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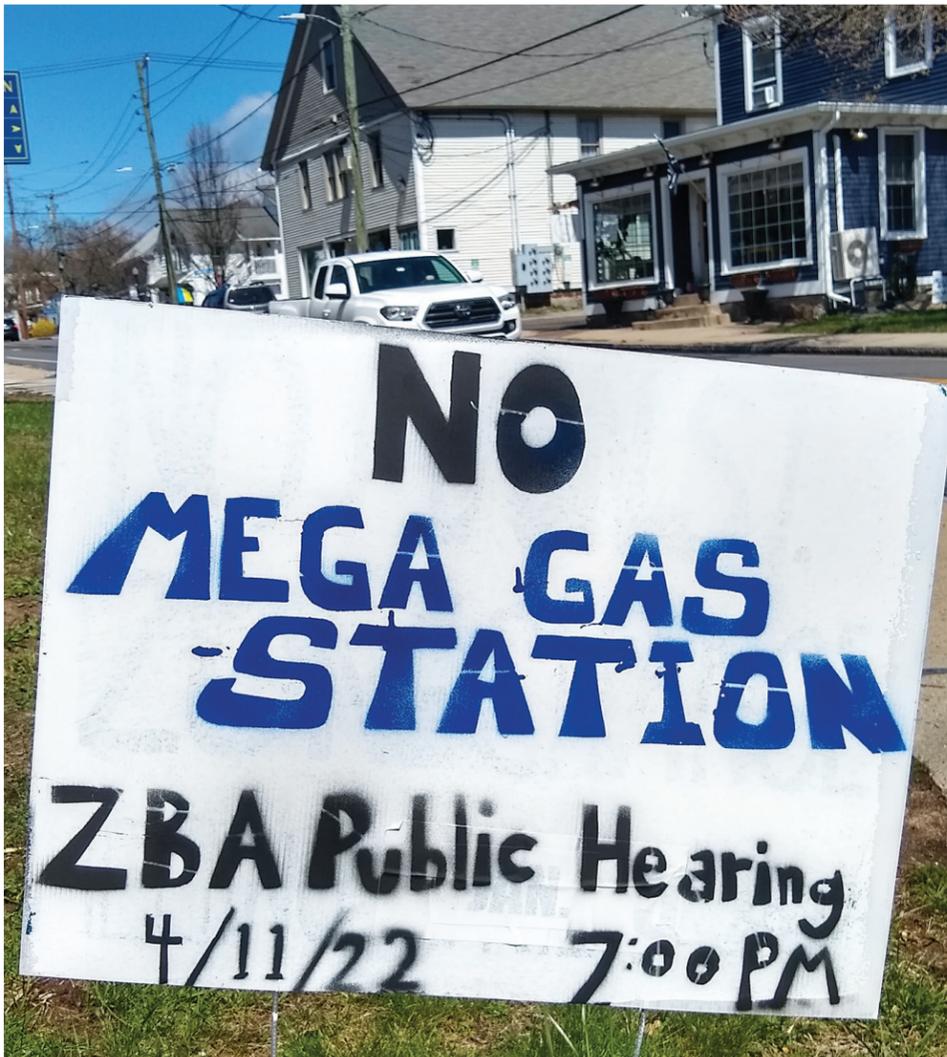
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Opposition to an expansion of a Citgo location at the corner of routes 66 (Main Street) and 16 in East Hampton continued in a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting Monday. Signs like this one have popped up on many lawns. See story below.

## Twenty-Five Years of Enriching, Entertaining

By Jack Lakowsky

When Elizabeth Namen, artistic director of East Hampton arts-for-youth center Epoch Arts, first planned her move to the area, she told her colleagues at her old job in a youth theatre.

She was told, “you’re going across the river? What’s even there?”

Regardless if this person’s assessment was true, Namen crossed the Connecticut River. She could’ve searched eastern Connecticut for a creative outlet, but instead, she built her own – though she wasn’t planning a longtime non-profit enterprise.

“I’m so excited and in awe we’re still doing this,” Namen told the *Rivereast* on Tuesday. “Like wow, here we are.”

Namen said she started as a “barefoot girl with no money, no college,” driving an old Volvo that doubled as costume storage.

Under Namen’s leadership and the help of many artists, volunteers, teachers and organizers, Epoch Arts has grown from a small troupe performing one show per year to a collective, to East Hampton’s center of culture and fun. It’s one of just a few venues in the region showcasing original work, largely scripts written by Namen.

This growth was organic. Epoch expanded its services to local youth as it identified their needs. Among many other things, Epoch started its afterschool programming.

“It wasn’t like, ‘Let’s build a theatre company,’” said Namen.

Rachel Martin-Radditz, Epoch’s assistant artistic director, said Epoch is about, and always has been, “fulfilling needs for the kids” and meeting kids where they’re at.

“I had no idea what I was doing,” said Namen

of Epoch’s austere beginnings, saying she was a writer, not a showrunner. “My intent was to take youth who might be getting in trouble and give them a place to go, something to do.”

Namen had the idea to put on a show. She said after that first performance in the late 90s, she knew the company wasn’t just a one-off deal, but a burgeoning organization.

Namen herself had a troubled youth. She “got her act together”, finishing her education and walking the straight-and-narrow. Because of this, she strives to make Epoch a substance-free safe space.

People tell her Epoch could enjoy a healthier revenue stream if it held socials or events with adult beverages. No way, Namen says.

Nowadays this also means keeping students off their phones. Alluding to the many reports of the decline in youth mental health, Namen and Martin-Radditz said kids today, compared to those 25 years ago, experience profound anxiety.

Namen and Martin-Radditz attribute this to the prevalence of smartphones and social media. Recently, they showed a documentary to students about the potentially negative health effects of overexposure to social media.

Namen said, now more than ever, spaces allowing kids a safe space to be creative, to interact with peers and have authentic, in-person experiences are essential.

Epoch was offering youth a safe space years before the advent of social media. It offers an “Arts Response” where kids address any issue affecting their lives, ranging from cancer, homelessness and bullying.

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## Belltown Residents Again Fight Gas Station

By Jack Lakowsky

The East Hampton Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) continued to its May 9 meeting talks on a zoning variance request from owners of the Citgo gas station at the corner of Main Street and Route 16.

The store’s owner, Atlantis Marketing, is looking to expand the station. According to Atlantis’ presentation the new store would be about 2,200 sq. ft. larger, also adding gas pumps and a drive-thru window.

Residents near the gas station, and many beyond its immediate radius, have united in their opposition against any expansion of the business. In the meeting, town zoning official Jeremy DeCarli said there were 74 opposition letters submitted. There was one supportive letter.

Previously, Atlantis tried twice to change the store’s zone from residential to commercial. The town’s Planning and Zoning Commission

did not pass the request both times.

Now, through what many residents called a “backdoor approach”, Atlantis seeks not a zone change, but a variance in their current residential zone, allowing it to expand.

Besides the store, there are three houses on Atlantis’ property, including a historic building, the Strong House, which was a point of contention in previous discussions. If the plan is approved, the company would raze one of the vacant residential structures and do nothing with the Strong House or its neighboring structure.

Atlantis attorney Scott Jezek said the company faces hardships in its current operation. He said one is the historic building itself, which the company can’t do anything about.

The other, and most difficult, was a change in state law, which in 1990 changed the store’s zoning from commercial to residential. Jezek

said the site has been a commercial operation since the mid-20th century.

Several ZBA members, residents, and an attorney representing a cluster of opposers said variances can only be granted when a property owner proves that regulations prevent them using their space, per state law. Many also said a business wanting to make more money is not a reason to grant a variance.

Ken Slater, an attorney representing almost 20 property owners from South Main, Main and Edgerton streets, said the ZBA is a “safety valve” for when strictly applying regulations prevents people from using their land.

Slater said existing regulations don’t prevent the store’s operating as-is.

“If regulation changed and they couldn’t use it, that would be hardship,” Slater told ZBA,

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## From the Editor's Desk

# Observations & Ruminations

By Mike Thompson

So last week the Biden Administration announced repayments on federal student loans will be delayed for a while longer, this time until September – meaning folks haven't had to make any repayments on their student loans since March 2020.

Which begs the question: If repayments have been on pause for two years, and the country somehow hasn't imploded, maybe the loans can just be canceled altogether?

I have yet to hear a single convincing reason why the loans can't be forgiven – and sorry, but "I paid mine, so you should have to pay yours too" doesn't count. That just seems like such an incredibly selfish mindset to me. The fact of the matter is so many, many people out there are drowning in student loan debt; why not throw them a life preserver?

It would free people of a huge financial burden. Studies in recent years have shown student loan debt prevents people from saving for their retirement, hampers the growth of small businesses, and can even delay people getting married.

Furthermore, I and many others feel forgiving student loan debt could act as a huge stimulant to the economy. Think of the purchasing power that would be provided to millions

of people if they were out from under their massive student loan debt. Everything from vacations to new cars to even new homes could be within their reach. In 2019, according to the *Washington Post*, the Federal Reserve found that student loan debt prevented about 400,000 young families from purchasing homes, accounting for about a quarter of the drop in home-ownership rates in this demographic from 2005 to 2014. (So, in other words, it wasn't avocado toast after all.)

Also, to be totally honest, it's something the Democrats very much need to do if they want any hope of winning in November. For good or bad, midterms are often looked at as a reflection of how the current presidential administration is doing. There are a lot of accomplishments the Biden administration can point to, including: the infrastructure package, the COVID relief package, the high number of federal judges appointed (the most in one year since Reagan), his focus on combatting climate change, his halting of federal executions, and, most recently, getting Ketanji Brown Jackson confirmed to the Supreme Court. He's also seen the unemployment rate drop, big time, to 3.6 percent – right about

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## Bulletin Board

If you're an "Antiques Roadshow" fan, you may remember the Air Force veteran who discovered that the Rolex watch he bought for \$345 while in the service back in the '70s was now worth as much as \$700,000. The guy collapsed in shock and then commented on his good fortune with a phrase I am not allowed to use in this column but will be familiar to any of you who has ever had to explain to your spouse why you felt compelled to spend the rent money on a bird dog.

I was reminded of that "Roadshow" episode when I recently found my own old "Rolex" in a box of broken memories.

I say "Rolex" instead of Rolex because my watch is a fake. My brother-in-law bought it for me for about \$17 on a street corner in New York back in the early 1980s. It doesn't run anymore and the wristband—a sort of heavy metal braided chain link affair that would have pleased Cleopatra's sense of bling—has a broken clasp, but I saved it anyway. Who knows why. It's the kind of thing that if I brought it to the "Antiques Roadshow," they'd probably have me forcibly removed from the premises. I suppose someday my kids will toss it in the trash while muttering venomous slurs about ingrates who die and leave boxes full of junk for people with better things to do to take to the dump.

I remember well when the watch was new. I felt like *The Godfather* wearing that thing around, though I doubt if it fooled anybody. All you had to do was look at my haircut to know the watch couldn't possibly be a real Rolex. In fact, a friend of mine who is considerably more high maintenance took one look at it and started laughing. He informed me that fake Rolex watches such as mine go tick-tick-tick like the ordinary watches worn by billions of other impoverished (by his standards) working stiffs. The hands on a real Rolex just sweep smoothly around so that rich people are not distracted by a lot of annoying tick-ticking. I guess when you're rich you get to worry about stuff like that.

It didn't really matter to me. The thing kept pretty good time for a couple of years until it finally crapped out and if I was really trying to impress anybody I wouldn't have been driving around in a 1963 VW Beetle and wearing jeans with holes in the knees. I also didn't have a lawn to worry about in those days. It retrospect, it was actually pretty liberating, though my neighbors will probably tell you I don't seem to care much about the condition of my lawn these days either.

Through the years, I've owned a number of other watches. The best watch I think I ever had cost me \$8.50 at a Florida flea market. It had a brown leather (at least it looked like leather) wrist band and kept really decent time for quite a while before it finally quit. When I went to see if I could get a new battery for it, I found out the watch was made to just throw away—you couldn't change the battery—so we sadly parted company (actually, it's probably still around here someplace).

Another favorite was a Timex watch my mother-in-law gave me for Christmas one year. The thing I liked about the Timex was that if you pushed the windup stem, the face would light up. This was great if you woke up in the middle of the night with chest pains or something and wanted to determine your exact time of death.

Of course, it was nowhere near as nice a watch as the one my brother-in-law sported around. He told me it was a waterproof SCUBA diving model guaranteed to work at depths of up to 400 feet underwater. Since he didn't SCUBA dive, I'm not sure what the benefit of this guarantee was unless he happened to fall off the boat during a whale-watching excursion and wanted to know what time it was as he approached 400 feet on his way to eternity. I think it also had a timer on it in case you wanted to soft boil an egg or something.

Incidentally, one kind of cool thing about an analog watch (one with hands) is that it can also serve as a compass. I learned this in survival school. If you point the hour hand at the sun, the halfway point between the hour hand and 12 o'clock points south. (I also learned how to tell time with a homemade sundial, but you can't wear it on your wrist and of course it won't work underwater.)

But times change. Like many of you, I no longer wear a wristwatch. The progress of technology has made it more convenient to rely on my cellphone. The phone will also light up in the dark and it will supposedly tell you what direction you're going (though I have yet to master that app) and, of course, if you get lost you can always call your mother.

Otherwise, in those rare instances when I find myself lying on the couch with my phone just out of reach and I need to know what time it is, I resort to my emergency back-up system.

"Honey!" I yell at the top of my lungs. "What time is it?!"

Sometimes if she's in some far part of the house this takes a while, but I usually get a response sooner or later. The response is often accompanied by an unsolicited commentary on my slothful habits, but what the hell. At least I know the time.

**Jim Hallas**

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**All-State Soccer... Cullen Dalton of Marlborough was recently named to the 2021 All-State Team for Connecticut Soccer. Dalton played his high school soccer career as the varsity goalie for University High School of Science and Engineering in Hartford. Dalton is seen here with his coach, Nicole Silenock, at the annual awards banquet.**

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### Thanks, Hemlock Grange

To the Editor:

We want to thank the Portland Hemlock Grange for hosting a wonderful evening of music, fun and refreshment last Friday. We have been to their music evenings in the past and encourage others to attend so they can continue to support local groups with your free will donations. The members couldn't be nicer and so appreciative of all who attend. You won't be disappointed!

**Sue and Bob Griswold – Portland**

### Still More on Hjulstrom

To Marlborough Voters:

Ken, continued:

4-13-2018: *Riverast* article "Finance Board Squabbles Over Social Media Use." Mr. Hjulstrom made enough inappropriate Facebook posts to warrant Mr. Doug Knowlton, BOF chairman, to make this an item of discussion at the April 10, 2018 BOF meeting. Mr. Knowlton stated that he "[F]urther advised Hjulstrom to refrain from posting on Facebook about finance board matters in the future and to strictly utilize meetings to voice his opinions". (It was enough to have the *Riverast* reporter write an article on it. You can access the complete article from the *Riverast* archives: [glcitizen.com/archives/riverast-news-bulletin](http://glcitizen.com/archives/riverast-news-bulletin).)

12-10-2018: There were a number of posts regarding the high prices of gasoline that our then two gas stations were charging. Ken: "This is why I will make the trip to East Hampton to fill up if I am not going elsewhere like the Berlin Turnpike where the prices are lower." (Ken followed up with a similar post. Is it appropriate for an elected official who should have a concern about bringing new businesses into town to post on social media that they do not support local businesses?)

10-16-2018: Ken posted comments regarding MA

Senator Elizabeth Warren's Native American Indian ancestry. Many individuals found these posts to be sexist and the administrator removed it. Some may remember them. There's no need to say any more.

6-5-2020: Jacqueline Leigh posted a comment regarding protesters planning to close I-95 in New Haven. Ken: "Those who have snow plows for their trucks...get them mounted!" (Many found this to be racist and posted that he should resign from the Board of Finance. On June 12, 2020, the *Riverast* wrote the article "Hjulstrom Sharply Criticized, But Remains On Board." You can read the full article at [glcitizen.com/archives/riverast-news-bulletin](http://glcitizen.com/archives/riverast-news-bulletin).)

To be continued.....

**Cliff Dennis – Marlborough**

### Geoff Gaspar

To the Editor:

I feel badly for Geoff Gaspar and his misguided belief that our Commander in Chief Joe Biden is anything but a declining, frail, 79-year-old puppet installed by the socialist progressive wing of the Democratic Party to carry out their agenda. If you saw him at the recent Obama visit, Joe was wandering around aimlessly, looking for someone to pay attention to him, when he was rescued by an alert staffer who took his hand and gave him the "everything will be alright" look. Where was Dr. Jill?? This is the guy Mr. Gaspar that allegedly received 44 million votes while being hidden in his basement during the 2020 election process.

Another misguided progressive is Scott Sauyet and his bloated ego and his weekly misinformation. He needs to awaken from his delusional dream when he states that "the economy is doing really well under Biden." Goes to show you that if you repeat a false narrative enough times you'll believe it. In the recent Quinnipiac poll, only 3% believed that our current energy crisis is due to Putin and the Ukraine invasion.

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Biden took power eight months after COVID-19 – so the Dems own the virus; Biden told us he would eliminate it. Uncontrolled southern border crossings, record inflation, soaring energy and food prices, dramatic crime spikes, especially in Democratic-controlled cities, and not a peep out of Sauyet. Nice job!

Finally, we have Edmund Smith who continues to write about Jussie Smollett – convicted of five felonies – and O.J. Simpson, the disgraced football star who managed to escape justice on a technicality. It seems to me that Smitty may not be comfortable in his own skin; maybe he should take a cue from Michael Jackson, who took injections to lighten his skin tone and do the reverse – take the injections to add darker skin tone. Just saying!!!  
More to come.

**Don Denley – Andover**

**Leftists and Guns**

To the Editor:

“A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” This is the exact language of the Second Amendment which is one of the 10 comprising the Bill of Rights in the Constitution. These amendments were written specifically to protect and secure individual rights from government usurpation.

“A well-regulated Militia,” in the parlance of the day, had nothing to do with granting any government the power to regulate guns. Soldiers in the military were known as “regulars” so this language referred to the militia, which consisted of all military-aged civilian males (excepting government officials), being equipped and capable of serving as “regulars” if called upon. This secured right was to enable people to protect themselves and their families from all enemies, domestic and foreign, and nothing at all to do with recreational hunting.

Leftists blame guns for shootings, such as recently happened in Sacramento. But it was two criminal brothers, with rap sheets as long as their arms, who killed innocent and unsuspecting partiers for no apparent reason. Why focus on the illegal guns they used, rather than question why district attorneys and judges had allowed these creeps to avoid jail and be back on the streets?

And what of Darrell Brooks, who intentionally drove a SUV through a holiday parade in Waukesha, Wis., killing five people and injuring more than 40 others? Should we ban SUVs? At the time he committed this massacre; he had five open felony charges and had just been released from jail on bail two days earlier.

Leftists don't even possess the critical-thinking capability of a slug lying under a rock. Their thoughts are strictly knee-jerk judgments based solely upon subjective emotion.

**Sam Prentice – Andover**

**Supports Bourbeau**

To the Editor:

I'm writing to endorse Deborah Bourbeau for Marlborough selectperson in the upcoming special election.

I believe it's important that our elected officials be well-informed, knowledgeable about issues affecting our town, and willing to devote time and do the hard work necessary in order to identify and make the right decisions for Marlborough.

Debbie is that person. She is not only hard-working, but intelligent and impartial. Her focus as selectperson will be on making informed decisions that will benefit our town. As a resident of Marlborough since 1973, we know she fully understands the needs of our town and the issues we face

Please join us in voting for Deborah Bourbeau for selectperson in the upcoming special election.

**Will and Marlene Ayers – Marlborough**

**Marlborough's Election**

To the Editor:

Marlborough voters will be electing two new members to the Board of Selectmen on May 3. Having attended the BOS meetings for the last three months, I've been writing letters to the *Rivereast* as part of my campaign for Board of Selectmen. My letters have described my beliefs, my values, and my commitments to action when elected.

Here is what I bring to the table. I listen and learn, before offering an opinion or making a decision. I am committed to treating fellow Board members as well as the public with respect. I will assure that fellow Board members have all relevant information for decision making, and that information is shared with the public. My background as well as my 16 years on the BOE and my participation in other boards and commissions has prepared me for this position.

This is an extremely critical election for Marlborough. Two new seats on the Board of Selectmen, and a first-ever town manager, bring a new system of administration to our town. I am endorsed, along with Debbie Bourbeau, by the Democratic Town Committee. I am a moderate Democrat; Debbie is registered Unaffiliated. Together we represent a balanced ticket. We put our town before party. We will collaborate to meet the needs of our town. We each believe in treating everyone fairly and respectfully. We are each

committed to open communication with fellow board members and with the public. We are individuals with our own skills and abilities who will work well together and with the other board members.

Please go to my Facebook page, Betty O'Brien for Selectman, and read the letters that I have published in *Rivereast*. Debbie's is Debbie Bourbeau for Selectman.

There are two open seats. Vote for each of us!

**Betty O'Brien - Marlborough Candidate for Board of Selectmen**

**Working Together**

To the Editor:

For the past 10 years, I have been a member of the Marlborough Board of Finance. Over those years we have often seen division between members of the board with opposing views beyond those simply drawn along party lines. We have seen cases where individuals had personal agendas that drove their actions.

I am pleased to say that over the course of the last couple of years I have seen that division melt away and the current Board of Finance is comprised of individuals who work well together, regardless of party affiliation. This is how it should be and this is the philosophy I intend to carry forward as a member of the Board of Selectmen. To be productive we all need to know how to “play nice in the sandbox.”

This current budget season has seen Board of Finance members working together cooperatively to bring forward a budget that meets the needs of our taxpayers, while actually resulting in a slight decrease in your taxes. I am proud to have been a member of this board and am proud of the budget we will be presenting to the taxpayers of Marlborough.

As a member of the Board of Selectmen, I pledge to bring into play that same level of cooperation and productivity. One of the main things our Board of Selectmen will be tasked with is the selection of a new town manager, whose selection will be critical to shaping Marlborough's future.

For further information on my campaign for the Marlborough Board of Selectmen, please visit [www.MarlGOP.com](http://www.MarlGOP.com), or visit my Facebook page at “Ken Hjulstrom for Marlborough Selectman.”

See you at the polls on May 3.

**Ken Hjulstrom – Marlborough Candidate for Board of Selectmen**

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

**Balance for Marlborough**

To the Editor:

In November 2021, Marlborough voted to change from a three-person to a five-person Board of Selectmen. This new board will choose and appoint the town manager (chief executive officer) for an indefinite term. May 3 is the day to choose the candidates to fill the two new selectmen roles. We have the unique opportunity to create the best-balanced Board of Selectmen possible! All we have to do is get out and vote.

Vote on May 3 for Betty O'Brien and Debbie

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to the 3.5 percent level it was at in February 2020, just before the pandemic hit – while jobless claims have dropped to their lowest level since 1969.

Still, Biden's seen some lowlights, for sure – chief among them the skyrocketing inflation rate, the highest since Reagan's first year in office, 1981 – and his approval rating has plummeted. Forgiving student loan debt – which was, by the way, a promise he made on the campaign trail – would really help, I feel. To be honest, it might be one of the best chances he's got to turn those ratings around. Which in turn would help Democrats at the polls in November.

And while so much of what Biden has

Bourbeau. Betty is a moderate Democrat. Debbie is unaffiliated. By adding them as our new selectmen, our five-person board will consist of two Democrats, two Republicans and one unaffiliated; the best-balanced possibility! But there are more reasons to vote for Betty and Debbie.

As longtime dedicated residents, both are the ideal qualified candidates for Selectmen. Betty served on the Board of Education and Trails Commission. She was a school psychologist and a communications manager. Debbie is on the Board of Finance, was president and VP of the Richmond Memorial Library Board, and is well-known as a teacher at MES.

Betty's weekly letters demonstrate her conviction to collaboration within Marlborough's administration and communication with the town. Debbie's letters illustrate her pride in being fair, allowing everyone's voice to be heard – remaining independent and unaffiliated. Both express the importance of proactively keeping residents informed.

I've personally witnessed both Betty and Debbie on different occasions publicly address issues and question authority while maintaining complete professionalism – a desirable trait of anyone seeking public office. I've given you a number of compelling reasons why Betty O'Brien and Debbie Bourbeau are the ideal candidates and how they create the best-balanced Board of Selectmen. Please vote for them on May 3.

**Karen Pakulis Paul – Marlborough**

**Support Ken**

To the Editor:

I am writing to encourage my fellow Marlboroughites to vote for Ken Hjulstrom for selectman on May 3rd. Ken is the sole Republican-endorsed candidate and he will be a watchdog for our community.

I am a concerned voter with roots in this community who wants to increase transparency at Town Hall going forward. I know Ken has the ability to do this. Ken understands the challenges Marlborough faces- infrastructure projects, commercial development, proposed zoning changes and a host of other concerns. Marlborough needs an honest candidate who comprehends the various issues and who will be transparent.

Ken Hjulstrom has always been involved in and has cared deeply about this community. He has served as a member of the Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals & the Board of Finance. Ken is also actively involved as a member of the Marlborough Lions, Community Emergency Response Team, and president of the executive board of the Florence Lord Senior Housing facility.

What makes Marlborough special is the individuals who reside here. Ken and his family moved to Marlborough in 1986, and while here, he has been all about service. He is devoted to this town and serving its people. As a member of the Board of Finance, Ken has stressed the importance of public involvement. I know Ken won't disappear into Town-hall never to be seen again. As a former Board of Education member, he oversaw huge changes to MES while keeping the project within budget. Ken knows how to work con-  
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A Practice For Optimal Dental Fitness  
by George M. Mantikas, DMD

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Thanks to modern anesthesia, the process of extracting a bad tooth is completely painless—it is now recovery that can sometimes cause discomfort. However, thanks to platelet rich plasma (or “PRP” therapy), healing times for tooth extractions are much shorter than they used to be. During the unassisted healing process, the body sends blood platelets to the wounded area to initiate healing. PRP therapy takes the patient's blood and puts it through a centrifuge machine, creating a concentration of platelets that are then applied to the extraction site. This has been proven to speed up healing by a factor of six, allowing for an easier recovery and a more limited use of pain medications.

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**Liz Cavanna Giannelli – Marlborough**  
*Note: Giannelli is a member of the Marlborough Board of Education, but said she is speaking as an individual.*

**Community-Involved Candidates**

To the Editor:  
Each of the four Board of Selectmen candidates, whether Republican or Democrat, have served the town in several volunteer positions throughout the years. I would like to say thank you for your desire and dedication to serve the Marlborough community.  
I personally know Louise and Ken from the Florence Lord Senior Housing Board. They are both very good people and mean well for our town. Unfortunately, they are running against each other for one Republican spot. Either one Republican with one Democrat or two Democrats will be joining the board. When deciding on who to support, I took emotion out of it. I want the two best people that will work well with the existing selectmen – Greg, Joe and Amy. They may not always see eye to eye, but they are getting things done and have done a fantastic job with the town. We have enjoyed lower taxes

in last few years, and a cohesive partnering with our Boards of Finance and Education.  
I would ask that you please consider voting for Republican Louise Concodello and Democrat Betty O'Brien for selectmen, to make sure that this continues. Both Louise and Betty in my humble opinion would be a seamless addition to the Board of Selectmen. I like many of you don't want to sit back and watch bickering or goading in our town politics. We see enough of that in world politics. You don't have to like one another to work together, but you must be able to have a healthy discussion and debate.  
I hope you will join me in my vote for both Louise and Betty.

**Judy Kelly – Marlborough**

**Safer Sidewalks Needed**

To the Editor:  
A safer sidewalk design is needed as Marlborough extends sidewalks from North Main Street/Pettengill Road down to Lake Road. Instead of two new dangerous crosswalks and moving the sidewalks to the west side of North Main, the sidewalks should remain on the east side of the road. Crossing North Main Street is a challenge, with many speeding cars flying by.  
Adding a crosswalk at North Main/Chapman/Lake Road is dangerous, as there's no line of sight for pedestrians to see fast approaching cars or for cars to see slower-moving pedestrians. If Marlborough is considering adding a speed bump and traffic calming measures for that crosswalk, then it should also add one at North Main Street/Lafayette Road where

there's a dangerous sharp blind curve.  
Residents in nearby neighborhoods have lobbied for over 10 years to make it safer to cross the stretch of North Main by the beach associations. We talked to the Board of Selectmen, Sidewalk Commission, local constables and more. To date, the BOS solution was repainted crosswalks and reflective pedestrian signs posted at crosswalks by the lake. This hasn't stopped speeding cars.  
The original sidewalk design called for Merritt-style guardrails near all crosswalks to slow down traffic. Add them now to all the crosswalks.  
Residents near North Main Street know the average speed is much higher than the 28 mph noted. Take a look at the fastest speeds registered and it's a very different picture. We live it every day. Residents pulling out of driveways or turning in/out of nearby streets lower the average speed.  
The weather is warming up and many are out walking with family, friends, dogs and kids. Residents crossing to have fun times at the lake will increase as summer arrives. Please slow down everyone!

**Jane Boston – Marlborough**

**My Commitment to Residents**

Dear Friends:  
Over the past few weeks of my campaign to win a seat on the Board of Selectmen, I have told you about myself, my past accomplishments, and why I am interested in serving in this new position. Now it's time to define what, and how, I'll work to strengthen our community.

I form my own opinions about an issue by listening, researching, and questioning. I've done that for years on the Board of Finance and plan to do so again as a Selectman.  
Time is needed to do research, to attend meetings, to talk with people and understand their concerns. I commit to these responsibilities!  
Forming an opinion requires synthesizing information, weighing the data, considering alternatives, and understanding the consequences. All are integral to any decision. I commit to these responsibilities as well.  
The reasoning for decisions must be clearly conveyed to others on the board as well as to the public. Positions must be concise, logical, well-documented, and meaningfully articulated so that all involved understand why decisions are made. When questions arise, answers must be relevant and complete.  
I promise to put in the time to create, present, and defend my positions on topics involving our town. I will collaborate with my fellow board members to ensure we do what's best for the taxpayers of Marlborough.  
I look forward to meeting you and speaking with you at the Meet the Candidates event on April 23 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Arts Center. I ask for your support and your vote on May 3rd.  
Thank you!  
**Deb Bourbeau – Marlborough**  
**Candidate for Board of Selectmen**  
*Note: Bourbeau is a member of the Marlborough Board of Finance, but is speaking as an individual.*

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**Supports O'Brien**

To the Editor:  
I have known Betty O'Brien for over a decade, both personally and through working with her on our local Board of Education. She is thoughtful, kind, intelligent, and is not afraid to speak up for what she believes is right.

As a longtime resident, Betty strongly believes in the character of Marlborough and everything our wonderful town has to offer. This is evidenced through her long time work on the Board of Education and the Trails Commission. Before retiring, Betty was a school psychologist and a communications manager, both valuable skills when holding office! Betty knows how to work well with others, think clearly, and is passionate when it comes to doing the right thing for our town.

On May 3, you have two votes to cast for selectmen; please make one of those votes be for Betty O'Brien.

Sincerely,  
**Wesley Skorski – Marlborough**

*Note: Skorski is chairman of the Marlborough Board of Education, but said he is writing as an individual.*

**Your Tax \$\$\$ at Work**

To the Editor:  
Aghast at liberal tax-and-spend policies? MoneyGeek's Deb Gordon (Aspen Institute Health Innovators Fellow) notes the following key points:

"To put states' financial health – and the potential impact on residents of those states – into context, MoneyGeek analyzed and ranked states according to their dependence on the federal government. Rankings account for political affiliation, net benefits individuals and organizations in the state receive, state government revenue from federal sources, and GDP per capita. We also examined which states received the most in child tax credits – both in terms of the annualized total amount and amount received per capita."

• Eight of the 10 states most dependent on the federal government were Republican-voting, with the average red state receiving \$1.35 per dollar spent.

• Nine states sent more to the federal government than they received—seven of these were Democrat-voting and had higher per capita GDPs than many of the red states that received the most.

• New Mexico had the highest return on federal spending of any state (\$4.33), and Delaware had the lowest (\$0.63).

• The eight states receiving the highest child tax credit per capita were all Republican-voting.

Damn those liberals and their spending! That is, unless you're getting some of it!

**John Barnowski – Colchester**

**Cabaret Thank You**

To the Editor:  
Thank you to all who attended and supported the East Hampton High School Music Boosters Cabaret "Starry Night" fundraiser at EHHS on March 31. The Boosters help support the EHHS Music Department, and the annual Cabaret is the group's largest fundraiser. Attendees enjoyed a wonderful homemade pasta dinner and vocal and musical performances by talented student musicians. The event gives students the chance to shine individually or in small groups that is not always possible at the concerts held during the year. Raffle prizes donated by many local businesses and families were given out throughout the evening. The EHHS Music Boosters would like to thank the following for their generous donations which helped make the evening such a success:

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On behalf of the EHHS Music Department, thank you to everyone who performed, attended, volunteered, made food, and donated time and prizes!

Sincerely,  
**Nancy Nafis**  
EHHS Music Boosters

**Experience and Dedication**

To the Editor:  
In my letter last week, I gave you a brief description of who Louise Concodello is. Here's what I will bring to the board table as your selectman.

Besides my experience as a successful business owner and a dedicated member of the Marlborough Board of Education for 27 years, I have worked to

make Marlborough a better place to live and play. I have been a member of the Lake Advisory Commission for over 14 years. Lake Terramuggus represents the preeminent recreation asset this town has. That's not to say tennis courts, baseball fields and soccer fields are unimportant; it's just that any town, anywhere, can have those recreational assets. Lakes, especially clean ones, are not in abundant supply. Utilizing them means balancing their protection with our recreational activities.

My 25 years of service on Marlborough's Parks and Recreation Commission and our Lake Advisory Commission allow me to see how to keep that balance with our other commission members, that are devoted volunteers to our town.

My dedication and experience belong on our Board of Selectmen. Can I count on you to make that happen?

I promise to always do my best for our lovely town.

**Louise Concodello – Marlborough**  
Candidate for Board of Selectmen

*Note: Presently, Concodello is a member of the Marlborough Board of Education and the Parks & Recreation, Lake Advisory and Nature Trails & Sidewalk commissions, but she said she is speaking as an individual.*

**Your Community, Your Vote**

To the Editor:  
As someone who has worked in the public policy sphere for over a decade, I've never been more disappointed and discouraged by the recent process

whereby the Town of Marlborough adopted the Lake Terramuggus Overlay District regulations.

The Marlborough Zoning Commission, town planner, and the first selectman had a unique opportunity to work collaboratively with numerous, well-informed citizens. Instead, these civil servants attempted to quietly adopt onerous and punitive regulations without holding a well-advertised public forum to educate the public and solicit input. When engaged residents learned about the proposed rules, we lobbied to gain a seat at the table. However, despite repeated attempts to provide constructive input, our contributions were ignored or dismissed. As a result, Marlborough's lake district residents are now saddled with a poorly written document that is challenging to implement and fails to address our lake's unique needs.

Let's prevent something similar from happening again in the town of Marlborough. Please show up on May 3 to vote for Betty O'Brien and Debbie Bourbeau for the two new Board of Selectmen seats. May 3rd's vote is crucial because the board of selectmen will soon hire a new Marlborough town manager, so let's ensure the town hires someone who will represent the values of our community.

**Shana McDermott – Marlborough**



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**Congratulations, Ted's!**

To the Editor:  
Congratulations, Ted's IGA and the Armata Family. On behalf of the Hebron-area American Legion, Post 95, commander, the executive committee, and the commander and executive committee of the Hebron-area, VFW, Post 8776, and the entire veteran contingent, we thank the Armata Family and the managers/supervisors, and the loyal employees/staff for always "completing-the-mission"!

As with any business entity, in order to complete a mission, it requires a "team effort."

In recognition of receiving a "Humanitarian of the Year" award, this stems from the values "set in motion" by Mary and Ted Armata (Mom and Dad/Grandmom and Grandpop). With this mindset of "Community First!"

Additionally, a "shout-out" to Mike Bozzuto and his enterprise for the oversight and continued community support.

Again, congratulations from the Hebron-area veterans, Thanks for the recognition – greatly appreciated.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**R.A. Bob Mangillo, Adjutant**  
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# Finance Board Holds First Budget Workshop

By Michael Sinkewicz

The Colchester Board of Finance reviewed the proposed town budget for the first time during a workshop on April 12. It was met with general approval by every member of the board and received bipartisan support.

Andreas Bisbikos, first selectman of Colchester and a Republican, presented his proposed town budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year to the Board of Finance and the public last week.

His total spending plan would be \$16.11 million – a 2.62% increase from the current year. With the proposed education budget factored in, the mill rate would decrease from 33.05 to 27.46.

Andrea Migliaccio, chair of the finance board and a Republican, praised the work Bisbikos did on the budget.

“When you have a first selectman coming off the board of finance, there’s a certain understanding,” she said. “There’s no nonsense.”

The budget proposal received initial support from Democrats on the board, as well.

“I think it’s a good budget,” Mike Egan, a Democrat, said. “We’re in a pretty good place.”

Mike Hayes, another Democrat on the board echoed that statement, adding that the budget

“touched on everything that needed to be.”

Among the items the board signaled its support for were funds for a new senior services part-time bus driver at \$18,488, and \$50,000 for tree removal services.

Bisbikos made the case that the new driver was almost “non-negotiable” and that the tree removal services has been underfunded for years.

Republican board members Timothy Vaillancourt and John Thomas both signaled that they’d be in favor of making future cuts to the budget proposal.

“I’d like to see us lessen the load on the taxpayer if we can,” Vaillancourt said.

He also proposed increasing the Memorial Day budget by \$1000, which Bisbikos agreed should be added.

The board briefly discussed the use of American Rescue Plan (ARPA) money to be used for certain capital items.

Maggie Cosgrove, chief financial officer of Colchester, advised that the board should largely keep the capital items and unassigned fund balance items as listed in the proposal.

“We worked hard to not move that back-

wards,” Cosgrove said, referring to spikes in the capital spending in past budgets, “Let’s stay on the road we’ve decided to travel.”

The board also heard a presentation from town assessor, John Chaponis, to review the 2021 grand list.

The new list reflects a 22% increase from the previous year, which Chaponis said was “very unique.”

The grand list is the valuation of all taxable property in the town, including personal property and motor vehicles.

Motor vehicles went up over \$35 million – a 25.7% increase from the previous list. Personal property increased over \$9 million – a 16.2% jump.

“It’s completely unheard of,” Chaponis said, but explained that the trend likely won’t continue and a market correction could occur in the next few years. “I don’t believe this value will hold forever.”

Chaponis confirmed that the numbers were officially on the books, but he couldn’t predict where they would be in the next year.

“It’s hard to say where this is all going,” he said.

A community member asked how this would have an effect on this budget and future spending.

Migliaccio indicated that the board’s strategy would be based on long-term forecasts of the town’s funding.

“When we put the budget together, we have to think about the future of the town,” she said. “Not all revenues are forever – we have to make smart moves.”

The board concluded that they didn’t see any “red flags” with the town budget proposal. They’re scheduled to meet next week for another workshop where they will ask further questions and make potential edits.

## Parks & Recreation News

Colchester Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For full program descriptions and more information, call 860-537-7297 or email parksandrec@colchesterct.gov. More information, including weather-related cancellations, is also at [www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department](http://www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department). The Parks and Rec. office is located at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave.

**New York On Your Own Bus Trip:** Sunday, May 1. The deluxe motor coach will depart from the Colchester Town Hall at 7 a.m. and transport passengers to New York City. The motor coach will pick up passengers at 7 p.m. and bring them back to Colchester. Fee: \$60/resident, \$65/non-resident. Registration deadline: April 18. Minimum number of passengers needed is 45, maximum is 54.

**Summer Day Camp:** Registration is underway. Summer camp will be held Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., from June 27-Aug. 19. Extended Care will be available from 3-5 p.m. Camp is available to children entering grades K-7 in the fall of 2022. Camp dates are June 27-Aug. 19. The weekly themes and activity schedule are online, as are the cost, registration process and more. For more information, call Parks and Rec.

**Summer Concerts in the Park – Sponsors Wanted:** Parks and Rec. is looking for sponsors for its Summer Concerts in the Park. It has already booked two bands, and hopes to book the other two soon. The concerts will be held Thursdays, Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 28, from 6-8 p.m. If interested in sponsoring, call Parks and Rec.

## History Museum Opens for Season

The Colchester History Museum, located at 24 Linwood Ave., is open Sundays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. through Dec. 4. The museum, adjacent to the Cragin Memorial Library, is free and offers both permanent and special exhibits all highlighting the people and events in Colchester’s history.

Current exhibits include the History of the Bulkeley Family, including the story of the Discovery and Excavation of the Gershom Bulkeley Tomb. A special exhibit, “Emerging from the Shadows: Colchester’s School for Colored Children, 1803-1840,” explores the history of education of African and Native American stu-

dents in the early 19th century. “Colchester’s Roots in Agriculture: Then and Now” highlights centuries of farming through original documents, imagery and objects. Additional exhibits tell the story of the Champion Family, distinguished military leaders, and the history of the Hayward Rubber Company, the industry that brought both boom and bust to Colchester.

Also, anyone interested in Colchester history is invited to become one of the museum’s greeters/docents.

For more information, contact the Colchester Historical Society at [mail@colchesterhistory.org](mailto:mail@colchesterhistory.org) or 860-537-3240.

## Local Author at Glastonbury Bookstore

Colchester resident Elaine Alexander will participate in the Indie Bookstore event on Saturday, April 30, at River Bend Bookstore, 2217 Main St. Alexander will be signing at 11:30 a.m.

Alexander has spent a number of years in children’s services at the public library before getting an offer of publication for her STEM picture book, *Anglerfish: The Seadevil of the Deep*. A narrative nonfiction format, the book follows the life cycle of these unusual fish. The manuscript, which was crafted in 2005 as a college assignment, has won a Barbara Karlin Grant and a Katherine Paterson prize before being published with Candlewick Press. A second book featuring the giant cuttlefish is slated for publication in 2024.

Find out more about Alexander at [www.elainemalexander.com](http://www.elainemalexander.com).

## Westchester Church News

Westchester Congregational Church, 98 Cemetery Rd., holds worship Sundays at 10 a.m. Masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The services are also available on Zoom; visit [westchestercongregation.org](http://westchestercongregation.org) for login information.

The church invites all to its Easter services. The Easter Sunday service is at 10 a.m. on April 17, featuring a cantata performed by the church choir: “Hosanna, Jesus is Alive!”

For more information, email [westcongregation@gmail.com](mailto:westcongregation@gmail.com) or call 860-267-6711.

## Ukrainian Catholic Church News

All are invited to worship each week at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, 178 Linwood Ave. The church offers Eastern Rite Divine services. Church doors are open for Divine Liturgy on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m.; the Sunday service is bilingual.

For more information, call the church at 860-537-2069.



**Jazz Band Success...** William J. Johnston Middle School’s jazz band recently participated in the Waterford Jazz Festival, an annual event where middle and high school jazz bands from eastern Connecticut perform for a panel of judges. The trombone section won “Best Trombone Section.” The trombonists are Oliver Melmed, Michael Krol, Ben Salemi and Cole Mitchell. Charlotte Galarneau, Benjamin Buyniski, and Joey Papale were chosen as “Outstanding Musicians,” and Talan Ladyga earned a “Soloist Award.”

## Project Graduation Cornhole Tournament

Bacon Academy Project Graduation is holding a Cornhole Tournament Saturday, June 4, at Hop Culture, 144 Cato Corner Rd. Check-in begins at 11 a.m. with tournament play beginning promptly at noon. The tournament is sponsored by RJ’s Lawn Care, LLC. Rain date is June 5.

Tournament is a double-elimination/bracket format. Players can bring their own standard bags, no double-sided/pro bags are allowed. Cost is \$80 per adult team, \$40 for student teams (high school students and younger), \$60 for mixed adult/student teams. All ages are welcome to have fun and support this fundraiser! Team cash prizes for winners are \$320 for first place, \$160 for second place and \$80 for third place.

To register, go to [www.baconacademyprojectgrad.org](http://www.baconacademyprojectgrad.org) and click on the ‘Cornhole Tournament’ page or send payment by check with team mem-

ber names and contact information (email or cell phone) to BAPG, P.O. Box 393, Colchester, CT 06415. Registration is due by Tuesday, May 31. Email Melanie Hathaway at [ba.projectgrad@gmail.com](mailto:ba.projectgrad@gmail.com) with any questions or to request venmo payment.

The mission of Bacon Academy Project Graduation is to enhance drug and alcohol-free awareness by providing safe and healthy graduation events for all graduating seniors of Bacon.

All Project Graduation events and initiatives to benefit BA seniors are entirely paid for through the fundraising efforts and contributions of Bacon Academy parents, students, businesses, and community members. No tax dollars are ever used.

For more information, go to [www.baconacademyprojectgrad.org](http://www.baconacademyprojectgrad.org).

## CLT ‘Discover Colchester’ Hike

The next Colchester Land Trust (CLT) “Discover Colchester” hike will take place Sunday, April 24, at 1 p.m., at the Babcock Pond Wildlife Management Area.

As a wildlife management area, Babcock provides 1,500 acres of forest, swamps and ponds. It contains miles of unmarked hiking trails. This hike is approximately four miles long, mostly on a logging road and open paths, but hikers should wear appropriate footwear and be prepared for various trail conditions. Adults, children and leashed dogs are all welcome.

Directions: From Route 2 eastbound, take Exit 16 and turn right onto Route 149 South. Go approximately one mile and take left onto

Cato Corner Road. Follow Cato Corner to intersection of Cato Corner and Route 16. Go straight across onto Standish Road, off Route 16. Bear right at first stop sign. Turn right onto Red School House Road. Park in the cul-de-sac at the end of Red School House Road. Route 2 westbound travelers, take Exit 16, turn left onto Route 149 South and follow directions above.

Email [DKA@gmail.com](mailto:DKA@gmail.com) for additional information. This event will be held rain or shine. The Colchester Land Trust is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that works to permanently protect open space in Colchester; visit [www.colchesterlandtrust.org](http://www.colchesterlandtrust.org) to join or donate.

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# Selectmen Postpone Approval of ARPA Fund Requests

By Michael Sinkewicz

The Colchester Board of Selectmen unanimously decided during its April 7 meeting to postpone the approval of all local business American Rescue Plan (ARPA) fund applications until next month.

The board was scheduled to start reviewing applications screened and approved by the town's ARPA ad hoc-committee.

Now, applications won't be reviewed until after the April 30 deadline the town previously set to submit all local business and non-profit requests.

The town earmarked \$1 million of ARPA funds specifically for local businesses, with a cap of \$25,000 per application.

The board signaled that the by delaying the review process, some businesses may receive less money than they initially asked for, in order to accommodate all approved applications.

"Nobody has made any promise to any business," First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos said. "We should try to help as many of these businesses as possible."

While not final, Bisbikos suggested potentially starting with approving \$10,000 per business.

The other three board members present agreed, concluding that the process shouldn't be a "first-come, first-serve basis."

"The best thing to do is wait until we have all the applications," said Denise Turner, a Democrat on the board.

The board was wary of beginning to allocate money and then running out for businesses that may apply later this month.

During the meeting, Greg Barden, vice-chair of the ARPA committee, criticized the decision

to hold off on approving applications.

"The ARPA committee is frustrated right now," Barden said.

Chris Ozmun, owner of Oz'NBones BBQ in Colchester, who had a funding application approved by the ARPA committee, expressed his frustration with the board.

"The longer we wait, the less we can do with the money," he said.

Bisbikos acknowledged the objections to the board's decision, but stated that it was done in fairness to all businesses.

"I sympathize with the small business community," Bisbikos said, "I have to make sure we're doing things right."

He added that the decision wasn't meant to disrupt or hurt any business.

"Everyone here today wants to help small businesses," he said.

Some members of the community present during the meeting, held via Zoom, agreed with the decision, arguing that businesses weren't guaranteed money.

"Taxpayers have just as much right to this money," Deanna Bouchard said.

In addition to pushing back the review process, the board also agreed to certain criteria for each business application when it comes before them.

These included confirming that all addresses were located in Colchester, seeing employer identification numbers, confirmation of good standing with the secretary of state and proof of negative impact suffered during the pandemic.

The board would receive this information through UHY, a firm hired to advise the town through the ARPA process.

One of the most in-depth discussions during the meeting revolved around the town's decision to declare its ARPA money as lost revenue.

Stacy Farber, a consultant with UHY who is working with the town, assured the board that its use of the ARPA money was responsible and consistent with ARPA guidelines.

"The town has been transparent with where they want to use the money," she said, "There's no liability to the town."

Farber added that she would be following up with the businesses to make sure the funds were being used for its requested purposes.

"We're going to monitor the funds to make sure they're being used how it was said," she said.

Bisbikos asked his fellow board members if they were confident the ARPA money was being handled correctly.

Jason LaChapelle, a Republican on the board, said he just wanted to make sure there was accurate accountability – that the funds were being disbursed in the proper way.

"I have a hard time imagining Uncle Sam wrote Colchester a blank check," he said.

Farber responded that all ARPA projects

were following the guidelines.

Bisbikos also wanted to make it clear that ARPA review process would be transparent.

"We are going to vet any item that comes in front of us," he said, "Everything comes to this board for review."

While Farber stated that many businesses did provide information of what they lost during the pandemic and why they needed the money, LaChapelle wanted more proof.

"They need to show the taxpayers that they've been negatively impacted," he argued.

Bisbikos and the board agreed with LaChapelle's stance, but were hesitant to make specific financial information of specific local businesses public. They agreed to examine any information Farber and UHY collected during its review process with the ARPA committee.

The board also unanimously passed a motion 4-0 – the fifth board member, Rosemary Coyle, was absent from the meeting – to cap non-profit ARPA funds at \$250,000 with an application submission deadline of April 30.

The first opportunity for the board to begin reviewing applications would be during its May 5 meeting.

## Colchester Federated Church News

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

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

**Good Friday and Easter Schedule:** Good Friday, April 15, noon, Worship – Stations of

## Xavier Honor Roll

The following local residents made the Xavier High School honor roll for the third quarter of the 2021-22 school year:

**High Honors:** Austin Zwick, Class of 2022; Noah Bergquist, '24. **Honors:** Chase Bischoff and David DeTuccio III, '22; Colton Bischoff, '25.



Ian Rose will portray Alexander Hamilton in a Colchester Historical Society program Sunday, April 24.

## Meet Alexander Hamilton

The Colchester Historical Society will present the one-man show "Meet Alexander Hamilton" Sunday, April 24, at 3 p.m., at Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St.

Wearing period clothing, Ian Rose will play Alexander Hamilton, George Washington's aide de camp and the nation's first secretary of the treasury. Along the way, he'll share stories from Hamilton's illegitimate birth, his career, and finally his untimely death at the hands of Aaron Burr.

This is a free event, though donations are encouraged, to benefit the Colchester Historical Society. Contact the society at [mail@colchesterhistory.org](mailto:mail@colchesterhistory.org) or 860 537-4230 for more information.

## 'Stars, Socks & Stripes'

Sam Blumberger will collect socks for his organization, 'Stars, Socks & Stripes.' The socks collected are donated to veterans in need through the American Legion.

Look for his donation boxes at Bacon Academy High School, Craigin Memorial Library and the Colchester Town Hall. The boxes will be available through April 18.

## 'Spring in Bloom' Vendor Fair

Colchester Federated Church, located at 60 Main St., will host its Spring in Bloom Vendor Fair Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be crafts, vendors, food trucks and more.

If you would like to be a vendor at the fair, there are a few more tables available. Contact Renee Misbach at [rouillette01@snet.net](mailto:rouillette01@snet.net) for more information.

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

**Monday, April 18:** 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 12:30 p.m., Mahjongg; 12:45 p.m., Setback; 1 p.m., Glass Painting, Bridge.

**Tuesday, April 19:** 9 a.m., Making Memories; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 10:30 a.m., Book Club; noon-4 p.m., Benefit Screening, by appointment; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

**Wednesday, April 20:** 7:45 a.m., NYC Botanical Gardens trip departs; 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Walking Group – meet at the Air Line Trail in Amston; 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 11:15 a.m., April Fool's Special Event Luncheon; 1:30 p.m., Line Dancing.

**Thursday, April 21:** 9 a.m., Exercise w/ Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize; no Wii Bowling today; 10:30 a.m., Learn About Passover Seder; 11 a.m., Yoga; noon, Chair Massage; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

**Friday, April 22:** 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit, Card-Making Workshop; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group; 11 a.m., Yoga; 11:30 a.m., Lunch Bunch to Po's Rice & Spice; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

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### Christian Life Chapel News

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

On April 17, at 7:30 a.m., the church will celebrate Easter Sunday on the Colchester town green.

There is a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m., studying the gospels with the Chosen series. All are welcome.

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

**Seasonings:** Wednesday, April 27, 10 a.m. Participants will sample and create their own custom seasoning mixes to take home. Everyone gets one bottle of spices and several packets. Cost is \$8. Register by April 20.

**Norton Park Painting Fundraiser:** Thursday, April 28, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Design and paint a fish on an authentic C.H. Norton paper mill board as a fundraiser for Colchester's Norton Park on Route 149. Paint a salmon for \$30, a trout for \$20, or an alewife for \$10. This session will be led by Julianna Cameron, local professional artist. All funds collected will support Norton Park. Two hour-long sessions will be offered at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Space is limited; pre-register by April 22.

**The Real History of Cinco de Mayo:** Wednesday, May 4, 1:30 p.m. Learn about the traditions, history and myths of this Mexican holiday. The presentation will be followed by a make-your-own guacamole served with tortilla chips. Fee is \$5/person; register by April 29.

**Mother's Day Brunch:** Wednesday, May 11, 10 a.m. All are welcome to this brunch, which will include an egg and cheese omelet, home fries, sausage patty, tomato and cucumber salad, peach pie, orange juice and coffee. Ron Murray will perform rock and roll, swing, Latin, and country songs. Advanced registration is required; tickets are \$9.

**Community Health & Wellness Fair:** Sunday, May 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sponsored by Youth & Social Services in collaboration with the Colchester Commission on Aging, the Colchester Senior Center, Parks & Rec., and Cragin Memorial Library, this event will feature booths and breakout sessions throughout William J. Johnston Middle School, located at 360 Norwich Ave. There will be take-home items and giveaways as well.

### Bible Study at Christian Life Chapel

All are invited to Christian Life Chapel, 392 S. Main St., on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., to study the gospels with the Chosen series.

### Let the Fish Swim Free

The 'Let the Fish Swim Free' painting fundraiser, to benefit the development of the new Norton Park, will take place Saturday, April 30, at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., and Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. All sessions will be at the Colchester RecPlex Pavilion, 215 Old Hebron Rd.

Local fine artist and Norton family member Julianna W. Cameron will lead the design and painting events, where participants will be encouraged to creatively their paint fish cut from authentic C.H. Norton paper mill board. The participants may choose to have their painted fish be part of an art exhibit to be held at Cragin Memorial Library May 21-June 30.

There are three different fish to paint: Salmon (28"x9") for \$30, Trout (23"x6") for \$20 and Alewife (12"x6") for \$10.

To register for the fundraiser, visit [colchesterctrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program](http://colchesterctrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program).

There is also another painting session planned for Thursday, April 28, at 1:30 p.m., at Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave.; register for this one through the center, at 860-537-3911.

For more information about the development of the 6.4-acre riverside Norton Park, including the proposed park phases and video presentations, go to [www.colchesterct.gov/norton-park-committee](http://www.colchesterct.gov/norton-park-committee). Fundraising for engraved



All are invited to join fine artist and Norton family member Julianna Cameron as she leads a paint-a-fish fundraiser to benefit the new Norton Park on Westchester Road.

commemorative bricks and granite capstones is still underway. To make a comment or question about the development of Norton Park, email [nortonpark@colchesterct.gov](mailto:nortonpark@colchesterct.gov).

### Lions to Host Fishing Derby

The Colchester Lions Club will hold its 22nd fishing derby Saturday, April 23, from 3-5 p.m., rain or shine, at the club pond on Halls Hill Road. The derby is open to all Colchester residents ages 6-13.

Parents are encouraged to join their children to coach them and enjoy the day with their child (ren) and the Lions. Adults will not be permitted to fish during derby hours. There is no charge to enter. Pre-registration will begin at 2:30 p.m.; all children must pre-register prior to

the starting. Parents should plan to show proof of residence when registering their children.

Children must provide their own fishing poles. Worms will be available for purchase at the derby.

Prizes will be given in different categories for fish caught. (Prize winners must be present at the time of the awards.) The Lions will provide light refreshments at no cost to registered participants. After the derby, the Lions' pond will be opened to the public for fishing.

### Polish Club Fish Fry

St. Joseph's Polish Club, located at 395 S. Main St., will host its annual fish fry on Good Friday, April 15. Dinners are available for eat-in or take-out from 4-7 p.m.

Adults are \$15 and children under 12 are \$8. Baked and fried fish will be offered. Call your orders in, to 860-537-2550, and they will be ready for pickup.

### Cragin Book Club

The Cragin Book Club will meet Monday, April 25, at 6 p.m., at the library, 8 Linwood Ave.

This month, read *Playing Nice* by JP Delaney. Copies are available for checkout at the Adult Circulation Desk. For updates on the program, sign up at [tinyurl.com/cmlbookclub](http://tinyurl.com/cmlbookclub).

For more information, call the library at 860-537-5752.

### Car Wash for Eagle Project

Boy Scout Troop 72 Eagle Scout candidate Brendan Reas will have a car wash Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St.

The purpose of the car wash is to raise funds to build five benches which will be placed on the hiking trails throughout the Buckley Hill Preserve on Buckley Road. The benches will be used by people who choose to hike the more than two miles of trails. Benches will be placed at points of interest throughout the preserve.

If you are unable to come to the car wash, donations for the project can be sent to Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester, CT 06415. Make checks out to "Troop 72 BSA" add note: "For Buckley Preserve Benches."

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**Cookies for Heroes...** The Bengal Tiger Hot Yoga Studio in Colchester recently completed their annual Girl Scout's Cookies for Heroes Program through Junior Troop 63223. Bengal Tiger members collectively donated 155 Girl Scout cookie boxes that will benefit military men and women as well as veterans. This is the fifth year that studio members have supported this cause, and they have raised over \$4,000, for a total of 800 boxes, since the start of their annual drive during Girl Scout cookie season. Through Cookies for Heroes, individuals make donations to provide Girl Scout cookies to men and women serving in the military, both nationally and overseas, and to veterans. Pictured is Rhom Saunders (left), a certified hot yoga instructor and owner of Bengal Tiger Hot Yoga Studio – as well as a U.S. Army/Desert Storm veteran -- and Junior troop member Caroline Hathaway (right), who worked together to coordinate the drive.



Colchester Garden Club members recently planted shrubs at the 'Welcome to Colchester' sign at Route 85 and Lake Hayward Road, in support of wildlife and celebrating Colchester's 11 years as a certified Community Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation

### Garden Club Sprucing Up 'Welcome' Sign

Spring has sprung, and Colchester Garden Club members are springing into action volunteering in various club garden projects. One of the many things on the list for spring/summer is enhancements to the 'Welcome to Colchester' sign landscape at the corner of Route 85 and Lake Hayward Road once funding is able to be obtained.

In December 2018, there were discussions between the then Economic Development Commission chairperson and the Colchester Garden Club president to landscape around the new Welcome Sign created by Bacon Academy students. After discussions with then-public works director Jim Paggioli, the club decided to take on this project to landscape the area around the sign and along the fence of the pumping station for pollinators and birds in support of Colchester's certification with the National Wildlife Federation as Connecticut's first Community Wildlife Habitat, and 36th in the United States since 2010.

The first phase of the planting was able to be completed in November 2021 with funding provided by the Paula Lemire Memorial Fund and the Colchester Cares Giving Group, and the volunteerism of Colchester Garden Club members/member Master Gardeners with plant selection and design, planting, watering, mulching and edging the garden.

Phase 2 is planned for spring/summer 2022

### CORE Commission Meets Next Week

The CORE (Colchester's Openness to Respecting Equity) Commission will meet Wednesday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom.

The seven-member commission's agenda will include approving a mission statement, upcoming calendar of events, and website design ideas. The public is welcome, and comment/participation is appreciated. Find the link on the town calendar, at ColchesterCT.gov.

### Glass Painting 101

All are invited to Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., on Mondays, April 18 and 25, at 1 p.m., to learn glass painting.

An instructor will guide participants through three different paintings. Fee for each class is \$20, which include materials. Sign up for one, two or all three. Pre-register in the office.

For more information, call 860-537-3911.

with the addition of mostly native and nativar perennials to provide nectar, pollen for pollinators, and host plants for butterflies. However, additional funding for this project, as well as in support of other garden and community service projects, is needed. The Colchester Garden Club has an online/direct mail plant fundraiser in progress until April 25 with Three Rivers Wreath and Plant Company (New Hampshire). Available for purchase are native, nativar and other flowering plants for bees, butterflies and hummingbirds as well as to cut for floral arrangements. To access the fundraiser information, go to <https://threeriversfundraising.com/find-your-fundraiser/> and Enter Code: 4A1EC1. If anyone would like to make a tax-deductible monetary donation, it may be mailed to Colchester Garden Club, 178 Bull Hill Road, Colchester, CT 06415.

Anyone interested in more information about the Colchester Garden Club, or becoming a member, should email [colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:colchestergardenclub@yahoo.com) or call 860-267-4471.

See more Colchester news on page 33

### Theme Chosen for Memorial Day Parade

The theme has been chosen for this year's Memorial Day parade: "Colchester Remembers Their Citizens Who Gave Their Tomorrows for Our Today's."

All marching units and floats should try and use the theme in preparing for the parade, which will be on Sunday, May 29. Applications are now available at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., and through the town website, [www.colchesterct.gov](http://www.colchesterct.gov). Applications are required for those who are interested in participating in the parade; contact the Town Hall and file your application before May 1.

Colchester veterans' groups include American Legion Post 54, the Colchester VFW and the Colchester Veterans Honor Guard. The three groups lead in organizing the Memorial Day parade, as well as Veterans Day and Flag Day ceremonies. The veterans also provide replacement flags on all known veterans' graves

in our local cemeteries. They also provide military honors to deceased veterans' families when their veterans have died. Lastly, the Veterans Honor Guard provided military honors at 236 funeral ceremonies throughout New London and Middlesex Counties. Colchester veterans said they are most appreciative of the assistance provided by Boy Scout and Cub Scouts units in replacing over 600 flags on veterans' graves throughout Colchester.

Colchester will celebrate Memorial Day on Sunday, May 29, starting the parade at 12:30 p.m. Parade participants should assemble by 11 a.m. The general public is encouraged to view the parade on Norwich Avenue and Main Street. The memorial ceremony will take place on the Veterans' Green starting at about 1:15 p.m. Any local veterans are encouraged to join in the line of march. A trailer will be provided for those veterans that are not able to march.

### CHFD Surveying Community

The Colchester Hayward Fire Department is conducting a survey of its external stakeholders – a.k.a., community members – in order to see how the department is doing and where it can improve.

All residents and business owners are asked to complete the survey, which is located at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZNCBJ5S](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZNCBJ5S).

The survey will close Saturday, April 30.

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### ‘Fairways to Care’ Golf Tourney

After two years off, Intercommunity Health Care will hold its golf tournament will return this year Wednesday, June 1, at 9 a.m., at Blackledge Country Club, 180 West St.

The event will include: continental breakfast, lunch, 18 holes of golf, putting contest, longest drive contest (men and women), closest to the pin contest (men and women), online auction, 50/50 contests, and more.

There are multiple ways to participate, including registering to play and/or attend the

luncheon, becoming a sponsor, participating in an online auction, entering a drawing to win prizes, purchasing mulligan tickets, or donating to InterCommunity.

Intercommunity Health Care is a community health center with locations in Hartford, East Hartford and South Windsor.

For more information, including registration and sponsorship details, visit [birdease.com/IC-Golf](http://birdease.com/IC-Golf).

### Scouting for Food Event

Hebron Scouts BSA Troops 28/1028 will hold their Scouting for Food drive on Saturday, May 14, to benefit Hebron Interfaith Human Services.

Donations can be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Hebron Interfaith Human Services, 20 Pendleton Drive, or Ted’s IGA.

Donations of unexpired, non-perishable food items and household products are welcome. The most-needed items are cereal, pancake mix/syrup, soup, pasta/sauce, solid white tuna, juice boxes, coffee, tea, individually wrapped snacks, potato flakes, side dishes, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish soap, body wash, shampoo and deodorant.

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The following local residents made the Xavier High School honor roll for the third quarter of the 2021-22 school year:

**Amston: High Honors:** Zachary Bulkovitch, Class of 2023. **Honors:** Spencer Thompson, '22; Peyton Cruess, '23; Braden Hullahnd, '24.

**Hebron: High Honors:** James DeDonato and Drew Kron, '22; **Honors:** Keegan Truscinski, 22.

### 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.

### Vintage Style: A Makers’ Market

The Town Center Project (TTCP) is seeking vendors for its first-ever Vintage Market. The casual outdoor event will take place Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

If you have vintage flair, love to repurpose, redesign, reuse, collect old treasures or simply create art out of any media, submit an application to participate in TTCP’s first of what it hopes to be an annual event.

For applications, check out [www.thetowncenterproject.org](http://www.thetowncenterproject.org) or TTCP’s Facebook page, or email [ttcp@thetowncenterproject.org](mailto:ttcp@thetowncenterproject.org).

### Keep Hebron a HEARTSafe Community

The Hebron Fire Department, 44 Main St., is offering free AHA Heartsaver CPR classes for those who live/work in Hebron. Adult Child, Infant CPR & choking emergencies are covered.

The classes begin at 6 p.m. and will be offered Wednesdays, May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17 or Sept. 21.

Call Donna at 860-228-3022 ext. 162 to reserve a seat. Classes are first-come, first-served.

### Town-Wide Tag Sale

The Town Center Project (TTCP) will hold a town-wide tag sale Saturday, May 14, as part of Hebron’s Market Day. Fill out an application and get on the town-wide map. For applications, go to [thetowncenterproject.org](http://thetowncenterproject.org) or [facebook.com/towncenterprojectinc](https://facebook.com/towncenterprojectinc), or email [ttcp@thetowncenterproject.org](mailto:ttcp@thetowncenterproject.org).

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**A Few Fine Fellows...** East Hampton Lions Club members (pictured from left) Liz Cooper, Demian Battit and Sandy Giordano recently received Melvin Jones Fellowship awards for their Lions Club activities. This awards banquet was held at St. Clements Castle on March 27.

### Quilt Show to Return – Quilts Needed

Haddam Neck Congregational Church will host a Quilt Show and Plant Sale in May – and quilts are needed.

The show will run Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 8, from noon-5 p.m., at the church, 408 Quarry Hill Rd., Haddam Neck. Along with a display of dozens of handmade quilts, plants and a Bits and Pieces Sale of fabric, yarn and quilting supplies will be featured under tents outdoors, along with “to go” baked items. Picnic tables will be available for visitors to rest. Monetary donations to the show will be collected.

Attendees should wear a mask and adhere to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. The church and restroom are handicapped-accessible.

Handmade quilts of any size will be accepted for inclusion in the show. Quilts will be accepted at the church Thursday, May 5, from 5-7 p.m., and Friday, May 6, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, contact Dianne Mchutchison at 860-930-8520 or [rdmchutchison@yahoo.com](mailto:rdmchutchison@yahoo.com), Melissa Pionzio at 860-993-5311 or [mapionzio@comcast.net](mailto:mapionzio@comcast.net), or Elizabeth Malloy at [elizabethhartmalloy@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethhartmalloy@gmail.com).

### Local Artist’s Work on Display

Local artist Geryl Yocher will exhibit her work at Town Hall during April and May.

Yocher attended Central Connecticut State University, graduating from the art education master’s program. She taught art in the Portland Public Schools system for eight years, and at Wesleyan Potters in the children’s pottery program. She has also led art workshops at the Second Congregational Church of Middle Haddam.

Yocher paints in oils and acrylics, but her medium of choice is watercolors.

### Fabric Donations Wanted

Haddam Neck Congregational Church Ladies Aid is accepting donations of fabric, yarn and quilting supplies for the Bits and Pieces sale to be featured at the annual Haddam Neck Congregational Church Quilt Show on May 7 and 8.

Donations can be dropped off at the church, 408 Quarry Hill Rd., Haddam Neck, Sundays from 11 a.m.-noon, or call Darcey Yuille at 860-301-4994 or Melissa Pionzio at 860-993-5311 to make arrangements.



**Lion of the Month...** Lion Ryan Besmond has been recognized as the Hebron Lions Club “Lion of the Month” by Club President Lion John Flahive. Besmond was honored for all his efforts he continuously makes, for always being on the grounds helping with clean-up, and for being ready and willing to assist whenever the club needs him.



The homeowner created a Rain Garden on the side of their home near a rain down spout. River stones were used at the bottom of the pipe and on the ditch to the rain garden thus reducing erosion from the flow of water. *UConn Extension photo.*

### Talk on Preventing Algae

University of Connecticut professor Mike Dietz will give a talk on ways East Hampton residents who live on Lake Pocotopaug and those in the water shed can help prevent nutrients, chemicals, oil, dirt, bacteria and sediment from entering into the lake and fostering the growth of algae.

The talk will be held on Thursday, May 5, at 7 p.m., in the Town Hall community room. The talk is sponsored by the East Hampton Conservation & Lake Commission (EHC&LC).

Dietz is an extension educator at UConn, where he works as part of the Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR). He

does research and outreach on stormwater issues, specifically green stormwater infrastructure features. Dietz also directs the Connecticut Institute of Water Resources. He is a Connecticut native, and received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from UConn. He lives in northeast Connecticut with his wife and teenage daughter.

The presentation is open to the public and those unable to attend may participate by Zoom and YouTube. More info on this will be available on the town’s website. For more information, call EHC&LC member Marty Podskoch at 860-267-2442 or [podskoch@comcast.net](mailto:podskoch@comcast.net).

# Suspect in Fire Dept. Robbery Arrested

By Jack Lakowsky

According to a written report by East Hampton Town Manager David Cox local police arrested Thomas Sullivan, a 28-year-old from Kent, for a pair of alleged robberies.

East Hampton police charged Sullivan with third-degree burglary, sixth-degree larceny, criminal mischief and several traffic violations.

Sullivan was allegedly involved in two incidents. In January, Sullivan allegedly stole from the Citgo gas station on East High Street. He then fled from police.

Police also allege Sullivan used a snowplow to crash into the garage door of the White Birch Road fire station, gaining entry and allegedly stealing tools. The tools have been recovered.

"Sullivan [allegedly] went on a crime spree in other surrounding towns," Cox wrote, adding Sullivan was picked up by West Hartford police for an unrelated charge.

Because he was already incarcerated and due to COVID restrictions, Belltown police couldn't arrest Sullivan until April 6.

Sullivan will answer to the charges, a few of which are felonies, in Middletown court on May 6.

Police chief Dennis Woessner told the



**Local police made an arrest in the brazen robbery of the White Birch Road fire station.**

Rivereast the department had identified Sullivan in February, but an arrest warrant had not yet been finalized.

Town fire chief Greg Voelker said the plow truck break-in caused thousands of dollars in damage and trapped the station's truck. Fortunately, he said, there were no calls that needed Station 3 to respond that night.

The station was back in service quickly, Voelker said.

## Belltown Antique Engine & Tractor Meet

The Belltown Antique Car Club will host its 47th annual Antique Engine & Tractor Meet Sunday, April 24, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., at Fireman's Field, Salmon River State Park on Route 16, across from the Comstock covered bridge.

This year's show is being held rain or shine on a "field conditions permitting" basis, as well as the governor's COVID-19 protocol requirements in effect at the time of the show. Consult the club website, [www.belltownantiquecarclub.org](http://www.belltownantiquecarclub.org), or call a club contact for an update. Rain prior to or on the day of the show may cause cancellation.

On display will be an assortment of antique stationary engines, as well as working scale reproductions, of the types that once powered early farm equipment, sawmills, lathes and even washing machines. Vintage farm tractors will also be exhibited, many of which have been restored. There will also be demonstrations of these en-

gines and old tractors throughout the day.

Judging begins at noon and trophies will be awarded at 3 p.m.

Also included in the show is a flea market with vendors offering antique engine, tractor and vehicle parts, used power equipment for home/farm use, and tools.

Food will be available on the premises, provided by the East Hampton Lions Club as part of its community fundraising efforts.

Admission for all – exhibitors, vendors and the general public – is free, though donations are accepted. Spectator parking is free. Please, no bicycles or pets.

For more information, visit the club website or email [belltowncarclub@gmail.com](mailto:belltowncarclub@gmail.com). Club contacts for exhibitors and vendors: Alan Carlson, 860-510-9847; Peter Christianson, 860-510-3340; and Jim Way, 860-319-6088.

## 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](http://easthamptonpubliclibrary.org).

**Library Hours:** The library is open Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Masks are optional, but the library will continue to offer them upon request.

**Kindness EHxtravaganza:** As part of its month-long Kindness EHxtravaganza in April, the library is hosting a silent auction to benefit Our Companions Animal Rescue and Sanctuary and the Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue. Visit the library website or call for more details. Also, Kindness EHxtravaganza kits are now available for pick-up. Each kit will contain a Kindness Bingo challenge card for families to complete and return to the library for the chance to win a Self-Care gift basket. One kit per family.

**Children's Programs: Mindful Movements:** Mondays, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., in the community room and also streamed live on Facebook.

**Stories & Songs:** Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m., in the community room, for ages 18 months to 5 years, and their caregivers.

**Baby Rhyme Time:** Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., in the community room, for ages birth-18 months and their caregivers. Registration required.

**DIY Days: Play-Dough!** Saturday, April 23, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., for children and families in grades K-8. No registration required; just drop in. This month, make some fruity-scented play-dough.

**STEM Project Bags – Owl Pellet Dissection:** Available starting Monday, May 2, at 10 a.m. Owl pellets are the undigested parts of a bird's food, which are coughed up like a cat's hairball. Kids ages 6 and up will act as ecologists and dissect real owl pellets at home using a step-by-step guide. Project bags are available in the children's department while supplies last. No registration is required.

**Hatch the Chickens:** Starting Tuesday, May 3, all are invited to stop in and watch as the library incubates seven real, live chicken eggs. They're expected to hatch around May 24, and then remain at the library before heading back to the farm on June 7.

**STEMtastic: Veterinary Medicine 101:** For

grades 1-5. Wednesday, May 4, 4:30-5:30 p.m., for grades 1-5. Dr. Michelle Forella from Bolton Veterinary Hospital will teach all about what veterinarians do and what it takes to become one.

**EHPL Recommends...:** The library recommends for kids *A Galaxy of Sea Stars* by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo, a coming-of-age tale about friendship and finding the courage to do the right thing

**Teen Programs: Teen Advisory Board:** Tuesday, April 20, 6 p.m. Students in grades 9-12 are invited to come provide input to expand the YA/Teen collection and help plan programs. Teen Advisory Board requires monthly commitment and participation.

**Teen Friday:** Friday, April 22, 3 p.m. Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to come for crafts, games and more.

**Pre-Teen Advisory Board:** Tuesday, April 26, 5:30 p.m. Students in grades 6-8 are invited to come provide input to expand the YA/Teen collection and plan programs.

**Dungeons & Dragons:** Wednesday, April 27, 5:30 p.m., at the library, for grades 8-12. No previous playing experience required, and all supplies will be provided.

**Switch Game Tournament: Grades 6-12:** Saturday, April 30, 2 p.m. All skill levels are welcome. A trophy will go to the winner.

**Adult Programs: Book Club:** Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m. *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* will be discussed. Copies are currently available at the circulation desk or via curbside pick-up.

**Bass Fishing in Connecticut:** Saturday, April 23, 3 p.m. This seminar is designed to help fishermen of all ages and experience levels effectively fish local waters. Topics include equipment, technique, baits/lures, and more.

**CT Weddings Through the Ages:** Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m. The Connecticut Historical Society will present wedding clothing, accessories, photographs and prints to examine what makes a "traditional" wedding and what those traditions can reveal about how ideas of marriage have changed through the years. Registration required.

**Instagram in Person: Everything New England:** Tuesday, May 3, 6:30 p.m. Kim Knox Beckius will talk about her enthusiasm for New England tourism, focusing on fresh ideas for the summer ahead. Registration required.

**Cabin Fever Series: Interviews with East Hampton Residents:** Saturday, May 7, 1 p.m., at the library. This is the final program in this year's series.

**EHPL Recommends...:** The library recommends *Violeta* by Isabel Allende, a story spanning 100 years.

## 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).

## KofC Scholarship, Grant Available

The Belltown Knights of Columbus Council 6190 announces the availability of two \$1,000 scholarships to students continuing their education at an accredited college/university. Applicants must be members of St. Patrick Church, East Hampton.

The council will also award two \$500 Helping Hands grants to members of St. Patrick Church who are Mercy, Xavier or East Catholic high schools.

Applications are available at guidance offices and the parish center office, or by emailing [stpatrick47@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpatrick47@sbcglobal.net).

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# Bellringers Softball Building Brick by Brick

By Josh Howard

East Hampton softball coach Erin Jump is grooming a young team that is gaining confidence on the fly.

On April 4, the Bellringers fell to an experienced Cromwell team, 13-1, in five innings at Cromwell High School.

Despite it being the team's second loss in as many games, there is reason for optimism for Jump and her blossoming Bellringers.

"We have good athletes. I know they are young and it's been a tough start, but we work well together and we are playing better," said Jump. "I look forward to seeing what they can do as we start getting more into [the season]."

Captaining the team are seniors Einin Frost and Julia Borrelli. Frost is the team's pitching ace and Borrelli plays second base.

"They have been with me since their freshmen year," said Jump, who is in her fifth season leading the program. "They are two that are always willing to do whatever is asked of them and that is great for the other kids to see. It's nice for the other kids to see that leadership."

Frost shook off a rough first two innings, pitching a scoreless third inning. The inning was highlighted by a pair of solid defensive gems by young, talented infielders.

Freshman shortstop Olivia DeMartino scooped up a ground ball and fired it over to fellow freshman Alison Hebb at first base for the inning's first out. Sophomore Chelsea Woods, who plays third base, then snagged a grounder before throwing it to Hebb for the final out of the inning.

Woods relieved Frost in the fifth inning, striking out a batter and showing exceptional poise on the mound for an underclassman.

Because of an injury to Frost a season ago, Woods gained experience at pitcher during the second half of last season. She has also played outfield and first base at times last spring.

"She is very athletic and smart," Jump said of Woods. "I trust her to be out there and do what she has to do."

Woods scored the team's lone run in the fifth inning. She reached first on a single before Reagan Burt connected on a deep shot, sending Woods to third. Hebb then sent Woods home, cutting the deficit to 12-1.

Burt, a junior who plays center field, also made a difficult catch in the outfield to prevent further runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

After making a handful of errors and allowing nine runs over the first two innings, East Hampton went toe-to-toe with Cromwell over the final three innings.

"I feel like right now it's a lot of nerves. We don't typically make mistakes like this," Jump said of the team's slow start. "Today I feel like it was a bunch of mental mistakes, but they are just young and trying to figure it out. It's a learning curve."

Jump is hopeful that the younger players will continue to follow the lead of the captains, who she said possess the type of leadership that brings comradery to the entire team.

The Bellringers' next home game is slated for Tuesday, April 19, at 11 a.m.



East Hampton senior captain Einin Frost pitches as Alison Hebb, who plays first base, looks on during the Bellringers' loss to Cromwell on April 4.

## Lake Clean-Up Day

The Friends of Lake Pocotopaug, with the help of the East Hampton Parks & Recreation and the Conservation Lake Commission, will hold the annual Lake Clean-Up Day Saturday, April 23, starting at 9 a.m. at Sears Park. Rain date is Sunday, April 24, also at 9 a.m.

All volunteers are invited – including kids, organizations and groups – to help clean up the perimeter around the lake.

Volunteers receive a Lake Pocotopaug T-shirt, garbage bags, gloves and area assignments along with lunch at Sears Park.

Dumpsters will be placed at Sears Park for metals, tires (no rims), wood and plastics.

Full details are available at [www.flpeh.org](http://www.flpeh.org). For more information, call Joe Carbonell at 860-917-7366.

## Donations Sought for Online Auction

The Friends of East Hampton Public Library will hold its second online auction May 9-20, and donations are sought.

Donations of goods to be auctioned off, and cash to purchase local gift cards, are being accepted at the library, 105 Main St., until April 29. The auction will take place on the Friends' Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/friendsoftheeasthamptonpubliclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/friendsoftheeasthamptonpubliclibrary).

## Xavier Honor Roll

The following local residents made the Xavier High School honor roll for the third quarter of the 2021-22 school year:

**High Honors:** Dylan Levesque, Wyatt McElroy, Liam Sheeley, Chase Vitale, Class of 2022; Christian Motto, Peter O'Brien, Zachary Potter, Evan Riegler, '23; Euan Hall, Kyle Levesque, Calan Lindsay, '24; Gavin Peterson, '25.

**Honors:** Nicholas Connors, Matthew Fuffo, Noah Howell, Shea Krassner, Christopher Michaud, Jake Oliva, '22; Julian Henderson, '23; Luke DeAngelis, Jacob Fagan, Cameron Nephew, '24; Christopher Brown, Erich Brueckmann III, Donovan Burke, '25.

## First Steps in Music

Local musician Mallory Kokus is offering a music and movement class for children ages birth through 6 years and their grown-up. The class is called First Steps in Music and will meet Fridays at 5:30 p.m. from April 29-June 3.

Children and their grown-ups will dance, sing, wiggle, bounce, and more! Class will be held at Creative Dance Center, 2 Barton Hill Rd. Cost is \$80 per family for the six-week session.

Register by April 22. Information can be found on Facebook (Music with Mallory) or email [mallorykokus@gmail.com](mailto:mallorykokus@gmail.com). This program is supported by a grant from the East Hampton Arts and Culture Commission.

## Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner

The Ladies Society of the Second Congregational Church, 52 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam will have a takeout Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner on Saturday, April 30. Pick-up will be 4:30-5:30 p.m., at the lower level of the church.

Featured will be chicken cordon bleu, baked potato with butter, coleslaw, roll and homemade almond cookies for dessert. Cost is \$13/each. To place your reservation, call 860-510-8102 by April 23.

Proceeds benefit ongoing projects.

## Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

East Hampton Police and the East Hampton Prevention Partnership will hold a Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Town Hall, 1 Community Drive.

Accepted items include: prescription medications, prescription patches, over-the-counter (OTC) medications, vitamins, samples, and medications for pets. Items not accepted include: thermometers, hydrogen peroxide, inhalers, aerosol cans, needles (sharps), medications from businesses or clinics, and ointments, lotions or liquids.

For more information, call 860-267-4468 ext 3227, or email [cwidrick@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:cwidrick@easthamptonct.gov).



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**Senior Center News & Notes**

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., is open. All participants should register for programs prior to the event, online at myactivecenter.com or by calling 860-267-4426 or emailing seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov. Senior center hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Masks are required for all, regardless of vaccination status. Visit the senior center online at www.easthamptonct.gov/easthampton-senior-center.

**Lunches:** Served at the center to ages 60 and up on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 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. Masks are required; however, once you have your meal and are seated you can take off your mask. Meals are free, though a \$3 donation is requested.

**Weekly Activities:** Registration is required for all of the following; to do so, contact the center. Quilting Group: Mondays, 9 a.m. Mexican Train Dominoes: Mondays, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study: Tuesdays, 1 p.m. Bingo: Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m., in person and via Zoom. Setback: Thursdays 1:15-3:15 p.m. 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:** Thursday, April 28, 10 a.m. Registration required.

**Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts:** Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., or every other Wednesday (next date April 27), at 9:30 a.m., indoors with masks, or via Zoom. Register online.

**Volunteer Recognition Celebration:** Friday, April 22, 9:30 a.m. Breakfast goodies provided. Sign up in advance.

**East Hampton Speaks:** Friday, April 22, 10:30 a.m. Come discuss the days of yesteryear in East Hampton, or just listen. Lunch served after the event. Register online at MyactiveCenter.com. Space is limited.

**Art with Karen:** Sunday, April 24, 2-4 p.m. Karen Williams will take people through beginner steps of creating an acrylic painting. Cost is \$5.00 for supplies. Pre-register or call to register. Pay instructor the day of event.

**Family Tree:** Friday, April 29, 10:30-11:30 a.m. In this presentation by Ken Doney, get help searching for the history of your family and learn the basic research tools. One-on-one help is available as well. Bring your own mobile device. Pre-registration required.

**Trips:** Payments for trips will be accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or by pre-arranged appointment time. Trips are: Martha's Vineyard Daytrip: Thursday, July 21. There will be a roundtrip ferry, island bus tour, and time to shop and dine on your own. Cost: \$124/person. Cathedral of the Pines: Wednesday, Aug. 17, to Rindge, N.H. Explore the sanctuary, sacred spaces, monuments and burial grounds, built as a memorial to those fallen in service. Cost: \$104/person, includes lunch at Woodbound Inn. Cranberry Bog Tour: Thursday, Sept. 22, to Wareham, Mass. This is a narrated bus tour of the world's largest cranberry grower, A.D. Makepeace Company. Have lunch at Lindsey's Family Restaurant, and a stop at Wright's Dairy Farm & Bakery on the way home. Cost: \$116/person. Washington D.C.: Oct. 21-24. Includes deluxe motorcoach, three nights' hotel, three breakfasts and two dinners, all sightseeing and admissions as per itinerary, a Friendship Tours escort, and driver and tour gratuity. Cost: \$745/person for a double or triple, or \$989/person for a single.

**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. 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.



**Learning About History...** East Hampton Cub Scouts and their den leader, John Pierson, recently toured the Chatham Historical Society's two museum buildings and one-room schoolhouse as a requirement for their local history badge.

**Middle Haddam Public Library News**

Middle Haddam Public Library, 2 Knowles Rd., Middle Haddam, has announced its April calendar. To register or more information on any program, email middlehaddamlibrary@gmail.com, visit middlehaddamlibrary.com or call 860-267-9093.

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

**Yoga:** With Erin Day of Ten Summit Yoga. Tuesdays through April 26, 7 p.m., or Saturdays through April 30, 9-10 a.m. Cost is \$10 to drop

in. Register at tensummitst@gmail.com.

**Basket Silent Auction:** Bid on a variety of donated baskets, including baby, birding, gardening, candle, spa, coffee, tea, knitting, boat cruises on the Connecticut River, many local business gift certificates, and more. Reception and final chance to bid: Sunday, April 24, 3-5 p.m.

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The Congregational Church of East Hampton, UCC, located at 59 Main St., is open for in-person services every Sunday at 10 a.m. Pastor is Amie McCarthy. All services can also be accessed via Zoom by going to cc-eh.org.

Nursery care is available during Sunday services for children under 3 years. Sunday school classes meet every Sunday for preschool

through ninth grade.

The Yarners meet every Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-noon in the Fellowship Hall. All knitters and crocheters are welcome.

The Youth Group, for grades 6-12, will next meet Friday, April 22, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall.

For more information about CCEH and its activities, visit cc-eh.org or call the church office at 860-267-4959 during office hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-noon. McCarthy can be reached for emergencies at 508-272-6437.

#### Easter Morning Sunrise Service

Haddam Neck Congregational Church will hold a 7 a.m. sunrise service on Easter morning, April 17, at the church grounds, 408 Quarry Hill Rd. A potluck breakfast follows at the church parish house.

Easter Sunday service will be held at the church at 11 a.m.

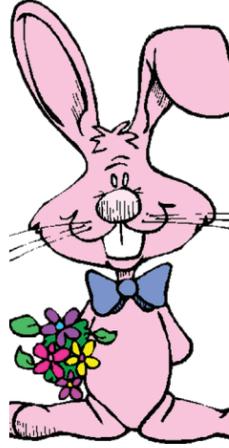
For more information, visit [www.haddamneckcongregationalchurch.org](http://www.haddamneckcongregationalchurch.org).

#### Red Cross Blood Drive

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### YPCCA to Present *Legally Blonde* This Summer

The Young People's Center for Creative Arts is accepting registrations for its summer theater camp. YPCCA will run daily Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., and meets at East Hampton High School. Teens entering grades 6-12, as well as newly-graduated high school seniors, are eligible.

Mornings at the camp are devoted to workshops in skills that include Acting, Show Choir, Dance, Stage Make-Up, Voice, and Stage Combat. Afternoons at camp are spent in rehearsals for our summer mainstage production. This year's show is the Broadway hit *Legally Blonde*, based on the movie of the same name.

All students at YPCCA perform onstage by participating in the show and "The Event," a cabaret evening of performances rehearsed in

the morning workshops and presented free of charge to the public during the third week of camp. For those teens interested in a leading role in the show, auditions are held a few weeks before camp. Auditions, however, are not mandatory and those students who do not audition will be featured in the ensemble. There are also opportunities to learn behind-the-scenes skills involved in theater work and many campers work as stage and set crew.

Registration and more information on the camp is available by visiting [www.yppca.org](http://www.yppca.org). Register by May 1 and tuition is \$600 for the four weeks. Scholarships are also available for students with financial need. Email [info@ypcca.org](mailto:info@ypcca.org) for more information.

### Chicken Dinner to Benefit Ukraine

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd., will host an eat-in or drive-thru BBQ Chicken Dinner Saturday, April 23, by reservation only. All net proceeds will be donated to Ukraine humanitarian relief.

This is the same recipe of barbecue chicken the church has sold at the Haddam Neck Fair for over 40 years. Dinner includes a thigh/leg chicken quarter, baked beans, coleslaw and corn bread for \$10 (cash only please).

Call in reservations to the church office at 860-267-2336 and indicate whether you will eat-in or takeout, and your pick-up time: noon-1 p.m., 1-2 p.m., 3-4 p.m., 4-5 p.m., or 5-6 p.m.

Church office hours are Monday through Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

### Volunteers Sought for Clean Energy Task Force

The Town of East Hampton is looking for volunteers to serve on its Clean Energy Task Force. The force is charged with researching and facilitating the use of clean renewable energy, and with educating East Hampton residents about clean and alternative energy options.

Other groups that currently have vacancies for either full members or alternates include the Arts & Culture Commission, Conservation-Lake Commission, Design Review Board, Economic Development Commission, Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency, Middle Haddam Historic District Commission, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and Planning & Zoning Commission.

The volunteer application is available in the town manager's office at Town Hall, 1 Community Drive, or at <https://www.easthamptonct.gov/home/pages/volunteers-needed>.

### Christ Episcopal Church News

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam, holds in-person worship Sundays at 10 a.m.

Good Friday, April 15: Stations of the Cross at noon (Zoom only) and Good Friday worship is at 6 p.m. Coffee hour will resume for Easter Sunday.

The Rev. Ann Perrott is priest-in-charge, the Rev. Joanne Neel-Richard oversees the children's ministry, and Stuart Duncan is the music director. For more information or if in need of pastoral assistance, call 860-267-0287 or visit [www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com](http://www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com).

### Arts Response to Social Media

Epoch Arts' purpose with "An Arts Response" is to bring critical issues out of the dark and into people's conscience. Every year, Epoch Arts responds to a crisis in the world with the arts. This year, students will tackle the issue of social media.

All are invited to Epoch, 27 Skinner St., on Saturday, April 16, at 7 p.m., as students share their poetry, music, film, dance and more. Admission is \$10. For more information, visit [www.epocharts.org](http://www.epocharts.org).

### Sports Boosters Golf Outing

The East Hampton Sports Boosters is holding its 30th annual Golf Outing Monday, June 20, at the Fox Hopyard Country Club. There will also be a separate yoga session available.

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### Parks and Rec. News

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**April Vacation Camp:** For grades 1-5. April 18-22, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. each day, at the Sears Park Pavilion. Fee is \$185.

**Flag Football:** April 24-June 5, for ages 7-13. Fee: \$120.

**Golf Tournament:** May 19 at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron. There is a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Fee: \$125.

**Hartford Yard Goats Game:** May 7, 6:05 p.m. See Hartford take on the Binghamton Rumble Ponies, the AA affiliate of the New York Mets. Field box level tickets are available for \$20 each.

**Middle School Sun & Fun Camp and Sears Park Summer Camp:** June 20-Aug. 12, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Fee is \$195/week; field trips included.

### Easter Egg Hunt

After rain postponed it last weekend, Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd., will hold an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 16, at 1 p.m.

One thousand colorful candy-filled eggs will be hidden outside the church. There will also be refreshments and various Easter activities, including crafts. All are welcome.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a free Household Hazardous Waste collection Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Clinton Public Works Garage, 117 Nod Rd., Clinton.

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

Visit rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste to learn more.

### Annual Trout Derby

The Belltown Sportsman's Club will hold its annual Trout Derby Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the club grounds on Markham Meadows Road. (Follow the signs.)

Cost is \$15 per pole, with a 5-fish limit. Prizes will be awarded for one tagged fish. Raffle prizes and food will also be available.

For more information, call Curly at 860-638-7221.

### Haddam Neck Covenant Church News

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

**Sunday School:** Sunday school programs are offered for children ages 3-11 during Worship.

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

**Spring Song Fest:** Sunday, April 24, 9 a.m. The vocal choir will be joined by musicians with violin, guitar, drums and keyboard for this musical celebration.

**Bible Study:** The Zoom Bible Study meets every other Thursday from 7-8:15 p.m. The next study is April 21. This is an interactive study of compassion.

**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.

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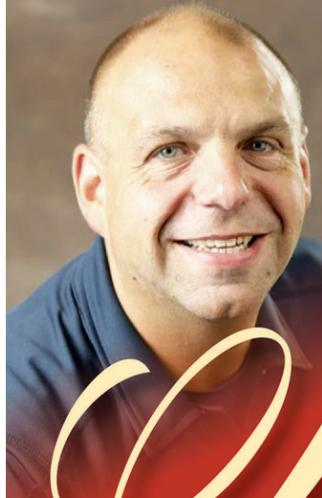
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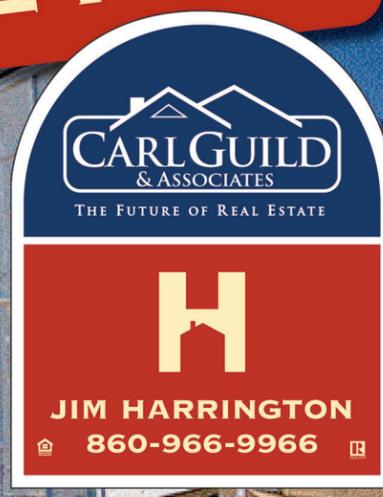
  
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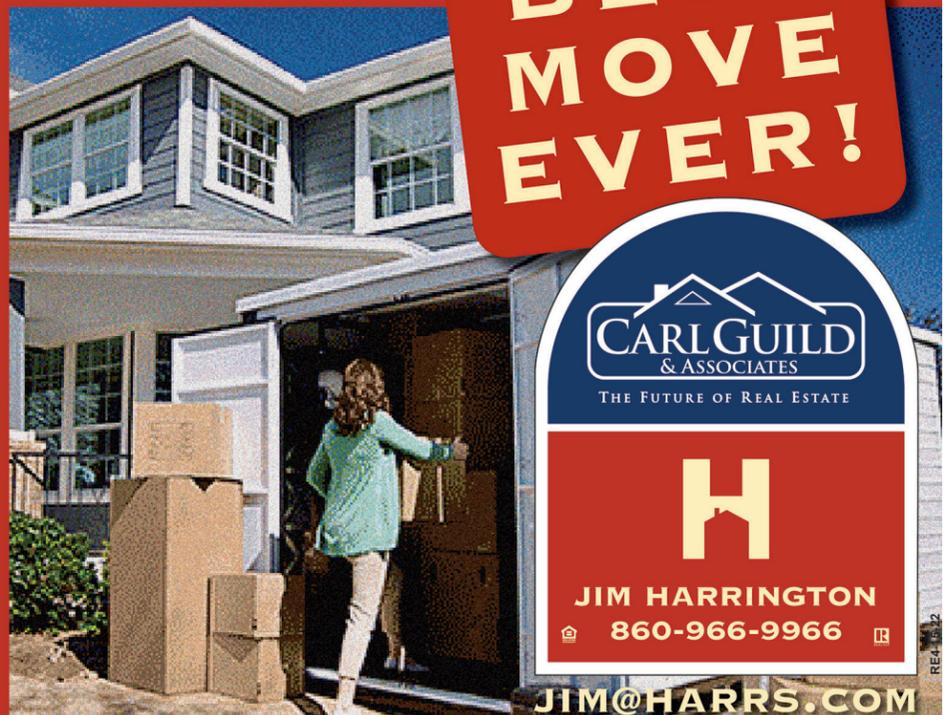


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### 'Round the Lake 5K

The Marlborough Lions will hold their 38th annual 'Round the Lake 5K Road Race Sunday, May 29. The race will utilize electronic timing with computerized race results. The race starts promptly at 10:30 a.m. The race is a registered 5K.

The entry fee is \$30 and runners must be registered by the day prior to the race. Shirts will be guaranteed for those who pre-register by May 15 with additional shirts provided to runners as available. There is also a \$60 package price for groups of immediate family members participat-

ing in the race. Due to COVID-19, there will not be any same-day registrations. Runners will start near the entrance to Blish Park on Park Road and will proceed on a course, which circles Lake Ter-ramuggus.

The Lions have available race sponsorships of \$100, \$250 and \$500. The business sponsor's information will be printed on the shirts handed out to runners.

To register, to sponsor, or for more information, contact Lion Tom Reiser at 860-295-8374 TGREi-ser@comcast.net, or Jean Paul Bolduc at 860-295-9150. More info is also on the Marlborough Lions' Facebook page. Applications are also at various locations in town, including Liberty Bank, and people can register online at [www.hitektracing.com](http://www.hitektracing.com); click on "calendar" and then scroll down to the May 29 races.

### Xavier Honor Roll

Marlborough resident Aidan Muldoon, a member of the Class of 2022, earned High Honors on the Xavier High School honor roll for the third quarter of the 2021-22 school year.

### 4th Friday @ the Arts Café

The Marlborough Arts Center will host La Hot Jazz & Co. for the 4th Friday @ the Arts Café on April 22 in the Art Gallery at 231 North Main Street in Marlborough.

Led by Louie DeLorso on drums, Doug Maher on guitar, Steve Bulmer on bass, and Ken Fischer on keyboard, they also add in saxophone and flute. The group has performed both nationally and internationally.

DeLorso started drums at the age of 8 and has studied with Jim Bradley and Gregg Yuska, developing his own style which he brought to this and many other groups he has formed. Maher has played with the U.S. Army Band at the White House and many other venues as

a musician, educator and clinician. Bulmer graduated from the Eastman School of Music and performs extensively, including on Broadway. Fisher graduated cum laude with a Degree in Music Education from the Hartt School of Music and plays a range of gigs, including musical theater, society bands, and jazz and pop groups. They all also find time to teach and guide the next generation of young musicians.

Doors open at 7 p.m., the concert begins at 7:30 p.m., and admission is \$10 per person at the door. Masks are recommended. The arts center is fully accessible and there is on-site parking.

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# First Selectman's Comment Concerns Residents

By Jack Lakowsky

At an April 5 Marlborough Board of Selectmen meeting residents Kerry Markey and Peter Brander, a couple living on West Road, called into question a comment made by First Selectman Greg Lowrey.

Markey and Brander said in a previous conversation with Lowrey, the first selectman referenced a concept of "executive residents" in town – which the couple interpreted as meaning the word of certain taxpayers carries more weight than others.

The couple had reached out to Lowrey to voice their concerns over a proposed wooden cell tower in the Blackledge River Valley, near the intersection of West Road and Jones Hollow Road.

The tower, about 80 feet tall, is meant to improve cell coverage in that area of town, including Walnut Drive, Surrey Lane, Carriage Lane, Buckboard Lane and Standish Drive.

Lowrey has previously said the dearth of cell coverage became a serious issue while the town was working on a bridge.

A storm knocked down a cable, disrupting landline service and closing the bridge. Without phones or a neighborhood egress, Lowrey said

the situation became "tense."

The proposed project is in early stages. Lowrey seeks to move it forward with the passage of the upcoming budget, which has \$30,000 earmarked for a cell tower consultant.

Lowrey said the tower would bring in revenue.

On Monday, Markey said the money was small, while the cost to the town, and the environment, was high.

Markey read from a letter to the town.

"I understand the proposed benefits of the tower include enhanced communication for emergency services and possibly improved cell service to a handful of residents," Markey wrote. "No one would deny this is important."

"[But there are] a handful of residents that will be negatively [by the tower]," Markey continued. "I am one of these residents."

She said cell towers are visual blights, and she's concerned for the effect on her property value, as well as she and her family's health, saying cell tower emissions are dangerous.

Markey suggested the town use its proposed alternative, the fire station on West Road.

In a follow-up call Monday, Lowrey said the

firehouse is an alternative, but coverage would suffer.

Markey suggested going forward, the town "involve residents immediately and negatively impacted" by the project.

Selectperson Amy Traversa said the board, and therefore the town, will make a better effort to make sure to notify people who town projects affect.

Markey said, "Mr. Lowrey shared that 'executive residents' in town were consulted," and questioned if "their professional status makes their voice [more valuable than] mine, a taxpayer and homeowner who intends to live in town many more years to come?"

Peter Brander reiterated his wife's comments, and said he was concerned about the suggested

existence of "executive residents."

The *Rivereast* followed up on this topic with Lowrey.

"Marlborough is lucky in that there are executives from many utility companies that live in town," said Lowrey of the "executive resident" concept.

He said in town are several "subject matter experts" regarding cell towers, including an engineer for AT&T and an executive from a radio company in Manchester.

Lowrey said he did not mean these voices matter more than others.

Joe Asklar, selectperson, said the state has most of the say in building cell towers. Lowrey, however, said this is a municipal project, so there's more autonomy.

## Applications Sought for Art Show

The Marlborough Arts Center will hold a Members' Art Show in May – and is currently accepting submissions.

Artist members may enter up to three pieces of artwork, including paintings, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, fiber art, and wood turned works, which will be judged for awards. Beverley Fisher, director of the art department at RHAM High School, will judge.

The gallery at the Arts Center, 231 N. Main St., will be open weekends in May. An Opening Reception, featuring the presentation of awards, will take place on Sunday, May 1, from 2-4 p.m. Membership dues must be up to date in order to participate in the show. The entry fee is \$25 for

the first two pieces, and \$5 for a third. Paintings and artwork that is to be hung must be wired for hanging (no sawtooth hangers), and must measure no more than 36 inches in either direction, including frame.

A prospectus and entry forms can be downloaded from the Arts Center website: [www.marlborougharts.org](http://www.marlborougharts.org). For more information, leave a voice message at 860-467-6353, or send an email to [marlboroughartscenter@gmail.com](mailto:marlboroughartscenter@gmail.com).

## Absentee Ballots Available

Absentee Ballots for the May 3 special election to elect two new Marlborough selectmen are now available in the town clerk's office at Town Hall, 26 N. Main St.

Note: a second absentee ballot for the town budget referendum will become available Wednesday, April 20.

The town clerk's office will be closed Thursday, April 21, to allow the clerks to attend a continuing education conference.

For more information, call Lauren or Martha at 860-295-6206.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, April 19, from 1-6 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center, 17 School Drive.

All who donate will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice and will be automatically entered to win a new travel trailer camper that sleeps eight. (Terms apply, see [rcblood.org/camper](http://rcblood.org/camper).)

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## St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church is located at 30 Jones Hollow Rd. Pastor is the Rev. Thomas J. Sas, 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 optional. For the unvaccinated, masks are required. 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.

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

## Senior Center News and Notes

Marlborough Senior Center, 17 School Dr., is open for activities. Call 860-295-6209 for the center's hours and more information. The senior center has announced the following:

**Transportation:** Transportation to the senior center, shopping, medical and non-medical appointments will be offered each day from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., with a 36-hour advance reservation. Masks are required as well as appropriate distancing. **Assistance** is offered each day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

Tuesday mornings. Sandwich-making and collection continues on the last Thursday of the month for St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown. Seasonal outreach to include the Community Garden to benefit the Marlborough Food Bank and various giving programs to support area organizations continue. Other scheduled service opportunities can be found on the church website, [www.stjfcchurch.org](http://www.stjfcchurch.org).

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

## EGFG Easter Egg Hunt Results

The East Glastonbury Fish and Game Club has announced the winners of this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Prizes were awarded as follows:

Ages 6 and under: Kenna McNally of Marlborough, Hunter Bergeron of East Hampton and Tenley Marsh of Coventry.

Ages 7-9: William Kennan of Ellington and Madison Kimball of Hebron.

Ages 10 and over: Lenna Gilmore of Thomaston, Grant Colantonio of Marlborough and Ty Asklar of Marlborough.

## Scholarship Available

The Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary is accepting scholarship applications from any graduating senior who resides in Marlborough.

The applications are available through the RHAM guidance department. Applications are due Monday, May 2. Mail all completed applications to MVFD Women's Auxiliary, P.O. Box 237, Marlborough, CT 06447.

## Benefit Assessment Payment Reminder

Homeowners in the sewer district that the last day to pay their Benefit Assessment Bill, without interest, is Monday, May 2. Late bills will be charged interest at 1.5% a month, reverting to the due date of April 1.

The tax office is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday from 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-noon. There is also a Black Lock Box to the left of the main door where you can leave non-cash payments.

For more information, contact Barbara Murray at 860-295-6205 or email [taxcollector@marlboroughct.net](mailto:taxcollector@marlboroughct.net). Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the assessment fee or interest. Make checks payable to MWPCA.

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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](http://marlboroughct.recdesk.com) and click on "programs," stop by the office at Town Hall, 26 N. Main St., or call 860-295-6203.

**Program Note:** Don't wait until the last minute to register, Parks and Rec. said. Most classes require a minimum registration and if that requirement is not fulfilled by a certain date, the program may be canceled. Also, all in-person classes are subject to change to virtual programs based on COVID-19 developments.

**Youth Programs: Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 16, at Blish Park. Ages 2 and under are at 11 a.m., ages 3-5 at 11:30 a.m., ages 6-8 are at 11:15 a.m., and ages 7-10 are at 11:45 a.m.

**Kids Fishing Derby:** Sunday, May 15, 9-11 a.m., at Blish Park, for ages 4-15. Registration is \$10. Prizes will be awarded for biggest fish, smallest fish and first fish caught.

**Skyhawks:** Thursdays, April 21-May 19, at Blish Park. **Mini-Hawk** (soccer, baseball and basketball), for ages 5-7, runs 4-5 p.m., and **Multi-Sport** (also soccer, baseball and basketball), for ages 8-12, runs 5:15-6:15 p.m. Fee: \$85/residents, \$90/non-residents.

**Champions Karate:** Thursdays, April 21-May 26, at the Marlborough Elementary School (MES) community room. Tiny Champs, for ages 3-4, meets 5:30-6 p.m.; Little Champs, for ages 5-7, is from 6:05-6:50, and Youth Champs, for ages 7-11, is from 6:55-7:40 p.m. Fee for Tiny Champs is \$43/resident, \$48/non-resident. Fee for Little Champs and Youth Champs is \$73/resident, \$78/non-resident.

**Tennis Lessons:** Tuesdays, May 10-31, at

Blish Park tennis court. Ages 5-7 are 3:45- 4:30 p.m., and ages 8-12 are 4:30-5:30 p.m. Fee for ages 5-7 is \$65/resident, \$70/non-resident; fee for ages 8-12 is \$85/resident, \$90/non-resident.

**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 Programs: Barre/Pilates:** Mondays through April 25, 5-5:45 p.m., or Wednesdays through April 27, 5:30-6:15 p.m. Class instruction is virtual or in person. Fee is \$18/week to drop in.

**Yoga:** Mondays through April 25, 6-7 p.m., or Tuesdays through April 26, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Class instruction is virtual or in person. Fee is \$18/week to drop in.

**Yogalates:** Thursdays through April 28, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Class instruction is virtual or in person. Fee is \$18/week to drop in.

**Adult Open Sew:** For ages 18 and up. Classes are Wednesday, April 20, and Tuesday, May 3, from 5:30-7 p.m. each week, at Marlborough Senior Center. Each week is open to four students at a time. Fee each week is \$38/residents, \$4/non-residents.

**Adult Volleyball:** Thursdays, 8-10 p.m., at the MES gym. Fee is \$5/week, drop-in. Session runs until June 2.

### MVFD Easter Plant Sale

The Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department will continue its Easter Plant Sale at Marlborough Fire Station No. 1, on Route 66, on Friday, April 15, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, April 16, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, April 17, 8 a.m.-noon.

The Easter Bunny will be present Saturday, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information, call Mark at 860-916-9577.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

The Marlborough Lions Club will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, April 19, from 1-5:30 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center. To schedule an appointment in advance, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or visit [www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time).

The Lions will also collect donations of non-perishable food items during the Blood Drive, on behalf of Marlborough Food Bank.

For more information on this event or to learn more about joining the Marlborough Lions Club, call Secretary Ken Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116.

### Deadlines for Referendum, Special Election

On Tuesday, May 3, Marlborough voters will vote on the proposed 2022-23 town and RHAM budgets, as well as electing two new selectmen to add to the existing three-member Board of Selectmen based on the revised 2021 Town Charter.

Voter registration deadlines for the May 3 election are:

Mail-in registration must be postmarked by May 1. Registration made through the secretary of the state's website, [portal.ct.gov/sots](http://portal.ct.gov/sots)

must be completed by midnight April 30.

In-person: Noon Monday, May 2.

Also, the registrars of voters' office will hold special voter registration sessions on Tuesday, April 26, from 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., and Monday, May 2, from 9 a.m.-noon.

If these times are inconvenient for you, call 860-306-8769 to schedule an appointment with the registrar of voters or email [dem-registrar@marlboroughct.net](mailto:dem-registrar@marlboroughct.net) or [rep-registrar@marlboroughct.net](mailto:rep-registrar@marlboroughct.net).

### Richmond Library News & Notes

Richmond Memorial Library, located at 15 School Drive, has reopened its building to the public, but curbside pickup is still being offered. For more information and full program descriptions, call the library at 860-295-6210 or visit [richmondlibrary.info](http://richmondlibrary.info).

**Building and Curbside-Pickup Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Seed Library:** The library recently received a Constellation Community Champions grant for the purpose of creating a Seed Library. The library is now available to browse. It will be expanded in the months ahead. There is a binder alongside the storage unit with information about each seed we currently have available; help yourself to the information sheets when you take seeds. People should record which seeds they take, as well as what town they live in. There is a limit of five seed packets per person, with a maximum of one per type. The li-

brary will accept unopened and partially open and used seed packets, but is refraining from accepting seeds outside of their original packaging for the time being, to avoid issues concerning cross-pollination.

**Bags and Bling Sale Donations Needed:** Through Saturday, April 23, the Friends of the Richmond Memorial Library will accept gently-worn jewelry and handbags for an upcoming Bags and Bling Sale. All proceeds will directly benefit the library and be used to purchase new Nature Explorer Backpacks for children.

**Passport to Connecticut Libraries:** Stop by any participating library through April 30 to pick up a passport that must then be taken to four additional participating libraries to be stamped. Passports must be returned by Friday, May 6, for a chance to win a gift card.

**Children's Take and Make Kit:** Children ages 4-8 can stop by the library to pick up a take and make kit with everything needed to make two beaded butterflies.

### Congregational Church Easter Services

Easter Sunday in-person worship services are scheduled for Marlborough Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, located at 35 S. Main St. The services will be led by the Rev. Bob Faulhaber Jr. and Pastoral Intern Val Seaver. All are welcome.

A **Sunrise worship** service will be held lakeside at 7 a.m. at Lake Terramuggus. Hymns will be led by a brass ensemble and hot cocoa will be served.

The 10 a.m. **Resurrection Celebration** at the church will feature special music from the Chancel Choir. The service will conclude with the singing of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

**General Info:** Worship services and programs are open to all. The church is an Open and Affirming faith community. For more information about the church or its programs, call Faulhaber's direct line at 860-295-0432.

### Lions to Raffle Kayak

The Marlborough Lions Club is raffling off a kayak and a one-year rental of a kayak rack at Marlborough's Blish Park.

The use of the rack at Blish Park is limited to Marlborough residents, but the raffle for the kayak is open to everyone. Raffle tickets are \$20 each. Tickets will be sold at various locations through April 30, or can be purchased from Marlborough Lions Club members.

The raffle drawing will take place at Blish Park at noon on Sunday, May 1. You do not need to be present to win.

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

### Spring Clean-Up

The annual cemetery spring clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 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.

Consult the town website, [marlboroughct.net](http://marlboroughct.net), for a complete listing.

### Honor Society Inductee

John Marcin III of Marlborough was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Marcin was initiated at Fordham University in New York.

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## Republicans Spring Plant Sale

The Marlborough Republicans are selling geraniums, deck pot plants and hanging plants just in time for Mother's Day and Memorial Day. The plants will be ready for pickup in the Town Hall parking lot on the morning of Saturday, May 7, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

These geraniums will be available in a variety of colors including red, pink, fuchsia and white at a price of \$8 each. The hanging and deck plants will be available in several different varieties. The hanging planters will be sold for \$25 each and deck pot plants are priced at only \$30.

Ordering information can be found at [www.MarlGOP.com](http://www.MarlGOP.com) under "fundraisers."

A large variety of plants will also be available for purchase on the morning of the plant sale.

For more information, call Liz Giannelli at 860-841-1547 or Sue Stolfi at 860-593-4763.

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# Town Commends Teen for Saving Family

By Jack Lakowsky

Last week, the Portland Board of Selectmen officially commended local 14-year-old Aidan Peterson, who saved his family from a house fire.

In March Peterson, his mom Shannon Faust and a third adult lost their Mountain Laurel Way home to a fire. The town fire chief, Bob Shea, described it as a major blaze.

The two-story home was totally lost. Fortunately, nobody was injured.

“Luckily, there was no loss of life,” Curley said last week. “That is because of a 14-year-old resident.”

Both Curley and Shea called Peterson a hero. Following the family’s well-practiced fire escape plan, Peterson helped lead his mother and grandmother through smoke and fire. The family went through a bedroom, escaped through a window, climbed down to the garage roof and into their yard, then went to their neighbors.

Curley said without the young man’s quick, calm thinking, the situation might’ve a much worse outcome.

Curley and Shea emphasized the importance of having, and practicing and updating, a fire escape plan.

Shea said that since news of the fire broke, people have called him saying they’ve revamped their fire plans.

Shea said not only is Peterson a hero for saving his family, but for potentially saving fire and emergency crews. He said if crews suspect a person is in a burning building, they run in – a situation that can put personnel in “great danger.”

“You did our job for us,” said Shea. “You’re a hero in many eyes, especially the fire department. You helped save us too.”

Aidan’s mom Shannon Faust also spoke to the Board of Selectmen.

“We really wouldn’t have been safe without him,” said Faust. She said Aidan’s bravery and

level headedness saved the day.

Faust thanked a slew of people who’ve helped the family, including neighbors, friends, the schools, local businesses, town emergency services and donors to their GoFundMe.

At the meeting, Faust said the drive had raised more than \$30,000, which, she said, will go a long way to helping the family rebuild its home, or find a new one.

Faust said Chris Cote, owner of the like-named golf shop, donated to Peterson a replacement set of golf clubs, and the boy’s teammates helped replace gear for his other sports.

“It’s really important for people to understand how this community came together,” she said. The night of the fire, the family, coated in soot, went to their welcoming neighbors at 1:30 a.m. and were there for hours.

Faust said her family’s “hearts are full.” In March, Shea said crews battled the fire for about two hours. Windy conditions made it all the more difficult to contain.

Mutual aid, which Shea called key to battling any major fire, came from Middletown, Westfield, Glastonbury and East Hampton.

To the fire’s cause, Portland Fire Marshal Ray Sajdak said he can’t rule out improper “disposal/extinguishment of smoking materials.”

Sajdak reminded the community that smoking materials, also fireplace or woodstove ash, should be disposed of in proper containers. These containers must be away from occupied buildings, he said.

“Also, Aidan Peterson remembered to have an exit plan in the event something like this should happen,” Sajdak said in an email. “All families should have a prepared exit plan and practice ‘EDITH’: Exit Drills in the Home.”

## Portland Preschool Screening

Valley View School will conduct a preschool screening Friday, April 22, for children ages 3-4. The screening is designed to answer any questions or concerns about a child’s development as well as identifying children who may be eligible for the preschool selection process.

During the screening, children will meet with members of the preschool team and participate in a variety of activities. These activities assess different developmental areas including cognition, communication, fine and gross motor skills and social interaction. During this time, the parent/caregiver will meet with another member of the team to discuss your child’s adaptive and personal social skills.

Following the screening, parents/caregivers will receive a letter stating the child’s results. In order for a child to attend Valley View’s preschool program, they must participate in the screening process. Peer role models are determined on a year-to-year basis.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, call Valley View at 860-342-3131.

## Youth Poetry Contest

In honor of National Poetry Month, Portland Parks and Recreation is accepting submissions for the second annual Youth Poetry Contest. This contest is open to children in grades 5 and 6 who live or attend school in Portland. There is no fee required to enter.

Top poets will be presented with an Award for Poetic Excellence and will be invited to attend a Poetry Pizza Party at the Buck-Foreman Community Center with Portland’s poet laureate, Naji Chester-Payne. All poems will be published in a collection by Parks and Rec. Once the book is made, it will be added to the catalog of Portland Library and put on display.

Poems can be entered into the contest by emailing [adionne@portlandct.org](mailto:adionne@portlandct.org). Entries will be accepted through April 21.

## Community Good Friday Walk

The Portland Community Good Friday Walk will return today, Friday, April 15. The walk includes the Procession of the Cross and commemorates the day Jesus was crucified.

The walk will begin at St. Mary Church, 45 Freestone Ave., at noon. It will process to a few locations near the center of Portland with an observance at each place. The walk is being hosted and led by members of Saint Mary Church, the United Methodist Church, True Vine Holiness Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, First Congregational Church, Zion Lutheran Church and the Baha’i Faith.

All are welcome to attend. In the event of inclement weather, the group will remain at Saint Mary Church.

## Portland Exchange Offering Scholarship

The Portland Exchange Club is offering the \$1,000 John W. Goodrich Scholarship to any Portland resident senior going on to a higher education institution after graduation.

For the scholarship, the Exchange Club is looking for the student with the most outstanding record of community service and good academic achievement as well as participation in extracurricular activities.

Applications are at the Portland High School Counseling Center and online at [www.portlandexchange.org/john-w-goodrich-scholarship](http://www.portlandexchange.org/john-w-goodrich-scholarship). Deadline for applications is April 16.

## Registration Open for Spring Soccer

Registration is open for Portland Soccer Club’s spring Recreational season. Visit [clubs.bluesombrero.com/portlandsoccerclub](http://clubs.bluesombrero.com/portlandsoccerclub) to register, or contact PSC President Chad Wilson at [nosliw.dahc@gmail.com](mailto:nosliw.dahc@gmail.com).

Players with birth years 2013 to 2017 are eligible. Registration deadline is Monday, April 18. Birth year determines division. Pre-K cost is \$60, Dribblers and Kickers cost is \$75. Pre-K and Dribblers on Saturday mornings only. Kickers play Saturday morning games at the Portland Rec Complex and practice Wednesday evenings. The season runs from April 23-June 11.

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In March, a family on Mountain Laurel Way lost its home to a fire. The town is praising a 14-year-old boy for saving his family from the blaze. According to the town’s fire chief, the family had a well-established, and practiced, fire plan. In the photo, First Selectman Ryan Curley, left, hands Aidan Peterson, center, a proclamation commemorating his life-saving actions. Joining them is Shannon Faust, Peterson’s mom, one of two people the boy saved.

## Zion Lutheran Church News

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

For those unable or still reluctant to worship in person, a recording of the service is posted to YouTube on Monday mornings by 9 a.m.

On Good Friday, April 15, worship will begin at 5:30 p.m. Recordings of this and other Holy Week services will be available on Zion’s YouTube channel.

Tube channel.

On Easter Sunday, April 17, Zion will celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord at 9 a.m.

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.

## First Congregational Church News

First Congregational Church of Portland, located at 554 Main St., has announced the following pieces of news:

Sunday morning worship takes place in person at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Masks are optional. Services are livestreamed on the church’s YouTube channel, and also available there for later viewing. The YouTube channel is “First Church of Portland CT.”

The Easter Bake Sale is at the church on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m.-noon.

April 17 is Easter Sunday. A Sunrise Service will be held at 6 a.m. in the backyard of the church near the gazebo. Feel free to bring a chair for this informal service. At the 10 a.m. service in the sanctuary, the Rev. Jane Hawken’s sermon is titled “Christ Arose!” Under Kasha Breau’s direction, the handbell choir will play and the choir will sing the anthem “Let the Trumpet Sound” by Natalie Sleeth. A time of fellowship and refreshments follows the

service.

During the service, children are invited to Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. for Easter activities.

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).

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### Final Days to Register for Town-Wide Tag Sale

The registration deadline for the Portland Historical Society's 26th annual Town-Wide Tag Sale Day on Saturday, May 7 is next weekend — all registrations must be received (even if mailed at post office) by Monday, April 25.

The tag sale registration sheet was included in the society's March newsletter and can also be found in the barrel on the front steps of the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History, located at 492 Main St. Registration and payment can also be done online by clicking on the link (the bright yellow tag sale banner) on the society's website, [www.portlandhistsoc.org](http://www.portlandhistsoc.org); just follow the instructions online. Completed paper registration sheets along with payment must be mailed to the society at P.O. Box 98, Portland CT 06480 and

received by Monday, April 25. The donation to the society for a spot on the Tag Sale Map is \$25.

The sign-up period will then close to allow time for preparation and printing of the map prior to the May 7 sales. Portland residents who sign up will be assigned a spot on the society's official Tag Sale Map issued for that day listing the sale locations and types of items featured at each one. Registered tag sales will be marked with new pole signs this year, with numbers corresponding to sale locations on the map.

The annual Town-Wide Tag Sale is a major fundraiser for the museum. For more information, call 860-982-1486 or email [portlandcthistory@gmail.com](mailto:portlandcthistory@gmail.com).



**Happy Trails to You...** The Portland Air Line Trail Committee will host a "Celebrate Trails Day" activity Saturday, April 23, at 10 a.m., starting at the trailhead parking lot at 82 Middle Haddam Rd. Committee members will be on hand to provide trail information and lead hikes covering distances of two or four miles. "Celebrate Trails Day" is an annual spring celebration of America's trails, started by the Rails to Trails Conservancy in 2013. Photo by Riz Rizzo.

### Portland Library News & Notes

Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., is open, with no appointments needed. Wireless is available. Registration required for the following programs unless noted. For more info and full program descriptions, visit [www.portlandlibraryct.org](http://www.portlandlibraryct.org) or call 860-342-6770. The library is also on Facebook and Instagram.

**Hours:** Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Curbside delivery of requested items continues; call the library or reserve items online and you will receive a notice or call when your materials are available.

**Holiday Closing:** The library will be closed Good Friday, April 15; it will be open Saturday, April 16.

**Youth Programs: Nutmeg Voting:** Stop into the library to vote on the 2022 Nutmeg Nominees or submit your favorite title in your age group to [portlandlibrary@portlandct.org](mailto:portlandlibrary@portlandct.org). Winners will be announced on May 15, and next year's nominees will be announced on May 1.

**Spring Storytimes:** The April storytime sessions will be held in person at the library. There will be songs, stories and more each week. A

craft will be offered for those in the preschool program. Masks are recommended but not required. Registration is required, though, as space is limited; register through the website calendar or call the library. The schedule is: **Preschool Storytime:** Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., through April 26. **Storytime for Toddlers and Tots: Mother Goose on the Loose:** Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., through April 27.

**Lego Club:** Thursdays at 3:30 p.m., April 21-May 26, for kids of all ages. In this drop-in program, complete the weekly "Master Builder" challenge or enjoy free building time. No registration required.

**Adult Programs: Passport to Connecticut Libraries Contest:** Runs through April 30. Portland Library and libraries all over Connecticut are participating in this exciting program to make people of all ages aware of the power of their library card. Take your library card and passport to at least five libraries on the list to be eligible to win a \$150 gift card for adults or a \$100 gift card for children. Pick up a passport at the library.

**Registration:** Registration is encouraged at [portlandlibraryct.org](http://portlandlibraryct.org) or by calling 860-342-6770. Limited computer and internet access will be available at the library. If you or someone you know is in need of shelter, call 211 to be connected with the Coordinated Access Network. Follow PSJC at [Facebook.com/PortlandCT-SocialJustice](https://www.facebook.com/PortlandCT-SocialJustice) to learn more.

for the panelists may be addressed to [portland-socialjustice@gmail.com](mailto:portland-socialjustice@gmail.com). This event is co-sponsored by Portland Social Justice Coalition, Portland Library, Youth & Family Services, and the First Selectman's Office.

Registration is encouraged at [portlandlibraryct.org](http://portlandlibraryct.org) or by calling 860-342-6770. Limited computer and internet access will be available at the library. If you or someone you know is in need of shelter, call 211 to be connected with the Coordinated Access Network.

### Homelessness: Issues & Solutions

On Wednesday, April 27, at 7 p.m. on Zoom, the Portland Social Justice Coalition and the Town of Portland will present their third event in the Fair Housing Matters series — "Homelessness: Issues & Solutions."

Learn about Portland's new grant which helps prevent homelessness by expanding services through the Coordinated Access Network. Speakers from Mercy Housing & Shelter, Columbus House and St. Vincent de Paul will discuss facts about homelessness in our region, and share services for prevention, access to safe housing and other resources. Questions

will be addressed to [portland-socialjustice@gmail.com](mailto:portland-socialjustice@gmail.com). This event is co-sponsored by Portland Social Justice Coalition, Portland Library, Youth & Family Services, and the First Selectman's Office.

Registration is encouraged at [portlandlibraryct.org](http://portlandlibraryct.org) or by calling 860-342-6770. Limited computer and internet access will be available at the library. If you or someone you know is in need of shelter, call 211 to be connected with the Coordinated Access Network.

Follow PSJC at [Facebook.com/PortlandCT-SocialJustice](https://www.facebook.com/PortlandCT-SocialJustice) to learn more.

### Trinity Episcopal Church News

Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 345 Main St., invites the community to celebrate each week. Worship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School is held during the service. Children ages 4-12, baptized and unbaptized, are welcome to attend Church School.

All are invited to Easter Sunday services at 9:30 a.m. April 17. The church will also hold a Good Friday service on April 15, at 7 p.m.

Through the Easter season, Trinity Church will have the Stations of the Cross set up in the church lawn for the public to walk and reflect.

Masks are required for unvaccinated individuals, and optional for those that are vaccinated.

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

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

### Hey, Take a Hike!

The Middlesex Land Trust invites all to attend as John LeShane leads a short hike at the Roy Huse Collins Preserve in Portland on Saturday, April 23, at 10 a.m. for about an hour.

The preserve has historic features and a mostly flat trail (appropriate for new hikers) that crosses and follows Hales Brook in some parts. LeShane will share the history of the preserve.

Hikers should wear sturdy boots or sneakers (footing is likely to be wet in some spots), and bring snacks and water as desired. Kids are welcome, as are dogs on leash. Downpours or storms will cancel the hike. Meet on Isinglass Hill Road (in Portland) near the intersection with Thompson Hill Road.

To RSVP, call the Land Trust office at 860-343-7537 or call the hike leader, LeShane, at 860-342-0658.

### Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Trinity Episcopal Church, 345 Main St., will offer an outside Stations of the Cross throughout the Easter season.

The stations are on the church green on the corner of Main Street. This is a self-guided tour to read the stations, or listen to the pre-recorded readings that can be accessed at [tinyurl.com/3jy96v47](http://tinyurl.com/3jy96v47). The readings can also be accessed at Trinity's website, [www.trinitychurchportlandct.org](http://www.trinitychurchportlandct.org).

For more information, call the church office at 860-342-0458.

### 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.

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**We Are the Champions...** Portland's 5th grade boys travel basketball team had a memorable 2021-22 campaign. After starting out the season 0-6, the group's hard work and dedication to improvement paid off. Over the final 13 games, the team posted a 6-7 record to finish 6-13. Adding to the team's late-season success was an early-round playoff win that led to a trip to the division's NIT Bracket Final Four. The home team had the ball and a chance to tie the game with 33 seconds remaining, but couldn't quite squeeze out a victory. Team members were Jack Hendrickson, Luke Lawrence, Conor Murphy, Brennan O'Connor, Owen Pandolfo, Liam Russell, Misha Sanborn, Jackson Vodola and Dylan Wells.

### Walk, Bike & Roll

Four Portland schools will join thousands of others across the country on Wednesday, May 4 (rain date: Thursday, May 5), to celebrate national Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day.

This spring event is held annually during National Bike Month and complements Portland's Walk, Bike & Roll to school event in October.

The Complete Streets Group (CSG) of Portland, is coordinating the morning event with support from schools, PTOs, and Portland Police. There will be three parking lot

drop-off points for students: Town Hall for middle and high school kids; St. Mary Parish, east parking lot, for Brownstone students; and Fire Engine No. 2, at Bell Court, for Gildersleeve fourth-graders.

Permission slips and more detailed information about starting times, etc., will be available at the four schools starting the week of April 18. Parents can look for sign-up sheets in their child's school newsletter and/or contact their school's main office for more information.

### Art Show Save the Date

On Sunday, Sept. 11, Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., will host a reception from 3- 5 p.m. showcasing local artists in the Fellowship Hall – and participants for the event are sought.

The event will provide the community and church members the opportunity to meet and chat with the local artists, photographers, and hobbyists. Participating exhibitors will be asked to donate one of their artworks for a silent auction sale. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Zion's lounge renovation project.

The reception is free to the public and most artwork will be available for sale. Light refreshments, consisting of cheese and wine, will be served.

If interested in displaying your artwork, call Sue at 860-685-0593.

### Horseshoe League Seeks New Members

The Portland Horseshoe League is looking for players of all abilities to join us for the 2022 season, which will start in late May. Folks from surrounding towns are welcome also.

Games take place at the Horseshoe pits in Bransfield Park on Rose Hill in Portland. The League meets Thursdays from 5:45-8 p.m.

Contact Andy Bauer at AndyTBauer@gmail.com if interested. Portland Horseshoes is an alcohol-free activity.

### Exchange Club Charity Golf Tourney

The Exchange Club of Portland will hold its 33rd annual Charity Golf Tournament Friday, May 6, at Portland Golf Course. Proceeds support area programs and charities such as the Jason Fedash Town Tech Scholarship, New Horizon's Domestic Violence Services, Middlesex Hospital Hospice and Rushford Center.

Cost is \$165/golfer for the four-person scramble event, which includes cart, lunch and dinner.

Registration and sponsorship brochures are available at many Portland businesses or at [www.portlandexchange.org](http://www.portlandexchange.org).

Deadline for registration is April 30.

### Trinity Church at Town-Wide Tag Sale

This year's Town-Wide Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, May 7, from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. – and Trinity Episcopal Church has space available.

Reserve a 20'x20' space on the lawn of the church, 345 Main St. Reservation fee is \$25, and you must bring your own table/set-up. Set-up begins at 7:30 a.m.

Space is limited; to reserve a spot, call the church office at 860-342-0458 or email [trinityvitalconnections@gmail.com](mailto:trinityvitalconnections@gmail.com).

### Xavier Honor Roll

The following local residents made the Xavier High School honor roll for the third quarter of the 2021-22 school year:

**High Honors:** Mitchell Carella, Jack Gouin, Class of 2023; Nathan Nadolski, John Thompson, '24;

Jordan Harley, Mateo Michalewski, '25.

**Honors:** Michael Backus, Aidan Fenton, '23; Kevin Kasperowski, Matthew Sobieski, '24; Nicholas Dumais, '25.

### Bill Peterson Memorial Scholarship

The Portland Soccer Club is taking applications for the Bill Peterson Memorial Scholarship.

The PSC Board of Directors awards one \$500 scholarship annually to a high school senior who is bound for college or a post-high school institution bound. Applicants must be Portland residents and have played a minimum of two years with the PSC. All applicants must submit a 250-word essay explaining "How Soccer Inspired Me to Give Back to the Community." The essay needs to demonstrate the role soccer has had in the applicant's development and how the applicant has used that influence to give back Portland's Soccer Community.

Scholarship applications can be found at [www.bluesombrero.com/portlandsoccerclub](http://www.bluesombrero.com/portlandsoccerclub) under the Community Link drop-down. All scholarship applications must be received no later than May 1.

### Memorial Day Parade Coming

Organizations are invited to participate in the Portland Memorial Day Parade, which will be hosted by American Legion Ormont Post No. 69 on Sunday, May 29, rain or shine.

The parade will assemble at Victoria Road promptly at 1:30 p.m. Floats should assemble at 12:30 p.m. Step-off will be at 2 PM.

The procession will stop for a brief ceremony at the Civil War monument on Bartlett Street; it will continue down Main Street as usual. A reviewing stand will be stationed at Brownstone Intermediate School. The parade will then turn left on Waverley Avenue, left onto East Main Street, and right onto Fairview Street, ending at Veterans Memorial Park.

The parade will also have a float competition. The theme for this year's float competition is: "Dear Veteran, Thank you for protecting my freedom." There are many symbols that rep-

resent Memorial Day, and float-designers are asked to use one of these symbols "to teach and remind us of the true meaning of Memorial Day."

Details about no parking and road closures for the day will be announced in the weeks ahead.

Memorial ceremonies will take place at the Town Green immediately after the parade. All participants are requested to observe the ceremony. As in the past, all participants will be served refreshments at the American Legion Hall after the benediction.

Organizations that wish to participate must submit their reservation slips no later than Friday, May 11.

For more information, contact Sara Sterry Rutter, parade organizer, at 860-250-2041 or [ssterryrutter@yahoo.com](mailto:sssterryrutter@yahoo.com).

### Kenny Fletcher Car Show at Valli

The Kenny Fletcher Car Show at Valli will celebrate its 10th anniversary this year, and will take place Saturday, April 30, from 3-7 p.m., at Valli Construction, 22 Sand Hill Rd. (Rain date: May 7). The show is in memory of local veteran Kenny Fletcher who passed away from cancer on April 19, 2011.

Show car entry fee is \$10 at the gate. Admission for spectators is free; although, donations are appreciated. There will be trophies for first, second and third place, and dash plaques given to the first 200 cars. There will be music, and

food, water and soda will be available for purchase. No dogs, please.

Proceeds from the car show go to the Portland Food Bank, Portland Zion Lutheran Church, Middlesex Hospital Hospice, Portland High School Class of 2022 Project Graduation, Middlesex Cancer Center, and Portland VFW Post 6121.

For more information, call Michael Bellobuno at 860-707-4231 or Michael Brown at 860-982-3227, or look for the event on Facebook at Kenny Fletcher Memorial Cruise Night.

### Library Friends Book Sale

The Friends of the Portland Library group has cookbooks, gardening and DVDs as well as fiction, romance, teen and children's used books in the Second-Hand Prose Bookshop at the Portland Library during regular library hours. The library is located at 20 Freestone Ave.

Books are 50 cents for paperbacks and children's books, \$1 for trade paperbacks and \$2 for hardcover. DVDs are 50 cents each disc, unless marked otherwise. There are also mystery and general fiction books that have been removed from the library collection, all on sale

for 50 cents each.

FPL also has "I Love CT Libraries" reusable bags on sale for \$1 each. See a sample at the front desk and purchase them from the library staff.

All proceeds benefit programs funded by the Friends, such as the library's Museum Pass Program, children and adult programs, and the library's DVD collection.

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

### Methodist Church News

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

### St. Mary Church News

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

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

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

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

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

### Honor Roll

The following Portland residents made the Mercy High School honor roll for the third quarter of the 2021-22 school year:

**Honors:** Caroline Carella, Grade 12; Isabella Cacace, Lillian Clark, Melina Ford, Lauren Kohs and Raya Morin, Grade 11; Sophie Favale and Ava Roy, Grade 9.

**High Honors:** Milana Koji, Michaela Miano and Leah VanDeventer, Grade 11; Emily Murphy, Grade 10; Megan Kasperowski, Grade 9.

**Highest Honors:** Ella Bankoski, Grade 12; Gianna Low, Sarah McNickle and Julia Nadolski, Grade 11; Tiana Harley and Clare Bankoski, Grade 10; Emily Bernard, Logan Binnington, Kayla Johnson, Catalina Koji and Isabella Levesque, Grade 9.

### Vocal Chords Spring Concert

The Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords (MHVC) group will present its 32nd annual Spring Concert on Saturday, May 7, at 7 p.m., at Portland High School, 95 High St. Samuel Tucker will make his debut as the new musical director.

Some selections included in this show will be "The Impossible Dream," "Chicago in Concert," "Down by the Riverside" and "Phantom of the Opera."

Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained by calling 203-537-1498/860-342-3120, or 860-205-2067/860.347.2787. For more information, visit [www.vocalchords20.org](http://www.vocalchords20.org) or 'like' the Vocal Chords on Facebook.

### National Day of Prayer

St. Mary Church, along with Knights of Columbus Council 7, will once again host the National Day of Prayer ecumenical service Thursday, May 5, at 7 p.m., at the church, 45 Freestone Ave.

Along with prayer and song from the choir of St. Mary, there will be a guest speaker, Beth Gouldruitto. She has headed up the Portland Congregational Church Refugee Resettlement Program, which has recently successfully resettled an Afghan family in Middletown.

On the night of the service, a goodwill collection will be held in support of the Portland Congregational Church Refugee Resettlement Program. At the conclusion of the service, refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall.

### Knights' Car Show to Return

The Knights of Columbus Freestone Council will hold its next car show Friday, June 3, in the parking lot of St. Mary Church. Over one hundred show cars and trucks are anticipated – but they need to register.

Early registration is now open to all for a \$15 fee. For a registration form, contact Mark D'Angelo at 860-342-0944 or [dangelo283@comcast.net](mailto:dangelo283@comcast.net).

The show will open at 3 p.m., with trophies awarded at 7:30 p.m.

The show is sponsored by the Knights to raise funds for its local charitable programs, and is dedicated to the memory of serving Grand Knight Craig Weske who passed after a 15-year battle with cancer. Weske was also a member of the St. Mary Church choir and was a longtime Special Olympics volunteer.



## Man Dies in House Fire

By Sloan Brewster

A fire on Lake Road in Andover left a man dead Monday.

According to Fire Chief Ron Mike, a call about a house fire at 222 Lake Rd. came into the station at about 4:30 p.m. Monday.

The first unit that arrived found heavy smoke and a person trapped in the basement, he said. Fire fighters rescued an elderly man from the basement.

The man was unresponsive and was brought by ambulance to Manchester Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, Mike said.

Mike did not release the man's name but said he was alone in the house, and there were no pets.

Mike said it took the crew about 40 minutes

to knock down the fire down. He said it was mostly focused in the basement.

Mutual aid from Hebron, Columbia, Willimantic, Coventry, Bolton and the Manchester Eighth Utilities District fire department responded to the call, he said.

After the fire was put out, firefighters remained on the scene for about two or three hours to overhaul the home and make sure nothing was left kindling, he said.

Mike said the fire was under investigation and Andover Fire Marshal Mike Lester was on the scene until late in the night Monday with the state fire marshal.

As of Wednesday, he said, they had not determined the cause.

## Passport to Connecticut Libraries

All April, Andover Public Library is participating in the statewide Passport to Connecticut Libraries program. Nearly 140 Connecticut libraries are participating.

To begin, visit Andover Public Library to pick up your passport. Staff will stamp it and give you a token gift to get you started. Then, take your passport along as you visit other participating libraries. At each visit, you must show your library card, and then the library will stamp your passport and give you another small gift.

If you visit at least five participating libraries and return your passport to a participating

library by May 6, you will be entered into one state-wide drawing for a chance to win a \$150 Visa gift card for adults (18 and up) and a \$100 Visa gift card for children (under 18). This is a statewide contest where four winners will be selected: one adult and one child from a random drawing from all who visited at least five libraries, and one adult and one child from a random drawing from all who visited the most libraries.

For more details and a full list of participating libraries, visit the library, 355 Route 6, during open hours: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Andover Preschool Screening

The Andover Board of Education, through the Andover Elementary School Early Learning Center, will hold a screening for children that reside in Andover and are 3 or 4 years old by the time of the screening on Friday, May 20.

The screening will be held differently this school year due to the ongoing pandemic. School staff will send home an age-appropriate questionnaire for you to fill out about your

child. The questions are in the areas of speech, language, cognitive, and motor development. Parents will then receive information which will assist in fostering their child's growth, if needed.

If interested in having your child screened, contact the director of special education at 860-742-7339 or at maioranoh@andoverelementary.org to request an ASQ-3 questionnaire.

## Earth Day Celebration

The Conservation Commission, in conjunction with the Hop River Rail Trail Alliance and Lake District, is sponsoring a town-wide clean-up day including Andover's portion of the rail trail celebrating Earth Day on Saturday, April 23.

Volunteers can meet at the church parking lot at the corner of Route 6 and Long Hill Road at 9 a.m. to pick up supplies and coordinate assignments. Following the clean-up, there will be a cookout at the Historical Society parking lot from noon-2 p.m. Call Mike at 860-558-9622 if you can help.

Coordination for volunteers that want to help clean-up on the Andover section of the rail trail will be done by Bill Penn who will explain what is needed and assign sections. Please wear gloves and sturdy boots.

## Town-Wide Tag Sale Coming

The Town-Wide Tag Sale will be held Saturday, June 4, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Rain date will be Sunday, June 5.

Residents who would like to be included and have their address listed on the tag sale map should send a check for \$10 payable to Town of Andover and mail it or bring it to: Town Clerk, 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232. Include a list of items that you will have for sale so it can be included on the list.

Send information and payment so that it is received by May 31. Proceeds will benefit the Andover Senior Luncheon Program.

## Community Fund Issues Call to Apply for 2022 Grant Money

Andover's Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee is seeking 2022 project proposals. Up to \$10,000 will be awarded in grant funds to one or more proposals.

All projects must benefit the residents of Andover. For more details on project guidelines and how to apply, visit [hfpg.org/Andovercf](http://hfpg.org/Andovercf) or contact Dianne Grenier at 860-742-3033 or [deardianne@comcast.net](mailto:deardianne@comcast.net).

Project applications or grant proposals will be accepted until May 1.

## Senior Citizen News & Notes

The following have been announced for Andover seniors, veterans and disabled. To attend any event, call senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi 860-916-6122 to register. Transportation available for all events, as well as shopping on Tuesdays, Foodshare/food pantry rides on Wednesdays, and lunches on Fridays. For all YAH events, call Judy Knox at 860-643-6824; for all movie information, call Sue Schmidt at 860-604-1057; and for all trip information, call Georgia O'Brien at 860-742-9947. Visit [andoverct.org](http://andoverct.org) for all senior events and information.

**Shopping:** Tuesdays: April 19 to Manchester and April 26 to Willimantic. Masks required on the bus and in stores.

**Tag Sale:** Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Town Hall Community Room and outside in the parking lot. If you can work the sale or have items to drop off, call Carol Lee at 860-

742-0188 ext. 2. If you need a ride that day, call Palazzi. All money raised benefits the senior luncheon program.

**Equipment Available:** If anyone needs equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers or ramps, contact Palazzi.

**Rides** are available to all town referendums and meetings – including the Tuesday, May 3, RHAM budget vote at Town Hall, and the Wednesday, May 4, budget meeting at 7 p.m. – as well as to medical appointments and the Foodshare van and food pantry at First Congregational Church. Call Palazzi for a ride. All seniors, veterans and disabled are welcome. If you have a caregiver, they may come with you. Masks must be worn on the bus.

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

## Donations Sought for Library Auction

The Andover Friends of the Library Auction Committee is in the process of collecting donations for its 21st annual Goods and Services Auction that will be held Friday, May 13.

The committee is looking for new items to create gift baskets. The following are examples of popular items: gift certificates, handmade items like jewelry, scarves, quilts, afghans, sports items, paintings and music/video games.

This auction is the Friends' big fundraiser. Donations are tax-deductible.

Items to donate can be brought to the Town Office Building. Call Carol Lee at 860-742-0188 ext. 218 for more information.

## Movies Coming Up

Movies will be shown at the Town Hall community room, 17 School Rd., on Wednesdays, May 11 and June 15, at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Transportation for seniors is available; call Cathy Palazzi at 860-916-6122.

On May 11, the 2008 film *27 Dresses* will be shown. The movie stars Katherine Heigl as a woman who's been a bridesmaid 27 times, but never a bride. James Marsden also stars. The movie runs one hour and 51 minutes, and is rated PG-13.

On June 15, the 2002 movie *All Hail* will be shown. In the movie, a famous TV weatherman becomes Public Enemy Number One when he fails to predict a terrible hailstorm. He's forced to flee Buenos Aires. The movie stars Guillermo Francella, Peto Menahem and Romina Fernandes. Rated TV-MA, the film runs one hour and 58 minutes.

## Adult Volleyball

The Adult Volleyball program will start on Friday, April 22, from 7-9 p.m., in the Andover Elementary School gym, 35 School Rd. All are invited; come ready to play.

## History Museum to Open

The Andover Historical Society will open its Museum of Andover History, Saturday, April 16, from 4-6 p.m. This will be the first opening of the 2022 season.

Additional openings are planned for May 21, May 30, June 18, July 1, Sept. 17, Oct. 15 and Nov. 19. Times are from 4-6 p.m. for each opening, except for May 30; the museum will be open that day from 10 a.m.-noon.

New items are continuously being added to the display. The museum is located in the Old Town Hall on Monument Lane.

## Library Friends Offer Scholarship

The Andover Friends of the Library group is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to an Andover high school senior. Applications are due May 1, and are available at the guidance office at RHAM High School; at the Andover Public Library, 355 Route 6; and at [tinyurl.com/yckrxach](http://tinyurl.com/yckrxach).

Completed applications must be dropped off at the library or emailed to the Friends at [andoverfol@gmail.com](mailto:andoverfol@gmail.com). The applicant must be currently enrolled as a senior in any high school, use the scholarship to further their education, and hold a valid Andover library card.

For more information, call the library at 860-742-7428 or email the Friends at [andoverfol@gmail.com](mailto:andoverfol@gmail.com).

## Senior Fundraiser April 24

The annual Andover Senior fundraiser will be held Sunday, April 24, at the Andover Elementary School gym, 35 School Rd., from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be jewelry, postcards, crochet items, sewn items, craft items, children's games, food, beverages and more.

Call Cathy Palazzi at 860-916-6122 if you need a ride to attend.

## Library Cards Available

Here is a friendly reminder from Andover Public Library: any resident of Andover ages 5 and over is eligible to receive a free library card. These cards expire after three years, but are renewable for as long as you maintain your residence in Andover.

In addition to allowing you to borrow books from Andover Public Library, your library card allows you to check out books from any public library in Connecticut. Also, your Andover Public Library card is your key to access to OverDrive/Libby – a selection of eBooks and audiobooks. An active library card is required for students applying for the Andover Friends of the Library's annual scholarship program.

All are invited to stop by the library, 355 Route 6, to sign up for, or renew, a library card. The library is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Perfect Fit Seminar

On Tuesday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m., Andover Public Library, 355 Route 6, will present a "Perfect Fit Seminar" with Nancy Galo, a tailor with over 40 years of experience doing alterations.

Galo will teach women how clothes should fit properly to look great and feel comfortable. Women will also learn the construction of clothing, which the library said will eliminate paying too much for cheaply made pieces. Participants can bring in problem garments and learn what a tailor can do.

Space is limited to 20 participants at this in-person program, and pre-registration is appreciated. Call 860-742-7428 to reserve a space.

## Easter Plant Sale

The Andover Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual Easter Plant Sale Thursday, April 14-Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and on Easter Sunday from 10 a.m.-noon, at the firehouse on School Road.

There will be many plants to choose from including lilies, tulips, azaleas, mums, hyacinths, hydrangeas, daffodils, spring baskets and more.

## Scholarships Available

Andover Elementary School is now taking applications for the Andover Education Association and the Andover PTA Annual Scholarship, which is being offered to any Andover student.

Applications may be obtained from the RHAM High School guidance department or by contacting Andover Elementary School at 860-742-7339.

Application deadlines are May 6.

## Kentucky Derby Tea

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold a Kentucky Derby Tea Saturday, May 7, from 1-3 p.m. All are invited.

The tea will include an assortment of teas, a basket raffle and homemade treats. The theme for this year's tea is "Roses."

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

## Bingo & Baskets

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold a Bingo & Baskets night Friday, April 22, starting with dinner at 5:30 p.m. Game starts at 6:30 p.m.

Admission is \$10, which includes dinner, drink, dessert and bingo. No reservations required. Leave a message at the church at 860-742-7696 for more information. All are invited.



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★ *Enriching & Entertaining cont. from page 31*



The team at Epoch Arts has made the creative arts space East Hampton’s cultural center, offering live theatre, poetry reads and more novel events like daddy-daughter dances and glow paint parties. Epoch will celebrate its milestone birthday May 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at its location, 27 Skinner St.

Martin-Radditz runs a group for women and girls called “Breaking Silences”, another safe space Epoch gives the community. This group has grown from just two or three to almost a dozen. At the open house, painted chairs will be sold. These funds will go towards funding Breaking Silences.

Epoch also runs a popular haunted house and an annual tag sale. Recently it hosted a daddy-daughter dance and a glow paint party for middle schoolers which, Namen said, “looked like a nightclub.”

As if this wasn’t enough, Epoch also has food pantry each Thursday.

Epoch’s theatrical arm, Speak Out Productions, produces three programs per year. A “mini-production,” written and performed by students, the arts response, and their “main-stage” show.

This year, Epoch’s main show returns. Namen has it written; it just needs a title before it hits primetime. She said by time the open house arrives, it’ll have a title.

Epoch endured through the pandemic, putting on a limited outdoor show in 2021 and continuing some of its programs virtually.

In fact, Namen said Epoch “flourished” during the pandemic. Martin-Radditz said it gave

time to work on the building and break into outdoor theatre, a long-time goal the pandemic sped up.

Epoch started small, in the Goff House in Haddam Neck, and years after planting roots in East Hampton, the group continues to grow. Its main building, in an old industrial complex on Skinner Street, adjoins a larger space that needs some love. Once the grant-funded work is done, Epoch’s going to open a “whole new multimedia studio.”

Namen said Epoch’s property has substantial needs, including roof and parking lot repairs. Epoch’s also looking for more like-minded teachers and artists.

Epoch’s 25-year celebration will start 1 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at 27 Skinner St.

The open house will feature a timeline of Epoch’s journey and productions, student performances of theatre and music, a community mural, and, of course, plenty of food. All of it free, Namen said, unless people want to take part in the painted chair sale.

“We wanted to show where we’ve been, where we are and where we’re going,” said Namen.

For a complete list of programs, or to volunteer or donate, visit epocharts.org.

★ *Residents Fight Gas Station cont. from page 1*

adding if the application is denied, “they still have use of their gas station.”

Slater said the store, because it’s considered nonconforming to the zone it’s in, is by town ordinance disallowed from expanding nonconforming use. Nonconforming operations can “intensify” their facilities, not change drastically, according to Slater.

Slater said the company is not “entitled to expansion due to ‘new’ regulations.”

Jezeq and Atlantis engineer Mark Smith said their proposal removes multiple nonconformities on the site.

Slater agreed, but said the nonconformities they’re removing, including bringing the pump canopy back further from the road and making it more compliant, are minor compared to how much the business will expand.

Slater said if Atlantis wants a bigger store, it should find a place zoned for one.

Jezeq said pumping fuel and commercial operation is a “permitted use of record” for the property, and his interpretation of the ordinance is this right allows for expansion of a nonconforming use.

Jezeq told ZBA the company is willing to work with any contingencies for approval. Jezeq said if the board wants to remove the drive-thru, Atlantis “wouldn’t be happy about it” but would move forward without it.

Jezeq said the town’s Plan of Conservation and Development identifies Route 16 intersections as priority development areas. He said if ZBA approves the request, Atlantis must still go through the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The ZBA and residents expressed skepticism, questioning whether a hardship of one parcel can be used to change several, and if removing nonconformities, especially benign ones, are a reason ZBA should hear a variance request.

Many residents spoke against Atlantis, nam-

ing issues mentioned since Atlantis first tried the zone change more than a year ago; strain on Belltown’s beleaguered water system, pollution, increased danger to pedestrians, more traffic, irreversibly changing the neighborhood and commercial creep.

Several residents spoke to the future, saying if commercial operations can expand on the site, future developers may look to grow it further, putting in something comparable to a Dollar General.

Brian Holt, local businessowner, said “pretty much all of Main Street is nonconforming”, and that opposition to Atlantis has brought the neighborhood together.

Kaitlin Flinn, also a Village District businessowner, said her business has been thriving in East Hampton, as do many of the town’s small businesses. The town has fostered, and is more suited to, mom-and-pops over conglomerates, she said.

Local artist Kate Avery lives near the Citgo and has been a vocal opponent of its attempts at expansion.

In Monday’s meeting she said Atlantis has “resources to go elsewhere” while the store’s neighbors will “be stuck with it forever.”

Atlantis attorney Jezeq said his client would take the night’s comments and questions under consideration.

So far, Atlantis has yet to perceivably move public opinion in its favor. Resident Irene Kuck told the ZBA that “opposition to this application is only growing”, pointing out how her first petition against Atlantis received 170 signatures, and a second received 200.

Kuck said when Atlantis was before planning and zoning, there were 50 letters against, and on Monday, there were over 70.

This opposition is likely to weigh heavily on the ZBA’s decision, as it’s an elected board.

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RHAM softball opened the season with a dramatic 6-5 win over Bacon Academy thanks to a walk-off RBI from Abigail Pace (#3), pictured here with her team.

## Standout Athletes of the Week

By Josh Howard

Here are the *Rivereast* Standouts of the Week for the week of April 3-9:

**Abigail Pace – RHAM High School (Softball):** Pace had a walk-off hit, driving home the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning as RHAM defeated Bacon Academy 6-5 in the season opener on April 4. The junior slapped a single, sending home senior Jordyn Fitch to secure the dramatic opening day victory at home. Sophomore Natalie Assunto also had a big debut, smacking a home run and scoring twice.

**Nick Rivard-Lentz – East Hampton High School (Track & Field):** Rivard-Lentz broke a school record in the pole vault, vaulting a personal-best 14 feet at Valley Regional High School on April 5. Rivard-Lentz, a senior that is coming off an All-State selection following winter’s indoor track and field season, said that the height and the record was something that he had wanted to accomplish since he was a freshman, adding, “Finally breaking that goal felt so amazing to do after so long.”

**Steve Laliberte – Bacon Academy (Baseball):** Laliberte had a back-to-back monster

games to start the season—combining for seven hits, five runs, and five RBI as the Bobcats won both games. The junior opened the season by going 4-4 with two runs and an RBI in a 10-3 road win at Old Lyme. Laliberte then slapped three hits, scoring three runs and driving in four others in a 17-7 win over Norwich Tech in the team’s home opener on April 5.

**Josh Hanna – Portland High School (Baseball):** Hanna had two hits and two RBI in the team’s second game of the season, a 6-4 extra innings loss to Hale Ray on April 5. Hanna, a sophomore, is one of many young prospects on a Highlanders team this spring, which only has one senior in Michael Quesnel.

To nominate someone for an Athlete of the Week, or with questions or comments about sports-related topics, email Josh Howard at joshhowardsports@gmail.com.

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# Obituaries

## Portland

### Thomas K. Shortell

Thomas K. Shortell, 85, of East Northport, N.Y., passed away peacefully Wednesday, April 6. He is survived by his loving wife, Patricia, of 62 years, and his sons, Tommy, Michael and Robert and their wives, Dina, Christine and Melissa.



He will be missed by his adoring grandchildren: Thomas, Timothy, Christopher, Kevin, Jordan, Andrew, and Drew. He is survived by his playful granddogs, Lucy, Dree and Bailey; and his grandcat, Zoey.

He is a proud veteran of the United States Army and a retired New York City police officer. The stories that he shared about New York City in the '70s were legendary.

He was very active in his boys' lives and was their soccer and basketball coach for many years.

He enjoyed the two cross-country trips in the motorhome with his family, as well as many summers at his brother's cabin in upstate New York.

He was a loyal and devoted father, husband, son, and grandfather. His sense of humor and sarcasm will never be matched. As Tom would always say, "toodaloo!"

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 16, at 11:30 a.m., at Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St, Portland. Friends may call at the funeral home Saturday, April 16, from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial with full military honors will be in the Swedish Cemetery, Portland.

## Marlborough

### Charles Vicino

Charles Vicino, 77, died peacefully Saturday, March 19, at Middlesex Hospital. Born April 15, 1944, Charlie was a proud Marine and served honorably in the Vietnam War.



He is survived by his wife Jane. They married in 1966 and were married for 55 years. She truly was the love of his life. He is also survived by his sons, Steven (Theresa) of Colchester, Vt., Michael (Vanessa) of North Haven; and grandson, Steven Charles.

A carpenter by trade, he built his longtime residence in Marlborough. He also built homes in nearby Barkhamstead and Westchester. A passion for the outdoors, Charles enjoyed gardening, tending to his pine tree farm, hunting and fishing. He was a longtime member of the Hebron Sportsman's Club. He had a passion for the ocean and took annual trips to Scarborough Beach, R.I.

Most of all Charlie loved spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed watching *Seinfeld*, playing chess, or listening to music, and was always the life of the party.

We will have a memorial and celebrate Charlie's life on Saturday, April 23, at 11 a.m., at the Marlborough Congregational Church.

The church was an important part of Charlie's life, and we ask in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the church.

## Cobalt

### Conrad Guerette

Joseph Conrad Guerette, 91, of Middletown, formerly of Cobalt, husband of the late Priscilla (Fongemie) Guerette, passed away surrounded by family on Saturday, March 26. He was born in Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada, son of the late Luc and Albina (Macmanaman) Guerette.



Learning to fly with the Royal Canadian Air Cadets as a teenager ultimately led to the US Air Force and a love of the aircraft industry with a long and rewarding career at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. He also played the upright bass in multiple bands and semi pro hockey in Canada. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Franam Club. Known for his jokes and entertaining stories, he quickly made friends out of strangers around the globe as he travelled with UTC.

Conrad is survived by his son, Mark Guerette and his wife Karlene and grandchildren Alex and Christine of East Hampton; daughter, Denise Kahl and her husband Andrew of Winsted; loving companion, Jean Samolyk of Middletown; brothers, Alvin and Adrien; sisters, Simone Guerette and Lise-Anne Caron and her husband Claude.

He was predeceased by his wife, Priscilla, brother Noel, sister Noella and sister-in-law Julie.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 22, at 10 a.m., at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown. Burial will be in Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield.

Those who wish may send memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Please visit [www.biegafuneralhome.com](http://www.biegafuneralhome.com) to share memories.

## Colchester

### Jacquelyn M. Lebel

Jacquelyn M. Lebel, 87, of Farmington, passed away Monday, April 11, at UConn Hospital in Farmington. Born Dec. 10, 1934, in Bristol, she was a daughter of the late Raymond and Genevieve Marcotte, and was known as "ROSE #1."



Jacquelyn was a graduate of Goddard College in Vermont. In 1991, she married her husband, Paul J. Lebel. Jacquelyn was a voracious reader and had an inquisitive mind, she held a deep belief that learning does not stop as we age, as was evident from her Mensa membership. Jacquelyn was a friend of Bill W's for the past 45 years and was always available to support and help others who reached out. She was a co-founder the Bristol Chapter of the United Cerebral Palsy Association.

Jacquelyn was a woman of strong faith, and for years was a communicant of St. Casimir Roman Catholic Church in Terryville. She was known for her thoughtful and handmade gifts, she could make anything when it came to crafts, particularly crocheting and embroidery.

She will be forever loved and remembered by her Husband Paul J. Lebel of Florida, children Matthew Bilosz of Bristol, Wallis Johnson and husband Kenneth Johnson of Colchester. She is predeceased by her daughter Tracie-Mary Bilosz, who passed away in 1972. She is also

survived by her sisters, the remaining "ROSES" Joyce Rayno of Southbury, Marilyn Buchanan of Bristol, Judith Landers of Florida and Rayette McMahon of Massachusetts; grandchildren Alexandra Johnson, Brice Johnson and Elizabeth Johnson; and numerous other extended family and friends.

In addition to her daughter, she is also predeceased by her parents.

Calling hours were Tuesday, April 12, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. The funeral Mass took place the following day, Wednesday, April 13, at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave., Colchester.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to St Vincent De Paul Place, 120 Cliff St, Norwich, CT 06360.

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

## Marlborough

### Song Cha Yoon

Song Cha (Kim) Yoon, 79, of Marlborough, passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 5, at St. Francis Hospital, with her family by her side.



Born in Pusan, Korea, she was the daughter of the late Du Man Kim and Ae Kum Hong. Song was a longtime Manchester resident before moving to Marlborough in 2016. She was an entrepreneur, owning and working in the restaurant and hotel industry for many years.

Song is survived by her three daughters, Jeanne Kocher and her husband Forrest, Bonnie Kostiuik, and Sherry Campbell; her son, Shawn Freeman; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 11, at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery. There were no calling hours.

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

## Colchester

### Robert Thurston

Robert Thurston of Colchester passed away peacefully Friday, March 18, with his wife Caroline by his side, after a courageous battle with cancer.



He grew up in Old Town, Maine, before enlisting in the Navy as a boiler technician, serving the country he loved to protect our freedoms. He always stayed busy and managed to find time to build a house for his daughter while on leave. Upon his retirement, Bob enjoyed spending time on his small farm. Being skilled in many trades enabled him to repair, build and invent. One of his last accomplishments was designing a plan for and converting two old farm tractors and a garden tractor to electric vehicles.

He loved his family and grandsons and with a passion for his Harley he often rode to Maine or Florida to visit them. As a veteran, he was proud to be a Wall That Heals escort. He also enjoyed being a part of the Patriot Guard to honor fallen service members and to help protect their mourners.

Besides his wife Caroline, Bob leaves his daughter, Michelle Czapiga and husband Jason and their children, Travis and Andy. He is also survived by his sister, Rebecca Halloran and husband George; his brothers, Brian Thurston and wife Joyce, Brent Thurston and wife Lisa, and Guy Thurston; as well as nieces and nephews.

His final resting place will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, brighten someone's day with a random act of kindness.

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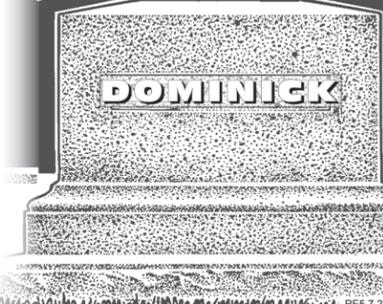
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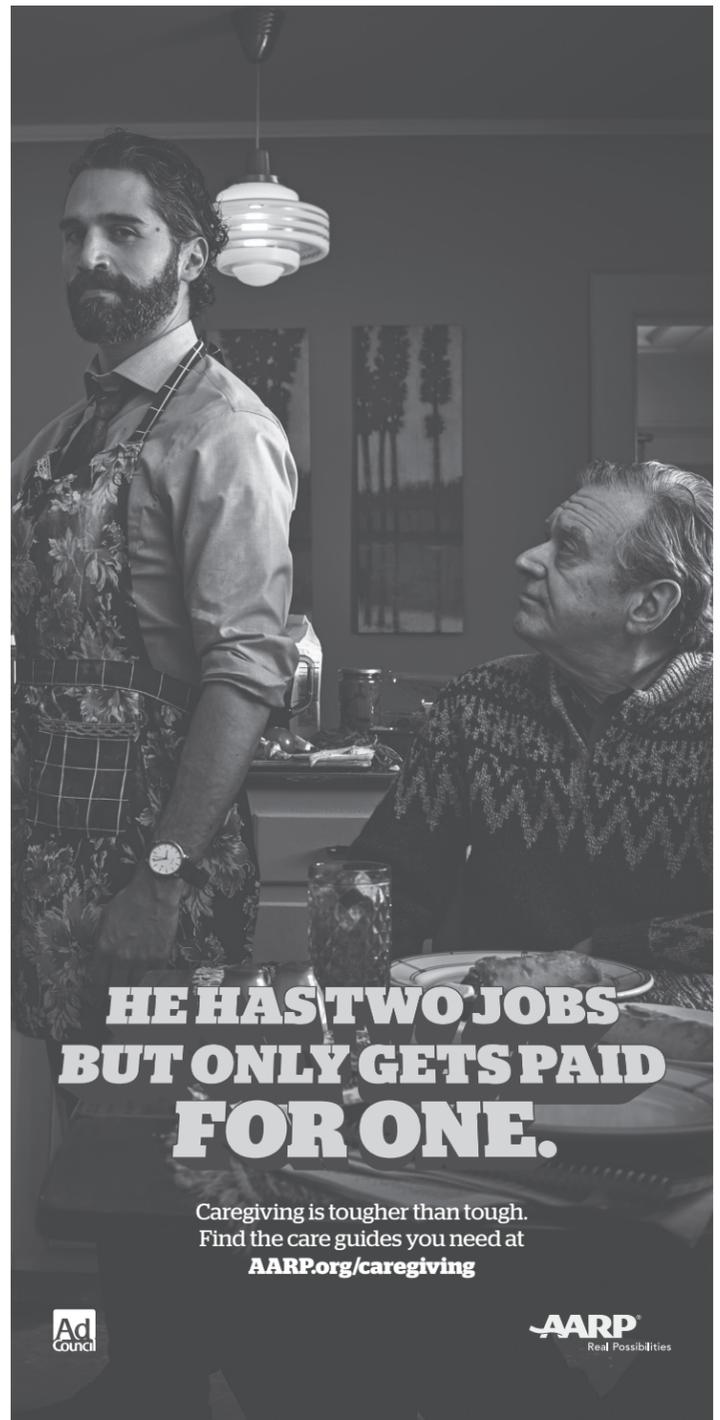
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## Vendors Sought for 'On the Green' Tag Sale

The 42nd annual "Colchester on the Green" Tag Sale and Expo is back – and organizers are looking for vendors.

The Colchester Business Association (CBA) will host this event on the Colchester Green Sunday, June 12, (rain date Sunday, June 26), from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The CBA is taking applications now for tag sale tables, craft fair and business booths, food vendors, non-profits, and entertainment.

Those looking to sell tag sale items can bring tables, a tent, or both. For the event's

craft fair, the CBA is seeking local artisans and craftspeople to participate. The association is also seeking local brick-and-mortar or home-based businesses to participate in the Business Expo. The CBA will also have booths for non-profits.

The association is also seeking entertainment and other demonstrations for the event.

If interested in participating in any way, email Heide Perham, CBA services coordinator, at [info@colchesterctbusiness.com](mailto:info@colchesterctbusiness.com).

## CES Incoming Kindergarten Story Time

Colchester Elementary School will host a "Kindergarten Story Time" program for 4- and 5 year-old Colchester children who will be entering kindergarten during the 2022-23 school year.

The schedule is Tuesdays, April 26 and May 10, from 11:25-11:55 a.m. each week, in the CES Media Center. The school is located at 315 Halls Hill Rd.

During each of the three sessions, children

will listen to books read by kindergarten teachers while parents learn about the registration process, the kindergarten curriculum, readiness expectations, the school day, school policies and transportation. A question-and-answer period will be available at each session.

Parents and children are invited to attend multiple story times. Topics for parent information change each month. No pre-registration is required.

## Resident Joins Leadership Society

Shruti Rajkumar of Colchester recently earned membership into the 2022 Purple Key Leadership Society at Emerson College.

Participants were honored during the annual Emerson Recognition & Achievement (ERA) Awards on Friday, April 8, in the Robert J. Orchard Stage in the Paramount Center.

The Purple Key Leadership Society recognizes a select group of seniors who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and service, solid academic achievement, and a commitment to civic engagement.

Rajkumar is majoring in journalism and is a member of the Class of 2022.

## Ahavath Achim News

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

Friday night service, 6:30 p.m., Zoom; Shabbat morning service, 10 a.m., Zoom; Tuesday, Aggadawah 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 on the meaning of our mitzvot (commandments) and daily Conversational Hebrew classes.

For more information, call 860-537-2809. Office hours are: Monday, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 1:30-5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Ladies Guild Offering Cruise

Saint Andrew's Ladies Guild is offering a Trans-Atlantic Cruise to the community.

The cruise will run Sept. 3-18, visiting Copenhagen, Norway, Iceland, Greenland. Prices start at \$2,999, and includes air transportation to Copenhagen. Travelers must follow the protocols set in place by the travel company.

For more information, call Barbara Gozzo at 860-537-0179 or 860-208-4121.

## JJIS Fundraising Shoe Drive

Jack Jackter Intermediate School is conducting a shoe collection drive through April 30 to raise funds for Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement, while benefiting microenterprise ventures in developing nations and keeping old shoes out of local landfills.

All donated shoes will be redistributed to microenterprise partners through Funds2Orgs and used in developing nations for impoverished people to start, maintain, and grow a unique business opportunity to feed, clothe, and house their families.

The goal is to collect 2,500 pairs of shoes. The public is invited to participate by dropping shoes in the entrance of JJIS, 215 Halls Hill Rd.

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**Humanitarian of the Year...** The Colchester Lions have announced Colchester resident Michelle Noehren is the club's 2021-22 Humanitarian of the Year. The Lions said Noehren was chosen for all of the kindness, uplifting messages, and support her group Colchester is Kind provides to those in need in and around the community. Pictured from left are Lion Mark Lyon, past international director; Noehren; Nicole Reardon, Colchester Lions president; Lion Michele Wyatt, governor of Lions District 23C; and state Rep. Brian Smith (D-48).

## Community CPR

There will be free Family and Friends CPR courses at Colchester Hayward Fire Department, 52 Old Hartford Rd., on Wednesday, May 18, from 7-9 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m.-noon; and Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 7-9 p.m.

Each video-based course teaches CPR and relief of choking in adults, children and infants. Use of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is also included in the training, and participants

receive a student manual for ongoing reference. Family and Friends CPR is designed for members of the general public who would like to learn basic CPR, including families with children or elderly relatives, community groups, and those who do not need a course completion card.

To sign up for one of these upcoming classes, contact fire headquarters at 860-537-2512 or [firedepartment@colchesterct.gov](mailto:firedepartment@colchesterct.gov).

## Project Graduation Trivia Night Fundraiser

Bacon Academy Project Graduation will hold a Trivia Night Fundraiser Saturday, April 30, at 6 p.m., at the Polish Club, 395 South Main St. Tickets cost \$20 and the evening event will include cash and raffle prizes.

All proceeds benefit the Class of 2022 and its graduation night festivities. For more information or to purchase tickets online, go to [www.baconacademyprojectgrad.org](http://www.baconacademyprojectgrad.org) and

click on current fundraisers. The chairperson, Shannon Cuadro, can also be contacted at [ba.projectgrad@gmail.com](mailto:ba.projectgrad@gmail.com).

Project Graduation is a nonprofit organization with a mission to enhance drug- and alcohol-free awareness by providing safe graduation events for all graduating seniors of Bacon Academy.

## New Story at Colchester StoryWalk

Families can enjoy a new picture book, *Carl and the Meaning of Life* by Deborah Freedman, at the Colchester StoryWalk, located at 96 McDonald Rd.

Follow the trail of weatherproof stations along a short hiking trail for children and their families to enjoy together. Each station features suggested questions or simple activities to enrich the story and hike.

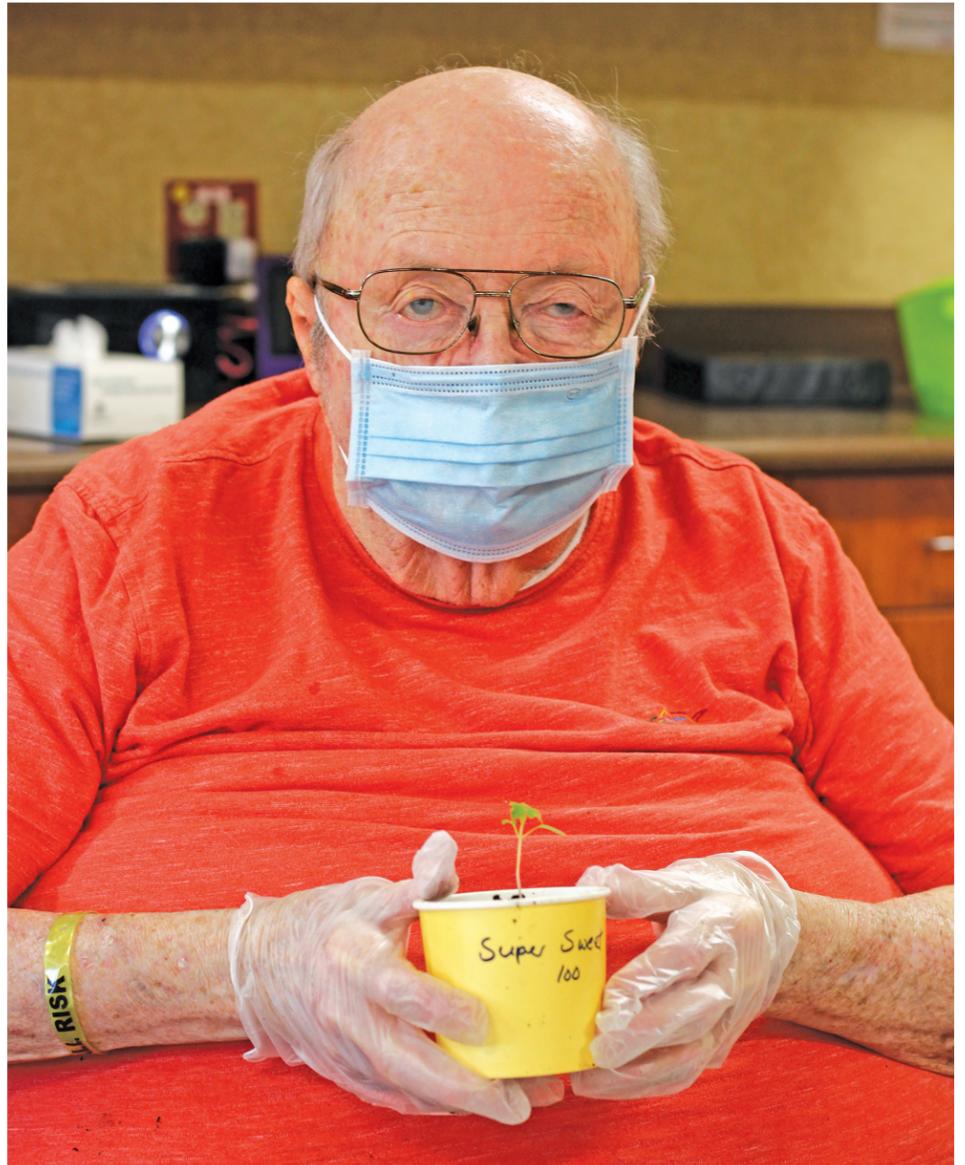
Colchester's StoryWalk features books with nature, wildlife, and gardening themes that appeal to young children. New books are posted four times a year as weather permits. Copies of each story can be checked out at the Cragin Memorial Library.

## Abundant Life Church News & Notes

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

**Sunday Services:** Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and the main service is at 10:30 a.m. There is also Children's Church available for ages 4-11. All are welcome. The main service is also broadcast live each week on Facebook. Visit [www.facebook.com/groups/abundantlifeCT](http://www.facebook.com/groups/abundantlifeCT) or look for the church on Facebook. For more information, call the church.

**Power of Prayer:** If in need of prayer, call the church to be placed on the prayer list. You may also ask about the various days and times the prayer groups meet and come at that time.



**Getting Ready for the Garden!...** The residents at Harrington Court repotted the seedlings they started in February and they are growing nicely. They can't wait until it's time to plant them outside. Tom Foley is pictured with a tomato he planted.

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# LEGALS

**TOWN OF COLCHESTER  
LEGAL NOTICE**

At its meeting of April 6, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Commission made the following decisions:

- 1. Marino Construction LLC – 19 Bigelow Road – Re-subdivision (2022-003)** – The Commission APPROVED w/ Conditions the proposed two-lot single-family residential Resubdivision of 19 Bigelow Road.
- 2. Hop Culture Farms & Brew Co. – 144 Cato Corner Rd – Special Permit Modification (2022-004)** – The Commission APPROVED w/Conditions the Special Permit Modification to revise the Statement of Use to extend the hours of operation at 144 Cato Corner Rd.

A copy of this notice has been filed in the Town Clerk's office. Planning and Zoning Commission  
Joseph Mathieu, Chair

1TB 4/15

**LIQUOR PERMIT  
Notice of Application**  
This is to give notice that, I, **WILLIAM JOHN BOWE JR**  
**111 BALLAHACK RD # 2**  
**EAST HADDAM, CT 06423-1279**  
Have filed an application placarded 04/02/2022 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a RESTAURANT CATERER PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at:  
**49 OAKUM DOCK RD**  
**EAST HADDAM, CT 06424**  
The business will be owned by:  
**ST CLEMENTS INC**  
Entertainment will consist of: Acoustics (not amplified), Disk Jockeys, Live Bands  
Objections must be filed by: 05-14-2022  
**WILLIAM JOHN BOWE JR**

2TB 4/8, 4/15

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

Notice is hereby given that the Portland Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Buck Foreman Room (2nd Floor), 265 Main Street, Portland, CT. Public access through Zoom link A at www.portlandct.org to consider the following:  
PZC Application #21-11: 9 Rose Hill Road. Request for Special Permit for outdoor special events including weddings, gatherings, functions with sitting and standing room; live music and entertainment; wine/beer tastings; outdoor movies; fireworks displays; outdoor lighting; and proposed 22 ft. x 25 ft. structure for golf simulator. Application and property of Nexus Golf Properties, LLC. Assessor's Map 60, Lot 4. Zone RR.  
At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be received. A copy of this application is available for review in the Portland Land Use Department. Dated at Portland, CT. this 6th day of April 2022  
Robert Ellsworth, Chairman  
Planning & Zoning Commission

2TB 4/8, 4/15

**LIQUOR PERMIT  
Notice of Application**  
This is to give notice that, I, **ISMET I DEDUSHAJ**  
**40 MAIN ST**  
**EAST HADDAM, CT 06423-1304**  
Have filed an application placarded 04/04/2022 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a RESTAURANT LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at:  
**81 N MAIN ST**  
**EAST HADDAM CT 06424-1433**  
The business will be owned by:  
**81 NORTH MAIN LLC**  
Entertainment will consist of: No Live Entertainment  
Objections must be filed by: 05-16-2022  
**ISMET I DEDUSHAJ**

2TB 4/8, 4/15

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF ACTION**

The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission held a regular meeting on April 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Eaton Smith Council Chambers Room 117 and via ZOOM Virtual Meeting to consider the following:

- **PZC-22-001: Josh Pavano, 19 Day Point Road** for Detached ADU pursuant to Section 8.4.M in existing accessory structure, Map 10A/Block 83/ Lot 29 - Approved with conditions.
- **PZC-22-005: Twenty High, LLC** for Site Plan Modification in C Zone – Section 5.2.B. Map 05A/ Block 62/ Lot 5A - Approved with conditions.

Ray Zatorski, Chairman

1TB 4/15

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

At the April 7, 2022 meeting, the Portland Planning & Zoning Commission took the following actions:  
**APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS PZC APPLICATION #21-10: 78 Marlborough Street.** Request for Site Plan Review for proposed adult use cannabis retailer. Application and property of 6 West Ave, LLC. Assessor's Map 20, Lot 31. Zone B2.  
**APPROVED:** in accordance with Zoning Regulation Section 7.3.7 for improvements within the Town Center Village District (TCVD) Overlay Zone: Entry Porch Roof in Front of Building and Awning over Handicap Ramp at Rear of Building for 255 Main Street as proposed by the applicant and recommended by the TCVD Design Consultant. Application of Portland Dental Care, LLC. Property of Gletzakos Realty, LLC. Assessor's Map 28, Lot 21. Zone B3/TCVD.  
**APPROVED:** in accordance with Zoning Regulation Section 7.3.7 for improvements within the Town Center Village District (TCVD) Overlay Zone: Two Heat Pump Units at Rear of Building for 245 Main Street as proposed by the applicant and recommended by the TCVD Design Consultant. Application of Air Temp Mechanical Services. Property of Liberty Bank. Assessor's Map 19, Lot 566. Zone B3/TCVD  
Dated at Portland, CT. this 11th day of April 2022  
Robert Ellsworth, Chairman  
Planning & Zoning Commission

1TB 4/15

**LEGAL NOTICE  
MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF ACTION**

The Marlborough Conservation Commission at its meeting of April 04 2022, took the following action:  
**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED; APPLICATION APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS:**  
APPLICATION – #03 -22 – Town of Marlborough (Applicant / Property Owner), -North Main Street & Park Road, Drainage Improvements.  
**APPLICATION TABLED:**  
APPLICATION – #04 -22 – Town of Marlborough (Applicant / Property Owner), - 32 Park Rd. – Improvements to beach at Blish Park.  
Dated at Marlborough, CT this 06TH day of April 2022.  
MARLBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Yvonne Bolton, Chair

1TB 4/15

**LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
PUBLIC HEARING**

The East Hampton Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular Town Council meeting in the East Hampton Town Hall Council Chambers, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424 and via Zoom. The Council will review an ordinance amending Chapter 273 of the Code of the Town of East Hampton Regarding Streets and Sidewalks Concerning Limited Maintenance of Private Roads. The Zoom login information will be included with the agenda posted on the Town website prior to the meeting. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available in the Office of the East Hampton Town Clerk and on the Town website at www.easthamptonct.gov.

**EAST HAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
Mark Philhower, Chairman  
Tim Feegel, Vice Chairman  
Pete Brown  
Brandon Goff  
Eric Peterson  
Kevin Reich  
Alison Walck

1TB 4/15

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN SEEKS  
VOLUNTEERS FOR CHARTER  
REVISION COMMISSION**

On March 24th the Andover Board of Selectmen voted to initiate a Charter Revision Commission to be appointed by the Board at their regular meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022. The Board will likely expect the Commission to complete its final report by July of this year to better ensure that the process will result in a vote on the November 8 State election ballot. Any Town elector wishing to apply to be a member of the Commission should provide a letter of interest to the Office of the Town Administrator no later than Monday, April 11 at noon. No more than one third of the members may hold other public office in the town. No more than a bare majority may be registered with one political party. Thus, a 5 member commission may include one public official and no more than three members of the same political party.

2TB 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22

**COLCHESTER CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION  
WETLANDS AGENT APPROVAL**

Pursuant to the CGS Section 22a-42a (c)(2) the following application has been approved by the duly authorized agent of the Conservation Commission of the Town of Colchester.  
Number: WA2022-384  
Applicant: Nautic Bay Group, LLC  
Location: 0 Rutka Lane  
Activity: Deck w/in URA  
Jay Gigliotti  
Authorized Agent

1TB 4/15

**LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH  
BOARD OF FINANCE PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022  
7:00 P.M.  
VIA ZOOM**

The Marlborough Board of Finance will hold a Public Hearing Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to discuss the fiscal year 2022-2023 Town Budget.  
At this hearing, interested persons may be heard. A copy of the proposed budget is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and on the town website www.marlbroughct.net. Information to log into the meeting will be available on the Public Hearing agenda.

1TB 4/15

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**PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT, FLEXIBLE HOURS.** Must have social media skills. Call Susanne at 860-682-2485

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**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** We are searching for qualified candidates ages 16+ for the position of Summer Camp Program Leaders and Program Specialists. This fun and exciting position works directly with children grades PreK-8th, organizing games, arts and crafts, attending field trips, etc. Please visit the Town of Hebron website to apply

**HIRING SHIPPING RECEIVING CLERK:** Bell Power Systems, located in Essex, a well-established value added distributor of diesel engines, is excited to announce an opening for a Shipping and Receiving Clerk. The right candidate should have the following qualifications/experience: Shipping/Receiving Procedures (track shipments, shipping labels, BOL, packing techniques, etc.), Knowledgeable in inventory control, Organized/Detail oriented, Ability to learn computer operating software, Good communication skills. Qualifications: Ability to operate a forklift is a must, HS diploma or experience. Send work history to: emma.stroede@sdiessel.com. Bell Power Systems provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or veterans status.

**PART-TIME NURSES NEEDED:** 8am - 12:00pm 5 days/wk includes every other weekend Please call Christal @ Greystone 860-342-2509.

**THE KIDS CLUB CHILD CARE CENTER IN MARLBOROUGH IS LOOKING TO IMMEDIATELY HIRE 2 PART TIME EMPLOYEES.** One position is for M-F 7:00AM-12:30PM, the other one is M-F, 3:00-5:30. Those interested must be flexible, dependable, be able to lift at least 20 pounds and have experience working with children ages 3 months to 5 years. If interested in learning more about the position please call the center at 860 295-0498 or send us an email at thekidsclub98@yahoo.com with your availability, qualifications and questions that you may have.

**FT POSITION** - Accounts payable, process invoices, vendor set ups, respond to account inquiries, reconcile accounts, other accounting tasks as needed. Submit resumes to: MKay@MysticLogistics.com

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LC112-10-20

**PART-TIME KITCHEN ASSISTANT** 12:30pm - 7:00pm 4 days/wk includes every other weekend Please call Christal at Greystone 860-342-2509

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Marlborough Town Clerk  
26 North Main Street  
P.O. Box 29  
Marlborough, CT. 06447  
**Application deadline is Friday, May 13, 2022 at 12:00 P.M.** We consider applicants for all positions without regard to race, creed, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other legally protected status.

3TB 4/15, 4/22, 4/29

**Deputy Fire Marshal  
Town of Portland, CT (EOE)  
Deadline: 5/6/2022**

Send Town application to: **Office of the First Selectman, P.O. Box 71, Portland, CT 06480-0071** Email: [mceppaglia@portlandct.org](mailto:mceppaglia@portlandct.org)  
Deputy Fire Marshal, 8-10 hours weekly (flexibility in schedule required, available for emergencies), \$26.00 per hour; non-union position. Works under the direction of the Fire Marshal, inspects buildings for compliance with the CT Fire Safety Code and CT Fire Prevention Code, reviews construction plans, conducts public fire safety education programs, investigates fires to determine origin & cause. **Qualifications:** High school diploma or equivalent; Certified by the State of Connecticut as Fire Marshal/Fire Inspector, 3-5 years experience conducting fire & life safety inspections. Must maintain 90 hours of continuing education over 3-year period. Good working knowledge of CT Fire Safety Code and CT Fire Prevention Code, good written and verbal communication skills. Must have valid CT driver's license. Must have ability to work well with the general public and other town officials. Subject to pre-employment drug/alcohol testing & criminal history background check. All qualified applicants will be considered for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

1TB 4/15



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