to registrar

to vote is Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. The Portland registrar of voters will be in their office at the Town Hall during this time to accept registration forms.

The Portland Registrar of Voters will additionally be holding a limited session on Monday, Nov. 7, from 8:30 a.m.-noon, at the registrar's office at Town Hall, for those who have moved into town, became citizens, turned 18, military or need to change their address.

Finally, Election Day registration will be available at the polls, for those needing to register, and once registered you will be able to vote at that time.

## Celebrating Center Cemetery

Portland Historical Society will host a guided tour at Center Cemetery, 55 Fairway Drive, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30. The tour will last about an hour and will visit 10 sites of notable residents and families, where they will pay their respects and learn a little history. In the event of heavy rain, the tour will be rescheduled.

For those unable to attend we plan to offer tour reviews at our program meetings during the coming year. Tours are free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted to benefit each cemetery. This is the last of four tours in the society's Celebrating Cemeteries series. The next event will be Sunday, Nov. 15, from 2-4 p.m., at the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History, 492 Main St.

## Crafters and Vendors Wanted

Portland Project Graduation will host a Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, Nov 19, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Portland High School, 95 High St. – and crafters and vendors are sought. If interested, email the Project Graduation Committee at [trosado@yahoo.com](mailto:trosado@yahoo.com) for details.

The fair will benefit Project Graduation; all proceeds raised go towards providing PHS seniors with a safe, drug- and alcohol-free celebration on graduation night.

## Grace and Mercy Church News

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

## United Methodist News

Portland United Methodist Church, located at 381 Main St., announces the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Judith Johnson-Siebold, holds in-person worship Sundays at 9 a.m. All are invited. Masks required for those not fully vaccinated.

A Fourth Sunday weekly Communion service at 1 p.m. is replacing the regular 9 a.m. service on those Sundays.

## Republicans Seek Volunteers

The Portland Republican Town Committee is seeking individuals to serve their community as members of one of the town's various boards and commissions. In addition, the committee is seeking individuals who are interested in running for local elective positions.

If interested, email [GOPPortlandCT@gmail.com](mailto:GOPPortlandCT@gmail.com) or call Tim Lavoy at 860-212-3114.

The Portland RTC holds its regular meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 7 Waverly Ave. Republicans interested in public service or in learning more about becoming a member of the RTC are welcome to attend.

## Parents' Night Out Fundraiser

Saint Mary Youth Group is sponsoring a "Parents' Night Out" Fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 5, from 4-8 p.m., at St. Mary Parish Hall, 45 Freestone Ave.

Children aged 4 and older are welcome. Dinner will be served.

The Youth Group will be accepting a freewill donation which will be used to defray the cost of installation of automatic handicapped-accessible doors.

For more information, contact Sandy Franco at 860-395-8498 or [SFranco@comcast.net](mailto:SFranco@comcast.net).

## 'Come on Over' 5K

Portland Parks and Recreation's 19th annual 'Come on Over' 5k and 2.1-mile fitness walk will take place Saturday, Oct. 29, at 9:30 a.m., at Portland Riverfront Park.

Online registration is through the Parks & Recreation website, [portland.recdesk.com](http://portland.recdesk.com). Any local businesses are invited to set up a table, and Musedogs will be set up with breakfast and lunch food.

For more information, call 860-342-6757.

## Community Drive Benefit Streetfire Ministries

During October and November, the Grace Guild of Zion Lutheran Church will collect new men's and women's underwear in all sizes, as well as men's T-shirts, and men's and women's socks and gloves for Steefire Ministries.

Steefire serves those in need and the homeless population of Middletown and surrounding communities. It provides food, clothing, housing and spiritual guidance.

All donations can be left in the "red box" located at the side entrance of the church located at 183 William St. in Portland.

For more information, call Donna at 860-262-1070.

## Town-Wide Winter Used Coat Drive

Winter coats are in great need for the Portland Food Bank closet. Director Ruth Maio has requested the local Knights of Columbus to again sponsor and run a town-wide coat drive this fall.

David Shovlin, committee co-chair, said, "We will ask for used coats and I know the response will be very generous, as it was in prior years."

For donations, a large receptacle will be available in the Rosary Room at the Church of Saint Mary at 45 Freestone Ave.

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**Habitat for Humanity...** Middlesex Habitat for Humanity (MHFH) held a groundbreaking for its 18th home project – a single-story, four-bedroom house in East Hampton’s Lake Drive neighborhood – on Saturday, Oct. 15. State Sen. Norm Needleman joined MHFH, community partners including Liberty Bank and Middlesex United Way, town leaders, and future Habitat for Humanity homeowner Krystal Rivera and her four children. Rivera and current Habitat for Humanity homeowner Denise Leavy remarked on the impact the housing organization has made for their families.



**Over the summer, Marty Podskoch (left) of the East Hampton Conservation & Lake Commission presented Tom and Susan Woodson of Bay Road with the Lake-Smart Award for managing their lake property to benefit Lake Pocotopaug. The Woodsons maintain a garden along the lake that acts as a buffer zone preventing nutrients from flowing into the lake. They also do not use fertilizers or pesticides on their lawn, which has mostly clover. Photo by Jeremy Hall.**

**Haddam Neck Covenant Church News**

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd., invites all to worship each week. Pastor is the Rev. Tom Cowger. Worship is at 9 a.m. Refreshments are served after the service.

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

**Kids Church:** Kids Church, featuring music and hands-on interactive activities, is held in Fellowship Hall during the worship service. All are welcome.

**Adult Bible Study:** Sundays in the chapel

at 10:30 a.m. The study traces God’s covenant with his people, from its beginning in Genesis through its fulfillment through Jesus Christ.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan’s Purse, delivers shoe boxes filled with school supplies, toys and hygiene items to children in America and around the world who live in difficult circumstances. Community participation is welcome.

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

**Beginner Bellringer Preschool**

East Hampton High School’s Beginner Bellringer Preschool Program is taking applications for the 2022-23 school year. Parents may have a preschool sent to them by contacting Kasey Tortora at 860- 365-4030 ext. 1300 or [ktortora@easthamptonct.org](mailto:ktortora@easthamptonct.org). All applications must be received by Nov. 4.

Preschool will be held three afternoons per week (Mondays, noon-2 p.m. and Thursdays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sessions are open to 3- to 5-year-olds as of Jan. 1, 2023; in some cases, older 2-year-olds will be accepted.

There is a limit of 12 students per class.

The preschool program will begin Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, and will end May 26, 2023. The cost is \$200 per student. Enrollment is limited. Applications will be selected this year on a first come first serve basis. Further information may be obtained by contacting Kasey Tortora via telephone or email as listed above.

All preschoolers must present completed documentation of a current physical and adequate immunizations (including the flu shot) before the start of the program.

**Prescription Drug Take-Back Day**

The East Hampton Prevention Partnership will participate in DEA’s National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Town Hall, 1 Community Drive.

Items that are accepted are prescriptions, Rx patches, Rx medications, OTC medications, vitamins, and medications for pets. Items that are not accepted include thermometers, inhalers, aerosol cans, needles and ointments/liquids.

Contact Courtney Fitzkee at [cwidrick@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:cwidrick@easthamptonct.gov) for more information.

**Driving MS Daisy**

The Middlesex United Way will hold a food drive to support the East Hampton Food Bank on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to noon, in front of both entrances of the East Hampton Stop & Shop. The United Way has a Honda Acty mini-truck named MS Daisy, that it will fill with non-perishable food donations.

Non-perishable food as well as monetary donations will gladly be accepted to support the needs of those less fortunate in East Hampton. Liberty Bank Foundation will provide matching donations of 25 cents for every dollar raised during this event.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church News**

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church holds live in-person services Sundays at 10:15 a.m. All are welcome. Enter via the front door and ushers will assist you. There is also a livestream link will be at the church’s Facebook page, at [www.facebook.com/BethlehemEH](http://www.facebook.com/BethlehemEH).

**Turkey Shoots**

Belltown Sportsman’s Club will hold Turkey Shoots Sundays, Nov. 6 and 20, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., on the club grounds off of Tartia Road, which is off of Route 16. (Follow the signs.)

Bring your own shotgun or one will be provided. Gauge is 20 and 12. The club will supply the shells. Cost is \$4 a shot.

Refreshments will be available. For more information, call Kurly at 860-638-7221.

**Middle School Basketball and Cheerleading**

East Hampton Middle School student/athletes who are interested in trying-out for boys’ basketball, girls’ basketball or cheerleading teams can register online through FamilyID.com.

Athletes must have a physical within a 13-month period in order to try out.

Deadline for registration is Monday, Nov. 7. For more information, contact EHMS athletic director Michael Mercaldi at 860-463-6837.

**Haunted House and Hayride**

This year’s Epoch Arts Haunted House – with the theme of “Time Warp” – will continue tonight and tomorrow, Oct. 28 and 29, from 7-10 p.m. both nights. The event will also feature a Haunted Hayride.

Admission is \$15 for both the Haunted House and the hayride. Make reservations and purchase time slots at [www.epocharts.org/events/haunted](http://www.epocharts.org/events/haunted).

Epoch Arts is located at 27 Skinner St.

**Lake-Smart Award**

The East Hampton Conservation & Lake Commission (C&LC) started the Lake-Smart Award program for property owners living on Lake Pocotopaug or in the surrounding watershed. The purpose is to encourage property owners to improve the quality of Lake Pocotopaug by doing projects to prevent infiltration of phosphates, nitrates, pesticides, and other impurities from entering the lake.

Those that achieve seven requirements will receive a Lake-Smart Award sign they can display on their property.

The following families in the Lake Pocotopaug watershed received the Lake-Smart Award in 2020-21: Pam Joslyn and Gary Greenwald of Hale Road, John Roche Family and Ellen Braun Family, both on Raymond Road, Cap and Craig Nelson on Lakewood Road, Don Burr on Bay Road., Gladys Yeager at 70 North Main St., Jack and Jan Solomon, and Lynn and Marty Podskoch on O’Neill Lane.

Some of the seven criteria property owners will be evaluated on are: do they have a “buffer zone,” rain gardens, diversion ditches, etc. that contain stormwater runoff before it reaches the lake? Do owners refrain from using chemical fertilizers containing phosphates and nitrates or using pesticides and herbicides? In mowing

their lawn do they maintain the level of their lawn at 2 ½-3” and use a mulching blade instead of bagging grass clippings? Do they cover bare soil areas with mulch or plantings? Do they refrain from feeding water fowl and discourage them from coming onto their property? Finally, do they prevent leaves and grass clippings from entering the lake?

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

Lake and water shed property owners can also apply for the Lake-Smart Award grant program sponsored by the Friends of Lake Pocotopaug, who are offering resident grants up to \$150 to make one or more Lake Smart improvements. They can apply after they have been evaluated and showing need for improving their property.

**EHVFD Designing Commemorative Patch**

In 2023, the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department will mark its 100th anniversary – and to help celebrate, a special uniform patch will be created.

The department is inviting members of the community to submit their own designs for a 100th Anniversary patch.

The patch needs to measure 4.0 inches wide (at its widest point) by 4.5 inches tall and each prospective design shall include: “East Hamp-

ton Fire Department”; “Est. 1923”; “100th Anniversary”; and some other element emblematic of the town and/or fire department

For reference, the EHVFD’s current patch is shown as the profile photo on the department’s Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/EHVFDCT](http://www.facebook.com/EHVFDCT)).

Submit your design via email to [ehvfd.100th.anniversary@gmail.com](mailto:ehvfd.100th.anniversary@gmail.com) by Oct. 31 and please include your name, address and phone number along with a photo of your entry. All entries will be considered and the winner will receive special recognition and be invited to ride in a fire truck during a parade in 2023.

**Veterans Day Breakfast**

East Hampton’s Boy Scout Troop 8 is hosting a Veterans Day breakfast Sunday, Nov. 13, at VFW Post 5095, located at 20 North Maple St. Hot breakfast will be available to veterans from 7-10:30 a.m.

Donations to help the Scouts continue this yearly tradition would be appreciated.

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# DiMauro's Goal Lifts Highlanders Soccer over Bellringers



It was a battle of adjoining towns last Friday, as the Portland High School and East Hampton High School soccer teams squared off. In the photo at left, Portland's Cam DiMauro sends a shot flying as East Hampton senior captain Bri Miller plays defense, and in the photo at right, East Hampton senior captain Maddie Crumb gets ready to clear a ball as Portland's Annabelle Maruschock follows in pursuit. The Highlanders would defeat the Bellringers, 1-0.

By Josh Howard

Portland High School junior Cam DiMauro scored less than a minute into the second half, breaking a scoreless tie as the Highlanders held on for a 1-0 victory in the annual grudge match with the Bellringers at East Hampton High School on Oct. 21.

DiMauro netted the go-ahead goal just 49 seconds into the second half, weaving through a pair of defenders before netting the shot in the left corner of the goal.

"I got that [shot] in the first half, but I missed it. In the second half, I got it right," said DiMauro.

During the halftime break, Portland first-year head coach Cory Tobler talked to his team about finishing and DiMauro took advantage on the first shot after action resumed.

"We had those same opportunities in the first half; we just didn't capitalize on them. We had some really good crosses and I just told them to keep shooting," recalled Tobler. "Cam hit a great shot right to the corner."

For the first 40 minutes the Shoreline Conference (SLC) rivals played to a draw as the both defenses stiffened on every offensive attack.

DiMauro had three different shots on goal in the first half. The first two were gobbled up by East Hampton's junior goalie Sonoma Steiner and the third shot in the 34th minute was deflected by Steiner.

East Hampton had trouble creating shots, but Maya Korczak fired one off midway through the first half that was saved by Portland's goalie Lauren Eckert.

Head coach Andrea Giuliano was disappointed that her Bellringers didn't match the energy from the visiting Highlanders.

"This is probably the first game that we haven't outworked a team and as a result it shows. We've outworked every other team that

we've played," said Giuliano, who is in her second year leading the program. "[The players] know they have to play hard the entire game and if they don't, these are the results."

Following DiMauro's goal, Portland's confidence grew and they possessed the ball for a majority of the second half. The Highlanders fired a handful of shots at Steiner, who thwarted every attempt to keep it a one-goal deficit.

Portland's defensive captain Mia Quesnel said DiMauro's score provided the unit in the backend the boost they needed to preserve the shutout.

"We really just had to lock down in the back and make smart decisions," said Quesnel. "I trust my team and I trust my keeper, and we were able to come out with a win."

With time winding down, East Hampton had a couple of chances to tally the equalizer as Rachel Boudreau and Andrea Berg had shots on goal. But each was rejected by Eckert.

Tobler, a 2009 graduate of Portland High School who played soccer at the school, knows the significance of the rivalry and enjoyed getting a win in his coaching debut against the Bellringers.

"Every time we play East Hampton there is that extra edge that we want to win. It's been forever that these towns have had a great rivalry," said Tobler. "It doesn't matter if one team is having a down year and one team is having a good year, it's always a great game and it's always a fight because each team wants to have that win until next year."

Giuliano said that she can use the loss as a teaching tool.

"[The players] can see what breakdowns happen in the game and they have to be able to take that and learn from that," added Giuliano.

East Hampton was able to shake off the loss

to Portland and defeat Windsor Locks 3-2 in the regular season finale on Oct. 25. Bri Miller, Abbie Miller, and Marissa Martin netted goals in the win, which was the team's seventh of the season.

"The best thing is that they have stepped up together. Not everyone has had the best game every single game, but we have covered each other as a team very well," Giuliano said of her young team, who is now preparing for the post-season tournaments. "We are not a very large team, we have 19 all together, and whoever is out there knows they have to give all that they got."

Captaining the Bellringers are the team's only two seniors, Maddie Crumb and Bri Miller, who have logged major minutes this year and have been Giuliano's "eyes and ears" on the field.

"On the field they work hard for the entire 80 minutes and everyone else follows," Giuliano said of her captains. "They are out there directing the players when we can necessarily direct them and they are giving them the feedback they need."

For Portland, the win over East Hampton was big on a couple of different levels. Along with giving the Highlanders bragging rights over a conference foe, it also qualified the team for the state tournament.

After starting the season with one win in the first seven games, Portland has won five of their last seven games.

Tobler said he has seen a tremendous differ-

ence from game one until now.

"We have a very young team and the leaders have grown into those roles and really stepped up," added Tobler.

Offensively the team has found a rhythm, scoring 23 goals over the last seven contests compared to only six in the first seven games this fall.

"We're playing more connected," DiMauro said of the difference on offense. "In beginning of the season we didn't have much time to prepare and it was disconnected, but we've learned how to play together."

Defense has been an area of strength for Portland all season. In 14 regular season games, the Highlanders allowed more than two goals just twice.

Tobler credited Quesnel, who was a returning all-conference player, for leading the change defensively.

"Mia is confident back there and she is confident with who she has," Tobler said of his defensive captain. "She's a great leader."

Quesnel said preaching "positivity" and making less errors has attributed to the success on the backend.

Both DiMauro and Quesnel said that Tobler has given the program a new positive perspective, which is starting to translate to wins on the field.

The Highlanders play their regular season finale this Friday, Oct 26 at Suffield, starting at 6:30 p.m.

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**Funds for Fire Department...** East Hampton Lions Club members Ton Denman and Liz Cooper present East Hampton Fire Department members Jim Burke and Robb Rainville with a \$1,500 donation from food proceeds sold at the recent fireworks display.

### Athletic Hall of Fame Election

The East Hampton Athletic Hall of Fame has elected two former star athletes and a state championship team for the 2022 induction class. The inductees are: Jacqueline Beaulieu, a 1999 East Hampton High School graduate who was a standout track athlete; James Brown, who is being inducted posthumously, a 1987 graduate of Xavier High School who lettered four

years in basketball; and the 2011 East Hampton High School baseball team, which won the state championship. Beaulieu, Brown and the 2011 baseball team will be inducted Friday, Oct. 28, at the Blackledge Country Club in Hebron. Tickets are \$55 per person and include a buffet-style dinner. For tickets, email Mike Vasquezna at mjvasquezna@gmail.com.

### Christ Church Autumn Leaves Fair

Christ Episcopal Church, located at 66 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam, will hold its annual Autumn Leaves Fair Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. A variety of home-baked items will be offered for sale, including pies, cakes, breads, jams, jellies and preserves. Crafts are also to be featured; pottery, knit and crochet ware, and jewelry. A crochet quilt and gift baskets will

be available. There will also be a silent auction table, and cards for various occasions are for sale. Chocolate chip cookies and lunch will be served in the parish kitchen. A LuLaRoe Pop-Up Boutique and Jamilah Henna Creations will also be present. All are welcome to bring a canned food item to support the East Hampton Food Bank.

### East Hampton Library News & Notes

East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main St., has announced the following. Registration required unless noted; to register, or for full program descriptions, call 860-267-6621 or visit easthamptonpubliclibrary.org.

**Library Hours:** The library is open Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale:** Friday, Nov. 4, 4-7 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sponsored by Friends of East Hampton Public Library.

**Children's Programs:** **Toddler Time:** Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m., for children ages 18 months to 3 years. **Stories & Songs:** Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m., for ages 3-5. **Mindful Movements:** Mondays, 10:30 a.m., for ages 18 months and up; siblings welcome. **Baby Rhyme Time:** Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., in the library community room. Note: will not be held Nov. 3. **DIY Days:** Saturday, Oct. 29, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., for ages 5-14. Children and families in grades K-8 are invited to create a different toy, game or treat together. These activities are available while supplies last. No registration required; just drop in. **Halloween Happening:** Monday, Oct. 31, 10:30 a.m., in the library community room, for ages birth to 5. Share some Halloween-themed stories, songs, games and crafts. Costumes encouraged but not required. Drop-ins and siblings welcome. **Pizza Party!:** Monday, Nov. 7, 4:30-5:30 p.m., for grades K-3. Learn interesting and weird facts

about pizza. There will be a reading of Greg Pizzoli's new book, *Pizza! A Slice of History*, then make pies to enjoy.

**STEM Project Bags - Mini-Lightsabers:** Monday, Nov. 7; recommended ages 6 and up. First come, first-served, while supplies last. No registration required.

**Teen Programs: Fall Into Creative Writing:** Thursdays, 3:30 p.m., from Nov. 3-Dec. 1, for grades 6-12. Explore creative writing in all forms - poetry, journaling, reporting, blogging, storytelling and more. All materials provided.

**Teen Dungeons and Dragons:** Wednesday, Nov. 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m., for grades 8-12. No previous playing experience required. The library will provide basic, fifth edition, level four characters, all supplies and snacks.

**Nintendo Switch Tournament:** Saturday, Nov. 12, 2-3:30 p.m., for grades 6-12. All skill levels welcome.

**Adult Programs: Cookbook Club:** Tuesday, Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish and, if you are up for the challenge, bring in your favorite pie. Bring your dish and 10 copies of the recipe to share. Dishes should arrive ready to eat; plates and forks will be provided.

**Focus on Fitness:** Tuesday, Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m. Talk about your fitness successes and struggles with guidance from certified personal trainer and nutrition coach Amie Meacham and other guest speakers. There is also a monthly challenge, with prizes.

**Author Event! Unique Eats and Eateries of Connecticut:** Tuesday, Nov. 22, 6:30 p.m. Meet the book's author, Mike Urban.

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**Library Hours:** Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 3-6 p.m. Masks are optional.

**Yoga:** Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m., with Erin Day of Ten Summit Yoga. In October, there will also be an additional day, Mondays at 9 a.m. Cost is a \$15 drop-in fee. Register at tensusmitst@gmail.com.

**Mahjong:** Mondays at 11:30 a.m. All players welcome.

**Nimble Knitters:** Thursdays at 1 p.m.

**Space Available:** Are looking for space for meetings? Or a space to work from home? There are options at the library; stop by to take a look.

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**Senior Center News & Notes**

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**Lunches:** Served at the center Monday through Friday, to ages 60 and up. Call the center to reserve a meal or sign up online. Reservations for the next day's meal are due by 11 a.m. the day before. Meals are free, though a \$3 donation is requested.

**Weekly Activities: Quilting Group:** Mondays, 9 a.m. **Mexican Train Dominoes:** Mondays, 9:30 a.m. **Setback:** Mondays, 1 p.m., and Thursdays, 1:15 p.m. **Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 1 p.m. **Bingo:** Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m., in person and via Zoom. **Game Day:** Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon – space will be available and open to Mahjongg, cribbage, Mexican Train and setback players. Registration required. **Textile Group:** Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

**Wii Bowling:** Thursdays, Nov. 3 and Nov. 10 at 10 a.m..

**Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts:**

Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. or every other Thursday (next date Nov. 10), 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. The group will meet outdoors, weather permitting; otherwise it will be indoors or via Zoom.

**Halloween Happening:** Monday, Oct. 31, 10:30 a.m., in the library community room, for ages birth through 5. There will be Halloween-themed stories, songs, games and crafts. Costumes encouraged but not required.

**Wonderfully Wicked Women's Group (WWW):** Friday, Nov. 18, 1 p.m. This is a monthly discussion group.

**Mighty Magnificent Men's Group:** Monday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. This is a social hour of facts and sharing activities, and snacks. The group meets monthly.

**Trip: In the Christmas Mood:** See the Glenn Miller Orchestra Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville. Lunch will be served. Cost is \$114 per person. Call for more information.

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

**Voter Registration Sessions**

The East Hampton registrar of voters will hold a state-mandated registration session Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., at Town Hall, 1 Community Drive.

Note: the office is on the second floor and we will be there from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. An elevator is available. From 6:30-8 p.m., the registrar will be in its conference room on the first floor, straight ahead from the main doors.

Also note that Nov. 7 there will be an in-person registration session held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Town Hall, for Service Personnel – Special sessions election.

Admitting official, on written request received at any time prior to 5 p.m. on this date, may admit as electors members of armed forces and former members of armed forces discharged within the calendar year immediately preceding such request, if found qualified. Applications from servicemen and persons out of the country may be received throughout the day. Also on this date, people can register to vote if they qualified since Nov. 1.

**Turkey Plunge Returns Nov. 5**

On Saturday, Nov. 5, the 13th East Hampton Turkey Plunge will be held at Sears Park. Registration begins at 9 a.m., followed by plunging at 10 a.m.!

The Turkey Plunge is a tradition in East Hampton and this year more than 100 plungers will take a "dip" into the chilly November waters of Lake Pocotopaug in support of the East Hampton Food Bank. As always, costumes are encouraged.

Liberty Bank will match 25% of all donations and pledges that are collected on the day of the plunge, as a part of the annual Liberty Bank Turkey Drive.

For more information or to donate online to support a team or plunger, visit [tiny.cc/ehurkeyplunge](http://tiny.cc/ehurkeyplunge), email [turkeyplunge@gmail.com](mailto:turkeyplunge@gmail.com) or text the Turkey Plunge Hotline at 860-670-1143.

This event is made possible by the East Hampton High School Interact Club and supported by the East Hampton Rotary Club.

**Parks and Rec. News & Notes**

East Hampton Parks and Recreation has announced the following pieces of news. For more information, call 860-267-7300 or visit [easthamptonct.myrec.com](http://easthamptonct.myrec.com).

**Calendar-Making and Crafting:** Wednesday, Nov. 2-16, 3:30-4:30 p.m., at Memorial School, for ages 5-9. Cost is \$40.

**Kids Movie Night – The Bad Guys:** Friday, Nov. 4, 6-8:30 p.m., in the Town Hall community room. Cost is \$20.

**Annual Air Line Trail Ghost Run:** Saturday, Nov. 5. Must pre-register online. Cost is \$45 per runner, and \$90 per relay team.

**Air Line Trail Maintenance Day:** Saturday, Nov. 19, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Maintenance will be at Bishop Cut, Cranberry Bog, Forest Street,

and the viaducts. Register at one of those locations online.

**Thanksgiving Bingo and Craft:** Wednesday, Nov. 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m., at Memorial School, for grades K-3. Cost is \$20.

**New York on Your Own – Bus Trip to NYC:** Saturday, Dec. 10. The bus leaves East Hampton Town Hall at 7:30 a.m. and will depart NYC at 6 p.m. Cost is \$70/person.

**Holiday Bingo and Craft:** Tuesday, Dec. 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m., at Memorial School. Cost is \$20.

**American Red Cross Babysitting Course:** Friday, Jan. 20, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Town Hall community room. Cost is \$100.

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**St. Patrick Guild Holiday Bazaar**

The St. Patrick Guild Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be Christmas items and decorations, raffle baskets, jewelry, a bake sale, and small "giftables."

Christmas donations, raffle baskets and small giftables can be dropped off at the St. Patrick Parish Center Monday, Oct. 31, through Thursday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m.-noon and 3-6 p.m., and Friday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m.-noon only. Please do not leave items outside; they must be received by a Guild member.

**Library Friends Book Sale**

The Friends of East Hampton Public Library will hold a book sale in the library community room Friday, Nov. 4, from 4-7 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The library is located at 105 Main St.

Gently-used book donations will be accepted Saturday, Oct. 29, through Thursday, Nov. 3, in the library, during regular hours.

During the book sale, Friends in good standing will receive a free book. To become a member please find an application in the library or visit [www.easthamptonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.easthamptonpubliclibrary.org) to fill out an application form online.



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# Budget Sent Again to Town Meeting

By Michael Sinkewicz

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the latest 2022-23 town budget proposal last week, sending it to a town meeting on Nov. 2 with a fourth referendum penciled in for Nov. 15.

With the town locked in a budget freeze since August, many have called for more bipartisanship and unity between local officials. While the school board's budget was approved by voters in May, municipal spending has been rejected three times at the ballot box this year – extending a budget season for a fiscal year that began nearly four months ago.

During its Oct. 20 meeting, the selectmen advanced a revised town budget of \$15.62 million – a reduction of \$13,624 from the proposal that was shot down last month and just over \$80,000 less from 2021-22 spending. The mill rate would be 26.82.

The selectmen voted on a proposal that was vetted and approved by the Board of Finance just one day earlier.

The finance board also unanimously approved the bottom-line amount after an efficient meeting at Town Hall, which served as the trial run for the town's new hybrid-room technology that allows citizens to attend meetings both in-person and virtually.

Unanimous consensus by all members of the budget process – something that has been difficult this year – in itself is an achievement for the town. During past meetings and discussions, some members have voted against sending the budget to referendum and casted doubt on the undertakings, in general.

Ahead of past votes, one selectman even indicated that the budget contained "fraud" and that the process had lacked transparency.

Andrea Migliaccio, the chairman of the finance board and a Republican, told the Rivereast this week how the board settled on its latest proposal, expressing that there were not many areas to trim at this point.

"I felt that highlighting that the Board of Finance had reduced the budget overall by minus \$400k by the third referendum left us little to offer outside of cutting services," she said, referring to the total amount trimmed from the original proposal in the spring. "Speaking with other town leaders, we collectively agreed on a slight reduction – not a cut – to move to the fourth referendum to avoid cuts to town services."

Migliaccio asserted that certain claims made during the budget season never had merit and

that the cooperation displayed by both boards should dispel any potential misinformation.

"The term fraud was grossly misused and I believe having the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance full support of this budget will move the town forward," she said. "We are working on adding content to our budget page and encouraging email questions. Both the [BOS] and [BOF] have a regular scheduled hybrid meeting occurring before the Nov. 15 referendum that can address concerns or questions."

The small reduction in the proposal came out of the First Selectman's budget. While the board did not eliminate any specific item, First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos confirmed that he will not be pursuing "transparency software" this year – a new initiative that he campaigned on.

Bisbikos expressed to the Rivereast that even though he still believes the software is essential, "with three failed referendums, and in an effort to work collaboratively with all my fellow Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance members, I agreed to cut it out for this year."

Prior to the last referendum, the funds for a new senior services bus driver were scrapped from the proposal while "transparency software" remained.

One notable difference for this referendum will be an additional question that voters will have the option to answer or not. The question will ask if the budget amount is "too high" or "too low."

The finance board unanimously approved the additional question and wanted a third option – adequate – to be included, but Migliaccio said the town charter prevented that part.

"As a tool in our toolkit to promote feedback on a budget, I see this as a regular occurrence in future referendums," she said.

Bisbikos agreed, stating that many people have pushed for increasing the budget, instead of reducing it more.

"I think it is a fair question to ask because I hear from a lot of our town residents and some have told me that they feel the budget is too low and they do not want to see us reduce services any further," he said.

Getting feedback from members of the community and effectively communicating budget information may be the key for town leaders ahead of this referendum. Like Migliaccio, Bisbikos said misinformation can be "dangerous."

"I do believe there have been statements made on social media that were not accurate

and could have caused the prior referendums to go down," he said. "The difference today is that all [BOS] and [BOF] members have really come together over the last few weeks with all member's questions and concerns answered and addressed."

Bisbikos said that he believes having the support of all members will "be the difference this time."

The last proposal was rejected by 856-742 vote. In meetings following the result, members of both boards attempted to pinpoint why the budget had failed and mapped out the best way to proceed.

After voting on the proposal during the meeting on Oct. 19, the finance board discussed several options on how to deploy its message moving forward. Migliaccio handed out a packet containing several pages of budget information, including a breakdown of each department and comparisons to previous proposals.

She emphasized the importance of effectively reaching the public and ultimately approving

the proposal, which is already below current spending.

"This town is really going to have a problem if we don't pass a budget," she said during the meeting.

One option that did not make it past the initial suggestion, was to send out text alerts from the town through its emergency system, reminding people to vote. However, Bisbikos quickly shot this down, expressing that those alerts were strictly for emergencies, not budgets, and that he was "uncomfortable" with the idea.

"We have to be careful not to be advocates," he said. "Everything that goes out has to be factually based."

He later added that the town will "play within the parameters of the law."

Mike Egan, a Democrat on the finance board, praised the work that Migliaccio did preparing for the meeting.

"The result of today's meeting reflected that effort," he said. "Hopefully, the citizens see the effort that all of us made."

## October Programs at Cragin

Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave., has announced the following programs, which are free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 860-537-5752 during normal hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Sensory Table:** Fridays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**Fall Storytime Sessions:** All held at the library. Registration required. Siblings welcome. Sessions run Oct. 24-Dec. 15, and the schedule is: Walkers and Talkers (12-24 months), Mondays, 10:30 a.m.; Toddlers (24-48 months), Mondays, 11:15 a.m.; Preschool Storytime (4- and 5-year-olds), Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.; Mother

Goose (2- to 5-year-olds), Wednesdays, 10:30 and 11:15 a.m.; Baby Storytime and Stay and Play (1-12 months), Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

**Halloween Take & Make Crafts for Children:** Saturday, Oct. 29.

**Foodie Fun Take & Makes:** Saturday, Oct. 29, for teens and adults. Check out the library's Facebook page for a how-to video. While supplies last.

**Special Halloween Storytime and Parade:** Monday, Oct. 31, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. There will be spooky reads, songs, and trick-or-treat around the library in a parade. Costumes encouraged.

## Colchester Federated Church News

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

Worship services are Sundays at 9 a.m.; masks are optional. For those wishing to worship from home, the service will be broadcast via Facebook Live each Sunday at 9 a.m. Worship videos are at [www.colchesterfederated-church.org](http://www.colchesterfederated-church.org) under the Worship & Sermons tab. Updated information is also on the church's Facebook page.  
**Sunday School:** Sunday School is held dur-

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

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

**Holly Fair:** Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**Boy Scout Troop 72:** Meetings are held in the Stage Room every Monday at 7 p.m.

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# Local Man Raises Funds for Teen's Service Dog

By Michael Sinkewicz

A Colchester resident is helping raise money for a 19-year-old who suffers from a serious brain-bleeding disorder.

Jeff Epstein, president of the Heal the Wounds charity, launched a GoFundMe campaign for a Rhode Island resident named Austin. (Epstein did not wish to disclose Austin's last name, for privacy reasons.) The money raised will go towards a service dog along with the necessary training.

The charity helps children who lost family members in service to the country. During the pandemic, some of those efforts were put on hold.

Epstein told the *Rivereast* that it came to his attention that one of the teenagers involved in the program in 2019 was in need of a service dog, recommended by Boston's Children Hospital.

The hope is that the trained service dog

would potentially be able to alert Austin to an oncoming seizure and help put him into a safe position, as well as alerting people who could come assist him.

Epstein said the value of the service dog would be "incredible" and that they can pick up on a person's feelings.

"I'd do anything in the world to help him," he said. "If it brings some love into his life, it's a blessing."

Epstein said Austin is around 6 feet tall, and any potential fall or ground impact could cause significant damage.

The GoFundMe page has raised over \$1,600 as of press time. Epstein's goal is to reach \$12,500.

Austin suffers from a disorder that has led to numerous brain surgeries throughout his life, the first one coming when he was seven months

old. He was diagnosed with CCM2 – a genetic condition that results in neural lesions and the occurrence of cavernous malformations in the brain and spine.

Two of Austin's recent operations resulted in him having recurring seizures – creating the need for the service dog.

Epstein met Austin and his family after being referred by the Support Coordinator of the Army's Survivor Outreach Services.

"He's very intuitive and very sharp," Epstein said. "He couldn't be a nicer boy."

Epstein urged people to donate and help in whatever way they could, expressing that the service dog could "prolong his life."

"The most important thing you can do in life is help somebody else," he said. "We're all in this together."

In a video on the charity's website, taken before the pandemic, Austin's grandmother described the importance of the program and the work that had been taking place at the time.

"The kids that we have in the program will be healing new kids," she said. "Every child that comes into this program may come in a little bit broken, but when they leave, they're going to leave healed."

Epstein said that before the pandemic interruption, Austin had been one of the most outgoing kids involved in the program. He was kind and respectful to other kids involved.

The service dog will be acquired from a licensed facility and the funds will cover all ongoing training to maintain service credentials.

To donate, visit [www.gofundme.com/help-austin-get-a-seizuretrained-service-dog](http://www.gofundme.com/help-austin-get-a-seizuretrained-service-dog).

## Upcoming Senior Center Trips

The Colchester Senior Center is planning the following trips. Reservations should be made in person at the senior center, 95 Norwich Ave. Trips are available to senior center members and adult guests over the age of 18, and are on a first-come, first-served basis; space is limited. Call the senior center at 860-537-3911 for more information.

**42nd Street at the Goodspeed Opera House:** Wednesday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m. Have lunch at La

Vita restaurant then head over to the Goodspeed for a 2 p.m. matinee of a newly-imagined production of *42nd Street*. Cost is \$60 per person. Lunch is not included in the cost of the trip.

**A Christmas for Carol at Newport Playhouse:** Tuesday, Dec. 6, departing at 9:30 a.m. There will be a buffet lunch before the show and a cabaret show afterward. Proof of vaccination required. Cost is \$132/person and is non-refundable.

## Youth Football Recap

The Colchester Cougars youth football squads were in action last weekend. The Pee Wees played Groton, while all other squads played Windham. Here is how the teams fared:

**Pee Wee (D-Squad):** Lost, 25-0. Both teams sustained injuries during the matchup. However, the week before, on Oct. 16, the Pee Wee Cougars beat Tolland, 26-6. The Cougars got off to a slow start but finished strongly, thanks to much-improved offensive line blocking and tough running by Ty Corarro, Xavier Smith, Jude Billiot, and Christian Nunez-Melendez.

**Micros:** Lost, 13-6. Owen Cote scored our points on defense by recovering a fumble for touchdown. Tristan Cote and Brandon Hopkins played hard at linebacker behind Connor Brayman and Parker Chaplinsky shutting down the gaps on the defensive line. The offensive line created holes starting with Jayden Lirette, Dayton Hindle and Stone Warwick,

so the backfield was able to move the ball. Key blocks from PJ Brodner, and Connor Peck made it possible for Aiden Francis, Tristan Cote, and Jakob Sheehan to move the ball down the field with Adien completing his first pass to Brandon. The Micros take on RHAM this weekend.

**Juniors:** Won, 40-0. The Cougars' offense scored on rushing touchdowns by Mason Howard, Keegan King, Ryan Browning and Vinny Arrigoni. Kicker Mason Howard added the extra points. The ground game was successful due to the offensive line play of Brady Bigelow, Lucas "Pete" Jodion, Charlie Gorman, Sam Collozo, Gavin King, Jack Wissler, Eric Daley and Drew Browning. On defense, the Cougars held Windham scoreless by the play of TJ Garvie, Jameson Grant, Alan Marshal, Blake Allard, Jacob Hashem, Carter Hebert, Colton "Mouth" Lash and Jack Ploski.

**Seniors:** Lost, 32-31.

## CCT to Hold Auditions for Musical

The Colchester Community Theatre has scheduled additional auditions for its February 2023 musical production – *Young Frankenstein*. The majority of the cast has already been chosen, but CCT is looking to cast Igor and Inspector Kemp, as well as additional men and women for the ensemble.

Auditions will be held Sunday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m., and Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m., at Congregation Ahavath Achim (Colchester Synagogue) Hall, 84 Lebanon Ave. Appointments are required and can be made at [cct.corsizio.com](http://cct.corsizio.com).

Everyone must bring sheet music in the appropriate key and be prepared to sing. Auditioners should prepare 12-16 measures of a song that showcases your voice. No prerecorded music or a cappella singing will be permitted. An accompanist will be provided. Everyone will be asked to learn a short choreographed routine, so bring appropriate shoe wear. Anyone interested in being a dancer or tap dancer only for the production must attend auditions just for the

choreographed routine.

Roles are available for adults and teens (grade 9 and above). For more information, call Wallis Johnson at 860-267-1023 or Laura Brown at 860-305-8605, or email [backstage@colchestercommunitytheatre.com](mailto:backstage@colchestercommunitytheatre.com). Driving and rehearsal location directions and additional information regarding the musical may be found on the "Directions" page at [colchestercommunitytheatre.com](http://colchestercommunitytheatre.com).

CCT will follow all CDC guidelines during auditions and a proof of vaccination will be required as in alignment with many theater companies. All staff will be vaccinated and masks will be required. Show dates for this production are Feb. 17, 18 and 19.

Anyone who is unable to attend the auditions must contact CCT before Nov. 6 to make other arrangements.



**Champion Cheetahs...** Colchester Soccer Club's U12 girls Cheetahs notched a champion win at the 2022 MIST tournament. Pictured from left are, back row, Alyssa Zajack, Lyra Riley, Sera Gruss, Ava Gallante, Gianna Dean, Julia Carnelli, Lily Lenda, Nova Gostkiewicz and Kayla Lachapelle; in front are Sophie Hustus, Carleigh Maher, Abygail Carroll, Charlotte Orlando, Allison Kennedy, Harper Perry, Bri Hawes and Julia Rago. Also pictured are coaches Morgan Gruss, Kristina Lenda, Jason LaChapelle and Brian Rago.



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# Armed Guards for Colchester Schools?

By Michael Sinkewicz

A survey was recently sent to Colchester parents to ask whether the school system should add armed security guards. The results are now in – and they're pretty clear.

Out of 1,041 responses to survey, which was sent out earlier this month, 66% were in favor of adding concealed armed security at district schools while in session.

Around 25% of respondents said they would not support the guards and around 9% said "maybe" they would support the additional measure.

The respondents represented parents of children from all four district schools, according to the survey.

The survey asked two questions: what school your child attends and if you'd be in support of having concealed armed security present while school was in session. There were not any follow-up questions, however, the survey included nearly 350 comments from respondents.

District officials did not immediately return a request for comment regarding the survey or potential next steps with the armed guards.

In the survey, Colchester Superintendent of Schools T.Y. McDowell wrote that the issue was no longer avoidable, and it needed to be examined further.

"As you know, several surrounding communities have recently added concealed armed security personnel in schools when school is in session," McDowell wrote. "While none of us like this, it is unfortunately the world we currently live in."

McDowell stated that the cost of providing armed security in all four schools would be \$150,000. The guards would be either retired state troopers or retired local law enforcement officers. Currently, Colchester employs an SRO who splits time between the schools.

During an interview in August, McDowell said that discussions on school security would be a top priority for the district and he would be looking for community input through a survey before making any official proposals.

"It's staring us in the face," he said at the time.

The survey results match what McDowell said was his expectation. He expressed that he believed the majority of parents would be in favor of additional armed officers.

The comments attached to the survey results were entirely anonymous. They ranged from a quick, one-word responses such as "finally," to more drawn-out thoughts.

"I feel it is very important we protect our

children and those teaching our children," wrote one respondent. "It now appears to be a necessity to have armed security in our schools these days and we should implement these measures for everyone's safety and security. I fully support this."

Another citizen stated that they are a "strong proponent of armed personnel in schools given they have the proper training and background."

Other respondents were strongly against idea of adding the armed guards.

"I don't believe guns have a place in schools in any capacity."

Another commenter expressed that they do "not trust that they will take the appropriate ac-

tion and having them on site around our children makes me concerned that they will cause more harm than good as many are trigger happy and not trained to be around kids in crisis."

One person indicated that they would consider removing their children from the district if the armed guards were put into place.

"Safety is the utmost priority of mine, but this does not feel safe at all," the person wrote. "It actually feels like it could have a reverse effect. It also might make some students very uncomfortable. I strongly disagree with this idea and would consider pulling my students from the school and sending to private schools if this is enacted."

## Scouting Adventure Day

All children age 5 and older are invited to be a part of "Colchester Scouting Adventure Day." Colchester Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs are hosting outdoor adventure skills day Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Zagray Farm on Route 85 in Colchester.

All Scouting-aged boys and girls and siblings are invited to this free event.

Kids will be able to throw tomahawks, do archery with a certified instructor, learn skills, see camp cooking demonstrations, enjoy field games and see other demonstrations. You will learn what it takes to be a competent in outdoor skills while having a lot of fun. There will be a

Monkey Bridge for visitors to cross. There will also be a station where the kids can build their own air rockets and launch them from home-made rocket launchers. A Gaga Ball ring will be set up for visitors and Scouts. There will also be the ability to see antique construction equipment up close.

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will demonstrate several skills and games throughout the day. This will be a hands-on event for all participants.

For more details, contact Troop Chairman at letendrej@sbcglobal.net.

## Indoor Tailgate Barbecue

On Sunday, Nov. 6, St. Joseph's Polish Club, located at 395 South Main St., will host an indoor tailgate barbecue. This is an in-person event; no takeout.

There will be football and the last NASCAR race of the season on the club's big-screen TVs. Wings will be served at 2 p.m. At 3 p.m., brisket, pulled pork, chicken, meat bombs, kielbasa with sauerkraut, baked beans, and mac & cheese will be served. The hall will be opened up for extra seating.

Tickets are \$20 per person and must be purchased on or before Oct. 30. For more information, call 860-537-2550.

## Thanksgiving Dinner Drive

The Liberty Bank-Rotary Club Thanksgiving Drive is on. This year, Colchester Rotary, along with the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, is raising money for food for Thanksgiving and beyond.

In Colchester, the bank and Rotary provide 150 meals to local families; the meals includes turkey and all the fixings. You can help by purchasing paper turkey legs at Noel's and Westchester markets or by going to middlesexcountycf.org, choosing the Thanksgiving Dinner Drive and choosing your local Rotary organization from the drop-down list.

Liberty Bank's foundation will #BeCommunityKind and add 25 cents for every dollar you give. Fundraising ends at 3 p.m. Nov. 14.

## Westchester Church News

Westchester Congregational Church, 98 Cemetery Rd., holds worship Sundays at 10 a.m. The services are also available on Zoom; visit westchesterconchurch.org for login information.

Sunday School meets during the worship service.

**Meetings:** The church hosts several groups meeting weekly: Al-Anon, Mondays at 5 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; AA, Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Scout BSA Troop 109, Tuesday at 7 p.m.

**Outreach:** The church has a white wooden Blessings Box in the lower parking lot with non-perishable food items and other useful items. Anyone in need or who wishes to donate may stop by and take or leave a few items.

For more information, email westconchurch@gmail.com or call 860-267-6711.

## Local Soccer Player

Addison Belcamino of Colchester is among the players on Eastern Connecticut State University's men's and women's soccer teams, which recently began their fall 2022 seasons.

Belcamino, number 6, a sophomore who majors in social work and plays forward.

## Ahavath Achim News

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

Friday night service, 6:30 p.m., hybrid in-person and on Zoom; Shabbat morning service, 10 a.m., hybrid in-person and via Zoom; Tuesday, Aggadath class from the Talmud, 6 p.m.; Talmud class, 6:30 p.m.; Kabbalah class, 8 p.m., on Zoom.

There are daily Facebook Live classes on Ken Alter's Facebook page.

For more information, call 860-537-2809. Office hours are: Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

## AARP News

The next Colchester AARP 4019 meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave.

The board meeting is at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting with all members at 1:30 p.m. At 2 p.m. speakers Janet Hale of the AARP Tax-Aide Program and Joe Sina will provide information about open enrollment for medicare/insurance.

The holiday luncheon will be held Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 12:30 p.m., at Papa Z's in Westchester. Cost for the buffet is \$26/person and guests are welcome to attend. Checks should be made out to "AARP #4019 Holiday Luncheon" and mailed to the Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT 06415.



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**Senior Center News & Notes**

Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., has announced the following. For full descriptions, call 860-537-3911, email csc@colchesterct.gov, or visit www.colchesterct.gov/senior-center.

**Monday, Oct. 31:** 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Stitch & Fix with Maria; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; noon, Halloween Pizza Party; 12:30 p.m., Mahjong; 12:45 p.m., Setback; 1 p.m., Bridge.

**Tuesday, Nov. 1:** 9 a.m., Making Memories; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 1:30 p.m., Bingo, AARP Meeting.

**Wednesday, Nov. 2:** 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Walking Group meet-up at the Air Line Trail in Amston; 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 11 a.m., Goodspeed trip departs; 1 p.m., Tech Time with Harry; 1:30 p.m., Seasonal Crafting; no line dancing today.

**Thursday, Nov. 3:** 9 a.m., Exercise w/Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 11 a.m., Yoga; noon, Chair Massage; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

**Friday, Nov. 4: 9-11 a.m., flu/COVID booster clinic;** 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 10:30

a.m., Hearing Clinic, Choral Group; 11 a.m., Yoga; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

**Upcoming Programs: Across the Ages:** Wednesday, Nov. 9, 10:15-11 a.m. The senior center will partner with Colchester middle schoolers for an inter-generational program. Seniors will be matched with a student. They will meet in-person and through letters. This program will run through February. Space is limited; registration is required. For more information call CSC at 860-537-3911 and ask for Jodi.

**Veterans Day Apple Pie Social:** Thursday, Nov. 10, 11 a.m. Veterans and their spouses will get a free slice of homemade pie a la mode after a brief Veteran's Day ceremony. All others are welcome to join for \$2 a slice. Register by Nov. 4.

**Bloomin' 4 Good:** This is a program from Stop & Shop that works to fight hunger in local communities. For November, the senior center's Meals on Wheels Program has been selected to receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet sold at the Colchester Stop & Shop.

**The Patriotic Rosary**

All are invited to St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave., on Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m., as the church prays the Patriotic Rosary for the Consecration of Our Nation.

The program includes prayers for the leaders of our country and for each individual state, combined with patriotic music.

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**Trunk or Treat:** Friday, Oct. 28, 5-8 p.m., at Burnt Hill Park pavilion. There will also be pumpkin- decorating, bounce houses, wagon rides and music. Recommended donation is \$2

per family. If anyone is interested in decorating their vehicle, contact Parks and Rec. to sign up.

**Barre Fusion:** Tuesdays through Nov. 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the Gilead Hill School activity room. Donna Bellmore of Wildflower Fitness invites all levels to join her class that combines barre work to tone and build lean muscle mass, and the mindfulness and flow of yoga. Drop-in fee is \$15 per visit.

**30+ Basketball:** Tuesdays through Nov. 2, from 7-9 p.m. each week, at the RHAM High School main gym. Drop-in games for all skill levels ages 30 and over. Cost is \$3 each week (cash only) drop-in.

**Air Line Trail Ghost Run:** Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m. This certified Half Marathon begins at Hebron Elementary School and follows the Air Line Trail to the finish line in East Hampton. For more information and to register, visit [runsignup.com/Race/CT/Hebron/AirLineTrail-GhostRun](http://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Hebron/AirLineTrail-GhostRun).

**Hebron Paths:** Are you interested in walking, hiking, biking, horseback-riding, or just getting back into nature? Check out the new website [hebronpaths.org](http://hebronpaths.org), dedicated to the paths and trails of Hebron. Maps and information are provided, with more to come soon.

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**Church of Hope News & Notes**

Hebron Church of Hope, 1 Main St., holds worship Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Church of Hope is a biblically-driven Christ-centered church.

Worship is in person and via livestream on the church website. For more information, and the guidelines for in-person worship, visit [www.hebronchurchofhope.org](http://www.hebronchurchofhope.org).

The church office is closed until further notice. Pastor Jordan Brown can meet by appointment; use the church website to set up a time.

For more information about Hebron Church of Hope, visit the website or look for the church on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

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All are invited to worship at Christ Lutheran Church (LCMS), located at 330 Church St. Pastor is Gary Boye.

**Sunday Worship:** Sundays at 9 a.m. Masks are optional. People can also watch worship live at [www.facebook.com/clchebron/live](http://www.facebook.com/clchebron/live).

**Sunday Coffee Hour:** 10 a.m., after the morning service.

**Sunday Adult Bible Study:** At 10:15 a.m. Theme is "A Fresh Look at Some Old Sunday School Stories."

**Early Childhood Center:** Open to all faiths, the center offers childcare, preschool and before/after school educational opportunities in a Christian environment. Briana Manginelli is director. Call 860-228-5134 for availability.

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The Scouts decorate the wreaths with pinecones, berries and a red velvet bow, and make deliveries by Nov. 30. This is the only troop-wide fundraiser conducted, with profits earned supporting the troop's campouts, equipment needs, service projects, and activities for the year.

Scouts have been out taking orders. If they missed you, you can still get a wreath delivered and/or donate a wreath to a Marlborough Food Bank family. Contact your neighborhood Boy Scout, call 860-295-3060, email Troop39wreaths@gmail.com, or order online at www.Troop39wreaths.com. Credit cards are accepted.

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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.

**Youth Programs: Watercolor:** Grades 3-6 at Elmer Thienes – Mary Hall Elementary School Art Room. Wednesdays, 3:30-5 p.m., from Nov. 30-Dec. 21, at Marlborough Elementary School, for grades 3-6. Students will learn watercolor techniques and apply these techniques to complete a watercolor painting. Fee: \$90/residents, \$95/non-residents.

**Horseback Riding Lessons:** For ages 5 and up; English- or Western-style instruction. Lessons are private and are an hour in length. Days and times are flexible. Fee is four lessons for

\$175 residents/\$180 non-residents.

**Adult Program: Adult Volleyball:** Thursdays, 8-10 p.m., at MES. Fee is \$5 per week to drop-in.

**Yoga:** Mondays through Oct. 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m., or Tuesdays, 9:30- 10:30 a.m., through Nov. 1. Drop-in fee is \$18/week. Class instruction is virtual or in person.

**Zumba Class Fall Session:** Tuesdays through Nov. 29 (started Oct. 25), 6:30-7:30 p.m., at MES. Drop-in fee is \$10/week. Register on the Parks and Rec. website.

**Driveway Reflective Number Signs:** Cost of the sign is \$35. Vertical sign is double-sided 8" x 24" with 4" numbers on blue highway reflective metal. Order forms are online and at Town Hall.

### Special Sessions to Register to Vote

The Marlborough registrars of voters will hold special voter registration sessions to register voters before the Nov. 8 state election which are:

Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Monday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. These sessions will be held at Town Hall, 26 North Main St.

Voter registration deadlines are: mail-in, must be postmarked by Tuesday, Nov. 1; in-person, Nov. 1, at 8 p.m.; online (from secretary of the state's website), will close Nov. 1, at midnight.

After Nov. 1, people may register to vote between Nov. 2 and 5 p.m. Nov. 7, for the following reasons: any person who turns 18 years old between those dates; anyone who becomes a naturalized citizen between those dates; anyone who's moved into Marlborough between those dates; and

any active serviceperson, former serviceperson who has been discharged within the calendar year, or any person who has been out of the

country

**Election Day Registration:** This will be held Nov. 8, in the large conference room at Town Hall, from, Marlborough Town Hall from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. – which allows eligible individuals (residence in Marlborough) to register to vote and cast a ballot on Election Day. Proof of residence in Marlborough is required. The Election Day registration requires that in order to cast a ballot on Election Day, the applicant must be registered to vote and cast their ballot no later than 8 p.m. Applicants who continue to be in line after 8 p.m. will not be able to participate in the election.

Also, applications for absentee ballots are also available in the town clerk's office; call 860-295-6206 for details.

A copy of the ballot can be viewed on www.marlboroughct.net.

For more information, call the registrars at 860-295-6166.

### Thanksgiving Dinner Drive to Benefit Local Food Banks

Since 2004, Liberty Bank Foundation has been partnering with local Rotary clubs to help families in the community enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. All are asked to help the East Hampton Rotary Club (which includes Marlborough) take advantage of Liberty Bank's matching program.

For every dollar donated, the Liberty Bank Foundation will add 25 cents. All donations received from Marlborough residents will be donated to the Marlborough Food Bank, Inc. Mail

checks, made payable to CFMC (Community Foundation of Middlesex County), to 49 Main St., Middletown, CT 06457. Please include "East Hampton Rotary – Marlborough" in the memo line.

People can also donate by stopping into Marlborough Liberty Bank at 26 East Hampton Rd. to scan a QR code to donate via credit card. This annual Thanksgiving Drive is taking place through Nov. 14.

### Lions 'Masquerade 5K Road Race'

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

Entry fee is \$30. There is also a \$60 package price for families participating in the race. Anyone wishing to register on the day of the race

must arrive prior to 10 a.m. Runners will start near the entrance to Blish Park on Park Road and will proceed on a course that circles Lake Terramuggus.

The Lions are also seeking local businesses to sponsor the event in amounts of \$100, \$250 and \$500. All sponsors will be displayed on the race T-shirts.

To register or for more information contact Lion Ken Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116 or tigerladee@snet.net. Registration can also be done at marlboroughlionsclubfall5k.itsyourrace.com.

### Congregational Church News & Notes

Sunday worship services at Marlborough Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, located at 35 S. Main St., are at 10 a.m. Child care for infants and toddlers is provided downstairs in the nursery; however, children are always welcome at the worship service.

All children in the community in preschool to grade eight are welcome and invited to attend Sunday School. All students are also welcome at youth group, one for grades 5 to 7 and another for grades 8 to 12. Contact Gwen Lawson at the church office for more information.

**October 30:** Worship will include the annual Sunday School Halloween costume parade in the sanctuary including adults who are welcome to join the parade. The service will be led by pastor the Rev. Bob Faulhaber. A Halloween Cookie Sale, sponsored by Dorcas Women's Fellowship, will be held in the lounge. The homemade treats will sell for \$5 a dozen, with proceeds given to charitable projects and programs.

**Business Meeting.** A special Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, Oct. 30, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of calling Valerie Seaver, as selected by the Pastoral Search Committee and the Church Council, as the settled pastor of the Congregational Church of Marlborough, effective Jan. 1, 2023. All members of the church are urged to attend this meeting to vote and to share

in this important decision.

**Outreach:** The church supports a variety of mission projects. Fourth-quarter mission giving will go to both York Correctional Resettlement Program and the church's Seminarian Fund. The monthly Drive Thru Café for Marlborough Food Bank patrons will be Oct. 30, with It's So Ranunculus as the October sponsor. The Church collects non-perishable food items year-round for Marlborough Food Bank with a basket located in the narthex for Sunday worshippers to bring their donations. Nov. 6 church members and others will host an evening meal at St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen in Middletown.

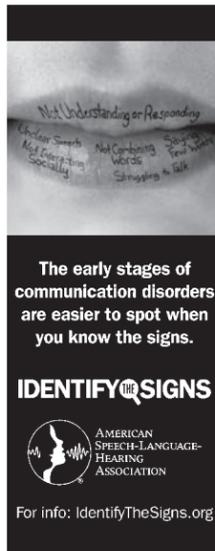
**AA** meets downstairs in the Great Hall Wednesdays with two meetings, noon-1 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m.

**Second Blessings Thrift Shop** is open Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. New merchandise fills the shelves each week, and the shop now features fall holidays along with jewelry, vintage, cookware, gift-giving and more. The shop accepts donations during shopping hours. The shop also sells through eBay at bit.ly/MCCebay.

**General Info:** Worship services and programs are open to all. The church is an Open and Affirming faith community. For more information on the church or its programs, call the church office at 860-295-9050.



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### Cemetery Fall Clean-Up

The annual cemetery fall clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5, at Marlboro Cemetery. Volunteers are invited to participate and are asked to meet at 9 a.m.

Residents are asked to remove any personal items and decorations prior to the clean-up. Any items found to be in violation of cemetery rules and regulations or a hindrance to maintenance will be removed.

These items include shepherd hooks, glass objects, items hanging from trees, and pots. For a complete listing, go to marlboroughct.net and select "Cemetery Committee" under the "Government" tab.

### Calling all Artists and Creatives

Marlborough Arts Center invites all artists and creatives to participate in The Artisan Gift and Art Sale, running Nov. 12-Dec. 18, at the center, 231 North Main St.

Each artist can submit up to five art items priced at under \$100. There is no submission fee.

Full details and submission forms can be found at www.marlborougharts.org. Drop-off dates are Sunday, Nov. 6, from 1-4 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 7, from 4-6 p.m.

The Marlborough Arts Center is a nonprofit regional center for the arts. The center is handicapped-accessible and has on-site parking. For more information about events offered at the center, go to www.marlborougharts.org.

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The Marlborough Lions Club is raffling off an 8,000-watt Generac portable generator with a retail value of \$1,150.

The generator has features such as a push-button electric start with trickle charger, hours counter and 120V/240V outlets. The winner of the raffle will also receive the services of an electrician to install a circuit breaker panel interlock and the cabling needed to hook up the generator, with a value not to exceed \$1,000.

Raffle tickets are \$20 each. The drawing will

take place Saturday, Dec. 17. Ticket sales will continue until that date.

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

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

### Late Fall Watercolor Classes

Local artist Mary Horrigan will offer adult watercolor classes at the Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St., on Thursdays, Nov. 3-Dec. 1 (no class Nov. 24), from 10 a.m.-noon.

This set of four lessons is designed for "All Levels of Beginner." Material lists will be sent once the class is confirmed with enough students registered.

Cost for the class is \$80. Registration forms can be downloaded from [www.marlborougharts.org](http://www.marlborougharts.org), and a check mailed to: Marlborough Arts Center, 231 North Main Street, Marl-

borough, CT 06447.

Horrigan has taught watercolor classes for Manchester Community College, Middletown Adult Education, the Glastonbury Art Guild, the Guilford Art Center and the Marlborough Arts Center. Her paintings have been exhibited in Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut, and have won several awards.

For more information, contact Horrigan at [mehorrigan@comcast.net](mailto:mehorrigan@comcast.net) or leave a message at 860-467-6353.

### Flashlight Cemetery Tour

The Marlborough Historical Society will have its Flashlight Cemetery Tour at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30. The tour will walk through Century Cemetery and Marlboro Cemetery, where 200-year-old history of many of the interments will be given.

Participants will meet at the Richmond Memorial Library parking lot. Bring a flashlight, and have proper footwear for walking.

To register, call Romano Ghirlanda at 860-916-4031 or email [mhs@marlboroughhistory.org](mailto:mhs@marlboroughhistory.org).

### Pasta Dinner Drive-Thru

The American Legion Post 197 will hold a Drive-Thru Pasta Dinner fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 28.

The drive-thru will be open from 4-6 p.m. Dinner will be priced at \$12 each. A package family deal will be priced at \$40 for four meals. No reservations required. The post is located at 128 East Hampton Rd. (Route 66), Marlborough.

Proceeds will help fund programs for veterans.

### Election Day Bake Sale

The Marlborough PTO will hold an Election Day Bake Sale Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 6 a.m. until 10 a.m. or sold out. Baked goods and coffee will be sold in the Marlborough Elementary School cafeteria.

### Resident on Volleyball Team

A Marlborough resident is on Eastern Connecticut State University's women's volleyball team, which recently began its fall 2022 season.

Among the student athletes is sophomore Gabriella Johnson, number 12, who majors in English and plays right side.

### Folk Duo at Arts Center

Marlborough Arts Center is hosting the folk duo Crowes Pasture for the 4th Friday @ the Arts Café on Friday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m., at the center, 231 N. Main St.

A roots-infused, internationally touring folk duo, Crowes Pasture performs songs that reflect a mutual passion, sense of discovery and celebration of the human connection.

Admission is \$10/person at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m. There is on-site parking and the center is handicapped-accessible. Masks are recommended.

### Artisan and Crafts Sale

Marlborough Arts Center will hold an Artisan and Crafts Sale Nov. 12-Dec. 18, at the center, 231 N. Main St.

Featured will be local creations, all under \$100, from artists in the surrounding communities. These will include gifts such as pottery, paintings, sculptures and other forms of art, as well as small items.

The Arts Center will be open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 3, refreshments will be served, and live artist demonstrations will be featured.

### Fall Watercolor Exhibition

The Watercolor Society of Connecticut, under the direction of John Atwater, is holding its Fall Watercolor Exhibition through Oct. 30 at Marlborough Arts Center, 231 North Main St.

The exhibition features 57 paintings, and is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday during October, from 1-4 p.m. each day. Admission is free. There is on-site parking and the arts center is ADA compatible.

### St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church is located at 30 Jones Hollow Rd. Pastor is the Rev. Thomas J. Sas, John McKaig is deacon emeritus and the pastoral assistant is Holly Bangham. The church office can be reached at 860-295-0001; hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. People are asked to call before heading over or connect via the phone or email at [stjohnfisher30@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnfisher30@yahoo.com).

**COVID-19 Protocol:** For the fully vaccinated, masks are not required. For the unvaccinated, masks continue to be encouraged. Call the office for more information.

**Weekend Masses:** 4 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. All are welcome.

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

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

**Family Faith Formation:** This is a new program to focus on active faith formation within the family is underway for families of kindergarten through middle school students; registration is required on the church's Faith Formation website and will close at the end of September.

**Confirmation Community:** The church's active 9th- and 10th-grade confirmation pro-

gram continues. Registration is required as well.

**Adult Worship Choir:** Meets Wednesdays from 5:30-7 p.m. All are welcome to join. More information can be found on the church website.

**Community Outreach and Service:** Food drives are held the second full weekend of each month for Marlborough Food Bank; you may also bring non-perishable food or household donations directly to the Marlborough Food Bank Monday and Tuesday mornings. Sandwich-making and collection continues on the last Thursday of the month for St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown. The Community Garden to benefit Marlborough Food Bank continues to supply fresh produce each week and volunteers are always welcome. Other scheduled service opportunities can be found on the church website and are scheduled monthly.

**Other Programs and Offerings:** For more information on such programs as adult faith formation, youth group, RCIA, Knights of Columbus or other ministries, call the office, visit the church website at [www.stjfisher.org](http://www.stjfisher.org), or look for the church on Facebook (Saint John Fisher Roman Catholic Church).

### Richmond Library News & Notes

Richmond Memorial Library, located at 15 School Drive, has announced the following. Registration required unless noted; to do so, call the library at 860-295-6210 or email [richmondprograms@gmail.com](mailto:richmondprograms@gmail.com).

**Family Photo Days and Head Shots Fundraiser:** To schedule your session (over Veterans Day weekend), go to [www.FamilyPortraitSession.com](http://www.FamilyPortraitSession.com) and click on the day and time that works best. A nonrefundable deposit (your sitting fee) is required to book a session. For additional information, call or stop into the library. Appointments are made directly with the photographer, either online or by phone at 860-267-6620, and are not taken/arranged by library staff.

**Crepe Paper Poppy: Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m.** In this in-person, hands-on workshop, paper floral artist Susan Canavan will show how to make a red paper poppy flower. Canavan is an exhibiting member of the Granby Artists Association.

**Babytime:** Monday, Oct. 31, 10:30 a.m., for ages 0-18 months and their caregivers. Drop-ins are welcome if space allows. The program will be outdoors unless weather requires it to move inside.

**TWOsdays:** For children 18-36 months and their caregivers on Tuesdays through Dec. 20. There will be songs, stories and hands-on-learning.

**Fall Storytime:** Wednesdays at 10 a.m., from Oct. 26-Dec. 7 (no session Nov. 23), indoors in the Storytime Room.

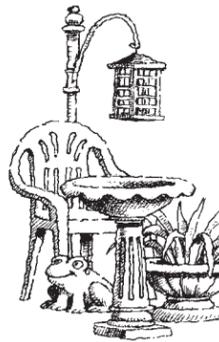
**Lego Club:** For children age 5 and up. The library will offer STEM-based challenges involving Legos on the following Tuesdays at 4 p.m.: Nov. 1, Nov. 15, Nov. 29 and Dec. 13.

**Kids Crafting Club:** Creative kids will learn new techniques and project ideas. The club started this week and will meet the following Tuesdays at 4 p.m.: Nov. 8 and 22, and Dec. 6 and 20.

**Wildlife Illustration: Thursday, Nov. 3, 4 p.m.** Meet a live animal from the Lutz Museum, observe and explore its unique characteristics, then create your own wildlife art. This program is best suited for families with children ages 4 and up.

**Old-School Gamers Club: Once a month, the library will break out the Super Nintendo, PSOne, XBox360 and more for some old-school gaming for ages 12-18. The program will meet Fridays, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2, at 4 p.m. Registration is recommended.**

**Cooking 101:** Teens and young adults are welcome to join a dietitian from Big Y on Monday, Nov. 7, from 3:30-4:15 p.m., in this virtual two-part program series. Participants will learn basic cooking skills and create snacks and meals from their own kitchens.



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### Senior Center News and Notes

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Transportation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Assistance, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Bingo: Monday, 1-3:30 p.m.; Setback: Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-noon; 8-Ball Pool: Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-noon; Grocery Shopping: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-noon;

Meals-on-Wheels: Monday through Friday,

noon; Congregate Meals: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, noon; Medical Appointments: Monday through Friday, by appointment; Exercise with Anne: Thursday, 3-4 p.m.; Tai Chi: Thursday, 10:30 a.m.; Not Just Quilting: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Cornhole and Bocce Ball will be played Monday through Friday, weather permitting; Food Bank: Tuesday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sophisticated Ladies (Tap Dancing): Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Foodshare is on the second Wednesday of every month.

### Lions Eyeglass Collection Boxes

The Marlborough Lions collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids, which are then provided to people in impoverished countries all around the world.

The drop boxes are located at Town Hall, Liberty Bank, the Marlborough Senior Center and at the office of Dr. Steven Rafalowsky on Saner Road. The Lions collect the eyeglasses

and hearing aids all year long and once a year Lions Clubs from all over Connecticut meet to turn in the collected items. Eyeglass cases are also appreciated.

For more information or to learn more about the Lions, call Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116 or Lions President Megan Lloyd at 413-687-5537.

### Winter Clothes Drive

The Knights of Columbus Marlborough Council 15734 has started its Winter Clothes Drive.

All are asked to consider donating any new or gently-used coats, jackets, gloves, mittens or blankets. Items will be collected

through Sunday, Nov. 6, and can be placed in the drop box in the basement at St. John Fisher Church, 30 Jones Hollow Rd.

There will also be a collection on the Marlborough town green on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.

### Residents Sought to Serve

The Marlborough Board of Selectmen is seeking residents who are interested in serving on the town's various boards and commissions.

While applications are accepted at any time for all boards and commissions, the selectmen are providing notice and encouraging residents to apply to fill current vacancies on the following boards and commissions:

Economic Development Commission (two alternates); Conservation Commission (alternate); Water Pollution Control Authority (two alternates); and Nature Trails and Sidewalks Commission (alternate).

Those interested in applying can complete

the application form at marlboroughct.net; the link for the form is at the bottom of the page on the left-hand side.

In accordance with the town charter, and based on the current composition of the various boards and commissions, party affiliation or other qualifications may or may not be considered when appointments are made. People who are unaffiliated and those who belong to minor parties, as well as Democrats and Republicans, to apply.

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# Standout Athletes of the Week

By Josh Howard

Here are the *Rivereast* Standouts of the Week for the week of Oct. 17-23:

**Andrew Johnson - Portland High School (Soccer):** Johnson, a senior captain, scored an insurance goal as the Highlanders beat Had-dam-Killingworth 3-1 on Senior Night, Oct. 22. Johnson's goal highlighted a banner night at Portland High School as the team celebrated the team's four seniors – Johnson, Cole Bates, Ryan Clarke, and Brandon McPhee – prior to the game and then the future stars shine during the game as junior Gio Discenza netted a pair of goals and sophomore Parker Thompson dished out a pair of assists.

**Aiden Palen - East Hampton High School (Cross-Country):** Palen finished 5th overall, running a time of 16:50, at the Shoreline Conference Cross-Country Championship at Hammonasset State Park on Oct. 20. The junior led a strong Bellringers team that placed 5th overall as a team. Daniel Drlik (17:30) placed 14th, Gabriella McMillian (17:35) placed 16th, Alex Rivard-Lentz (17:58) placed 21st, and Evan LoPresit (18:05) placed 22nd to round out the top five East Hampton runners to cross the finish line in the confer-

ence championship.

**Ally Hadley - RHAM High School (Volleyball):** Hadley had team-high 24 digs and 22 kills as the Raptors rallied to win the last two sets in a five-set win over Glastonbury (18-25, 25-17, 24-26, 25-16, 15-9) at Glastonbury High School on Oct. 19. The 22 kills were a season-high for Hadley, a senior, who leads the team in aces this season. RHAM ended the week with a three-set victory over E.O. Smith in the team's "Dig Pink" game, which raised money for breast cancer research. As of Wednesday, the Raptors have a record of 16-2 and have won six straight games.

**Ryan Moores - Bacon Academy High School (Cross-Country):** Moores placed 5th overall, running a time of 17:16, at the Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) Championships at Norwich Golf Course on Oct. 20. Moores, a senior, headed a pack of Bobcats that finished sixth overall as a team and ranked third in the Division II bracket. Brendan Reas (31st), Carson Brown (37th), Aaron Fidrych (46th), and Andrew Lima (60th) also contributed to Bacon's overall score at the championship meet.



**Silver Finish... Tri-County American Legion's 15U baseball team captured second place in the league's fall tournament, falling 1-0 to unbeaten Torrington in the championship game on Oct. 23. Pictured from left are team members, front row, Bryce Gagne, Jaxon Hanson, Justin Tyrol, Owen Garner, Christopher Medina, Anthony LaPila and Jacob Woods; back row, Dillan Coats, Ben Kohler, Nolan Plourde, Ethan Dewhurst, Roger Pryor, Max Veilleux and Ty Wissler. Not pictured: Rowan Vitali. The team, which finished with a 12-2 record, won extra-inning playoff games over RCP (Rocky Hill-Cromwell-Portland) and Northeast (Tolland) to advance to the final. The T-C Legion program features players from Andover, Colchester, East Hampton, Hebron and Marlborough. The program sponsored teams at four age levels during the fall. The program will begin indoor winter workouts in December, with tryouts in February for its 2023 summer teams at 13U, 15U, 17U and 19U. Watch for updates at [www.tcleion.com](http://www.tcleion.com) or contact General Manager Len Lampugnale (860-295-0437 or [lampugnale@comcast.net](mailto:lampugnale@comcast.net)) for more information.**

## Tax-Aide Foundation Seeks Volunteers

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The Tax-Aide program is looking for people

to join its volunteer team. You don't need to be an accountant or tax professional; volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds. Training and support are provided.

To volunteer, go to [aarpfoundation.org/taxaidevolunteer](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaidevolunteer) or call 1-888-AARP-NOW (888-227-7669).

For additional information before signing up, contact your local senior center and they will connect you with a local Tax-Aide volunteer.

## Flu, COVID Booster Clinics

Chatham Health District, which serves Colchester, East Hampton, Hebron, Marlborough and Portland, is holding flu vaccine and COVID-19 booster vaccine clinics.

Upcoming clinics are: Tuesday, Oct. 27, 9-11 a.m., Marlborough Senior Center, 17 School Drive; Friday, Oct 28, 4-6 p.m., Marlborough Elementary School, 25 School Drive, Marlborough; Wednesday, Nov. 2, 3-5 p.m., Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester; Thursday, Nov. 3, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., Portland; Friday, Nov. 4, 9-11 a.m., Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., Colchester; Thursday, Nov. 17, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Russell Mercier Senior Center, 14 Stonecroft Drive, Hebron.

No appointment necessary. Ages 6 months and over can get the flu vaccine, and ages 12 years and over for COVID-19 booster (Mod-

erna Bivalent and Pfizer Bivalent available). Both the flu and COVID-19 vaccines may be received at the same time.

Bring a copy of your insurance card and a filled-out, printed copy of the consent forms (one for each vaccine) for each person receiving a vaccination. Forms are at [www.chatham-health.org](http://www.chatham-health.org).

The following health insurances are accepted: Medicare (Part B); ConnectiCare; Aetna; Cigna; Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. People who are covered by these insurance plans must bring their cards to the clinic. Note: UnitedHealthcare and other insurances are not accepted.

Call the Chatham Health District at 860-365-0884 for more information. Contact the office for proof of vaccination if needed.

## Ghost Run to Return Nov. 5

The parks and recreation departments of Hebron, Colchester and East Hampton are collaborating along with the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to host the 19th annual Ghost Run on a 13.1-mile certified half marathon course on the Air Line Trail.

Registration deadline is Nov. 2. People must pre-register; there will be no registration on race day. Cost: \$45 individual runner, \$90 relay team.

**Course:** The race begins at Hebron Elementary School located on Route 85. Runners will run south on Route 85 and pick up the Air Line Trail behind Juliano's Pools. The race continues on the Air Line Trail through Colchester and into East Hampton. At the Trail Head, runners will continue on the trail to Watrous Street, to Summit Street. Follow Summit Street to Center Elementary School. Shuttle Buses will be available for all the runners in each direction. The trail is flat and is surfaced with packed dirt.

**Relay Legs:** #1. Start to Grayville Road, Hebron (3.6 miles) #2. Grayville Road to River Road Overpass, Colchester (4.2 miles) #3. River Road Overpass to Finish Line – Center School, East Hampton (5.3 miles).

**Relay Runners:** Shuttle buses will drop you off and pick you up at designated locations (see shuttle bus schedule).

**Shuttle Bus Schedule:** Bus 1: Depart Center School in East Hampton (7 Summit St.) at approximately 7:45 a.m., transport runners to Hebron Elementary School (Route 85 in Hebron), stay at Hebron Elementary School and be the shuttle for Grayville Road Relay location, drop runners off and stay at this location until runners have reached this relay leg of the race.

Leave Hebron Elementary School at 8:45 a.m. just before the race starts and head to the Grayville Road location. Return runners back to Hebron Elementary School then to Center School in East Hampton. Stay at Center School and return runners to Hebron Elementary School on a rotating basis through the rest of the race as needed.

Bus 2: Depart Center School in East Hampton at approximately 8:10 a.m. transport runners to Hebron Elementary School, Route 85, Hebron. Stay at Hebron Elementary School and be the shuttle for the River Road Underpass relay location. Leave from Hebron Elementary School at 9:05 a.m. or just after the race starts. Proceed to River Road underpass, drop off runners and stay at this location until runners have reached this relay leg. Transport these arriving runners to Center School in East Hampton. Stay at Center School and return runners to Hebron Elementary School on a rotating basis as needed.

Bus 3: Depart Center School in East Hampton at approximately 8:25 a.m., transport runners to Hebron Elementary School, Route 85 Hebron, return to Center School and return runners to Hebron Elementary School on a rotating basis throughout the rest of the day as needed.

Bus 4: Shuttle from Hebron Elementary School to Grayville Road relay location. The bus will leave Hebron Elementary School just after the race starts. This bus will wait to leave Grayville Road until after the last runner crosses.

Bus 5: Shuttle between Center School and Hebron Elementary School throughout the day starting at 8 a.m.

## Conservation District Meeting, Awards Ceremony

The Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District – which includes Colchester, East Hampton, Hebron, Marlborough and Portland – will hold its 75th annual meeting at Saybrook Point Pavilion Saturday, Nov. 5, from 2-4 p.m. Saybrook Point Pavilion is located at 155 College St. in Old Saybrook.

The district will take a look back at its 2021-22 accomplishments, will hold a ceremony to honor conservation award winners, and will offer a talk and tour of the Fenwick Living Shoreline by Juliana Barrett, Connect-

icut Sea Grant Extension educator. The living shoreline is a coastal resilience project on Long Island Sound at the Hepburn Preserve, a 4-acre beach, dune and brackish tidal wetland habitat.

A brief business meeting will precede the program. There will be time to enjoy refreshments and conversation before we leave for the tour.

RSVP to Sandy Weiss at 860.346.3282 or [swaiss@conservect.org](mailto:swaiss@conservect.org). This event is free and open to the public.

## Needleman Receives Perfect Score from Business Federation

The National Federation of Independent Business has awarded state Sen. Norm Needleman (D-33) a perfect score in its annual grades for state legislators as a result of his votes in the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions.

This is just the latest distinction earned by Needleman as he continues to campaign for re-election to the state Senate, seeking a third term to represent the 33rd District. Needleman received support for a variety of votes, including his votes against the Highway Use Tax on trucks, his support for the state's budgets, his approval of improvements to unemployment insurance benefits and his endorsement of COVID-19 relief for small businesses.

"In a tough economic climate, we need to look out for independent and small businesses, which play a vital role in our communities and our state," said Needleman. "I try to utilize every vote at the Capitol in a way that does the most good and supports the most people. Knowing the challenges of operating a business through my own experiences, I'm proud to be recognized by the National Federation of Independent Business for supporting pro-business

and strong economic policies."

The National Federation of Independent Business 2021-22 scorecard highlighted a number of bills it deemed to be pro-business in Connecticut during the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions. Needleman voted in the interests of Connecticut businesses in all of them, including his vote against the highway use fee on trucks; his votes in support of the state budget in 2021 and for small business COVID-19 relief; and his support for unemployment insurance benefit changes to improve expenses for small businesses. His vote to suspend the state gas tax was also deemed pro-business.

Needleman has also received perfect 100% scores from both the Connecticut Business and Industry Association and the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters.

Needleman's other endorsements include the Uniformed Firefighters, Independent Party and Connecticut Realtors.

The 12-town 33rd Senate District includes the *Rivereast* towns of Colchester, East Hampton and Portland.



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# Obituaries

## Andover

### Gary C. Meister

Gary C. Meister, 81, of Willimantic, passed away peacefully Sunday, July 17, at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut, with his wife, Carolyn, and daughter, Karen, by his side. He was born in Bath, Maine, to Carl P. Meister and Margaret Brimigion Meister, both deceased.



Gary, at the age of 12, had his own radio and TV show with his band, "The Little Maine Ramblers," then formed another band later when he was older called, "Gary Meister and the Dreamers." Gary graduated from Morse High School Class of 1959 in Bath and worked in Bath Hospital before deciding to become a full-time singer, songwriter, musician and recording artist, with 10 national and three international record releases. He performed as a single in many clubs before putting together a traveling band called, "Gary Meister and the Travelers"; later decided to add his wife to the band naming it, "The Gary Meister and Carolyn Carpenter Show and North Country"; both began traveling, performing and recording together for a number of years.

After sadly retiring from the music business, Gary became a mental health worker at a hospital in Connecticut for over 21 years, but always enjoyed singing and playing at gatherings. He loved to read. His hobbies were many: canoeing, kayaking, camping, fishing, mountain climbing, hiking. He also did tarot card readings, astrology and numerology charts for people, spent hours writing spiritual material, studying comparative religions, and at some point, becoming an ordained minister.

Gary had an excellent command of the written word and an unending vocabulary. He was so intelligent and accomplished in many ways and absolutely loved to write articles on different subjects. He loved to laugh, tell jokes and was very witty. He was such a gentle man, loving, forgiving, and non-judgmental. He loved his family, near and far, with his whole heart and always so happy getting together with them whenever possible. He will be sadly missed forever and always by all. We will meet again!

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Carolyn Carpenter-Meister from Connecticut; his two sons, Guy and Gus Meister of Maine; three daughters, Toni Sauer and husband Joe of Leavenworth Wash., Julie Nolan and husband John of Pawtucket, R.I., Karen Madore and husband Pat of Andover. He has 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters, of Maine – Gail Snipe, Didi Rollins (deceased) and husband Jon Rollins; two brothers-in-law, Daniel and Donald Loree of Connecticut; many nieces and nephews, mostly all of Maine, including many fans and friends.

A Celebration of Life memorial was held Saturday, Sept. 10. Burial will be once his wife can join him at a later time.

Please share a memory of Gary or your condolences at this email: carolyn@buyershighway.com.

## Moodus

### Clarence E. Braun Jr.

Clarence E. "Sonny" Braun Jr., 59, of Moodus, beloved husband of Pamela (Reed) Braun, passed away peacefully on Wednesday Oct. 19th at Middlesex Hospital.

Born Nov. 27, 1962 in Middletown, he was the son of Clarence E. and June A. (Czaja) Braun of Moodus. He was a 1981 graduate of Hale Ray High School and had worked as a carpenter and in refrigeration.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife, Pamela Braun of Moodus; his son, Clarence E. Braun II and wife Holly of Moodus; his daughter, Heather J. Dalton and her husband Bear of Moodus; a brother, Ralph Braun of East Hampton; a sister, Cheryl Mims and husband Robert of East Haddam; and his three beloved grandchildren, Kaliey Braun, Angeleah and Jaxon Dalton.

Friends called at Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, on Monday, Oct. 24. A graveside service with military honors was held Tuesday, Oct. 25, in Lake View Cemetery in East Hampton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

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

## Colchester

### Genji Tokugawa

Nov. 1, 1999-Sept. 11, 2022 (age 22)

Genji Tokugawa, 22, died Sunday, Sept. 11, in a motorcycle accident while serving on active duty in the United States Army. Genji strived to excel in his career with the U.S. Army, having recently been promoted to the rank of specialist.

Stationed in Germany since 2020, Genji served as a paratrooper with the 1st Squadron 91st Cavalry Regiment, Airborne. Genji's medals and certifications include his paratrooper wings, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Army Service Medal.

Formerly of Colchester, Genji is remembered for his adventurous personality, strong soccer and basketball athletic abilities, and airsoft skills. Genji was also a talented artist and skilled gamer. He chose to see the best in people and was never reluctant to lend a hand to those most in need. Genji's family will always remember him for his gentle demeanor, kind spirit, and his always genuine smile.

Genji is survived by his beloved parents, William and June Burtis, and brothers, Daniel (Marie) Burtis, Michael (Casey) Burtis, Christopher (Katelynn) Burtis, and Bryan Burtis; and his fiancé, Quynh Vu. He is also survived by niece Grace Burtis. And nephews Lincoln Burtis, Max Burtis, Nolan Burtis, and Cameron Burtis.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester.

In lieu of giving flowers, the family asks that those who are able instead make a donation to the Smile Train at [www.smiletrain.org](http://www.smiletrain.org) or to Warrior Now at [warriornow.org/in-memory-of](http://warriornow.org/in-memory-of).



## Marlborough

### Robert Howard Lord Jr.

Robert Howard Lord Jr., 62, of Marlborough, died peacefully Saturday, Oct. 22, at Touchpoints of Bloomfield. Born March 12, 1960, in Manchester, he was the son of the late Robert H. and Lillian (Boothroyd) Lord.

Robert graduated high school and attended Springfield College. He was a lifelong active member of the Grange, starting in the Marlborough Grange at the age of 12. He loved farming and gardening on his family farm in Marlborough. Later in life he enjoyed painting and drawing. Robert was a loving son and brother who took care of both his mother and father as their health declined later in life.

Robert is survived by his brother, Arthur

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"I've been able to do a lot for people," she said during a phone call this week.

She explained that numerous people approach her for assistance with the Department of Motor Vehicles or the Department of Labor, and she's able to solve those problems for them.

"Sometimes, it's not even a government issue," she said, adding that one of the main reasons she continues to run for public office is to help constituents who have "no place else to turn to."

This election cycle, Osten said she has observed that people are more upbeat compared to the general gloom that surrounded the pandemic-era election.

"It's been more pleasant this year," she expressed, regarding visiting communities and knocking on doors.

Osten also said she feels she brings a different set of skills to the chamber compared to when she was first elected, asserting that she's learned to navigate different committees and pass legislation.

"I've learned how to manage the process better than ever before," she said.

While in office, Osten has worked on increasing the state's minimum wage and a sex offender notification bill, among other pieces of legislation.

She said there's still progress to be had in workforce development and creating jobs that will allow people to support their families. Typically, Osten reaches out to local leaders in her district to assess their needs, she said.

"It really depends on the community," she said. "There's still a lot of infrastructure to do. I usually meet with officials and go through some of the ideas they have."

For Camardella, his mission begins with reestablishing the "will of the people."

"I believe in the rule of law and that citizens are sovereign," he said. "It's time for us to regain our rightful place and assert ourselves."

Camardella said that while serving in the Italian Navy, he never envisioned running for office. Camardella's experience overseas has shaped how he views life and instilled certain values in him.

"I was born in a family that believes in the rule of law," he expressed. "You must do your best no matter what."

He jokingly shared that the Navy taught him new qualities, like eating fruit. Ultimately, he decided to move to the U.S. and build a family.

"We came here because we love the opportunity America gives us," he said. "It's something to be proud about."

Camardella identified affordability as a top issue facing the district. He stated that people cannot pay their insurance bills and that Connecticut is "not affordable."

He said that small businesses and entities should have a cooperative health insurance pool

Lord of Marlborough; his sister, Marjorie Lord of Florida; nieces and nephews, James, Carl, Heather, Melissa, Cheyenne and Andy; and many close friends.

Friends may call at Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., on Sunday, Oct. 30, from 4-6 p.m. Funeral services will be held Monday, Oct. 31, at 11 a.m., at Spencer Funeral Home, followed by burial in the family plot in Marlboro Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

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that would lower insurance prices.

"The self-employed should be nurtured," he asserted.

He challenged elected officials to do more to prevent people from leaving the state, which he called "embarrassing."

"How can you not see the suffering of the people?" he rhetorically asked.

Crime is a topic that both candidates are focused on, as well.

Osten said she supports the State Police and tries to ensure that they have the funding and equipment they need. She expressed that she has made sure the police are "able to serve their respective communities."

Camardella pointed to the controversial police accountability law adopted in 2020 following the killing of George Floyd; he called the legislation a "shame."

"There's an opportunity to remedy that," he said, adding that in order to adequately combat crime and drug activity, the police need to be further supported.

Camardella said crime is a national problem, as well, expressing that if you ride the New York City subway, you risk being stabbed.

Each candidate elaborated on additional issues they view as important priorities.

Osten said that abortion has become a national talking point and that the issue has become even more broad. While she said abortion access should be allowed, yet rare, she also pointed to a potential ban on contraception as being another issue, expressing that the Supreme Court may take up that in the future.

"That's a little bit scary," she said. "Health care is not something we should eliminate."

Camardella pointed to changes in education as a significant priority. Instead of the state or local education boards dictating what is taught in schools, he believes parents should make that choice.

"Parents want their children to be taught what a child should be taught," he said, asserting that some subjects are not appropriate for younger children.

When asked how a school would make a decision if parents had conflicting opinions, Camardella said that the vast majority of parents would agree on basic ideas.

"We should be in unison with the people of our state," he said.

Osten identified Camardella's views on education as a major difference in their politics. She also stated that Camardella did not believe in early voting. In response, Camardella said he does believe in early voting and has done it himself in the past. However, he said the state should not be flooded with millions of early votes during elections. Instead, only people with legitimate reasons to vote early should be allowed to, he said.

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Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8, and polls will be open from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. In Hebron, ballots can be cast at Hebron Elementary School, 92 Church St. In Marlborough, voting will take place at Marlborough Elementary School, 25 School Drive.



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**Down Mexico Way...** Andover residents Cole and Luke Randazzo and Konrad and Jakub Jandzinski recently had some fun in the sun in Riviera Maya, Mexico.

## Where in the World is the *Rivereast*?

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**Canadian Cruise...** Frank and Terri Connolly of Portland recently took a five-day cruise of the St. Lawrence River in Canada – and they brought along the *Rivereast*!



**Honeymoon in Alaska...** Honeymooners Andrew and Chelsea Krzeminski of East Hampton took a helicopter ride out of Juneau, Alaska, to Mendenhall Glacier and brought along the *Rivereast*. The tour guide said it was the first newspaper he's even seen on the glacier!



**Rivereast Goes to Dubai...** Tom Brady of Middle Haddam recently went to Dubai, UAE for work. This picture is on the Palms view observation deck 52 stories up. Tom says he and his colleagues learned what hot is, as the daytime temperatures while they were there were between 103 and 109, while the nighttime temperatures cooled to the mid-90s.

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### Ice Cream Social for Garden

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission (EHACC) attended a recent ice cream social event held at the Center School Community Garden on Oct. 18.

During the social, East Hampton administrators, teachers, students and families participated in a plant identification game, a banner-making craft and enjoyed homemade lemon basil sorbet, made with basil from the garden.

In the spring, the EHACC donated \$250 to the Memorial School Community Garden initiative, which was built with the intention of creating a garden space that is welcoming and inviting to all, allows students and families to connect to nature, and encourages all types of experiential learning. Specific objectives were to weave the garden into the art curriculum and showcase students' art in the garden and to showcase a local artisan by having a locally designed sign over the entrance.

Volunteers started to build the garden in June, and some fall vegetables were planted which students harvested in the fall. Throughout the fall semester, a garden committee at Memorial School has been developing curriculum in math, science, writing and literature, and art around the school garden.



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### Christ Episcopal Church News

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam, holds in-person and Zoom services at 10 a.m. each Sunday. To connect electronically, go to [www.christchurch-middlehaddam.com](http://www.christchurch-middlehaddam.com) for directions. This week, the church welcomes the Rev. Mary Anne Osborne, who will celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

**Sunday School:** Will not meet this week

**Donations:** Place donations of returnable bottles in the designated barrels near the shed. Food items for the local food bank may be placed in the black totes near the church rear door.

**Donations Needed for Fair:** The Autumn Leaves Fair will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, and

donations of preserves, crafts, baked goods and seasonal items are needed. Call Regina Starolis at 860-788-2711 or Winnie Edmonds at 860-267-6226 for more information.

**Covenant to Care:** Thanksgiving food items are needed for four families on the church social worker's case load. Sign up in the Parish Hall and bring donations to church on Nov. 20.

**Pledge Drive:** Return your yearly pledge card by Oct. 30. A celebratory coffee hour will be held after the service.

For more information or if in need of assistance, call the church office at 860-267-0287 or Donna Hryb, senior warden, at 860-633-0472.

### 'Easy as Pie' Sale

Haddam Neck Congregational Church Ladies Aid will hold an "Easy as Pie" sale Sunday, Nov. 20, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, at the Haddam Neck Congregational Church parish house, 408 Quarry Hill Rd., Haddam Neck, from noon-2 p.m.

Pre-orders for homemade pumpkin, apple, pecan and mincemeat pies are due Monday, Nov. 14, by calling Melissa at 860-993-5311 or Franky at 860-267-4513. Cost for each pie is \$12.

Visit [www.haddamneckcongregationalchurch.org](http://www.haddamneckcongregationalchurch.org) for directions to the church.

### Helping Hands

Helping Hands, a ministry of Cornerstone Bible Church, is open every first and third Saturday of the month from 9-11 a.m., on the first floor at 27 Skinner St.

Helping Hands offers free clothing, household items, books, lines, toys, etc. to anyone in need. People are allowed to bring two shopping bags to fill, and they should limit their visit to a half an hour.

Donations are also needed for this ministry and you can drop them off every Thursday from 10 a.m.-noon, as well as the first and third Saturday of every month from 9-11 a.m.

For more information, contact Judy Holmquist at [judyhlm49@yahoo.com](mailto:judyhlm49@yahoo.com).

### Library Friends Wanted

The Friends of the East Hampton Public Library group is currently looking for more members to grow the organization.

The Friends support the library in various ways, including sponsorship of programming, museum passes, summer reading and more. Members of the group can be involved as little or as much as they choose.

Forms for membership can be found at the library, 105 Main St., at [facebook.com/friendsoftheeasthamptonpubliclibrary](https://facebook.com/friendsoftheeasthamptonpubliclibrary), or by scrolling to the Friends portion of the library website, [www.easthamptonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.easthamptonpubliclibrary.org). People can also email the Friends at [friendsofeph1@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofeph1@gmail.com).

### Church Seeks Singers

The 2nd Congregational Church in Middle Haddam is calling for local singers interested in joining a small choir. Ability to read music is a plus.

The choir will participate in services twice a month at 9:30 a.m.; the service lasts approximately one hour. Rehearsals would be after church on Sunday.

An organizational meeting will be held in January at the church, which is located at 52 Middle Haddam Rd. (Route 151), in Middle Haddam.

To inquire, email Toni Leland at [tonileland@gmail.com](mailto:tonileland@gmail.com).

### Lions Bring Foodshare to Town

The Foodshare mobile pantry now comes to the parking lot of St. Patrick Church, 47 West High St., from 9-10 a.m. The next date is Nov. 10.

All are welcome; there is no income requirements and no IDs will be checked. However, Foodshare does not allow anyone to pick up for two families.

### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ANDOVER REVENUE COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

To the property owners of the Town of Andover: The second installment of the taxes listed on the October 1, 2021 Grand List becomes due and payable to the Town of Andover on October 1, 2022. Payments must be postmarked, paid on line, or brought to Town Hall by November 1, 2022 to avoid an interest charge. Interest will be charged starting November 2, 2022 on all delinquent bills at a rate of 18% per year (1 1/2% per month) from the due date of July 1st, with a minimum charge of \$2 for each bill. View or pay taxes online at [www.andoverct.org](http://www.andoverct.org). Cash, check or money order payments are accepted at the Town Hall during business hours. Payments by check or money order may be mailed to the Tax Collector's office or placed in the drop box outside Town Hall. Office hours in October are Monday 8:15 pm - 7:00 pm and Tuesday - Thursday 8:15 am - 4:00 pm. The office will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2022 in honor of Columbus Day. Please refer to [www.andoverct.org](http://www.andoverct.org) for updated office hours. Failure to receive a tax bill will not invalidate the tax or any interest which may, by State law, accrue. If you have any questions, please contact the tax office at 860-742-4035 option 4. Eileen Curtin, Tax Collector Town of Andover 17 School Road Andover, CT 06232

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### ACTION NOTICE TOWN OF ANDOVER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Please be advised that the Andover Zoning Board of Appeals took the following actions on the applications before them: August 17, 2022 APPROVED the application of Eden Contractors, property at 12 Center Street so as to provide relief from Section 11.2 of the Andover Regulations effectively reducing front yard setback requirements from 50' to 31'7" and the rear yard setback requirement from 50' to 40' to construct a single family residence in accordance with the plan on file. September 21, 2022 Meeting: APPROVED the application of Stephen King, 126 Wales Road to provide relief from Section 11.2 of the Andover Zoning Regulations so as to reduce the (right) side yard setback from 25' to 19' so as to construct an addition (garage and extension of first floor of existing structure) in accordance with the plan accompanying the application. Please direct any inquiries to the Zoning Agent at the Andover Town Hall, 17 School Street, Andover. Phone 860.742.7305, x 4220 or [zoning@andoverct.org](mailto:zoning@andoverct.org). Jim Hallisey Zoning Agent Published 10.28.22 1TB 10/28

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

At the October 20, 2022 meeting, the following actions were taken: APPROVED with Conditions PZC Application #22-07: 185 Marlborough Street, Unit 3. Request for Site Plan Review for one station hair salon with facilities for spray tanning, lash extensions, make up and waxing. Application of Laura Bratz and property of Rosario V. Agostino. Map 20, lot 202. Zone B-2. APPROVED: 279 Main Street. Request for Town Center Village District (TCVD) approval for building signage and facade modifications for steps and recommended by the TCVD design consultant. Application of Clemente Fabian and property of J & M Main Street Property LLC. Map 29, Lot 258. Zone B-3. Dated at Portland, CT, this 24th day of October 2022 Robert Ellsworth, Chairman Planning & Zoning Commission 1TB 10/28

### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON- WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY ATTENTION SEWER USERS

Notice is hereby given to all property owners connected to the sewers in the Town of East Hampton that the sewer use payment is due and payable on October 1, 2022. East Hampton Sewer Use bills may be paid in two equal installments: October 1 and April 1. The last day to pay the Sewer Use fee for the October 1, 2022 installment without a penalty is November 1, 2022. Property owners will not receive a second sewer use bill for the installment due on April 1, 2023. The October bill is a three-part form which includes the April installment. Payments received November 1, 2022 and later, including payments postmarked November 1, 2022 and later, are considered past due and will be subject to an interest penalty of 1.50% per month, or a fraction thereof, 18% per annum, from the due date of the tax, as required by Connecticut General State Statutes 12-130 and 146. The minimum interest charge is \$2 on each tax bill. A returned check fee is \$20. Payments legibly postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before November 1, 2022 are considered on time regardless of when they are received by the Collector of Revenue. As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Failure to have sent or received a bill does not exempt the taxpayer from payment of all taxes, interest charges and collection costs, as per Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-130 and 12-146. Interest is charged on all late payments. There are no exceptions. Please make checks payable to Town of East Hampton. Payments may be mailed to Collector of Revenue, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. Pay online by visiting our website at [www.easthamptonct.gov](http://www.easthamptonct.gov) Note: Your sewer account number is required when making a payment online. Hours of collection are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am - 6:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am - 12:30 pm. Respectively Submitted, Scott Clayton Public Utilities Administrator 3TB 9/23, 10/7, 10/28

### TOWN OF PORTLAND LEGAL NOTICE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 STATE ELECTION

The Electors of the Town of Portland are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling place in said town on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the following purposes: I. To cast their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, Judge of Probate, and Registrar of Voters II. To vote on the following question for the approval or disapproval of a proposed AMENDMENT to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of "YES" being a vote for approval, and a vote of "NO" being a vote for disapproval: 1. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting? The full text of such proposed questions with explanatory text, printed in accordance with §2-30a of the General Statutes, is available at the town clerk's office for public distribution. The vote on the proposed questions is taken pursuant to the Constitution of Connecticut. Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling place is at: PORTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL 93 HIGH STREET PORTLAND, CONNECTICUT Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.). Absentee Ballots will be counted at the polls. Dated at Portland, Connecticut, this 24th day of October, 2022 Michael V. Tierney Portland Town Clerk 1TB 10/28

### EAST HAMPTON SEWER BILLS DUE OCTOBER 1ST

To all property owners connected to the sewers in the Town of East Hampton. The sewer use payment is due and payable on October 1, 2022. East Hampton Sewer Use bills may be paid in two equal installments: October 1 and April 1. The last day to pay the Sewer Use fee for the October 1, 2022 installment without a penalty is November 1, 2022. Property owners will not receive a second sewer use bill for the installment due on April 1, 2023. The October bill is a three-part form which includes the April installment. Payments received November 1, 2022 and later, including payments postmarked November 1, 2022 and later, are considered past due and will be subject to an interest penalty of 1.50% per month, or a fraction thereof, 18% per annum, from the due date of the tax, as required by Connecticut General State Statutes 12-130 and 146. The minimum interest charge is \$2 on each tax bill. A returned check fee is \$20. Payments legibly postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before November 1, 2022 are considered on time regardless of when they are received by the Collector of Revenue. As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Failure to have sent or received a bill does not exempt the taxpayer from payment of all taxes, interest charges and collection costs, as per Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-130 and 12-146. Interest is charged on all late payments. There are no exceptions. Please make checks payable to Town of East Hampton. Payments may be mailed to Collector of Revenue, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. Pay online by visiting our website at [www.easthamptonct.gov](http://www.easthamptonct.gov) Note: Your sewer account number is required when making a payment online. Hours of collection are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am - 6:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am - 12:30 pm. 3TB 9/23, 10/7, 10/28

### WARNING OF ELECTION November 8, 2022 State Election

The Electors of the Town of Marlborough are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the following purposes: I. To cast their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, Judge of Probate, and Registrar of Voters. II. To vote on the following question for the approval or disapproval of a proposed AMENDMENT to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of "YES" being a vote for approval, and a vote of "NO" being a vote for disapproval: 1. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting? The full text of such proposed questions with explanatory text, printed in accordance with §2-30a of the General Statutes, is available at the town clerk's office for public distribution. The vote on the proposed questions is taken pursuant to the Constitution of Connecticut. Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows: Elmer Thienes/Mary Hall Elementary School Community Room 25 School Drive Marlborough CT 06447 Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.). Absentee Ballots will be counted at the same location. Election Day Registration (EDR) will be held in the large conference room of the Marlborough Town Hall 26 North Main Street Marlborough CT 06447 Dated at Marlborough, Connecticut, this 24th day of October, 2022. Lauren A. Griffin, Marlborough Town Clerk 1TB 10/28

**TOWN OF COLCHESTER  
LEGAL NOTICE**

At its meeting of September 21, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Commission made the following decisions:  
**DIAMOND SPARKLE CAR WASH – APPROVED Site Plan Modification 2022-010 – 44 Old Amston Rd** – improved on-site vehicular circulation of existing car wash facility  
A copy of this notice has been filed in the Town Clerk's office.  
Planning and Zoning Commission  
Joseph Mathieu, Chair  
1TB 10/28

**Legal Notice**

The town of East Hampton Social Services Department will conduct a foreclosure auction of contents from one of its storage units located at 80 Industrial Park Access Road, Middlefield, CT on Wednesday November 2 at 9 a.m.  
Lauren Incognito, LMSW  
Director of Social Services  
Town of East Hampton  
2TB 10/21, 10/28

**LEGAL NOTICE  
MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marlborough Zoning Commission will hold the following Public Hearing Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall located at 26 North Main Street.  
Application #Z-10-22-C&B Marlborough Associates LLC (Applicant / Property Owner), 41-45 Hebron Rd -Amend the text for the DPIPZ-4 zone to allow for Public Utility installation.  
Application #Z-08-22- Austin HGB, LLC Bill Gjonbalaj (Applicant / Property Owner), Map 6 Block 28 Lots 4,5,6, 12 and #25 South Main Street Provide apartment housing by building (2) 48-unit buildings Application. Written testimony will be received at the public hearing and written testimony can be sent to the Building /Land Use Department at Town Hall ahead of the public hearing.  
Kevin Asklar, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR  
2TB 10/21, 10/28

**TOWN OF COLCHESTER  
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on November 2, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. to hear and consider the following petitions:  
**1. CMMD, LLC – Regulation Amendment (2022-011) to incorporate large scale technology uses into the Large Scale Agricultural Building Floating Zone in Section 8.9.A of the Town of Colchester Land Development Regulations.**  
**2. Town of Colchester – Regulation Amendment (2022-014) to adopt adult-use cannabis regulations in response to CT Public Act 21-1**  
At this hearing, interested persons may be heard and written communications received. A copy of this petition is in the Planning Department and Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, and may be inspected during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).  
Planning and Zoning Commission  
Joseph Mathieu, Chair  
2TB 10/21, 10/28

**TOWN OF COLCHESTER  
NOVEMBER 8, 2022  
STATE ELECTION**

The Electors of the Town of Colchester are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the following purposes:  
1. To cast their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, Judge of Probate, Registrar of Voters.  
2. To vote on the following question for the approval or disapproval of a proposed AMENDMENT to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of "YES" being a vote for approval, and a vote of "NO" being a vote for disapproval:  
a. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting?  
The full text of such proposed questions with explanatory text, printed in accordance with §2-30a of the General Statutes, is available at the town clerk's office for public distribution.  
The vote on the proposed questions is taken pursuant to the Constitution of Connecticut.  
Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

Voting District	Location of Polling Place
1	Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT
2	Abundant Life of The Assemblies of God, 85 Skinner Road, Colchester, CT
3	Bacon Academy, 611 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT

Absentee Ballots will be counted at the following central location:  
Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT  
Election Day Registration will take place at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT  
Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).  
Dated at Colchester, Connecticut, this 25th day of October, 2022.  
Gayle Furman, CCTC  
Colchester Town Clerk  
1TB 10/28

**TOWN OF COLCHESTER  
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING – November 2, 2022  
REFERENDUM – November 15, 2022**

The legal voters of the Town of Colchester and those qualified to vote at town meetings of said Town are hereby warned to meet for a Special Budget Meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., to be held at Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT for the following purposes:  
1. To consider and act upon the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget of the Board of Selectmen in the amount of \$15,622,901 as recommended by the Board of Finance.  
2. To adjourn said Special Budget Meeting, pursuant to Section 7-344 of the Connecticut State Statutes and the Colchester Town Charter Section C-1102C, for a Referendum vote on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to be held at the Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT.  
Dated at Colchester, CT this 25th day of October 2022. Gayle Furman, Town Clerk

Andreas Bisbikos, 1st Selectman  
Rosemary Coyle, Selectman  
Jason LaChapelle, Selectman  
Deborah Bates, Selectman  
Denise Turner, Selectman

	Budget Summary				
	FY 2020-2021 Actual	FY 2021-2022 Adopted	FY 2021-2022 Projected	FY 2022-2023 Proposed	
<b>Revenues</b>					
Property Taxes	41,165,635	42,426,042	42,438,065	42,987,398	
Intergovernmental - Town	445,507	445,567	440,295	428,704	
Intergovernmental - Education	12,708,583	12,490,218	12,562,037	12,540,218	
Charges for Services	504,256	512,000	607,250	572,000	
Revenues from Use of Money	31,381	34,920	28,625	31,980	
Licenses/Permits/Fees	1,084,607	862,810	964,256	957,383	
Other Revenues	445,022	379,460	442,237	436,060	
Use of Fund Balance	785,539	381,000	381,000	90,000	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>57,170,530</b>	<b>57,532,017</b>	<b>57,863,765</b>	<b>58,043,743</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>					
General Government	3,694,128	4,033,351	3,801,071	3,966,055	
Public Safety	3,021,658	3,201,050	3,314,469	3,234,496	
Public Works	3,470,668	3,814,521	3,909,716	3,847,767	
Community & Human Services	1,578,302	1,698,057	1,731,584	1,781,198	
Debt Service	2,075,164	2,075,164	2,075,164	2,075,164	
Transfers to Other Funds	1,240,747	882,819	882,819	718,221	
<b>Total Town Expenditures</b>	<b>15,080,667</b>	<b>15,704,962</b>	<b>15,714,823</b>	<b>15,622,901</b>	
<b>Education Expenditures*</b>	<b>40,960,986</b>	<b>41,827,055</b>	<b>41,827,055</b>	<b>42,025,701</b>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>56,041,653</b>	<b>57,532,017</b>	<b>57,541,878</b>	<b>57,648,602</b>	
	<b>Mill Rate Calculation</b>				
	<b>Education*</b>	<b>Tow</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>Transfers/Capital</b>	<b>Total</b>
Appropriations	42,025,701	12,829,516	2,075,164	718,221	57,648,602
Estimated Revenue	12,934,278	3,237,602	0	90,000	16,261,880
<b>Amount to be Raised by Taxation</b>	<b>29,091,423</b>	<b>9,591,914</b>	<b>2,075,164</b>	<b>628,221</b>	<b>41,386,722</b>
Mills	18.65	6.15	1.33	0.40	26.53
		<b>Dollars</b>	<b>Mills</b>		
Amount to be Raised by Taxation		41,386,722	26.53		
Reserve for Uncollected Revenue (estimated 98.9% collection rate)		455,254	0.29		
<b>Total Tax Warrant</b>		<b>41,841,976</b>	<b>26.82</b>		
<b>Grand List</b>	<b>1,543,354,000</b>	<b>2022-23 Proposed</b>	<b>26.82</b>		
<b>Estimated Prorates</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>2021-22 Mill Rate</b>	<b>33.05</b>		
<b>M. V. Supplement</b>	<b>19,500,000</b>	<b>Decrease in Mill Rate</b>	<b>-6.23</b>		
<b>Less Estimated BAA &amp; adjustments</b>	<b>(4,500,000)</b>				
<b>List Net</b>	<b>1,559,854,000</b>				

\*The Education budget was adopted at a referendum held on May 24, 2022. The current Town meeting and referendum are for the Town budget only (including debt service and transfers/capital)  
1TB 10/28

**LEGAL NOTICE  
November 8, 2022 State Election**

The Electors of the Town of East Hampton are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling place in said town on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the following purposes:  
I. To cast their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, Judge of Probate, and Registrar of Voters.  
II. To vote on the following question for the approval or disapproval of a proposed AMENDMENT to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of "YES" being a vote for approval, and a vote of "NO" being a vote for disapproval:  
a. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting?  
¿Debe enmendarse la Constitución del Estado para que la Asamblea General pueda facilitar el voto anticipado?  
The full text of such proposed questions with explanatory text, printed in accordance with §2-30a of the General Statutes, is available at the town clerk's office for public distribution.  
The vote on the proposed questions is taken pursuant to the Constitution of Connecticut.  
Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling place and Election Day Registration (EDR) is as follows:  
East Hampton High School  
15 North Maple Street  
East Hampton, CT 06424  
Absentee ballots will be counted at the polls.  
Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).  
Dated at East Hampton, Connecticut, this 25th day of October 2022.  
Kelly Bilodeau, Town Clerk  
Town of East Hampton  
1TB 10/28

**LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF HEBRON  
STATE ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

The Electors of the Town of Hebron are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the following purposes:  
I. To cast their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, and Judge of Probate.  
II. To vote on the following question for the approval or disapproval of a proposed AMENDMENT to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of "YES" being a vote for approval, and a vote of "NO" being a vote for disapproval:  
1. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting?  
The full text of such proposed questions with explanatory text, printed in accordance with §2-30a of the General Statutes, is available at the town clerk's office for public distribution.  
The vote on the proposed question is taken pursuant to the Constitution of Connecticut.  
Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

Voting District	Location of Polling Place
1	Hebron Elementary School 92 Church Street, Hebron, CT

Election Day Voter Registration will take place at the Hebron Elementary School, 92 Church Street, Hebron, CT  
Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).  
Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, this 24th day of October, 2022.  
Carla A Pomprovicz, Town Clerk  
Town of Hebron, CT  
1TB 10/28

**LEGAL NOTICE  
November 8, 2022 State Election**

The Electors of the Town of Andover are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the following purposes:  
I. To cast their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General and Judge of Probate.  
II. To vote on the following question for the approval or disapproval of a proposed AMENDMENT to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of "YES" being a vote for approval, and a vote of "NO" being a vote for disapproval:  
1. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting?  
Debe enmendarse la Constitución del Estado para que la Asamblea General pueda facilitar el voto anticipado?  
The full text of such proposed question with explanatory text, printed in accordance with Section 2-30a of the General Statutes, is available at the Town Clerk's Office for public distribution.  
The vote on the proposed question is taken pursuant to the Constitution of Connecticut.  
III. To vote on the following questions for the approval or disapproval of the proposed revisions to the Town of Andover Charter. A vote of "YES" being a vote for approval, and a vote of "NO" being a vote for disapproval:  
1. Shall the Town Charter be revised to provide that if the budget is defeated at a first referendum, or for a second time at Town Meeting, it shall be bifurcated into two separate simultaneous votes on the Town Budget and on the local Board of Education budget, and the approval process shall begin again with the Board of Finance and continue until each bifurcated budget is finally approved, while either bifurcated budget may be separately implemented once it is enacted?  
2. Shall the Town Charter be revised to add a provision requiring that if any budget fails to gain final approval of the voters before the start of the applicable new Fiscal Year, the Town shall timely implement a temporary substitute for any such budget in the manner required by State law, and if the Board of Selectmen is thereby required to set any mill rate, it may do so only after considering the timely advice of the Board of Finance?  
3. Shall the Town Charter be revised to delete the absolute requirement that a person must possess a "baccalaureate degree" to be chosen for the position of Town Administrator, and replace it with the requirement of a "bachelor's degree or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience"?  
4. Shall the Town Charter be amended to increase Board of Selectmen authority and discretion to appoint, contract with or dismiss persons or entities applying to perform or performing administrative functions of the Town, with the exception of "police service, such as the Resident State Trooper Program," which will be authorized in its own special section of the Charter, and subject to the limitations of Federal, State and local law including Town Personnel Policies and collective bargaining and special contractual agreements?  
The vote on the proposed Charter Revision Questions is taken pursuant to Section 7-191 of the Connecticut General Statutes.  
Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling place is as follows:

Voting District	Location of Polling Place
1	Community Room of the Town Office Building 17 School Road Andover, CT

Absentee Ballots will be counted at the polls  
Election Day Registration will be available in the Registrar of Voters Office – Town Office Building - 17 School Road – Andover, Connecticut  
Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).  
Dated at Andover, Connecticut, this 30th day of September, 2022  
Carol H. Lee  
Town Clerk  
Town of Andover  
1TB 10/28

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WANTED TO BUY**

**BUYING ANTIQUES & OLD STUFF.** Costume jewelry, pottery, bottles, crocks, jugs, toys/games, glassware, silver plated items, signs, typewriters, sewing machines, bar items, tools, radios, clocks, lanterns, oil lamps, knives, hunting, fishing, military, Masonic, fire dept. and more. Donald Roy 860-874-8396.

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**Please call Kristina Pink: 860-801-1114**

**Molding Machine Operator**

**Full time, third shift, Monday - Thursday 10pm to 8 am. Must be 18.**

**Apply at MPS Plastics, 351 North Main Street, Marlborough, CT.**

# EMPLOYMENT

**HELP WANTED: CASO'S HVAC, LLC**, East Hampton, CT is now hiring Commercial & Residential HVAC Mechanics/Technicians. B2 or S2 License Required. Must have at least 5 years experience. We offer competitive hourly wages. Please email resume to caso-hvac@comcast.net or call 860-267-5851.

**COLCHESTER WINE AND SPIRITS** is looking for part time liquor store clerk. Stop in person to apply at store, 99 Lincoln Avenue, Colchester, CT.

**PART TIME / FULL TIME CASHIER WANTED** - Please apply in person, 1633 Portland Cobalt Road. \$15 to start. Portland Cigo and Self-storage. Weekends a must. 860-342-1020

**WESTSIDE MANOR**, a residential care home, is searching for a positive, outgoing and compassionate person to fill our **ATTENDANT POSITION** 3PM-11PM part time. 11PM-7AM part time. Attendee Responsibilities: General Housekeeping, Meal Prep, Assist in Medication Administration Benefits of Attendant: Medical (full time) Dental (full time) Interviews are conducted on the spot at our location in East Hampton. Job Types: Part-time Salary: \$18.00/hr

**CARPENTER WANTED**. Part time / Full time, driver's license required. Preferably experienced, willing to train, local work east of the river. Call Bob 860-402-6297

**HELP WANTED:** Personal Care Attendant to care for totally paralyzed adult male in Portland home. Training provided. Hours-Saturday: noon-5pm, Monday: noon-4:30 pm, Tuesday: noon-4 pm. Potential for more hours. \$17.25/hr. To interview for job text 860-558-9697.

**FULLTIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** for a premiere landscape contracting firm in Glastonbury that is customer centric. The position is responsible for data entry, answering phones, greeting visitors, maintaining office supplies and other administrative duties. E.A. Quinn Landscape Contracting, Inc. is "An Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Employer". Compensation will be commensurate based upon prior experience and current skill level. The Company offers various benefits, inclusive of Medical & Dental Insurance and a 401K Plan. Send a resume and cover letter to info@eaquinn.com or mail to E.A. Quinn Landscape Contracting Inc. 240 Commerce St. Glastonbury, CT 06033

**DRIVERS WANTED.** Attention To Detail is looking for drivers to pick up and deliver cars to and from car dealers. Part-time position. If you are interested in this position please come to our facility in Middletown CT to fill out application.

**ROCKY HILL INSURANCE AGENCY** seeks office worker PT/FT. Email gmurphy@lombardo-ins.com

**GILMORE MANOR** a bed 22 residential facility is looking for **PART TIME STAFF PERSON:** to perform Light house keeping and or patient Recreation duties. Residents are self care no lifting. Pleasant environment. Call Ted or Darlene 860-633-4411

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**BUSY INTERNAL MEDICINE OFFICE SEEKING MEDICAL ASSISTANT:** for 32 hour/4 eight hour days. Must be able to travel between 2 offices Glastonbury and West Hartford. Salary: \$17.00-\$19.00/hour. Email resume to gildas2121@gmail.com or call 860-659-0581 for more information.

**PAINTER WANTED** - Must have experience and transportation. Please call Mike 860-608-8376

**PART TIME RECEPTIONIST** in Marlborough chiropractic office. Patient scheduling, check in/out, EHR, insurance claims/billing. Email/fax resume to reifedc@gmail.com or 860 295 1201.

**PART-TIME NURSE:** 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 3 days/wk Please call Christal at Greystone 860-342-2509

**Certified Nurses Aide (CNA) Assisted Living**

Not your average CNA position available at Colebrook Village. We are looking for a family oriented, fun, and dedicated FT 2nd shift and PT 1st shift weekends only CNA to join our team. Colebrook Village is a community of independent, assisted living, and memory care residents. It is a privilege to serve our residents and to work alongside our amazing staff. If you are looking for a change and want to be appreciated for the important work you do, reach out for details about this unique health care opportunity! 401k, Dental, Life Medical, Vision

*Please call Kristina Pink: 860-801-1114*

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Please call 860-569-0722 or visit [www.poainc.org](http://www.poainc.org)

**Assistant Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics**

Town of Portland, CT (EOE)  
Salary Range: \$52,949 to \$65,120  
Deadline: 11/7/2022  
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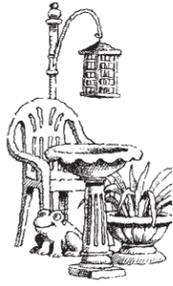
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