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East Hampton's annual three-day Old Home Days parade and carnival, a milestone event for locals, was abuzz with activity over the weekend, attracting an excited crowd, full of music, food and magic. Pictured in Saturday's parade is the Friends of Lake Pocotopaug's float, a boat, traveling down Main Street.

## Old Home Days Makes Glorious Return

By Jack Lakowsky

East Hampton's three-day Old Home Days celebration – complete with parade, carnival and joyful noise – returned triumphantly last weekend, after skipping the past two years due to COVID-19.

East Hampton hadn't enjoyed its venerable annual parade – which dates back over 40 years – since 2019. The pandemic totally killed the show in 2020. Organizers then arranged an "Old Home Days – At Home" reverse parade last year, with immobile "floats" spread over lawns and paradegoers doing the actual parading. Organizers said this was a more pandemic-friendly way of holding the celebration.

This year was different – it was normal; traffic, kids excitedly shouting the first ride they'd hop on, local police handing them slap bracelets; the enticing scents of frying fat and grilling meat and popcorn; flashing lights and a blazing sun.

Pam Joslyn-Greenwald, president of the parade's planning committee, said because there's no admissions fee it's hard to gauge just how many attended the festival, but said they sold a record number of wristbands, which give buyers a few extra perks.

The hiatus didn't cause vendors to vamoose; Joslyn-Greenwald said just about every vendor had worked Old Home Days before.

The 2020 parade, had the world not done an about-face that year, would've honored the late Red McKinney, a well-known local volunteer, businessperson and former town councilperson.

McKinney died on Christmas Eve 2019 of complications from a Thanksgiving stroke. He was 72.

McKinney's community involvement began as a member of the East Hampton Parks and

Recreation Department in the early 1970s. At 26, he was the youngest person elected to the East Hampton Board of Selectmen, serving from 1973-77.

McKinney was a member of the East Hampton Democratic Town Committee from 1974 until his passing, making him the longest tenured member.

McKinney had served as a charter member of the Old Home Days Association since 1978.

East Hampton residents may know McKinney as "Mr. Old Home Day." He consistently volunteered for over 30 years to fundraise for the annual three-day town celebration.

"His family was very happy with it," Joslyn-Greenwald said. "Everyone seemed happy we were finally able to do it."

The fair's vendors were just as excited as fairgoers.

Kelci Calhoun and Molly Sadlowski, who worked the Piggin' Out BBQ stand last Thursday evening, said they've missed Old Home Days. Piggin' Out's a regular at the festival, serving food at each one since 2015.

"We usually do really well," said Calhoun. "We have a big base of recurring customers, so not seeing them was sad."

They said for a small family business, not seeing customers is like missing friends.

"This year is really exciting," said Sadlowski. "It was sad when we couldn't all come together."

Theresa Tartaglia, a vendor of plants, floral décor and painted planters, said it was her first time selling at the carnival.

"I saw this was absent for a few years," Tartaglia said. "I wanted to come and support the

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## 'No Significant Hurdles' for Hebron Project

By Sloan Brewster

An archaeological study on the property where the town plans to build a public works facility is in – and, at least from town officials' point of view, the news is good.

Town Manager Andrew Tierney said Tuesday that Sarah Holmes, the archeological consultant hired by the town to perform the study, had completed and submitted the document.

"It pretty much states there's no significant hurdles where the project could be stopped," he said. "There's nothing to stop the project."

In their "Report on Phase I Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey," Holmes and consulting engineer Tom Fenton of Nathan L. Jacobson & Associates, Inc. do not recommend further archaeological study of the property due to the low number of artifacts found there.

Local historian John Baron, who said he had

walked the land with Holmes, Fenton and state archaeologist Sarah Sportsman, was not surprised by the findings.

"Given where Sarah was digging, it was not a surprise that very few artifacts were uncovered," he said.

He said "Indigenous projectile points" found on the property are evidence it had an aboriginal use, as is a community quern or grinding stone located in the Pendleton Drive area.

"Clearly, Hebron Center was a Native American seasonal encampment site," Baron said.

Per the "Conclusions and Recommendations" section of the 62-page report, the land is not eligible for the National Register and "therefore a Phase II archaeological survey is not recommended."

Local officials are now awaiting State His-

torical Preservation Office confirmation of the report.

Once that confirmation is received, the plans are to move forward on next steps, including commencing public hearings to hear from residents on the project, Tierney said.

The project must pass the scrutiny of residents and is subject to a town vote before it will get the official go-ahead.

Tierney said the study was the last of three items on the town's checklist on the property.

The wetlands were reflagged but that turned out not to be an issue, he said. Also, officials considered moving the facility closer to Kinney Road only to learn the proposed new location would encroach on wetlands.

"So the footprint that we picked is the best

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From the Editor's Desk

# Observations & Ruminations

By Mike Thompson

This is pretty cool. There is a museum in Stafford dedicated to the Civilian Conservation Corps, and although things looked pretty dire for a while, it's open again this summer.

The Civilian Conservation Corps, or CCC, is a unique part of American history that has ties to Portland and East Hampton.

In the midst of the Great Depression, while more than 13 million Americans were unemployed, then-president Franklin D. Roosevelt instilled a number of relief programs to help create new jobs, including the CCC.

Originally known as the Emergency Conservation Work Act, the program was passed by Congress in 1933 during Roosevelt's first 100 days and is often considered one of the most popular New Deal programs.

There were 21 camps in Connecticut, and throughout the CCC program's nine-year span, from 1933 to 1942, it employed 30,670 men in the state. The Army paid for the workers' food and shelter.

In addition to providing jobs, the CCC also featured a natural resource conservation program where men worked on projects such as planting trees, building state and national parks, fighting fires, building roads and bridges, helping farmers and ranchers prevent erosion and aiding citizens during disasters.

Both East Hampton and Portland were home to their own CCC camps – Camp Stuart and Camp Buck, respectively.

East Hampton resident Marty Podskoch wrote extensively about the Connecticut camps – and told the stories of the men who left their homes to work and help support their families during the Great Depression – in his 2017 book *Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: History, Memoirs & Legacy of the CCC*. Podskoch also shared some pretty great news with me this week

about the Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Museum.

The museum is in the former administration building of a CCC camp, Camp Conner. It's open through Columbus Day weekend, on Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. The address is 166 Chestnut Hill Rd. (Route 190) in Stafford Springs.

The museum has many photos, displays, information and artifacts from the 21 CCC camps in Connecticut, as well as those in other Northeast states.

Now, earlier this year, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection had a shortage of workers and, according to Podskoch, the museum was going to be closed. But, he said, volunteers composed of CCC family members and friends stepped forward, and the museum is open again.

If you want to volunteer to help out at the museum yourself, call Podskoch at 860-267-2442.

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"Man, it's a hot one, Like seven inches from the midday sun" is a line from the 1999 classic "Smooth" by Santana featuring Rob Thomas – but they're pretty freaking applicable this week.

As of Wednesday morning, the forecast for the Hartford area calls for temperatures in the mid- to upper-90s until Monday – so a rather extended heat wave, but nothing out of the ordinary for mid-July.

But the rest of the country – and world – are seeing some very unusual temperatures.

The UK has been hit particularly hard. London on Tuesday saw temperatures top 40 degrees Celsius – or 104 degrees Fahrenheit – for the first time ever in recorded history. And the UK weather records date back to 1659, so that's really saying something.

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**Thank You Banner...** Jesse Revicki, administrator of Portland Youth & Family Services, is flanked by Mary Dutton (left) and Thayer Talbott, both of the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, present the Thank You banner created during Youth & Family Services summer kick-off petting zoo and ice cream social at the end of June. The program was funded by a grant from the M. Jones Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. Attendees of the event signed and wrote thank yous to the Foundation.

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## Lake Letter Returns

To Marlborough Residents:

The long absent LakeLetter is back. There are interesting articles about boat safety, swimming, lake health and other information. You will find it on the Lake Advisory Commission page of the town website; go to <https://tinyurl.com/bdea4d8e>.

We hope you enjoy this summer's newsletter.  
**Cheryl Morgan**  
 Lake Advisory Commission Alternate  
 Marlborough

playing into either a long-term success or failure.

Ponder this – Taxes are too high! Yes, and that trend should be over as far as I'm concerned. The state government passed the largest tax cut in Connecticut state history; providing relief to Connecticut residents in need. We must make sure we can support this in the future. I will outline my plan for fiscal responsibility over the next few weeks. Check back and read about my real solutions. Solutions based on proven ideas is what I will bring to Hartford.

Sincerely,  
**Christopher Rivers -- Colchester**  
 Candidate for State Representative,  
 48th District

## My State Rep Plan, Part I

Dear Colchester Neighbors:

I am Chris Rivers and I'm running to represent all of Colchester, Bozrah, Franklin and most of Lebanon in Hartford as the state representative for the 48th District.

I'm in this race to use my background as an Army Engineer, Diplomat, and Technology Strategist to help solve problems that impact us all. I don't just bring fresh ideas, I bring proven ideas. I want to provide you with some details around how I plan to do this when I am elected.

First, a case in point: Fiscal responsibility and making Connecticut more affordable isn't just a tax ("live within its means") problem. It is an economic problem with a number of parts

## The Anti-Chicken Little

To the Editor:

Ed Kozlowski pronounces the climate crisis a fraud perpetrated by idiots. He claims CO2 (carbon dioxide) is a healing life-giving gas, and has nothing to do with Earth's temperature regulation. Kozlowski's climate guru truth teller is Tony Heller, a guy with two names, also calling himself Steve Goddard, a birther claiming Obama was not born in America. In just one letter to *Rivereast* Kozlowski called the credible, credentialed and peer reviewed scientists 'lunatics, disingenuous, fools, gullible, corrupt,

# Bulletin Board

Boy, what a week!

First I got a phone call at 2:45 a.m. (that's right, a.m., as in 2:45 in the morning) from some lovely woman who was apparently calling all the way from somewhere across the ocean to alert me to a problem with my computer. Talk about service! Most people would have waited until at least 9 a.m. to call. I can only imagine how much trouble I might have been in by ignoring the problem for over six hours.

I'm not entirely clear on what the problem was, but for only \$200 the lady on the phone was able to set things right in a matter of minutes. Good thing I know my Social Security number and all my passwords by heart.

Then a day or so later, I got a call from the Internal Revenue Service. This was pretty scary. They said I owed them \$2,000 and the police were on the way to take me to jail for being a tax evader. I told them I can't possibly go to jail—I'm just too darn cute—and they said they weren't supposed to bend the rules, but maybe they could make an exception in my case if I went to a major department store and bought \$2,000 worth of gift cards and called them back with the codes on the cards. They said the IRS uses the cards to buy toys for orphans of parents who hang themselves during IRS audits. Apparently, there's quite a demand.

Well, I no sooner returned home from the department store than I got another phone call, this one from my grandson saying that, due to a misunderstanding, he had been thrown into jail with a group of lepers in Canada and needed me to wire \$1,600 for bail money—and could I please keep this between him and me 'cause his parents would kill him if they knew he was consorting with Canadian lepers. Well, of course I did what any doting grandparent would do and sent the money. Only after I started to drive home did it occur to me that I don't have any grandchildren. As a matter of fact, neither of my sons is even married. I mean, I believe in paying it forward, but this is a little ridiculous.

Then, just a day or so later, I got an email from Shirley saying she had been mugged in Manila and lost her passport and all her money and both of her kidneys and could I please, please send her \$700 so she could take a bus to the U.S. embassy?

I don't know anyone named Shirley, and I'm not sure how she got my email address, but the early '70s are kind of a blur to me and I do have a lot of cousins I've never met. So naturally I wired her the money and asked her to let me know how she made out—and do you know she emailed me back and said she'd been mugged again on her way to the embassy and lost the \$700 and they took her third kidney too? I sent her another transfer, but I told her the next time she goes on vacation, he ought to choose some safer place to go sightseeing, like maybe Chicago.

The bad news is that there's no money left in my bank account, because the gift cards to the IRS apparently didn't cover all my back taxes and it seems they felt it would be safer if they held on to all my remaining assets until this whole thing can be straightened out. So I guess I'm going to be a little short of cash for the foreseeable future.

The good news is that I got an email a few minutes ago notifying me that I've won the Nigerian lottery. I don't recall entering the lottery, but I'm certainly not going to quibble about that when I'm about to come into \$500 million. All I have to do is send them \$1,000 to take care of the paperwork for the international transfer. Man, I can't wait to see all that money! Can anybody out there front me \$1,000? It'll just be until the check arrives from Nigeria.

Actually, it's not going to be a check. I'm not supposed to tell anyone, but for an extra \$500, they're going to ship my winnings in gold bullion right to my house. How cool is that?

Jim Hallas

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frauds, fabricators, alarmists, charlatans, absurd, fantastical, scammers, liars, misguided and more. He gets so turned on with all the synonyms in his thesaurus once he starts writing his letters, he can't put it down until he's spewed out the entire page. Kozlowski knows he needs to ornament his letters as best he can, bereft of data and facts.

Then he starts blaming Biden for both the energy crisis and food crisis. Somehow he says Biden hasn't done enough with giving farmers fertilizers and pesticides, while ignoring crops destroyed here and around the world due to drought, excess heat, floods. Somehow he says Biden reduced our production of fossil fuels, while ignoring surging air conditioner electrical usage, the Texas electrical grid failure fiasco when a polar vortex hit.

If Ed could ever find the time to read something from the BBC, *New York Times* or any other widely respected news outlet, he'd learn historical temperature records are constantly being broken, that Mexico is in such severe drought even more migrants are fleeing starvation and coming to our country, that parts of the world are now uninhabitable during summer. But Ed's too addicted to his thesaurus synonym porn to come out of his room into the real world. He's the anti-Chicken Little, telling us everything is fine! Just ignore the scientists, Democrats, farmers, and heat stroke victims.

**Edmund Smith – Andover**

### Liberal World Order

To the Editor:

Recently one of Biden's advisors, Brian Deese, was asked by CNN what the president would say to families struggling with the price of gas, saying that paying these current prices for months, if not years, isn't sustainable. Deese responded, "Well, what you heard from the president today was a clear articulation of the stakes, this is about the future of the liberal world order and we have to stand firm."

Right there you know he is lying...Biden hasn't clearly articulated anything since he as-

sumed office...but seriously, what's the liberal world order? Do you remember anyone selling you on the merits of a war in Ukraine to benefit the Liberal World Order (a.k.a. New World Order)? Because I sure as hell don't. Just as all wars are sold to the public, this one was no different, and its media blitz focused on the humanitarian plight of Ukrainians, the demonization of our enemy, and the lionization of our allies...no matter how unsavory they may be.

What Deese said was a rare glimpse of honesty that you don't hear often. It's illustrative of the true motives behind our leaders' actions. More often than not their decisions aren't based upon upholding of any moral or legal code, but based upon what's to be gained and if they can get away with it. The general public, unaware of the agendas happening in the background, usually go along...but as people are feeling the pinch of high prices and rampant inflation more of them are beginning to ask questions... and that's not good for the Liberal World Order.

Biden has said to be prepared to pay higher prices for gas "for as long as it takes." Does that sound like a president who is looking out for the best interests of the country or the best interests of the privileged few?

**Colin McNamara – Marlborough Andover Charter**

To the Editor:

The Andover Charter Commission has recently submitted the revision items assigned to us by the Board of Selectmen. The main item was the bifurcation of the budget that would separate the Board of Education and the town government and would present a clear picture to the voters as to how your tax dollars are being spent. To be clear many parents and the BOE do not support this change. If this is approved in November it would mean: if the budget as presented fails on the first referendum, it moves to Bifurcation. We the ACC unanimously approved this. Of the four items we were asked to address, this one was where we spent the majority of our time.

When when we made our final presenta-

tion there was an unexpected change brought forth by vice first selectman Adrian Mandeville which would eliminate the town budget meeting and replace it with an informational presentation which would then go directly to referendum. This a big deal and was brought forward without a public hearing. If enacted, this modification would prevent Andover taxpayers from speaking for or against the budget and/or make any motions to reduce or eliminate any line-item spending. This is "taxation without representation" and our commission voted 5-0 to reject this major 11th hour change.

The Board of Selectmen have the power to override our decision but after further discussion they rescinded the change – for now! I consider this an attempted "power grab" by most but not all of the selectmen. This was designed to reduce the rights of taxpayers who stay informed and attend the meetings. I've been going to town budget meetings for the 30 years I've lived here and I see no reason to change.

There are four questions on November's ballot; do your due diligence and read the changes before Voting Day.

**Don Denley, Co-Chairman Andover Charter Commission**

### Golden Age Games

To the Editor:

My best buddy, also known as my wife, went to the VA National Golden Age Games with me July 18. It's been a long time to get here; games were canceled for COVID the past two years, 2020 and 2021. As a vet I began to worry, could it be forever? Many felt that way.

Until about February of this year, when we got word the games would once again be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We as veterans were delighted to hear of that news. I lived in Minnesota most of my life but, and I'm sorry to admit this, I never gave any thought to going there.

Now for the first time I was in Sioux Falls, where a lot of friends gathered each and every year to get together. Friends from California, Alaska, Hawaii, Michigan, Texas, Florida and much more – friends I made from 19 years on the team.

When I get back, you'll hear about our trip. I hope I come home with Gold, but Silver or Bronze will be fine. I play nine-ball, shuffleboard, table tennis, horseshoes and bocci ball.

**Martin Lopez USAF/Vietnam Colchester**

### Amazing Community!

To the Editor:

We would like to give a big shout out to our East Hampton community. You are amazing!! We had a successful 42nd Old Home Days and it was all because of you. From donating your time and money, to attending the event. Whether you worked at the event, walked in the parade, ran in the Rail to Trails 5k or just enjoyed all the activities this past weekend we appreciate it. We were honored to finally "Paint the town Red" and pay tribute to a man we all admired and loved. Looking forward to seeing you next year for our 43rd Glorious Celebration.

**Pam Joslyn-Greenwald, on behalf of Old Home Days Committee**

### Supports Rivers

To the Editor:

I enthusiastically support Chris Rivers as our next state representative for the 48th District. Chris has demonstrated a life addressing needs over a broad range of American issues. As a teen, he prepared himself to deal with medical emergencies. After 9/11, he sought military service. Along the way, he completed an impressive education at West Point, then exercising his leadership. He then pursued a deeper understanding of government and political decision-making.

Chris has displayed a consistent a pattern of recognizing a situation, understanding what must be done, and taking the initiative to do what must be done. Chris Rivers is the one to fill the 48th's seat.

**Robert A. Weeks, Ph.D. – Colchester**

### Kinney Road History, Pt. 3

To the Editor,

About 15,000 years ago the Laurentide Ice Sheet receded from Hebron, leaving behind a grassy tundra and meandering waterways. Under the grasslands the massive glacier also left the fractured bedrock and fertile soil that remain today. A variety of grazing animals filtered in to enjoy the open fields and plentiful food source. On the trail of this game were the first inhabitants of our area, the Paleoindians. They lived in small mobile social groups and followed the animals according to the seasons. In addition to hunting larger animals they lived on fish, fowl, reptiles and wetland tubers. There are five documented Paleoindian sites in Con-

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Now, 104 degrees might not seem particularly brutal over here, but in London most Julys see high temperatures around 70. The summers are so mild out there that fewer than 5% of homes in the UK have air conditioning – and in public buildings, and even hospitals, AC isn't that common either. Simply put, there traditionally hasn't been a need for it.

The way England is built reflects that temperate weather, as well – and as a result, the country isn't holding up that well. The intense heat has damaged airport runways, warped roads, and forced trains to be canceled or run at low speeds, out of concern rails could buckle.

What's perhaps the most unnerving about all this? While the record books date back to the mid-1600s, the previous all-time high in the UK, 38.7 degrees Celsius (of 102 degrees Fahrenheit) was only set in July 2019.

So this doesn't look like just a once-in-a-generation blip; this just may be the way things are.

Stephen Belcher, chief scientist with the U.K. Met Office weather agency, told the Associated Press such temperatures in Britain were "virtually impossible" without human-driven climate change.

Belcher warned that "we could see temperatures like this every three years" without serious action on carbon emissions, the AP said.

I get letters from time to time from readers calling climate change a "hoax" or "scam" or "fraud" – and it's stories like the one in the UK that make me wonder how they can feel this way. Climate change is the real deal, folks – and it's getting pretty freaking scary.

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See you next week.

# HEALTH CARE SERVICES



## Better Dental HEALTH

A Practice For Optimal Dental Fitness

by George M. Mantikas, DMD

**CHEW, CHEW, CHEW, IT'S THE SMART THING TO DO**

A lot of thought goes into what we eat, whether it concerns improving our health, creating delicious new recipes, or recreating an old favorite. However, we rarely think about how we eat, especially not how we chew. Chewing has a tremendous impact on our oral and intestinal health. Its breaks down our food to make it easier to swallow and digest, and it increases the amount of saliva in our mouths. Saliva helps replace the minerals on our teeth and restore and maintain the mouth's pH balance. It also helps rinse food particles from our teeth, preventing the buildup of bacteria that causes tooth decay. Slowing down and chewing longer creates more beneficial saliva.

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necticut, including three at the Mashantucket Pequot Reservation.

The Paleoindian period ended about 9,500 years ago and was followed by four Archaic Periods that lasted from 9,500 to 2,700 years ago. Several sites in Hebron have been documented and include stone tools and projectile points from the Middle and Late Archaic Periods of 8,000 to 3,700 years ago. These early inhabitants eventually gave rise to the Woodlands Indians that would include the Mohegan Tribe. In 1676, the Mohegan sachem Attawanhood gifted a large tract of land to a group of English colonists from Saybrook and Windsor. Later known as the Saybrook Legatees, these were the first European settlers of Hebron. Men like Edward Shipman, John Tillison and Abraham Post would soon establish themselves on the fertile fields in the center of town.

The connection between the ancient Paleoindians, the Mohegan Tribe and Hebron's original colonists can be found on the open fields of 17 Kinney Rd. This historic location deserves to be recognized as a living artifact and preserved today and for future generations. For more information, maps and photos please visit Kinney Road Matters on Facebook and #Save17.

Sincerely,  
**Kevin J. Tulimieri – Amston**

**Thank You, Andreas Bisbikos**

To the Editor:

When I was away serving my country, I always longed for the conservative, comforting town of Colchester.

One of the things all of us here have agreed on was that we were always somewhat afraid of the librarians. We never knew that there was a procedure we could use to voice our opinions.

The best place for a person to discover who they are is with the family they have. Joy, pain, confusion and contentment are all part of family life. A book written by a stranger does not help a person grow into the healthiest person they could be. We have experienced an almost cult-like experience when a famous author won over a person who we care about.

Thank you, First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos, for pointing out that we have a procedure to express our opinions at the library. You are a man of integrity and strength. We are so glad you are our first selectman.

**Pat Kelly – Colchester**

**Off With Their Heads!!**

To the Editor:

I'll keep this short. (Did I say that?) Deadheading is the removal of spent of faded flowers from annual or perennial plants. Typically, after a plant has finished flowering, it suspends the flowering process in order to form seeds. When you deadhead, the energy, and nutrients that would have gone into producing new seed generates more flowers instead. This means you can get a second show, maybe less, or maybe several more, over the course of the growing season.

Some native perennials that reward with more blossoms:

Bee balms, Butterfly weed, Culver's root, False sunflowers, Garden phloxes

Gauras, Geums, Lupines, Penstemons, Perennial salvias Purple coneflower, Sneezeweed, Spike speedwells, Stokes' asters, Tickseeds, Yarrow.

How to prune: merely all you need to remember is to prune spent flowers and stems back to a point where there's a new lateral flower or bud. If no new flower is apparent, prune the stem back to a lateral leaf. Good advice, but nov-

ice snippers beware! Not all plants need to be deadheaded! In fact, deadheading could be detrimental to some. Repeat annual bloomers like geraniums will continue to flower all summer if deadheaded regularly, but others, particularly some perennials must reseed in order to bloom the following year.

Some recommended Re-Seeding Native Plants: Penstemon, Gaillardia, Solidago, Agastache, Schizachyrium scoparium Blaze, Echinacea.

Best bet is, when in doubt Google the plant like the rest of us. Remember, to deadhead or not is a practice to keep your garden looking neat, to prepare plants to bloom next year, or to feed the birds with seeds. In all cases, deciding will bring us closer to the garden with a new consideration of our relationship with nature.

**Michele Sinkez – Amston**

**Budget Chicken**

To the Editor:

For the second year in a row, Colchester's budget process will drag into late summer or even early fall. Once again, politics are to blame. Board of Finance meetings are more a showcase for political theater than an opportunity to come to any real decisions to move the town forward. With just two Democrats on the member board, Republicans are running the show -- but their own internal party conflicts keep boiling over into these public meetings.

In last week's episode, Republican members continued their ongoing feud with their own party's first selectman about potential reductions to the budget. It was not a productive meeting.

There's no question after two failed referendums that voters are demanding a smaller budget at round three, but neither faction seems willing to put specific reductions on the table.

The first selectman says he has ideas, but he's refusing to share them. He wants his former allies on the BOF to share their ideas first.

From the outside looking in, it seems neither faction wants to take political responsibility for the tough choices that have to be made now. Both factions of Republicans campaigned on the same message – fiscal conservatism – but both want the other to blink first and put their name behind potentially painful reductions. It's a game of political chicken.

Residents deserve honesty and transparency from our elected officials about the budget process – not campaign slogans and finger-pointing. We deserve to hear their plan. The process would move a lot smoother if the Republicans in power were more focused on setting up the town for success rather than setting up each other to take the blame for failure.

**Bernie Denner III – Colchester**

**Write On!**

To the Editor:

Last week, Ed Smith, referring to Don Denley as perhaps a liar, wrote, "Nations disassemble when liars commandeer governments and the media presents lies and truths as coequals." A suggestion by you, Mr. Smith, of censure and censorship action by the *RiverEast* against Denley is common practice in nations who do not recognize anything close to our First Amendment. An old adage says, "Be careful what you wish for." After all, it is the job of newspapers to print opinion, albeit opinion is not always fact. I am sure this small but fine newspaper will always protect freedom of speech.

**Kevin Berry – Andover**

**Thank You, Bisbikos**

To the Editor:

On Monday, July 11, the Town of Colchester began disbursing a historic \$1M in ARPA funds to qualified small businesses that have been adversely impacted by the pandemic.

Coming from a family that owns a business of their own, First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos knows all too well the challenges that small business owners face. The Bisbikos family has been a fixture in Colchester since 1988, serving the community in a multitude of ways over the years. Despite this, they opted out of applying for funding for their own business, so as to not cause a potential conflict of interest. They put their community first. That speaks volumes.

I'd like to thank FS Bisbikos – not only for delivering on his campaign promise to use ARPA funding to invest directly into our local businesses, but also for the countless hours he spends supporting the citizens of our community.

**Andrea DePaola – Colchester**

**Heavy**

To the Editor:

It's been a rather heavy year here in Amston, on Kinney Road. The pandemic lingered on and we struggled through a wet, hot and humid summer 2021. Even the road struggled, as the culvert washed out twice due to heavy rains. But water is a constant on Kinney Road and elsewhere, for without clean water, there is no life.

We began writing letters regularly just over a year ago, when Hebron's BOS announced their plans to install an industrial complex on our road. What really pushed us to write was the lack of knowledge about this land and the project itself. In 2019 only 92 residents showed up to vote on purchasing the land and far less were attending zoom meetings.

We began out of a real concern for the water downstream.

Road salts, truck-washing bays and even industrial trucks themselves are all toxic to fresh water life. If our road has anything to contribute to life, it is water and American history. The land between CVS and the Raymond Brook Marsh is a healthy watershed and those healthy waters are headed to the communities below Hebron.

What we have discovered is that our concerns are backed up by several long environmental reports specifically done on this land since, at least, 1984.

Secondly, that this farmland is rich with Hebron history including stories of land ownership, freed slaves, Native Americans and farming. And while much of the town's history was lost in the great fire of 1882, which burned the center of Hebron, the stonewalls and the stonewall lined wagon trails remain, unscathed and still intact.

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# Car vs. Building Crash a ‘Close Call’

By Jack Lakowsky

Lori Caldwell, owner of Old Bank Flowers & Greenery, was hustling to get ready for a big delivery due last Tuesday, July 14.

She shares part of her building with Airline Cycles, a small space she decided to vacuum really quick before her important delivery.

Turns out, that decision may have saved her life.

Moments later, after she'd opened a door to let in some fresh air, her Main Street business suddenly tremored, struck by a car.

The crash destroyed Old Bank's storefront and outdoor display – including a highly valued vintage flower cart – Caldwell told the *Rivereast* this week.

Television outlets reported the car struck neighboring Studio 13, but this wasn't accurate, at least not entirely, according to Caldwell and Studio 13 owner Amy Ordonez. The art shop incurred damages Ordonez said were minor compared to Old Bank's.

"There's this massive thud, and I see all the power lines going up and down like 15 feet," said Caldwell. "Like, what just happened?"

Caldwell ran out. A customer in the parking lot ran up and stopped her.

"He tells me a car just ran into my shop," said Caldwell, who said repairs will cost thousands.

Had Caldwell not stopped to vacuum, she might've been standing right where the car careened into the building.

"It was such a close call," she said. "With that timing it's like someone was watching over me."

Police are investigating the crash; charges, if there will be any, have not been filed as of press time.

According to Caldwell, the car also took out a telephone pole, causing a power surge. Caldwell and responding firefighters, who along with other emergency crews arrived in minutes, had to run around the property shutting down circuit breakers.

"It was pandemonium because we have tenants in apartments upstairs," said Caldwell.

She said the surge destroyed a stove, a micro-

wave, a water heater and possibly two furnaces. All tenants, she said, are okay.

"It was an accident that just kept on happening," she said. "When they pulled the car out I saw all my stuff, destroyed and mangled."

Caldwell lost precious flowers, vintage planters, décor, her big showcase windows and about \$4,000 in merchandise alone.

"We're crossing our fingers the insurance comes through," said Caldwell. "We've been reassured it will."

Caldwell said she spoke to the driver and passengers of the vehicle, and was overjoyed to see that they, though injured and shaken, were able to walk away—stuff can be replaced, she said, people can't.

Ordenez was in Marlborough when the car hit.

"It was really shocking. The first thing I did was call Lori," she said. "I packed my stuff up and came to town., and it was distressing, coming down the hill on Summit and seeing that."

Upsetting to Caldwell is the historic status of the building, constructed in 1899, she said. The building is part of the Belltown Historic District, according to town zoning official Jeremy DeCarli

Beginning last year, the town devised a plan to improve the Village Center streetscape, make it more walkable and bikeable, reducing speeding and beautifying East Hampton's downtown.

A self-described "beast," always optimistic and ready to meet a challenge, Caldwell said the reconstruction will make the building even more attractive.

"It sounds corny, but we're gonna make lemonade out of lemons," Caldwell said.

Caldwell and Ordonez have both been involved in these talks. The East Hampton Town Council has given the town the go-ahead to move forward with the streetscape plan, and staff are looking to get a grant later this year. The town and businessowners recently met, a meeting Ordonez said left her optimistic about the plan.

Caldwell believes the Village Center needs more stop signs especially.



The owner of Old Bank Flowers & Greenery is speaking out after a car struck her shop on July 12. Photo via Facebook.

"I'm just hoping the town addresses the safety issues," said Caldwell. "What we suggested isn't just cosmetic, it's about pedestrian safety."

DeCarli said, though the plan's still in planning stages, ways to control speed largely include better visuals – more obvious crosswalks, better signage at the start of downtown, as well as "traditional downtown things" like narrower travel lanes.

The intersection where Old Bank sits specifically, the triangle conjoining Summit Street and Barton Hill Road to Main, is immensely wide, DeCarli said.

"It's over 70 feet; that's way too wide," he said.

Caldwell commended Town Manager Dave Cox, Public Works head Matt Walsh, and local emergency responders for their work and help. She said she was touched by the outpouring of community support, with friends, neighbors, customers and fellow businessowners offering help and well-wishes.

"We're really tight down here," she said, "we call ourselves 'The Village People.' I really love them."

## Program on 'Singular They'

Middle Haddam Public Library, 2 Knowles Rd., Middle Haddam, will hold a program entitled "Singular They" on Monday, July 25, at 7 p.m., at the library.

The program is about the origins and usage of the singular "they" pronoun. This is a

chance to learn and practice in a supportive, judgement-free space. Questions welcome.

Space is limited. To register, call the library at 860-267-9093 or email middlehaddamlibrary@gmail.com.

## Vintage Motorcar Meet

The Belltown Antique Car Club will present the 55th annual Belltown Vintage Motorcar Meet Sunday, Aug. 7, rain or shine (field conditions permitting), at the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds. Gates open at 8 a.m., show car registration closes at 11 a.m., and judging begins at noon.

This is a judged show for stock antique cars and trucks that are at least 40 years old; 1982 is the cut-off year. "Belltown Bell" trophies will be awarded in 17 classes. There will be brass-era cars, pre-war classics, '50s cars, sports cars, muscle cars, pickups and more. This year's Featured Marque is the Ford Model T.

The show also includes a flea market catering to the old car hobby, a car corral and two display-only classes for non-stock collector cars and hot rods built up to 1982 (not judged).

Show car registration is \$10 and includes event admission for occupants (Ford Model Ts get in for free). General admission is \$5; children under 12 are free. Food service will be provided by the East Hampton Masonic Lodge.

Haddam Neck is on the east side of the Connecticut River; head south on Route 151 from Cobalt or north from East Haddam and watch for signs. For more information, visit [www.belltownantiquecarclub.org](http://www.belltownantiquecarclub.org).

## Lake-Smart Award Program

The Friends of Lake Pocotopaug group is sponsoring a Lake-Smart Award Program of free grants of up to \$150, to folks who complete certain Lake Pocotopaug-friendly projects.

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

The seven criteria property owners will be evaluated on are:

A "buffer zone" between their property and the lake; rain gardens and diversion ditches, etc., that contain stormwater runoff before it reaches the lake; refraining from using chemical fertilizers containing phosphates and nitrates or

using pesticides and herbicides; when mowing their lawn, keeping their lawn at 2 1/2-3 inches and use a mulching blade instead of bagging grass clippings; covering bare soil areas with mulch or plantings; refraining from feeding water fowl, and discouraging them from coming onto their property; and preventing leaves and grass clippings from entering the lake.

Once you know what projects you need to do to improve your property, get a grant application by contacting Friends member Cap Nelson at [capegan2015@gmail.com](mailto:capegan2015@gmail.com), or by mail to: Friends of Lake Pocotopaug, c/o Cap Nelson, 6 Lakewood Rd., East Hampton, CT 06424.

## President's List

East Hampton residents Ginneane Kirk, Chelsea Krzeminski, Veronica Tozzi and Jill Warren made the spring 2022 President's List at Goodwin University in East Hartford.



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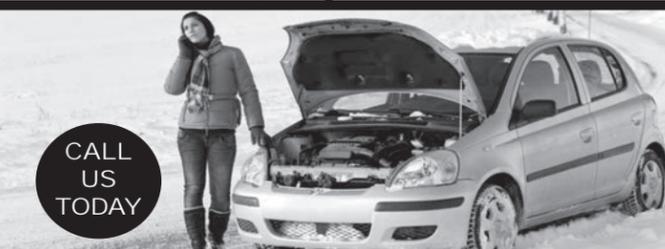
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### Hall of Fame Nominations Open

The East Hampton Athletic Hall of Fame Association (EHAHOFA) is accepting nominations for 2022.

If a nomination for 2020 or 2021 was submitted there is no need to do so again; the induction process has been on hold the past two years due to COVID-19 restrictions and concerns. EHAHOFA's intent is to hold an induction banquet Friday, Oct. 28, at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron.

Nominations will close Sept. 10. If you are interested in nominating an athlete, coach or

contributor, email [seidlts@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:seidlts@sbcbglobal.net) to request a nomination packet.

Association members continue to search for volunteers as well to serve on nomination and scholarship committees. There is not much commitment other than attending a couple of Zoom meetings, the association said. EHAHOFA is non-profit and seeks to recognize past athletic achievements in East Hampton as well as reward two high school seniors with scholarships annually. If interested in helping, contact Tom Seidl at [seidlts@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:seidlts@sbcbglobal.net).

### Driving for Drafts

The eighth annual Driving for Drafts fundraising event, to benefit the CT Draft Horse Rescue (CDHR), will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Portland Golf Course, 169 Bartlett St., Portland. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m., with check-in beginning at noon.

Cost is \$150/person and includes golf as well as grilled lunch and a buffet dinner, along with raffles, auctions and prizes. Sponsorships are

also available, including an "In Memoriam" sponsorship to honor a loved one or a pet. All proceeds benefit the rescue horses of the CDHR.

Registration closes Sept. 1. To sign up as a participant or become a sponsor, visit [www.ct-draftrescue.org/2022-golf-registration](http://www.ct-draftrescue.org/2022-golf-registration) or email [cdhr.golf@gmail.com](mailto:cdhr.golf@gmail.com).

CDHR is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving the lives of neglected or abused draft horses as well as draft horses headed to slaughter. For more information, volunteer opportunities, or to donate, visit [www.ctdraftrescue.org](http://www.ctdraftrescue.org) or [www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue](https://www.facebook.com/ctdraftrescue).

### Barbecue Chicken Dinner

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, located at 59 Main St., will hold a Take-Out Barbecue Chicken Dinner Saturday, July 30, from 4:30-6 p.m. The menu will include a barbecue chicken leg quarter, corn on the cob, coleslaw and chocolate chip cookies for dessert.

Price is \$14, via cash or check made out to CCEH. Pre-order at 860-918-1170 by noon Saturday, July 30.

### Congregational Church News & Notes

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](http://cc-eh.org).

Nursery care is available during Sunday services for children under 3 years. Sunday school classes will resume in September.

The Yarners meet every Thursday from 10:30

a.m.-noon in the Fellowship Hall. All knitters and crocheters are welcome.

A chicken barbecue dinner will be Saturday, July 30.

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

### 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-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Through Labor Day, the library will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Library Spirit Days:** All are invited to dress up for Summer Reading and earn raffle tickets on Tuesdays. Themes are: July 26: Dress like a Wizard Day; Aug. 2: Mismatch Day; Aug. 9: Pirate Day; Aug. 16: Ocean Day.

**Children's Programs: Toddler Time:** Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m., for children ages 18 months to 3 years. Drop-ins welcome. **Stories & Songs:** Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m., for ages 3-5.

**Mindful Movements – Outside:** Mondays, 10:30 a.m., at Seamster Park/Memorial School. For ages 18 months and up; siblings welcome. Register online.

**Baby Rhyme Time – Outside!:** Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., in the Village Center by the gazebo. Bring a blanket or something to sit on. Parking is available at the Congregational Church/Center School.

**Teacher Read-Aloud Series:** Monday, July 25, 4-5 p.m. Center and Memorial school educators will read stories at the library.

**Amazing Animals – Kids' Guide to Tree ID:** Thursday, July 28, 4-5 p.m., for ages 5 and up. Amazing Animals is a four-part series of nature programs hosted by the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. In this week's program, practice your tree identification skills, meet several DPNC animals who rely on trees in the wild, and do a leaf-rubbing craft. Siblings wel-

come. Registration required. Masks optional.

**Teen Programs: Teen Trivia:** Monday, July 25, 2 p.m. The theme is Harry Potter. Fandom-related prizes will be awarded to the winner.

**Preteen Advisory Board:** Tuesday, July 26, 5:30 p.m., for grades 6-8. Share your knowledge, creativity and interests to make the library a place teens want to be.

**Dungeons & Dragons:** Wednesday, July 27, 2-4 p.m., for grades 8-12. No previous playing experience required. The library will provide basic, fifth edition, level three characters, all supplies, and snacks.

**Creative Writing:** Thursdays, 3:30 p.m., for grades 6-12. Explore various forms of creative writing with exercises and lessons. All levels of experience and expertise are welcome. All materials will be provided.

**Adult Programs: Adult Trivia Night: Harry Potter:** Monday, July 25, 6 p.m. Bragging rights and prize to the winner.

**Fire & Spice: Cooking with Jeff:** Tuesday, July 26, 6:30 p.m. Jeff from Colchester Curry House will discuss the spices used in South Indian cuisine and South Indian cooking techniques. Samples for tasting will be provided.

**Cookbook Club – Spicy Spices!:** Tuesday, Aug. 2, 6:30 p.m. Bring a spice-filled dish and 12 copies of the recipe to share. Sample everyone's creations, and discuss cooking methods and recipes.

**Focus on Fitness:** Tuesday, Aug. 9, 6:30 p.m., with certified personal trainer and nutrition coach Amie Meacham. Celebrate successes, sympathize with struggles and maintain motivation in your physical fitness, whether you are just starting out or have been at it for a long time. Registration is required, space is limited and masks must be worn.

### Public Input Wanted

The Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments has completed a draft of the first Regional Housing Plan for the RiverCOG region – which includes the towns of East Hampton and Portland – and is seeking public comment on the plan.

The draft is open to comment through Wednesday, July 27. Visit [www.rivercog.org/projects/rhp](http://www.rivercog.org/projects/rhp) to view the draft plan and fill in the comment form. Comments also may be emailed to [info@rivercog.org](mailto:info@rivercog.org).

### Summer Session of First Steps in Music

Local mom and musician Mallory Kokus is offering a summer session of her First Steps in Music class for children ages birth through 6 and their grown up. The class will meet Tuesdays at 10 a.m. through Aug. 9, at Creative Dance Center, 2 Barton Hill Rd.

Children and their grown-ups will dance, sing, wiggle, bounce and more. Cost is \$15 per class.

Registration and more information can be found on Facebook (Music with Mallory) or by emailing [mallorykokus@gmail.com](mailto:mallorykokus@gmail.com). This program is supported by a grant from the East Hampton Arts and Culture Commission.

### Light Up the Lake

The Friends of Lake Pocotopaug will hold "Light Up the Lake" Saturday, Aug. 6, starting at 7:30 p.m. (Rain date is Aug. 7.)

The Friends invite people to decorate their boat, dock, Lake Association beach or home on the lake with lights. Boats are encouraged to cruise around the lake at no wake speed starting at 7:30 p.m.

Residents can view the lights from Sears Park. Visit [www.flpeh.org](http://www.flpeh.org) for more information or call Cap Egan Nelson at 860-395-7844.

### Dean's List

Ryan Mayhan of Middle Haddam made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y.

Mayhan, who graduated in May, majored in interdisciplinary studies.

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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 contacting the center at 860-267-4426 or 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 encouraged, but not required. Visit the senior center online at www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-senior-center.

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

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

**Wii Bowling:** Thursdays, Aug. 4 and 18, 10 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

**Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts:** Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., or every other Wednesday (next date Aug. 3), at 9:30 a.m. The group will meet outdoors, weather permitting; otherwise it will be indoors or via Zoom. Register online.

**Art with Karen:** Sunday, July 24, 2-4 p.m. Karen Williams will take people through beginner steps of creating an Acrylic Painting. The

class cost is \$5 for supplies. Pay Williams the day of the event. Pre-registration is necessary.

**Let's Get Outdoors:** Wednesday, July 27, 1:30 p.m.; meet at the parking for the Comstock Bridge on Comstock Bridge Road. Master Naturalist Lynn Kochiss will discuss the Salmon River Forest, and lead a stroll around one of Connecticut's last three remaining covered bridges. Wear good walking shoes and comfortable clothing. Pre-registration at the senior center is required.

**Corn Hole:** Wednesday, July 27, 10:30 a.m. Played inside or outside. This is a competition with junior rules. Pre-registration required.

**Trips:** Payments for trips will be accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or by pre-arranged appointment time. Trips are: **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. Walking is involved. **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@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:Jewing@easthamptonct.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.

### Christ Episcopal Church News

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam, holds in-person worship Sundays at 10 a.m. Zoom availability is also available for this service. Coffee hour follows worship.

For more information or if in need of pastoral assistance, call 860-267-0287 or Donna Hryb, senior warden, at 860-633-0472. Current information regarding parish activities can be found by visiting [www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com](http://www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com).

Retired Bishop Jim Curry will preside at the 10 a.m. service Sunday, July 31, and explain his work with the Swords to Plowshares ministry. Following the service, he will provide a live demonstration of the forge used to transform gun barrels into gardening tools or other life giving items. Audience members will be invited to participate in this activity.

### Camps Underway

Parks and Recreation offers Middle School Sun & Fun Camp, as well as Sears Park Summer Camp, each week through Aug. 12., from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. each day.

Fee is \$195/week; field trips included. For more information, call 860-267-7300 or visit [easthamptonrec.com](http://easthamptonrec.com).

### Belltown Open Golf Tournament

The Congregational Church of East Hampton is seeking sponsors and golfers for the 16th annual Belltown Open Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held Tuesday, Aug. 2, at the Blackledge Country Club in Hebron.

Cost is \$125/golfer for the four-person scramble event that includes cart, breakfast, lunch and dinner. Proceeds benefit the East Hampton Food & Fuel Bank. To register, email John Tuttle at [tuttlekahn@gmail.com](mailto:tuttlekahn@gmail.com).

### Dean's List

The following local students made the spring 2022 Dean's List at the University of Hartford:

**East Hampton:** Ryan Arndt, Noah Gibson, Reilly Keegan, Jason Marshall, Cole Olson, Amanda Rudder.

**Middle Haddam:** Adelyn Garland.

### Lake Friends Raffling E-Bikes

The Friends of Lake Pocotopaug's annual raffle, to support the nonprofit organization dedicated to the improvement of Lake Pocotopaug and its environs, is underway.

For \$10 per ticket, people have a chance to win two Aventon Step-Through Commuter e-bikes, valued at \$3,600. The prize also includes two \$75 gift certificates to Airline Cycles.

The drawing will be held Sunday, July 31, at 4 p.m., at Lakeside Bar & Grill in East Hampton. Tickets can be purchased at Airline Cycles, The Dublin, Paul's and Sandy's Too, from a Friends of the Lake member, and at various pop-up locations around town on the weekends.

For more details, visit [www.flpeh.org](http://www.flpeh.org) or call Greg Davis at 860-267-2629.



**Christmas in July...** East Hampton resident Mitch Anderson was the winner of the Chatham Historical Society's Connecticut lottery ticket Christmas tree at Old Home Days this past weekend.

### Resident Awarded Scholarship

East Hampton resident Abigail Young was recently awarded a \$1,500 scholarship for excellence in STEM disciplines as they explore potential careers in defense.

The scholarship was awarded by SENEDIA, the national alliance for defense tech, talent, and innovation.

Young is a member of the Class of 2023 at the University of Connecticut and studies electrical engineering, with a minor in mathematics. Choosing a major was easy for her after her experiences at a technical high school, where she studied mechatronics. Choosing UConn was likewise a natural decision, thanks to her inter-

est in the school's Navy STEM program. This summer, she is interning at General Dynamics Electric Boat, a SENEDIA member.

"This opportunity is an incredibly beneficial place to start my career as an electrical engineer due to the scope and difficulty of the tasks I will be doing, and I am excited to gain the valuable experience of working for the DoD," she said.

In addition to receiving a \$1,500 scholarship, Young has been invited to attend Defense Innovation Days, SENEDIA's signature national convening, which will run from Aug. 29-31 in Newport, R.I.

### Dean's List

East Hampton residents Sam Gibson and Joshua Stiano made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I.

### Resident Graduates

Joshua Stiano of East Hampton recently graduated from Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I., with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music.

### Tabulators to be Tested

The registrar of voters will test the tabulators for the Aug. 9 gubernatorial primary next Tuesday July 26, at 1:30 p.m., in the second-floor conference room of Town Hall, 1 Community Drive.

The public is invited to observe.

### Dean's List

East Hampton residents Grace Cronin, Emma Donohue and Maggie Donohue made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass.

Cronin has a primary major of health science and pre-physical therapy, Emma Donohue has a primary major of health science and pre-physical therapy, and Donohue has a primary major of health science and pre-physical therapy.



**Air Force Graduate...** East Hampton High School Class of 2021 graduate Tiziana Robles Delaware recently graduated from the Air Force Academy based in Lackland, Texas. She will head to Guam to continue her service.

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# Blackledge Cell Tower Moves Forward

By Jack Lakowsky

After months of debate, after questions on the former first selectman's handling of the project and its true scope, the Marlborough Board of Selectmen approved construction of a 90-foot cell tower.

To improve service in the area, the tower is going up in the Blackledge River Valley, near the intersection of West Road and Jones Hollow Road.

Residents, town and emergency officials have said the area is a total dead zone, a hazard when someone wants to call 911 on a cell phone.

In one letter to former first selectman Greg Lowrey, resident Kathleen Bernaiche wrote of an incident when her husband had an allergic reaction to a wasp sting and couldn't get to his EpiPen or get a call through to 911.

Luckily, emergency responders eventually got to the house, possibly because of a past similar incident.

"Upon the EMTs arrival, [my husband] had no pulse, was unresponsive, not breathing and had a very weak heartbeat," the letter reads.

The resident pulled through. EMTs told the Bernaiche he was very lucky to survive.

"The town cannot continue placing the lives of a portion of our town at risk any longer!" Bernaiche wrote.

Opponents of the tower have said it'll be a visual blight, poses health risks, is a veiled commercial project and wasn't properly noticed to neighbors and abutters. During the budget process, the board approved funding of a consultant for the project without complete informa-

tion, something the board, and Lowrey, were criticized for.

Lowrey was adamant through the months of back-and-forth, pressing the need for emergency communications in the area. However, in a June select board meeting, member Deb Bourbeau said, when she was the finance board, the tower was presented as a commercial "money-maker".

Lowrey, looking to assuage concerns, involved local communications experts in the discussions, who said the project is relatively minor, the tower not prominent, its emissions and impact minute.

The board approved the tower in its July 6 meeting, with selectperson Joe Asklar the only dissenting vote. Asklar said the project is commercial. In the July 6 meeting Asklar disclosed the project's engineer had walked his property, determining Asklar's land wouldn't work.

The site's official handle is the "Blackledge River Valley Emergency Communications Pole and Antenna".

The project, according to the select board's proclamation, will be paid for with American Rescue Plan money, not to exceed \$130,000.

An antenna will be put on the pole's peak to allow first responders to "effectively and consistently communicate."

The tower's designation indicates emergency use, though the board including in its proclamation that "the [board] recognizes the benefit for town residents [by] allowing up to one (1) commercial cellular carrier in the future."



**Dynamic Dancers...** The last week of June, Duggan's Dance Center in Marlborough participated in a week-long Nationals Competition at Mohegan Sun. Out of approximately 1,500 competitors, Duggan's had three groups – Harmony, Synergy and Rock of Ages – receive high scores and advance to the finals to compete against approximately 50 groups in their division. Harmony also received a judge's choice award. Pictured are the members of Harmony with their teacher, Meagan Duggan. Harmony members include: Lili Shoenfelt, Taylor Wright, Avery Leitch, Avery Holzer, Hailey Wright, Lila Babcock, Chelsea Ryan, Reagan Moquin, Brooke Ryan, Sydney Szeps, Cassandra Franklin and Vivienne Braun-Fales.

## Residents Sought to Serve

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

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

Economic Development Commission (two alternates); Conservation Commission (alternate); Water Pollution Control Authority (two alternates); Nature Trails and Sidewalks Commission (alternate); Commission on Aging (al-

ternate); Planning Commission (alternate).

Those interested in applying can complete the application form at [tinyurl.com/ycx4x7n4](http://tinyurl.com/ycx4x7n4).

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

## 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.

**Youth Programs: Netto Summer Day Camp:** For grades K-7. Weekly through Aug. 12, at Blish Park. There will be camp games, arts & crafts, swimming, sports, field trips and special events. All campers are supervised by counselors and lifeguards trained in CPR/First Aid. Fee per week is \$175/resident, \$185/non-resident.

**Swim Lessons:** All levels offered. Lessons are held at Blish Park. Fee per session is \$65/resident, \$70/non-resident.

**Morning Tennis Lessons:** Sessions will be held Tuesdays, July 25-28, at Blish Park. Ages 4-7 meet 9:15-10 a.m. and the fee is \$70/resident, \$75/non-resident. Ages 8-13 meet 10-11 a.m. and the fee is \$85/resident, \$90/non-resident.

**Acrylic Landscape Painting:** July 26-28, 9-11 a.m., at Marlborough Elementary School, for grades 3-6. Fee is \$80/resident, \$85/non-resident.

**Skyhawks Mini-Hawk Camp (Soccer, Baseball and Basketball):** Aug. 1-5, 9 a.m.-noon, at Blish Park, for ages 4-6. Fee: \$140/residents, \$145/non-residents.

**Dog Obedience – Polite Dog Manners:** Mondays, Aug. 1-Sept. 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center. Beginner-level classes for dogs 5 months and older. Fee: \$120/resident, \$125/non-resident.

**Afternoon Tennis Lessons:** Tuesdays, Aug. 8-11, at Blish Park. Ages 4-7 meet 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and fee is \$70/resident, \$75/non-resident. Ages 8-13 meet 10:30-11:30 a.m. and fee 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: Zumba:** Tuesdays through Aug. 16 (started July 12), 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the Blish Park pavilion. Fee: \$50/resident, \$55/non-resident, or a \$12 drop-in fee.

**Pickleball:** Wednesdays through Sept. 28, 9-11 a.m., at the Blish Park tennis courts. No fee.

## Local Students Honored

Marlborough students Tyler Gatto (grade two) and Giuliana McLaughlin (grade five) were recently honored as winners in the 17th annual eesmarks Student Contest.

Participants were able to choose from a variety of project formats, based on their grade level, including poems, essays, news articles, book reviews, posters, photographs, speeches, public service announcements, community-oriented projects, and more.

Tyler's poster, which took second place in the second-grade category, was entitled "How to Save Energy," and showcased ways people can save energy in their homes.

Giuliana also received second place in the grade five category for her book review on *The*

*Lorax* by Dr. Seuss. She said the book "was fun to read" and added that "it teaches children about the importance of taking care of the environment and conserving natural resources and energy."

Both students attend Marlborough Elementary School.

More than 100 students from 20 schools in 16 Connecticut communities submitted their work for consideration. Twenty-five entries were selected as this year's winners and each finalist received a prize box with a gift card and certificate.

For more information on the student contest and the eesmarks program, visit [www.EnergizeCT.com/eesmarks](http://www.EnergizeCT.com/eesmarks).

## Residents Graduate

Marlborough residents Reilly Kleinhen and Eve Lampugnale recently graduated from Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y.

Kleinhen graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in sports media, and Lampugnale graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in health sciences.

## President's List

Kayla Porter of Marlborough made the spring 2022 President's List at Goodwin University in East Hartford.

## Artist's Works at Town Hall

Carole Jeffries, an award-winning national artist, is exhibiting a selection of her works at Town Hall through the end of December. The exhibit is open to all who visit the Town Hall during its normal opening hours.

Jeffries is a member of Marlborough Arts Center. For those who might be interested in purchasing any of her works, means of contacting Jeffries directly are available at Town Hall.

## Honor Roll

Kayla McCaffrey of Marlborough made the spring 2022 Honor Roll at Spokane Falls Community College in Spokane, Wash.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive Wednesday, July 27, from 1-6 p.m., at the American Legion, 128 East Hampton Rd.

Thanks to Discovery, all who come to give blood or platelets in July will automatically be entered for a chance to win an exclusive Shark Week merchandise package that includes a beach bike, a smokeless portable fire pit, a paddle board, a kayak, and a \$500 gift card to put toward accessories.

To make an appointment or for more information, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

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# Selectmen Unpack Busy Agenda

By Jack Lakowsky

The Marlborough Board of Selectmen tackled a hodgepodge of issues and topics Tuesday night, addressing the ongoing – and increasingly urgent – town manager search, an incoming store and a new location for the upcoming primary vote.

Selectperson Joe Asklar also caught some apparently unwarranted heat from a group of his neighbors.

## New Route 66 Store

Commuters doubtless noticed a sizable construction project on Route 66, near Three Fella's Pizza, whose owners are developing the site, to expand their operations in the so-called Three Fella's Plaza.

Board of Selectmen chairperson Amy Traversa shed some light on the incoming business, its benefit to the tax base.

"A lot of people have had a lot of questions," said Traversa, handing out a rough rendering of the new building.

A redone gas station/convenience store and an additional restaurant/retail space are planned for the site. According to the rendering the existing pizza restaurant will join the larger building.

Selectman Greg Lowrey said the site will possibly include an electric vehicle charging station, making the project a modern addition to Marlborough's busiest intersection. The town's commercial area has grown in the last few years, with Big Y built in early 2019.

Marlborough's commercial tax revenue, Traversa said, is still only about 2% of the town's taxes. More development eases the burden on homeowners, she said.

When complete, the store will triple the site's taxes. Right now, she said, the site produces a little more than \$20,000. The new digs will raise that to more than \$60,000 per year.

"I wanted to make sure everyone understood the benefits of developing a stagnant site," said Traversa.

The mural of the old town green that was on the site, Traversa said, will be preserved and given to the local historical society.

"This is their retirement plan," Traversa said of the owners, adding the developers are young and planning to stick around for a while.

"They'll be eating their own cooking, so to speak," she said.

## Questions on Town Manager Search

The board set for Tuesday, July 26, a meeting to take steps towards hiring Marlborough's first town manager. Before then, it has to decide on an interim town manager, also to be discussed next Tuesday.

Selectmen said they'll search with renewed urgency, though member Deb Bourbeau said it won't by any means be a rushed job.

"A town manager will affect our lives for years," she said, "nothing will be rushed or overlooked."

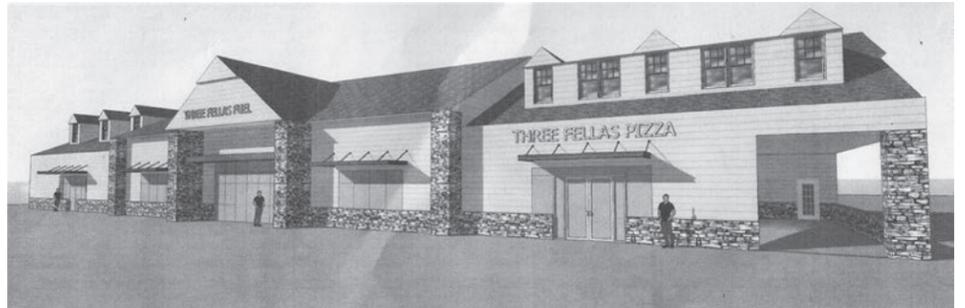
Two weeks ago, after reviewing the charter with town attorney Ken Slater, the board learned the charter called for the dissolution of the first selectman's office, previously held by Lowrey.

As a result, Traversa, chair of the board, became acting town CEO.

The board also learned that the new charter, devised and approved last year, says members have 90 days to find a town manager, with an interim administrator serving in the interim.

If the board sticks to this deadline, it must have a manager found by Aug. 8, the 90 days having started when the board grew from three members to five in May.

Traversa relayed word from the town attorney, saying the board can extend the search if it so wishes. The board was previously operat-



Board of Selectmen chair Amy Traversa shared this mock-up of a new gas station/convenience store/restaurant space to answer resident questions about the new construction beside Three Fella's Pizza.

ing under the assumption it had until November 2023, when Lowrey's term was slated to end.

This needs clarity, board members said, as it was previously believed the 90 days was iron clad.

Selectperson Betty O'Brien said the board should instead start the 90 days from when Traversa became CEO.

The board still has yet to set up a search committee, required by the charter. So far only one seat has been filled, by Marlborough superintendent Holly Hageman.

Part of Tuesday's proceedings, Traversa said, will be fielding names for the search committee.

Traversa emphasized she doesn't want a high turnover of town managers, which would be detrimental to town operations, staff and budgets.

Lowrey said any board members considering applying for the town manager position should disclose their intent no later than the board's next regularly scheduled meeting.

## New Polling Station

Normally, Marlborough voters cast their ballots at Marlborough Elementary School. This year's a bit different – MES is redoing its community room.

Traversa said the town registrar wasn't aware of the renovation, so the town is scrambling to find a new location for the upcoming Aug. 9 gubernatorial primary vote, a precursor to November's state and federal elections.

Traversa has proposed the senior center, wishing to keep voting on School Street. She needs approval from the state, and expected to have a yes or no this week.

"It will be well-communicated and well-signed for anyone who wants to vote in the primaries," Traversa said.

## Asklar Sets the Record Straight

Responding to a letter published in a recent issue of the *Rivereast*, Islip Road residents called out what they perceived as selectperson Asklar's intent to put a cell tower on his Islip property.

Ann Mariano, a longtime resident who said she considers Asklar a friend, said Asklar's neighbors would totally oppose any cell tower on the road. Mariano had a petition signed by many of her neighborhood.

However, as he has previously stated and the *Rivereast* has reported, Asklar said no intent to put a tower on his land. An engineer visited Asklar's parcel to conduct "radio signal testing".

"Because I'm a selectman, I had to disclose this, and I was misinterpreted," said Asklar. He said there will never be a cell tower on any property he owns.

## Honoring a Longtime Volunteer

"He was just amazing, he did so much for the town." Board chair Traversa had these kind words to say about the late Glen Warstock, who sadly passed away a few months ago and will be honored at a service tomorrow, Saturday, July 23.

According to selectperson Bourbeau, Warstock dedicated himself to the town immensely. He did not, she said, have much family to handle his affairs, making for a lengthy process.

Now, a while later, Warstock will have the service he deserves – hopefully well-attended, solemn and honorable. Bourbeau said the local Masons will run the service.

Selectmen said Warstock was a bus driver, a volunteer firefighter, a Shriner, a Mason, a Lion and a constable.

Bourbeau urged people to honor someone who gave so much.

"To think he died unnoticed for the most part is quite sad," Bourbeau said in a follow-up email. "Attempts were made to find any family. I'm not sure if any were found."

Bourbeau said the search for Warstock's gravesite took quite a while, and eventually she found out about tomorrow's service from a former lion.

Warstock's service will start tomorrow at 9 a.m. at Marlboro Cemetery on Route 66.

## Richmond Library News & Notes

Richmond Memorial Library, located at 15 School Drive, has announced the following. For more information, call the library at 860-295-6210 or visit richmondlibrary.info. To register for programs, call the library or email richmondprograms@gmail.com.

**Exploring Connecticut's Natural Wonders:** Tuesday, July 26, 6:30 p.m., at the library. With slides, animations and video, this program takes patrons on a tour of places where continents collided to shape local bedrock, where the region was flooded by vast flows of molten rock, where dinosaurs prowled immense lakes, where the last Ice Age left its marks – and the variety of wild places to explore in our state today. Registration is recommended by contacting the library.

**Dog Man and Friends Summer Camp Supa Packs:** Kids are invited to stop by the library on Mondays through Aug. 22 to pick up a packet of activities starring Dog Man and his friends. Registration is not required. New packets will be available every Monday, while supplies last.

**Outdoor Scavenger Hunts:** Families are invited on a new scavenger hunt each week. Pick up a list of items to search for in the marked container outside the library entrance and take a prize when you're done. New lists are available each Saturday through Aug. 20.

**Babytime in the Sunshine:** Wednesdays through Aug. 24, at 10:30 a.m., outdoors, though inclement weather will move the program indoors. There will be stories, songs, lap bounces and rhymes for babies and toddlers ages birth to 2 and their caregivers. Registration is highly recommended as space is limited.

**Nature Explorer Backpacks:** Now available at the library. Each backpack is organized around a different outdoor theme (Beach Walk, Bird Watch, Bug Hunt, Discovering Trees, and Nature Trail) and contains a book, a set of binoculars, magnifying glass, compass, activity sheets, and a dry erase marker. The Bug Hunt and Nature Trail backpacks also contain a bug catching kit. The backpacks are available due to funding raised the Friends of the Richmond Memorial Library.

**Creative Kids – Pressed Flower Art Program:** Thursday, July 28, at 4 p.m., for ages 5-12. Kids will use pressed flowers to create bookmarks, picture frames and more. Contact the library to register.

**Escape Room Challenge:** Monday, July 25, 2 p.m., for ages 12-18. You've been trapped in an old hunting lodge and need to escape. Can you solve the clues and make it out before time is up? This is an in-person program and registration is required, by contacting the library.



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# Cease-and-Desist Filed Against Town Official

By Jack Lakowsky

Resident Yasmeen Cook filed a cease-and-desist complaint against Marlborough Public Works Foreman James Grossmann, alleging harassment and intimidation over a property line dispute.

Cook and Grossmann have been neighbors for six years, starting when Cook moved to Marlborough.

Cook said, until now, they've had very little contact.

Cook, who is Muslim and a woman of color, said she didn't jump to the conclusion that racism was playing a factor, but can't help but have her doubts, she told the *Rivereast* this week.

When reached for comment, Grossmann characterized Cook's allegations as baseless.

The conflict began with confusion over where Grossmann's property ended and Cook's property began.

Cook gave her side of the issue in information sent to her attorney, shared with the *Rivereast*.

In May, Cook began working on her property, every day for 10-12 hours a day, she wrote. Cook cleared poison ivy, overgrowth, and organized refuse for the local transfer station, including a refrigerator.

"There's a fence between my property and Mr. Grossmann's that had not been maintained and had two sections missing," wrote Cook. "With the brush removed, the Grossmans now had a clear view onto my property."

On May 27, Cook wrote, she was taking a phone call in her car at night. Cook states Grossmann and his wife approached the car and, though friendly and polite, showed Cook a Google Maps printout showing "he owned my land starting from the halfway point of my shed.

"I asked if they were asking me to stop clearing the land and they both said no, and that they were happy to have me do so," wrote Cook. "I didn't dispute this claim at that time because it was a complete shock and I had no way of knowing if he was correct."

Cook spoke to her home's previous owners (who still live in town). They contradicted Grossmann's claim, she wrote. They advised Cook get the original deed and map from the town clerk's office.

Cook claims; "This was the last direct contact I had with Mr. Grossmann or his wife. We ended on pleasant terms, which I was pretty happy to have.

"I had no immediate plans to research the issue because the couple assured me that they really didn't want anything other than to give me information. They offered to help me clean up using Mr. Grossmann's Bobcat which I clearly declined multiple times, with the assurance that I would be sure to ask if I ever changed my mind."

The next incident Cook wrote of was in mid-June.

She wrote she went outside early in the morning to continue her cleaning project, discovering a "large empty space" where a fridge and other discards had been put two days prior.

"I was a bit rattled until I looked down and saw large tracks which belonged to Mr. Grossmann's Bobcat. Although it was trespassing, I did not complain because I really thought they were trying to help and just overstepped their bounds without ill-intent."

Cook's interpretation of Grossmann's supposed motivation changed later that day.

"My 14-year-old daughter nervously came to me after having taken more things to the shed. She said after lurking for some time by the fence, Mr. Grossmann complained to her about trash being on 'his side' of the shed every time he looked.

"I told my daughter that we would just move the items to the other side and keep our distance while on our own living space until I could officially refute his claim.

"At this point, I did not feel comfortable allowing either of my children to be in the yard unattended due to Mr. Grossmann's inappropriate approach and my daughter's new feeling of anxiety and general discomfort. I made no contact with Mr. Grossmann or his wife and proceeded to shift all of my landscaping focus away from my choice of activities to the clean-up project..."

The *Rivereast* asked Grossmann about his supposed confrontation of Cook's daughter.

Grossmann said he's nearsighted and wears glasses. He mistook Cook's daughter for Cook herself, he said, that the entire conversation was him asking "nicely, 'please don't dump behind the building,' and she said okay."

Then, following her daughter's middle school graduation, a Chatham Health District inspector arrived at Cook's home after receiving a complaint about trash and rats in her yard.

"However, she could quickly see that there was really no reason for the report [because] she saw evidence of active work-in-progress," Cook said. Cook took this as Grossmann's way of escalating the issue.

Cook said Grossmann has also sent property inspectors to her home.

Cook then decided to tell police Grossmann spoke to her daughter without her present. Cook writes police spoke to Grossmann, telling him to keep his distance from Cook, her children and property, until the matter was sorted out legally.

Cook got information on the location of her property's survey rod, saying it proved Grossmann's claim was false, that his property ended very close to his fence, confirming "that his actions with the Bobcat were indeed trespassing.

"I retained legal counsel so that Mr. Grossmann could be notified of the survey rod without putting myself in the position of being harmed by him, as I was pretty afraid to approach the situation without help," Cook wrote.

Cook reached out to then-first selectman Greg Lowrey and select board chair Amy Traversa. She said they disappointed her, that they brushed her off. "Clearly, they're all friends," Cooks said.

Grossmann said Cook is harassing him and has contradicted herself in her complaints to the town and in her letter.

Grossmann said according to a surveyor he brought in, his claim is correct, that Cook was leaving garbage within a few feet of his land, and not just household waste but the fridge, a stove and sheetrock.

"I asked her to stop and she accused me of

racism," he said.

"I'm known in town for being nice, I was nice to her," he went on.

Cook said, when this story goes public, she hopes people in town don't use it for their own ends-which is what happened when, a few years back a truck, possibly intentionally, ran over Cook's mailbox.

Cook said, one night, a truck was outside her home blasting loud music and blaring their headlights. Cook said after a while, she peeked out and once she did, the driver apparently took out Cook's mailbox.

The fact that the destroyed mailbox belonged to the only Muslim woman of color on her road was not lost on Cook. However, she said, she didn't want to immediately assume it was an act of hate.

"The only way to know it's a hate crime is if they got caught or if they were stupid enough to say so," she said.

Without speaking to Cook and asking for her perspective, people in town used the incident with the mailbox to fuel their "liberal agendas," she said, and ensuing social media back-and-forth made no mention of the vandalism's effect on her family.

"In the bickering people put words in my mouth, I felt used," she said. "I don't want to be someone's martyr."

In another incident, Cook said her daughter was called the N-word during a bus ride to school.

Cook said she only hopes for a return to peaceful neighborhood. "We can live in peace," she said. "We don't have to share tea."

## Architectural Conservation Analysis

The Marlborough Historical Society is offering free Architectural Conservation analysis and condition assessment on any historic house (pre-1900s) in Marlborough and surrounding towns.

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For more information, contact Romano Ghirlanda at 860-916-4031 or mhs@marlborough-history.org.

## Dean's List

Caroline Kenyon Orzech of Marlborough made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Northeastern University in Boston. Orzech is majoring in bioengineering.

## Dean's List

Marlborough residents Kyle Dickinson, Nathan Green, Garrett Kleinhenn and Marisa Lee made the spring 2022 Dean's List at the University of Hartford.

## Dean's List

Marlborough resident Maura Ramsay made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H.

Ramsay is a member of the Class of 2023 and majoring in education studies: elementary education.

## Dean's List

Marlborough residents Ashley Snyder and Connor Mulberry made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I.

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Marlborough residents Drew Hunter, Cody Porter and Kayla Porter made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Goodwin University in East Hartford.

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## Local ECSU Graduates

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Rulli graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, and Tardif graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in social work.

## Residents Graduate

Marlborough residents Samantha Antonietta Bodey and Anielia M. Piel recently graduated from Western New England University in Springfield, Mass.

Bodey graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in business analytics and information management. Bodey also graduated with a double minor in enterprise resource planning with SAP and management.

Piel graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in business analytics and information management. Piel also graduated with a double minor in enterprise resource planning with SAP and criminal justice.

## Dean's List

Marlborough residents Monica LaMantia and Maggie Crean made the spring 2022 Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire.

LaMantia earned High Honors and Crean earned High Honors.

## 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.

## Arts Center Outdoor Concert

The Saturday, July 23, outdoor concert at Marlborough Arts Center, 231 N. Main St., features Sal Basile and David Spitzer – better known as "Dually Noted."

The two bring music of the '50s and '60s, along with folk, country and the blues. They also share personal stories of the music world. In this concert, in addition to singing, they will also play various guitars, as well as bass, keyboard and synthesizer.

The concert begins at 2 p.m. and is free, but a \$10 donation per person is suggested. Bring your own seating. There is on-site parking. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors to the Charles W. Hall Art Gallery.

There also will be a concert Saturday, Aug. 20, at the same place and time, featuring the band Flute Loops.

## 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 stjohfisher30@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 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.stjfisher.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).

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**Rivereast Meets the Bronz Fonz...** Coolamundo! The Hurt family of East Hampton recently went to the home of *Happy Days*, Milwaukee, Wis., and snapped a picture with the bronze statue of Fonzie. From left are Melanie, Jason, Natalie, Scott and Robert Hurt.



**Alaskan Adventures...** Colchester residents Steve and Barb Goodwin recently visited Alaska. Here they are in Denali National Park.



**Rhode Island Rivereast...** Four Portland families – the Cole, Cumiskey, O'Brien and Meyers families – recently visited Narragansett, R.I., for a summer vacation, and brought the *Rivereast*!



**Viva Las Vegas!...** The Wellers and Dixons brought the *Rivereast* to the Bellagio flower garden during our summer couples trip to Las Vegas. From left are Chris and Cheryl Weller of East Hampton and Joann and Clint Dixon of Middle Haddam.

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**Senior Center News & Notes**

Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., has announced the following. For full descriptions, call 860-537-3911, email csc@colchesterct.gov, or visit www.colchesterct.gov.senior-center. Items marked with a (Z) are held via Zoom.

**Monday, July 25:** 9 a.m., Making Memories; no Exercise with Anne or Sittercize today; 10 a.m., Stitch & Fix; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 12:30 p.m., Mahjongg; 12:45 p.m., Setback; 1 p.m., Bridge.

**Tuesday, July 26:** 9 a.m., Making Memories, Senior Golf League; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle, In the Know; 1:30 p.m., Bingo; 7 p.m., SCBC Meeting.

**Wednesday, July 27:** 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Walking Group meet-up at the Air Line Trail in Amston (Route 85); 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 11 a.m., Live Well

with Chronic Conditions (Z); noon, AARP Safe Driver course; 1:30 p.m., Line Dancing.

**Thursday, July 28:** 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize; 10 a.m., Wii Bowling; 11 a.m., Yoga; noon, Chair Massage; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

**Friday, July 29:** 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group; 11 a.m., Sun & Safety Lunch & Learn, Yoga; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

**Upcoming Programs: Elder Abuse-Elder Law Presentation:** Wednesday, Aug. 3, 10:30 a.m. Physical battering, psychological abuse, neglect and financial exploitation take away senior's dignity, security and safety. How do you recognize the signs and where do you go for help? Presenter's Christine Foster is a certified domestic violence counselor and Sheila Horvitz is an attorney with experience in domestic violence and abuse cases. Pre-registration required.

**Colchester Federated Church News**

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

Worship services are Sundays at 9 a.m.; masks are optional. For those wishing to worship from home, the service will be broadcast via Facebook Live each Sunday at 9 a.m. Worship videos are at www.colchesterfederated-church.org 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

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

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

**Vacation Bible School:** Registration closes July 10. VBS is a free program open to the community and will be held Aug. 8-12, from 9 a.m.-noon, or youth ages 4 through fifth grade. Register online by visiting the church website.



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# Budget Focus of Heated Finance Board Meeting

By Michael Sinkewicz

The Board of Finance discussed its next steps and strategy moving forward with the budget process during a contentious meeting July 13.

During the meeting, held via Zoom, the board scheduled two more meetings for the end of the month to review potential town budget revisions. The board also earmarked dates in September for a possible town meeting and referendum. It would be the third attempt at passing the town budget.

The revised town budget of \$15.86 million – a \$163,080, or 1.04%, increase from current year spending – was shot down 973-845 at referendum on June 15.

That was the second attempt to get voters to approve a town spending package for 2022-23. The original \$16.03 million budget proposal was rejected by an 813-729 vote on May 24. (The Board of Education’s \$42.02 million budget was passed on the same day, by a 793-750 tally.)

During last week’s meeting, the finance board did not review any specific revisions for its next proposal.

Andrea Migliaccio, chairman of the finance board and a Republican, urged the members of the board to review the full version of the proposed budget and come back with areas that could potentially be cut.

“Every line item is explained in wonderful detail,” she said. “I need you guys to spend some time in there.”

Even though the finance board does not have line-item authority with the town budget, Migliaccio said that by going through the different sections, board members could figure out how much to revise the bottom-line total.

After two failed referendums, the board is expected to make further cuts, although it’s unclear where they will come from.

Art Shilosky, a Republican on the board and former first selectman, stated that cutting too much could have negative effects on the town.

“We need money to run the town and provide the services,” he said.

Democrat Mike Egan said the board will need to discuss the budgetary needs with each town department head, and decide what is absolutely needed.

First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos told the board that there needs to be cuts made in the next proposal and that he will be presenting his own ideas to them.

“I’m going to give you guys options,” he said.

However, he said he expects to hear ideas from each board member, as well.

There appeared to be confusion during the

meeting on how the board should approach the revisions. Bisbikos encouraged all six board members to seek out department heads for information, while Migliaccio stated that she didn’t want members chasing down that information.

She expressed that the process should be done in collaboration with the first selectman and that she doesn’t want any surprises from Bisbikos at their next meeting. She added that any department head that would potentially share information should be listed on the agenda so the board is prepared.

Mike Hayes, a Democrat on the board, pushed back on Bisbikos’ request that each member present revisions to him at the next meeting.

“We are the final say on the budget,” he said. “It’s our job to determine what is cut. We make recommendations to you.”

Bisbikos responded by stating that as first selectman and a former finance board member, he has a strong understanding of the budget. He agreed that the final budget authority does belong to the board, but he was there to “provide ideas” and do his “due-diligence.”

“You don’t need to take my advice,” Bisbikos said.

Hayes urged Bisbikos to “stop playing this game” and that his comments almost came across as a “threat.”

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This was not the only heated moment during the meeting.

Migliaccio criticized Tim Vaillancourt, a Republican on the board, for comments he previously made on Facebook.

Last month, Vaillancourt posted on a community page that he was proposing that the first selectman ask department heads to decrease their budgets by 5%.

Migliaccio expressed that she received emails from certain departments outlining what that level of cut would look like.

She stated that it was “not the way we craft budgets.”

“I don’t appreciate Board of Finance business being done on Facebook,” she added.

In addition, she said she didn’t approve of members criticizing other officials online.

On Facebook, Vaillancourt has referred to Bisbikos as the “little man.”

Vaillancourt also wrote on Facebook – apparently referring to Bisbikos – that the “fake little tough guy had his mom reach out to me to ask me to leave him alone.”

During the meeting, Vaillancourt responded

to Migliaccio by stating he didn’t care what people had to say about his posts.

He said that even if his comments were interpreted as inappropriate, that previous comments made by Bisbikos were at a similar level.

At a previous meeting, Bisbikos threatened to “embarrass” Vaillancourt in front of the town.

In response to Vaillancourt’s comments during the meeting, Bisbikos jumped in to defend himself.

“Mr. Vaillancourt lacks class; he came after my mother,” Bisbikos said.

Mike Egan then attempted to steer the discussion back to the budget process. He urged all members to concentrate on that topic and to remember that “we’re here for the citizens.”

## ARPA Committee Plans Next Steps

In other money-related news, the Colchester American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) committee mapped out its next steps in during a meeting July 18.

Following the approval of the small business grant applications and funding allocation by the Board of Selectmen, the committee is now planning how to proceed with municipal project ideas.

The committee reviewed First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos’ “ARPA playbook” during the meeting, and organized the remaining funds the town has left for additional items.

According to the playbook, the town started with \$4.6 million and currently has around \$2.4 million left to allocate.

The committee discussed with playbook with Bisbikos, who felt their spreadsheet was not entirely updated with the most recent information.

Dave Koji, chairman of the ARPA committee, expressed that they’ll work together to make sure their documents are entirely in synch with the first selectman’s.

In reviewing the playbook, Bisbikos stressed its significance moving forward.

“This list is important,” he said. “It includes everything everyone is interested in.”

He also told the committee that they may

need to get “creative” in figuring out ways to fund all the projects. If the town’s ARPA funds are unable to address all the needs, Bisbikos proposed potentially using the town’s fund balance account to cover certain items.

“I don’t want us to lose sight of these items,” he said.

Koji said discussions about fund balance were likely outside of his committee’s expertise, and that it’ll take a strong relationship with the Board of Selectmen moving forward in order to navigate those talks.

Koji wanted to “make sure there’s a level of understanding when you bring those variables in.”

He also stated that the ARPA committee is likely not in a position to make recommendations for items to be funded by other sources.

Koji then presented a document to the committee outlining criteria for how they should assess and make recommendations for the municipal projects. The document was a draft that members were invited to make revisions to moving forward.

The first part of the document included assessment criteria, which would involve identifying how the project progresses the town and if it has a direct, good faith benefit to the town.

For this section, Bisbikos suggested that they should be thinking about how to get the “greatest bang-for-your-buck” for the community.

He also wanted something added about “short-term versus long-term” impact regarding how a project will benefit the town for years to come.

Another piece of the document involved getting the final cost estimates for each project.

Koji also said that, unlike the business applications, this process may involve more discussions during meetings instead of offline talks and work.

Greg Barden, a member of the committee, asserted that this was the best course of action and that it’s “best that we work as a team, not as individuals.”

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# Bisbikos Calls BOS Motion an ‘Overreach’

By Michael Sinkewicz

Colchester First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos received a legal opinion on July 13 regarding his powers as first selectman – less than a week after the Board of Selectmen unanimously passed a motion rescinding Bisbikos’ controversial directive for the library director to review all the books in the children’s department.

In the email, first published on social media by the Colchester Citizens Watch earlier this week, Shipman and Goodwin attorney Matthew Ritter responded to questions sent by Bisbikos.

The questions are not included in the email nor the social media post but the subject line of the email reads “charter questions – attorney-client privileged communication.”

Citizens Watch stated that the opinion was acquired under a freedom of information request and published “with permission of the first selectman.”

Ritter wrote in the email that the “town charter grants the first selectman the authority to direct and supervise the activities of town departments and these department heads report to the first selectman.”

He continued by stating he cannot see “how the [Board of Selectmen] can ‘negate’ a directive as long as the directive is consistent with the Town Charter, Town ordinances and the general statutes.”

Ritter added that the Board of Selectmen is responsible for overseeing the internal operations of town departments.

“I would argue that they can create policies and guidelines in certain circumstances but said polices must be related to the internal operations of a department and cannot, for example, limit the authority of the first selectman to di-

rect and supervise town departments,” he wrote in the email.

During the board meeting July 7, selectmen criticized the “book inventory” and voted to revoke the directive in its entirety. While Bisbikos said he disagreed, he ultimately voted in favor of the motion.

Now, it appears that the inventory is potentially going to be brought back in some form, or that the board’s motion will not remain in effect.

Bisbikos told the *Rivereast* that he did reach out to the attorney, regarding numerous topics.

“As first selectman, it is important to understand the extent of my powers in relation to the Board of Selectmen under the charter, especially when it comes to dealing with town departments,” he said. “This was a global discussion with the attorney and not particular to any one item. I am responsible for the administrative soundness of each department and to make sure that policies are current.”

Bisbikos stated that as of now, the inventory is not taking place.

“We are currently not moving forward with a book audit,” Bisbikos said. “However, there will be a review of decades-old library policy to see if it reflects current community values.”

He did express that based on his talks with the attorney, he believes the board’s motion exceeded its authority.

“Based upon legal opinion, the motion to rescind the book audit was an overreach of the Board of Selectmen’s powers,” Bisbikos said. “Contrary to what a few people have said, my intent was never to ignore the spirit of the motion – which I voted for in the first place.”

Ritter did not return a request for comment before press time.

After the email communication became public, some citizens expressed that the information was purposely leaked – but Bisbikos denied that.

Rosemary Coyle, a Democrat on the Board of Selectmen, criticized Bisbikos’ actions, saying that he did not tell the board that he was seeking a legal opinion.

She told the *Rivereast* that putting the email on social media without consulting the board was “disrespectful.”

In a Facebook post directed at Bisbikos, Jason LaChapelle – a Republican on the board of selectmen – called on the first selectman to re-

lease all relevant information and communication with the attorney.

He stated that citizens are concerned Bisbikos is “attempting to consolidate power into the first selectman’s office.”

He added that the public “deserves to know what your intent was in seeking this legal opinion and what your plans moving forward are.”

In response, Bisbikos told the *Rivereast* that “as a private citizen [LaChapelle] is entitled to his opinion, but I don’t have to agree with it.”

LaChapelle spoke to the *Rivereast* this week, sharing conversations he had with Ritter regarding the authority of the Board of Selectmen.

According to LaChapelle, Ritter told him that the board “wasn’t wrong” with its motion, but that the more appropriate action would be to adopt a policy that addressed the issue.

LaChapelle also stated that if a request made to a department requires them to go beyond their regular budget, the board can potentially prevent that additional funding.

In this case, Library Director Kate Byroade has previously stated that the inventory would involve nearly 26,000 books and likely require 450 work hours per staff member to complete.

LaChapelle said he is exploring the possibility of a new policy to address the inventory, expressing that it could be brought up as soon as their next board meeting on July 21.

He questioned why the inventory and library policy had become a major focus for the first selectman.

LaChapelle expressed that his questions to Bisbikos regarding the library have gone unanswered, and that “he’s purposely avoiding being transparent.” He said he believes Bisbikos should release his full emails with the attorney.

LaChapelle stated that he believes the board is united on this specific topic. He added that, heading into this administration, he expected to be a “thorn in the side” of the Democrats, instead of Bisbikos – a Republican – being “a thorn” in everyone else’s.

## Special Olympics Golf Fundraiser

Colchester Special Olympics will hold its 13th annual Golf Fundraiser at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron Friday, Aug. 12. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., and there is a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

People are invited to play, be a sponsor, or donate a raffle prize – 100% of contributions support the local team. This fundraiser provides the opportunity for Colchester Special Olympics to offer year-round sports training and competition in bowling, swimming, track

& field, and golf for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Colchester Special Olympics is a registered nonprofit organization and any donation made would be tax-deductible. A light breakfast, lunch and a buffet dinner are included in golf registration.

Golf and sponsorship registration is at give.soct.org/colchestergolf. Email any questions to Tim at teamcolchesterso@gmail.com.

## Baby & Me

The Collaborative for Colchester’s Children (C3) is offering a free mini-session of Baby & Me Mondays through Aug. 1 at 10:30 a.m., at the Colchester Jazzercise Studio.

This class, for parents and caregivers with their child up to 2 years old, features music, movement and activities designed to promote healthy development and social connections for families.

For more information and to register, go to ColchesterC3.org.

## Cougars

### Registration Open

Registration is now open for Colchester Cougars Football and Cheer. The Cougars will now be playing in the Southern New England Youth Football Conference (SNEYFC).

The Cougars are accepting registrations for boys and girls ages 6-14 from Colchester, Bozrah, Salem, Lebanon, East Haddam, East Hampton and Hebron. Visit [www.colchestercougars.org](http://www.colchestercougars.org) for more information and to register.

## Stroller Walks

The Collaborative for Colchester’s Children (C3) will host Stroller Walks on the Air Line Trail Tuesday, Aug. 9, and Thursday, Aug. 25, at 9:30 a.m. each day.

The walks are free and all are welcome. Meet at the dirt parking area at Route 149/Westchester Road.

For more information and to register, go to ColchesterC3.org.

## Dean’s List

The following Colchester residents made the spring 2022 Dean’s List at the University of Hartford:

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# Broadway, Disney Hits Coming to Colchester

By Kate Corliss

The Colchester Community Theatre Summer Children's Workshop is getting ready to raise the curtain on a different kind of performance for its annual show.

Students involved in the workshop — ranging in age from second-graders to high school seniors — are rehearsing for their weekend performance of *Raise Your Voice*, a revue featuring an array of 14 Broadway hits from classic musicals to Disney stage adaptations.

According to Wallis Johnson, the CCT's vice president of production who has been directing summer workshop performances for all 24 years that the program has run, this is the first time that campers have put on a show like this.

"You have 14 different songs from 14 very different shows, so the students have to learn how to tell 14 very different stories," Johnson said. "Normally, you have an hour to two hours to tell a story in a musical, depending on the length of it. Here, they might have two minutes to four minutes to tell a full story, to engage the audience and tell the story."

CCT's summer workshop students will be among the first to perform *Raise Your Voice* because Music Theatre International — the organization that holds the licensing rights to the show — just recently released the materials. Songs featured in the musical include Broad-

way numbers like "Consider Yourself" from *Oliver!* and "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat" from *Guys and Dolls*, as well as Disney hits like "Part of Your World" from *The Little Mermaid* and "These Palace Walls" from *Aladdin*.

Johnson said that the students have been focused on fine-tuning skills like lyric analysis, singing techniques and body movements in order to get in touch with each individual story. Oliver Markham, a rising sophomore at Bacon Academy who has participated in the CCT summer program since he was in second grade, said that this has been an adjustment for the student performers because they now have more than one character to develop.

CCT President Diane Ozman said she's found that when students are presented with a challenge like this, they rise to the occasion.

"We get a chance to see and for them to see themselves grow in their confidence because they're certainly used to being outside and yelling and having a great time and being loud with their friends, but it's a different thing to be on stage in front of all these people," Ozman said. "And so what we see, whether kids continue to go on and do theater over and over again in future years or even if it's just their first experience and they decide, 'This was great but maybe it's not something that I'm gonna keep doing,' we see through the music piece that it



Colchester Community Theatre Summer Children's Theater Workshop campers rehearse the upcoming show *Raise Your Voice*. The musical revue will take place Saturday, July 23, at 2 p.m. in the Bacon Academy auditorium. Pictured, being led by music director Diane Ozman, are Owen Ibey, Oliver Markham, Annie Ibey, Abby Richards, Sofia Aresco, Abby Stillwell, Marissa Perez, Kailyn Perez and Kaitlyn Bradstreet.

also builds a level of confidence they may not have had before."

According to Lily Litwinko, a rising senior at Bacon Academy who started painting sets for CCT last year, the camp program has helped her build confidence in similar ways even though she doesn't consider herself an "onstage person." The work she's done behind the scenes in the theater environment has opened her mind about pursuing art professionally in the future.

"It was nice to have this because this is like a career," Lily said. "It was nice to have a real-world thing."

For Oliver, he and the friends he's made throughout his time with CCT have had the opportunity to grow both creatively and personally alongside each other.

"I feel like a lot of the people I've gotten to

know really well and I'm still friends with, so we all get to kind of work together and get to know each other and grow as people," Oliver said.

Johnson, who is a founding member of CCT, said that fostering this sense of community among performers and the town of Colchester at large has been an overarching goal of the organization since its inception.

"It's amazing," Johnson said. "It's a dream come true."

CCT's Summer Children's Workshop will perform *Raise Your Voice* on Saturday, July 23 at 2 p.m. in the Bacon Academy auditorium. Tickets are \$6 each and will be available for purchase at the door on the day of the performance. CCT asks that all attendees wear a mask.

## Absentee Ballots Available for Primaries

Town Clerk Gayle Furman informs voters that absentee ballots for the Tuesday, Aug. 9, Democratic and Republican state primaries are available in her office at Town Hall through Monday, Aug. 8.

Absentee ballot instructions: Fill out an application for an absentee ballot. You may obtain an application in the town clerk's office or online at [tinyurl.com/yckm8jbd](https://tinyurl.com/yckm8jbd). You must be a current Colchester voter at the time of the application and enrolled in the party that you wish to vote for.

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The troop hopes to hold a shredding event Saturday, Sept. 17. Residents are advised to keep their financial, business and medical records until then, when they can be safely shredded.

Contact Al Letendre at letendrej@sbcglobal.net for more information.

## Vacation Bible School

Christian Life Chapel, located at 392 S. Main St., will hold free Vacation Bible School Monday, July 25, through Wednesday, July 27, from 9 a.m.-noon each day, for ages 5-12.

There will be three days of Bible lessons, music, crafts and more. Sign up by calling Christian Life Chapel at 860-398-9119.

## Tag Sale July 23

The Westchester Congregational Church will host a Tag Sale on Saturday, July 23, from 8 a.m.-noon, at the church parsonage, located at 95 Cemetery Rd. Parking is available across the street in the church parking lot.

Proceeds benefit the Westchester Congregational Church. A variety of good-quality items are in stock.

## Voter Registration Enrollment Session

The registrars of voters in Colchester will hold a voter registration enrollment session Tuesday, July 26, from 4-6 p.m., in Room 103 at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave. New voters can register in person.

Existing voters who need to change their registration address are encouraged to stop by the registrars' office at this time.

The registrars will also be available to hear requests for adding names to the voter registry list by persons removed.

## Cragin Book Club to Meet

The Cragin Book Club will meet Monday, July 25, at 6 p.m. This month, read *Greenlights* by Matthew McConaughey. Copies are available for checkout at the Adult Circulation Desk.

The book club meets outside at the Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., if the weather is nice. Bring a chair. If it rains, the club will meet at Cragin Memorial Library, 8 Linwood Ave.

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.

## Benefit for Ukraine

St. Joseph's Polish Society, at 395 South Main St., is hosting a benefit for Ukraine Saturday, July 30, from 4-10 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.

The Tongue and Groove Band will perform from 4-6 p.m., followed by country music star Frankie Justin. There will be food available from 4-7 p.m., and cornhole starting at 5 p.m.

Call 860-537-2550 for more information.

## Cornhole Tournament

The third annual #ForEthanM Cornhole Tournament will be held Saturday, July 30, at 11:30 a.m., at Hop Culture Brewery in Colchester.

The tournament is held in honor of Bacon Academy Class of 2016 graduate Ethan Maynard, who passed away in 2020 at the age of 21. All proceeds go to a scholarship fund for a Bacon Academy senior.

Email [forethanm@aol.com](mailto:forethanm@aol.com) to register.

## Cragin Family Fun Nights

Family Fun Nights at Cragin Library are back on Wednesdays this summer, offering entertainment for the whole family. The schedule is:

**Lutz Children's Museum:** July 27, 6:30 p.m. Learn about the beach's ecosystem and different animals that live there.

**Book Bingo:** Aug. 3, 6:30 p.m. Play bingo to win books.

**Carnival:** Aug. 10, 6:30 p.m. Attend an ocean-themed carnival with games, prizes and more.

Cragin Memorial Library is located at 8 Linwood Ave. For more information, call the Cragin children's department at 860-537-7201.

## Ahavath Achim Chicken Barbecue

Congregation Ahavath Achim will hold its kosher chicken barbecue will be held Sunday, July 24, at the synagogue, 84 Lebanon Ave. Dinners will be takeout-only and will be served from 3:30 p.m. until sold out.

Dinners are \$18 and include half a barbecue kosher chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll and a dessert cookie.

Tickets will be available at the door the day of the event but advance sales are strongly recommended. No reservations will be accepted. Advance tickets can be obtained by remitting payment to Ahavath Achim, P.O. Box 5, Colchester, CT 06415 and tickets will be mailed to your address provided.

For more information, call the synagogue at 860-537-2809. Local delivery in Colchester will be available if requested.

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## Library News & Notes

Andover Public Library, located at 355 Route 6, has announced the following programs. For more information, call the library at 860-742-7428.

**Christmas in July:** Monday, July 25, 6 p.m. Mrs. Merry Claus will stop by and share a story, and then there will be a Christmas decoration activity. All are invited.

**Monster Puppet Time:** Thursday, July 28, 6:30 p.m. Ellen Repay, a retired teacher and a Friend of the Library, will read the book called *Monster Party* and then help kids make a monster puppet creation of their very own. Space is limited to 8 participants; to register, call the

library.

**Andover Gazebo Concert:** Friday, Aug. 5, 6:30 p.m., with Tex's Troubadours. This four-piece band features top-notch musicians from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey. The gazebo is located at 17 School Rd., between Town Hall and Andover Elementary School. In case of rain, the show will be held inside the Town Hall community room. The Andover Friends of the Library, which sponsors this free concert, will sell pizza, ice cream, soda, water, 50/50 tickets, and quilt raffle tickets. For more information, call the library.

## Town Pondering Bridge Replacement

First Selectman Jeffery J. Maguire announced that the town is contemplating a project to replace the Long Hill Road Bridge over the Hop River. The bridge replacement project would receive federal funds under the Federal Local Bridge Program administered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

If undertaken, the project design would be expected to begin in fall 2022, with construction likely in 2025 or 2026.

Maguire said local and state policy encourages early information to citizens on such projects and encourages people to raise any concerns with municipal officials early in the planning process. Persons wanting additional information should contact Town Administrator Eric Anderson at 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232 or by phone at 860-742-4035 ext. 4210.

The cost of the bridge replacement would re-

ceive 80% reimbursement from federal aid with the remaining 20% paid from state funds. The federal aid for the project was authorized under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP - 21) administered by the Federal Highway Administration and the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

## Bingo & Baskets Night

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold a Bingo & Baskets night Friday, July 29, starting with dinner at 5:30 p.m. The game starts at 6:30 p.m.

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

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# Attempted 'Coup' Quashed

By Sloan Brewster

The Board of Selectmen last week voted to send proposed charter revisions to referendum on Election Day – but not without a bit of controversy.

The selectmen sent the proposed revisions to referendum July 11 – revisions that would include bifurcating the budget, or splitting the town and school spending plans into individual budgets. But it was at the selectmen's meeting on June 27 where the comments were made that eventually drew the ire of the town's Charter Revision Commission.

At that June 27 meeting, First Selectman Jeff Maguire said he did not like the idea of bifurcating the budget, which, under the Charter Revision Commission's recommendation, would only happen if that year's proposed town budget failed at referendum.

"I would get rid of the town meeting," Maguire said.

After considering the idea, the board decided the best approach would be to hold an informational town meeting in which the Board of Finance would present the budget but to have no vote.

"I think that would be a great balance if we're going to bifurcate because then it eliminates the small majority control," Vice First Selectman Adrian Mandeville said. "Can they just strip that out? Is that possible?"

Selectmen agreed to push the idea down the chain to the Charter Revision Commission to consider.

Last Monday, saying they had no issues with the commission's proposals, selectmen – who were joined by commission members – agreed to pass all three forward to voters.

Based on that, voters in November will be able to key in on bifurcating the budget, removing the mandate that the town manager have a bachelor's degree and slashing the words "shall appoint" from administrative positions in town to make it legal for the Board of Selectmen to offer shared services with other towns and use their administrators.

The conversation on the town meeting, however, blew up with Don Denley, commission vice chairman, voicing concern over the potential loss of free speech.

Commission Chair Carol Lee said she had polled the commission and all the members agreed they did not have enough time to vet the idea to quash the vote at the town meeting and did not agree with the proposal in the first place.

"We're opposed because it is the only meeting where the taxpayers can express their opinions and remove items from the budget," Lee said.

Denley asked the motivation for the proposal and Mandeville said it had come up at the previous meeting and was based on a concern to "that as a town we get into this round-robin,"

## Barbecue and Car Show

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold a barbecue and car show Saturday, July 23, from noon to 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 and includes barbecue chicken, baked beans, potato salad and a drink – and, of course, a chance to check out various cars!

For more information, call the church at 860-742-7696.

## Dean's List

Clarice Jayawickrema of Andover made the spring 2022 Dean's List at the University of Hartford.

## Congregational Church News

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

**Food Pantry:** Mondays from 5-7 p.m. Bring your own bags. Masks not required for the fully vaccinated. The **Foodshare Van** comes to the church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is Aug. 3. The senior food pantry is open the opposite Wednesdays, also from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is July 27.

**Prayer Requests:** All are invited to email the church any prayer requests they have.

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

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

and said that "such a small representation of the town" makes financial decisions.

He gave the example of the 2018 decision at a town meeting to knock down a plan to eliminate the state trooper from the town budget.

As a result, Mandeville said, there were "give or take 120 or 150 people making a decision that affects the whole town."

He said many people in town, including parents and senior citizens, for various reasons cannot make the meeting and thus have no part in what gets passed onto referendum.

Calling the proposal a disservice to the town, Denley said he was "embarrassed and really upset."

"We're not asking you to remove [the vote]," Mandeville replied. "We're asking you to give the town a chance to vote on it."

Denley was not swayed, saying the plan would eliminate voters' chance to remove items from the budget.

"Town budget meetings are a mainstay of this town," he said. "You cannot stifle free speech."

Jeff Murray agreed with Mandeville, saying the budget that goes to referendum "doesn't really reflect the flavor of the voters," but Denley insisted nothing needed fixing.

Lee cut in again and reiterated that the commission was also concerned it would have not time to actually evaluate the idea.

"It was just thrown as us last minute rather than when we were given all of our charges," he said.

That's when Mandeville said the idea "came up organically" during a discussion at the previous meeting.

Ultimately, selectmen agreed to pull the idea and did not ask the commission it research it further but in a phone call Tuesday, Denley still said he wants to know the rationale for the proposal.

Denley, who said he had lived in town for 30 years, and has a business in Manchester, where the town's large budget is put before voters in an informal meeting, but then ultimately is decided by the Manchester Board of Directors.

"I appreciate that we have a voice; we can stand up and make a motion," he said. "I think this was a coup to a certain extent."

Denley said he was happy when he heard the board had decided not to move forward with the notion.

He suggested he an advisory question about it on the November ballot.

## Farmers Market Aug. 3

The Andover Farmers Market will be Wednesday, Aug. 3, from 4-7 p.m., outdoors at First Congregational Church, 359 Route 6. There will be several farmers, bakers, a food truck and music.

The next markets will be Wednesdays, Sept. 7 and Oct. 5, with the final market on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The Nov. 5 market will include crafters. The markets are held outside.

## LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF COLCHESTER ATTENTION COLCHESTER TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given to the Town of Colchester taxpayers that tax bills on the Grand List of October 1, 2021, are due and payable on July 1, 2022.

**The Town of Colchester does not have an approved budget for FY 2022-2023. Therefore, at this time you are receiving ONLY the first installment of your real estate bill. Once the budget is approved, you will receive any and all adjustments in your 2nd installment, which will reflect the approved mill rate along with any credits, if applicable. Additionally, once the budget is approved, we will be sending personal property and motor vehicles bills ASAP.**

If any tax due on July 1, 2022 is not paid on or before August 1, 2022, the tax installment shall be delinquent and interest at the rate of 18% per annum (1 1/2% per month) shall be charged dating back to the original due date of the bill. Taxes that become delinquent after August 1, 2022 shall be charged delinquent interest for the months of July and August, 2022, or 3%. The minimum interest charge for delinquent taxes is \$2.00.

Taxpayers who did not receive a bill should contact the Tax Office immediately. Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or any interest charged should the tax become delinquent. Taxpayers may access tax bill information and pay on-line from the homepage of the Town of Colchester website at [www.colchesterct.gov](http://www.colchesterct.gov) and clicking the "View and Pay Tax Bills" link under Online Services – fees apply.

Avoid waiting in long lines by paying on-line under Online Services, return your payment by mail or use our night drop box located to the left of Colchester Town Hall's entrance. If a receipt is desired, please send a self addressed stamped envelope and two copies of the bill. Mail postmarked (US Postal Service postmark only) on or before August 1, 2022 will be considered as having been paid on time.

**Payments dropped in the town hall's drop box after 4:30p.m. on August 1, 2022, will be considered as having been made on the following business day and will be deemed as paid late.** Please make all checks payable to the Tax Collector. Checks may be mailed to the Tax Office, 127 Norwich Avenue Colchester, CT, 06415. Questions concerning tax payments should be directed to the Tax Office, (860) 537-7210.

Michele Wyatt, CCMC  
Town of Colchester  
Tax Collector

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this watershed, let's think about what really matters most for Hebron's future, development or water.

**Jean Tulimieri – Amston**

## It Was Expected

To the Editor:

Good day Hebron. If you follow the "Letters to the Editor," you no doubt have seen a rise in the anger and hostility aimed toward the BOS and the town. If you are wondering why, my belief is that the answer is very simple. Last year, many questions were raised by a very few people concerning the proposed Public Works facility. The board listened and based on those concerns, paid to have private professionals and state agencies review the site and submit their findings. Those reports are finally in.

The results? All stated that nothing was found of any significance to stop the project from going forward. They all gave the project the "green light" to proceed. We, I am hoping, will have for the voters to decide, a plan for a modern, green, environmentally responsible, state of the art public works facility for the voters to decide on. A facility that, I hope, will be a showcase model for others to follow. A facility that Hebron can be proud of and others enviously of.

The reports I mentioned are or will be available soon for all to see.

**Thank you,  
Daniel Larson – Hebron**

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

## The Passing of a Volunteer

To the Editor:

Glen Warstock was a man who liked to volunteer his time. He was retired from Pratt & Whitney when I first met him. His passing several months ago went without notice, and I hope to rectify that with this letter.

Glen drove the school bus in Marlborough for many, many years. He took all the routes he could including special field trips and summer camp trips. Little gifts for the "kids," a joke now and again, and safe driving signified his love for the job. When the elementary school students performed at Marlborough Arts Center, Glen was in the audience supporting them.

Glen was a valued member of many organizations. The ones I knew about were the Lions, Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department, the Masons and Shriners. If fundraising required selling something, Glen usually sold the most. If flyers needed to be handed out, Glen did so. If there was a photo op for the *Riverast*, Glen was front and center. If someone needed to man the water station for the "Round the Lake Run," Glen would do so.

Glen also loved food! He could tell you where to get the best meal for the best deal, and he took advantage of that every day. His other passion was music, and Glen often stopped by my home to tell me about concerts to see and performers to hear. Glen was a happy man!

Without family after his parents died, Glen's passing several months ago went mostly unnoticed. That made me sad.

I'm pleased to say that those of us who knew Glen, who appreciated his kindness, and who are saddened by his passing can attend a graveside service on Saturday, July 23, at the Marlboro Cemetery on Route 66 at 9 a.m. Please join me in honoring a one-of-a-kind man!

Thank you!

**Deb Bourbeau – Marlborough**

## Optics Matter

To the Editor:

Optics are the way a situation is perceived by the general public; how an event, course of action, etc., 'looks' to others. This is opposed to the scientific definition of the word, as meant by  $\square$ asan Ibn al-Haytham, who formulated a theory of optics that later influenced Newton.

We live in an age where optics matter, and they are out of control. Unlike the science of optics, this other version is totally subjective. Despite such failures of perception, optics are very important, even real to the witness, regardless of the perceptions of others. They dictate how we feel, as individuals, about some matter or issue. Some politicians account for the optics of their statements rather well. We generally call them mealy-mouthed, or liars. Others seem to not care what people think, or care only when they must back-pedal and explain that they did not mean what they said. The latter usually leads to further confusion, accusation, and reprimand. Paraphrasing Mr. T: I pity the fool who don't consider how his words will be heard!

Colchester's first selectman recently fell into such a trap of his own making when he tried to right a perceived wrong at the library. Although I have many issues with Mr. Bisbikos, in this case I have a wee bit of sympathy for him. Despite his original words at the library, he claims that it was not about banning books, censorship or homophobia. I'm willing to accept this excuse. However, within the context of some other pronouncements of his since the day he took office, it certainly is reasonable for many to view his actions as prudish, prejudiced and autocratic. The optics are very bad.

**John Barnowski – Colchester**

## Honor Roll Students

Dear East Hampton Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith:

You may be too young to remember Garrison Keillor, the host of *The Prairie Home Companion*, a comedy show on NPR.

He'd open up the portion of his *News from Lake Wobegone* with this saying:

"Welcome to Lake Wobegone. Where the women are strong, men are good-looking and all the children are above average."

This show was fictitious. It was humorous. It was radio entertainment harkening back to the days where the radio took the center stage in the American living room.

Fast forward to today. I want you, Mr. Smith, to answer these questions. More students make High Honors than the Honor Roll. A vast percentage of the students make the Honor Roll. What does a student have to do to not make the Honor Rolls? And is this really a fair measure of the students in your high school? Is this everyone gets a prize even for trying or is a measure of actual learning and knowledge?

Mr. Smith, in town we have Lake Pocotopaug, not Lake Wobegone. All the kids are not all above average either. In your system of measuring their learning and comprehension they are, and I want you to explain to many who noticed the vast sea of names in the newspaper how this can possibly be true, and what you are doing to make our "ordinary" kids "extraordinary" students.

**Alison Walck – East Hampton**

*Note: Walck is a member of the East Hampton Town Council, but is speaking as an individual.*

## What a Day!

To the Editor:

What a day! The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission Garden Tour and Plein Air Painting event on July 9 was so much fun! Thank you, Karen Gallmon, Alison Walck, Sheila Mullen, Epoch Arts, The East Hampton Food Bank and East Hampton Community Gardens for sharing your beautiful spaces and taking the time to greet visitors and share your passion for gardening and art. Each location was special in its own way because of the thoughtful details each host offered. We are also so grateful to artists Elizabeth Sennett, GERALYN YOCHER, Laura Bonham, Robin Hammeal-Urban and Douglas Farrell for setting up your easels to Plein Air paint during the event. Seeing you in action brought so much enjoyment to everyone involved.

Finally, thanks to everyone who attended the event. It was a great turnout; the weather was perfect and the donations to the East Hampton Food Bank were plentiful!

**With gratitude and appreciation,  
East Hampton Arts & Culture  
Commission members  
Carol Lane, Elizabeth Sennett,  
Mindy Maynard, Rebecca Tinelle  
and Melissa Pionzio**

## Colchester Supports Small Businesses

Dear Colchester Residents:

Recently, the town of Colchester passed a major initiative as part of the Colchester Comeback Grant Program in which the disbursement of \$1M in ARPA funds was authorized to help nearly 100 small businesses in our community. Our small businesses are the heartbeat of our community. This historic \$1M infusion shows the entire state of Connecticut that Colchester is top tier when it comes to supporting our small businesses and their success. These businesses are an inspiration to us all as they persevered through Covid and various state mandates that complicated their operations. I am proud to stand alongside these businesses and forever support them.

I want to also thank the ARPA-Ad Hoc committee and members of the Board of Selectmen who collaborated with me in the process to ensure that it would become a success. The road

to success was not always a smooth one, but perseverance and our unwavering dedication to help local small businesses proved supreme. I look forward to continuing the collaboration and completion of more initiatives including irrigation to all our recreation fields, expanding our police department's quarters, a social services program to help families in need during this historic inflation, and establishing a new youth center for our children.

**Sincerely,  
Andreas Bisbikos  
Colchester First Selectman**

## Coup

To the Editor:

The Select Committee presented further evidence that Trump and his MAGA allies planned, promoted, and paid for a violent, criminal conspiracy to overturn an election they knew they'd lost.

Once Trump ran out of legal options to try to overturn the election he'd lost, he called on the mob to come to Washington in a final desperate attempt to stop the peaceful transfer of power. The committee provided overwhelming evidence the attack on our country was premeditated by Trump and others.

These hearings must serve as a warning: Trump and MAGA Republicans continue working today to put themselves in power regardless of the outcome of an election, including changing state laws, threatening state officials, and packing election administration offices so that they can have the final say over election results.

They will use violence again.

We must hold those involved in this ongoing criminal conspiracy accountable – no matter if they are former presidents, members of Congress, or other federal and state officials. This is the only way we are going to protect our right to vote and choose our own leaders and stop the current campaign to overturn future elections.

**Annie Steinbrecher – Marlborough**

## Listens, Thoughtful, Caring

To the Editor:

Several months ago, I met Christopher Rivers. At the time I thought that he would do a wonderful job in government. He listens. He is thoughtful. He cares about people.

Now, Chris is a candidate for the state legislature (48th District - Colchester, Lebanon, Bozrah, Franklin) and I support him totally. This is a man with wide experience in science, technology, and diplomacy. He is able to bring people together to work on solutions that will benefit everyone.

Chris knows that our state government can be

made more effective and efficient. Doing both will reduce costs and reduce taxes. With his leadership, Connecticut can be a more affordable place to live and a more welcoming place.

Please join me in voting for Christopher Rivers for State Representative on Nov. 8.

**Irene Malsbenden – Colchester**

## Olin for the 34th

To the Editor:

I am a Democratic candidate for state representative in the 34th District, which includes the towns of East Hampton, East Haddam, and Salem. I will be on the ballot Aug. 9 in the Democratic primary. Please go to my webpage, johnolinforthe34th.com, to learn about my positions on building resilience to climate change, affirming a woman's power of choice in private matters, spurring economic growth and re-development, and enacting affordable housing legislation, along with other issues.

I live in East Haddam and am a member of the East Haddam Conservation Commission. My professional background is in health care, as a physician assistant and a public health researcher in vaccine acceptance. I am a builder of outdoor pizza and bread ovens, and a baker.

A state representative should exemplify the proper role of government to fairly regulate and support a productive and safe society, in accord with the statutes of the State of Connecticut, and the principles laid out in the U.S. Constitution.

**John Olin – East Haddam**

## The Interact Group

To the Editor:

What a success our Glorious Celebration was and so was my little corner of it... the soda booth. After a two-year pause I was rusty (and that much older) and worried if I was up to the task. In retrospect I worried needlessly, as The Interact Group contributed in a tremendous way!

Because of the hiatus due to circumstances beyond our control, these kids have never worked an OHD before. Everyone that signed up, showed up and worked enthusiastically through their shifts doing any task required. I want each and every one of you to know the booth would not have been a success without your help.

My sincere thank you to you all for a job well done. I hope to see you next year, and wish you a wonderful summer and success in the new school year.

**Sincerely,  
MaryRose Coll  
East Hampton Old Home Days**

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town."

This year has been an exciting one for Tartaglia. She got to sell at the renewed Old Home Days and, more importantly, her granddaughter, Chelsea, is close to receiving a much-needed kidney transplant.

The *Riverast* covered Chelsea's story in January. The East Hampton resident's kidneys began failing in early 2020, and she was told the waiting list for a kidney transplant could be as long as nine years. Happily though, Tartaglia said, Chelsea is likely to get the procedure in the fall.

Also at the festivities last Thursday was East Hampton resident Melinda Dumont, who attended with her infant grandson.

"I'm feeling good," she said about finally returning to her local milestone event.

Bryce Bailey was one of several East Hampton High School soccer players at Thursday's carnival. The boys were running a dunk tank to fundraise for the team.

Bailey said the team had done it a while ago, but this year they were revitalizing.

"We don't have a specific goal," said Bailey. "We're just getting as much as possible."

Just an hour in, the players, representing in their jerseys, had already done some dunking.

Jonas Cain, a magician and entertainer from Holyoke, Mass., performed his stylings for a group of enthusiastic kiddos, their laughter and joy contagious, Cain's ukulele a charm.

"I'm sort of kicking everything off, just a nice way to get things started," Cain said. This year was his inaugural celebration.

The pandemic, Cain said, has been especially rough on his industry, and he was "thrilled" to be performing.

"It's great to be back," he said.

The parade hasn't lost appeal to the town's younger residents. Abby Daley and Sonoma

Steiner, both about to head into their penultimate year of high school, said they spent much of the evening reminiscing about the last time they went – in 2019, when they were mere eighth-graders.

"It honestly feels weird," said Daley. "We grew up with it, then it stopped, and now everything seems smaller."

Steiner said "we were so little" three years ago, but the fair hasn't since lost its luster.

Though it just wrapped, president Joslyn-Greenwald is looking to the future. She said in August, when the committee elects its officers, she's hoping to see new faces with new ideas on how to carry the parade through the coming years, to continue its success.

TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR'S LEGAL NOTICE
All persons liable to pay taxes to the Town of Marlborough as levied on the October 1, 2021 Grand List which includes Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle are hereby notified that the first installment is due July 1, 2022 and will be delinquent August 2, 2022. The second installment will be due January 1, 2023 and delinquent February 2, 2023. Delinquent bills will be subject to interest of one and half percent a month reverting to the due date or 18% a year. Minimum interest is \$2.00. Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the interest or tax. If you do not receive a bill, please check online at <a href="http://marlboroughct.net">marlboroughct.net</a> , bill look up or call the tax office at 860-295-6205. Tax bills \$800.01 or less are due in one installment. Bills over 800.01 are due in two installments. The Motor Vehicle Mill Rate for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year is 32.46 and the Mill Rate for the Real Estate and Personal Property is 35.55. Tax payments can be mailed to Tax Collector, PO Box 29, Marlborough, CT 06447, placed in the DROP BOX located to the left of the Town Hall door, or brought into the Tax Collector's Office. Tax Collector's hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Tuesdays 8:30 am to 7 pm and Fridays 8:30 am to 12 Noon. Tax payments can be paid online at <a href="http://www.marlboroughct.net">www.marlboroughct.net</a> with Master Card, Visa or ACH. Respectfully submitted, Barbara C. Murray Tax Collector
3TB 6/24, 7/8, 7/22

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# College-Bound Athlete: Jake Thompson

By Josh Howard

Jake Thompson, a 2022 graduate of Portland High School, will continue running collegiately at Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU).

Thompson, who ran cross-country in the fall and outdoor track in the spring, visited the school's campus in Willimantic and was sold after meeting the coaching staff and his future teammates.

"They were super supportive and I got to see practice for the first time," recalled Thompson. "I saw the kids were really determined and it caught my eye. It felt like home."

At Eastern, Thompson will study business as he competes with his Warrior running mates.

He took business classes at PHS, along with being part of the school's DECA program, which is a group of students that encourages the development of business and leadership skills through academic conferences and competitions.

Over the past four year, he has been all business on the athletic fields and courts as well. Along with being a two-season runner, he also was a starter on the Highlanders basketball team that won a home tournament game for the first time in several years and then upset top-seed Coventry in the second round of the Division V tourney.

The rangy Thompson averaged 9.3 points per

game and led the team in three-pointers made, as well as shooting a blistering 89% from the free-throw line.

The team accolades in the winter set the stage for his biggest accomplishment in the spring when teamed with Simon Kandeke, Teddy Williams, and Owen Delisle to break the school record in the 4x400 relay, running a 3:30.30 at the Shoreline Conference (SLC) Championships. The foursome won the event at the conference championships, helping the Highlander boys finish 3rd overall. Thompson was also a consistent trail runner for the boys' cross-country team that placed 3rd overall at the SLC championships in the fall.

Thompson said breaking the school record in the 4x4 was a goal the relay team had eyed for the entire season and those moments are what made his high school experience special, adding, "I like that we are small school. Some people might not like it because there isn't a lot of kids, but I like that everybody knows each other. That is what I will miss the most."

Thompson is one four recent PHS graduates – along with Delisle, Kayla LaMalfa, and Lindsey King – that will be joining an elite ECSU cross country/track and field program in Willimantic.

"We've grown up all of our lives and now we're going for another four. It's great, I love it," said Thompson, who was born and raised



Jake Thompson starred at two sports as PHS. He will now run cross-country and track at ECSU.

in Portland. Thompson will now run a revamped Warriors team led by head coach David Nicholson, who makes his return to the school to take over both the cross country and track & field programs. Davidson, a 2006 graduate of ECSU, was an All-American runner at the school and is a

member of the ECSU athletic hall of fame. The challenge of collegiate running is something that the versatile Thompson embraces. "Knowing that I have four more years to prove myself is what excites me," added Thompson, who also competed in the high jump as a senior. "I just want to keep getting better and have fun."

## Senior Center News & Notes

The Waverly Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave., is open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. For more information or to register, call 860-342-6760.

Food Bank Donations: People donating for Portland Food Bank are asked to drop off donations only during food bank hours, downstairs in the senior center, on Mondays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-noon.

Foodshare: Monday, July 25, 1 p.m.

Rent Rebate: Call ahead to make an appointment; no drop-ins please.

Next Week's Programs: Monday: Light aerobics, 9 a.m. Tuesday: Bears on a Journey, 9:30-11 a.m. – making fleece teddy bears for cancer patients; Bears on a journey are seeking donations of light fleece, one yard or more for making teddy bears for cancer patients throughout Connecticut. If you would like to donate, call 860-342-0809; Watercolor Lessons: 9:30-12:00 To register e-mail bivenne@yahoo.com; Coupons for Troops, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Stretch & Flex: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Dulcimer Class, 6 p.m.; Wednesday: Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; SyncoCize Exercise, 10:15-11 a.m.; Social Duplicate Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m.; setback, 1 p.m. Thursday: Knit & Stitch, 10 a.m.; Stretch & Flex, 11:30 a.m.; Mahjongg, 12:30-4 p.m.; Scrabble, 1-4 p.m.; Friday: Light Aerobics, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Free Hearing Screenings: The second Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m., with Virginia Du-

clos of "All Ears" in Portland. No registration is necessary.

Medical Rides: The center provides seniors and disabled with rides to the doctor. Cost is \$5/person round trip. Two-week notice requested. Masks required.

Cans-4-A-Cause: Drop off washed cans and bottles in a bin in the rear parking lot of the center. For details or to volunteer, email Jeff Myjak at myjakjeff@gmail.com.

Foot Care: Held at the center on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The fee is \$35, cash or check. Call the center to make an appointment.

Trips: Thursday, July 28, Trip to West Hartford Center and Lunch On Your Own – bus departs at 10 a.m. There is a \$5 transportation fee. If you need a ride from home, let the center know; this will be an additional \$5 fee.

Volunteers Sought for Meals-on-Wheels: The senior center is currently recruiting a volunteer coordinator to assist with the administration of the Meals-on-Wheels Volunteers, and is also looking volunteer drivers once again for the Meals-on-Wheels program in Portland. Community Renewal Team (CRT) delivers the hot meals to the center Monday through Thursday, where they are packed in thermal containers for the volunteers to pick up and deliver to the homebound. The delivery usually takes about an hour. For full details, call Alexis or Lynn at the Senior Center at 860-342-6761.

## Soccer Club Fall Registration

Portland Soccer Club (PSC) is now accepting registrations for the fall 2022 club soccer season. Registrations will be accepted until Sept. 11, and those received after Aug. 21 will be charged an additional \$25 late fee.

PSC will only accept registrations online, at www.bluesombrero.com/portlandsoccerclub.

Pre-K sessions will be \$60, and will play 8:45-9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Dribbler will be \$75, and will be 9:15-10:15 a.m. Saturdays. Kicker and Striker sessions will also be \$75, and will have games Saturdays from 10-11 a.m., with practice on Wednesdays. (Note: If there aren't enough Striker-aged players, they will be mixed in with Kicker.)

Full team uniforms for Dribbler, Kicker and Striker divisions, and shirts and balls for Pre-K, are included in the registration fees

and will be available for distribution prior to and during the first day of play. The club-recreational program will run Sept. 10-Oct. 29 (eight-week session). All games will take place at the Portland Recreational Complex.

U4 (born in 2019) will be in Pre-K Club Recreational; U5 (2018) and U6 (2017) will be in Dribbler Club Recreational; U7 (2016) and U8 (2015) will be in Kicker-Club Recreational; and U9 (2014) and U10 (2013) will be in Striker-Club Recreational.

For more information, contact PSC president Chad Wilson at nosliw.dahc@gmail.com or 205-999-8842; vice president Chris Donahue at donahuecj@sbcglobal.net or 860-638-7400; or registrar Stephanie Bolstridge at stephaniebolstridge@gmail.com or 860-478-9693.

## Transfer Station Summer Hours

Through Oct. 22, the hours for the Portland transfer station will be:

Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The scale closes 30 minutes before closing.

## Resident Graduates

Kelsey Harmon of Portland recently graduated cum laude from Eastern Connecticut State University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history.

## Dean's List

Portland residents Stephanie DiMauro, Jayden Schoeps and Bethany Dillon made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I.

## Lawn Irrigation Inspections

During July and August, the town inspector will conduct inspections of irrigation systems on the public water supply.

In order to do this, your system must be activated. If for some reason it is not activated, call Public Works at 860-342-6733 to schedule an appointment for a different time.

If the inspector comes out and your system is not activated, you will still be charged the \$75 inspection fee.

## School Facilities Focus Groups

For the past year, the Portland School Facilities Committee has been addressing the capital needs of Portland schools and in doing so has investigated the best modernization plan for the town's elementary schools.

Portland residents are invited to attend a focus group where their input will help this committee deliver a recommended plan to the Board of Selectmen. Forums are scheduled for Monday, July 25, at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., at the Portland High School Library. There will also be a focus group Wednesday, July 27, at 3 p.m., also at the PHS library.

## 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.

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Crystal Cochrane, Melanie Marino, and their pug, Echo, are regular walkers on the streets in town.

### Who's Walking in Portland?

By John Hall

Crystal Cochrane, Melanie Marino, and their adorable pug, Echo, are regular walkers on Grove Street, Riverside Street, and Tuccitto Road.

Echo loves exploring and was an eager walker for many years. But now, at age 13, some neurological problems and arthritis prevent her from walking long distances. Marino tried carrying Echo in a backpack carrier, but that made Echo too anxious. Then they got their cushioned stroller, which is perfect. Walks are their time to be outside together as a family and relieve stress after a day sitting at computers. Echo helps them meet other dogs and dog-owners along the way, adding interest to the journey. Since the pandemic began, the threesome has visited every Connecticut State Park.

Alice Schumacher, a member of Portland's Complete Streets Group, met Cochrane and Marino while walking, and learned that they moved to Portland after getting married in

2013. Schumacher asked what they found to be most pleasing and what was more of a problem when walking in the neighborhood. On the positive side, the river, boats, and large shade trees all provide nice scenery. But speeding traffic on Grove Street, including pickup trucks pulling boat trailers, is unnerving. There are no sidewalks in the area, and while they would like to extend their range to use the sidewalk on High Street leading to the schools, crossing Marlborough Street feels too scary. They were glad to hear that the Portland Complete Streets Group facilitated a state grant to construct a sidewalk on Riverside Street between Chatham Court and Marlborough Street, along with a safer, more visible pedestrian crossing of Marlborough Street. That will help Crystal, Melanie, and Echo.

John Hall is the executive director of the *Jonah Center for Earth and Art*, and member of *Portland's Complete Streets Group*.

### Zion Lutheran Church News

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

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

**Outdoor Worship:** On the second Sunday of each month this summer, worship will be held outdoors on the front lawn in front of the Fellowship Hall (weather permitting). The remaining date is Aug. 14. Bring your own chair(s), a hat, sunglasses, water, anything to make your-

self comfortable, especially if it's sunny and hot. Worship will be indoors for the other Sundays this summer.

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.

### Dean's List

Portland resident Thomas S. Stoto made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Fairfield University in Fairfield.

### Resident Graduates

Megan Alexandra Kelley of Portland recently graduated cum laude from Western New England University in Springfield, Mass., with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication, with a public relations concentration.

### Dean's List

The following Portland residents made the spring 2022 Dean's List at Goodwin University in East Hartford:

Nicole Augeri, Liberty Carrier, Emily Culbert, Carol Grosso, Rose Koffman, Jennifer Leary and Amber Ryan.

### President's List

Portland residents Emily Culbert and Carol Grosso made the spring 2022 President's List at Goodwin University in East Hartford.

## Portland Library News & Notes

Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., is open, with no appointments needed. Wireless is available. Registration required for all programs unless noted. For more info, to register, 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.

**Youth Programs: Summer Reading:** This year's program theme is "Beyond the Beaten Path." A schedule of upcoming events is posted on the library website. Registration is underway.

**Stories in the Great Outdoors:** For birth-5 years. Mondays through Aug. 1, 11 a.m., at the gazebo on the Town Green. Bring a blanket and listen to stories, rhymes and songs about the great outdoors. Registration is required.

**Camping Capers:** For kids going into grades K-2. Wednesdays through Aug. 3, 11 a.m. Discover some of the best parts of camping in the great outdoors (or at least the library lawn). Set up a tent, make lanterns, and follow clues to see what animals have been at the campsite. There will also be s'mores, water balloon games, crafts, and ice cream too. Registration is required.

**Summer Camp-Capades!:** For kids going into grades 3-5. Tuesdays through Aug. 2, 11 a.m. Each week, enjoy a different aspect of summer, from traditional camp crafts to learning survival skills. Registration is required.

**Free Family Shows:** Wednesdays through Aug. 3, 6:30 p.m. Most shows are on the Town Green. Shows are: 7/27: **Ben Anna Band:** This

is a high-energy musical duo that performs children's songs with a twist, focusing on inclusion. 8/3: **StoryFaces:** Artist Christopher Agostino will bring a classic folktale to life by painting the faces of volunteers to help set the scene as he tells his story.

**Teen Programs: National Library Lock-In:** Friday, July 29, 7-10 p.m. Teens are invited to visit the library after closing time. The night will include games, crafts and food. Registration is required and space is limited.

**Adult Programs: Adult Summer Reading Program:** When you sign up for the program, you receive a coupon for a free book/books (up to \$2 in value) from the Friends' Ongoing Book Sale, and another coupon when you log 2,000 pages. For every 250 pages the Adult Summer Reading participants of Portland Library log as a group, the library will donate funding for two musical instrument rental scholarships for the 2022-23 school year for two students at Brownstone Intermediate School.

**Multi-Generational Drumming Circles:** Mondays, July 25 and Aug. 22, 6:30 p.m., on Waverly Green, or indoors at the library if weather is inclement.

**Portland Library App:** Wherever you find your apps, look for Library Connection Mobile. Find eBooks, the library's webpage and Facebook; reserve items including books, DVDs, yard, and museum passes. Connect to the library calendar to find out what is happening at the library including public meetings and library programs. Search the library catalog and many online resources.

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

## First Congregational Church News

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

For the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 24, Deacon Steve Demarest will give the sermon. The scriptures are from Ephesians, 1 Corinthians and Matthew. Music director Kasha Breau will provide special music including "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts." A time for fellowship and refreshments follows the service.

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

for more information.

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

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

### Dean's List

Portland residents Desmond Cleary and Theresa Rodriguez made the spring 2022 Dean's List at the University of Hartford.

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## Books for the Beach Sale

All are invited to stock up on books for their vacation reading at the annual Friends of the Portland Library Books for the Beach sale, which runs until Friday, July 29.

Shop during regular library hours for mysteries, fiction, romance, teen and children's books. 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. There are also mystery and general fiction books that have been removed from the library collection, all for a special price of

four for \$1.

The Friends group also has "I Love CT Libraries" reusable bags on sale for \$1 each. Stop by the library and fill a bag with enough great titles to last through the summer.

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

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

## Parks and Rec. News & Notes

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

**Tai Chi for Long Life:** Wednesdays through Aug. 10 (no class July 20), 9:15-10:15 a.m., at Buck Foreman Community Center, or Saturdays through July 30, 10:30-11:15 a.m., at Riverfront Park. Fee: \$7 to drop-in.

**Summer Concert Series:** Concerts are Tuesdays at Riverfront Park, 284 Brownstone Ave., starting at 6:30 p.m. The schedule is: July 26, Changes in Latitude; Aug. 2, Mixed Signals; and Aug. 9, Juice Box. Bring chairs, a blanket, and picnic dinner if desired. Rain dates, if needed are Tuesdays, Aug. 16 and 23, at 6 p.m. For updates, call 860-262-7234.

**Summer Quest:** The camps (Kiddie Camp – age 3-5, Base Camp – entering grades 1-6, and Teen Camp – entering grades 7-9) are underway. More detailed information is on the Parks and Rec. website.

**Junior Golf Workshops:** Registration is cur-

rently open for these workshops for children in grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. This program takes place on Mondays from Sept. 12-Oct. 3.

**Portland Youth Flag Football:** There is an eight-week season and playoffs. Games and practices take place at Bransfield Park (Rose Hill). Visit [CTFlagfootball.com](http://CTFlagfootball.com) to register. Each player receives a jersey and flag belt.

**Summer Fun Runs:** Wednesdays through Aug. 17 (started July 6), 5-7 p.m., at the Portland Rec. Complex. There are four different races based on age range: Kiddos (6 and under): 400 meters; Intermediate (7-10): 800 meters; Juniors (11-13): 1,800 meters; High School (14-18)/Open (19-44)/Masters (45-59)/Grand Masters (60+): 3,200 meters. All are invited.

**Slamma-Jamma Basketball:** Aug. 8-12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., for children in grades 3-8. All participants will receive a free ball and a free shirt. The camp will be led by PHS head boys' basketball coach David Bradbury and members of the boys and girls high school basketball teams.

## YFS News & Notes

Portland Youth & Family Services has announced the following pieces of news. For more information, visit [www.portlandct.org/youth-services](http://www.portlandct.org/youth-services) or the YFS Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/PortlandCTYouth](https://www.facebook.com/PortlandCTYouth), email [jrevicki@portlandct.org](mailto:jrevicki@portlandct.org), or call 860-342-6758. To receive email updates about YFS programs and events, sign up at [eepurl.com/h5m35](http://eepurl.com/h5m35).

**Drop-In for Board Games:** The YFS board games groups continue over the summer in the community room. Brownstone Intermediate students can come from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, and middle and high school-aged kids can come from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17.

**Backpacks Program:** YFS is looking ahead to the start of the next school year, and will provide backpacks and school supplies for Portland students in need. Contact Jesse at YFS to sign up. Backpacks will be handed out in August.

**Little Hikers:** There are multiple hikes scheduled for August. There will be an intergenerational one Friday, Aug. 5, at 10:30 a.m., at the Rec Complex, where local seniors are going to join in. Local high school student Annette LeShane will lead two other hikes as part of her capstone project and the library's "Off the Beaten Path" Summer Reading Program. The first is Saturday, Aug. 6, at 10:30 a.m., at

the Portland Reservoir for kids ages 6 to 8. The second hike is on Friday, Aug. 12, at 10:30 a.m., at the Portland Reservoir for kids ages 3 to 5. Check out the YFS or library websites for more info and to sign up.

**Drop-in and Draw:** July's Drop-in and Draw was this week. The next one is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 9, from 1:30-4:30 p.m., in the YFS Community Room, 265 Main St. This mostly unstructured program gives youth of all ages a chance to meet up and spend some time doing artwork, of whatever they want. Drawing materials, paints, stencils, stamps, and more will be available. Parents of younger children are encouraged to participate. Kids can come when they want and stay for as long as they want.

**"This is Us, Portland" Prevention Council & Wellness Council:** YFS is building up its Prevention & Wellness Council to work on local issues, such as: education about drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products; coordination of healthy community events; promotion of positive mental health and wellness; and prevention through programs and community discussions. If interested in learning more, including how to get involved, call 860-342-6758 or email Meg at [mescata@portlandct.org](mailto:mescata@portlandct.org).

## 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.

## Portland Class Reunion

There will be a 1981 and 1982 Portland class reunion Saturday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m., at Campagna Restaurant, 151 Marlborough St., Portland.

All graduates from the Portland High School, Xavier, Mercy and Vinal classes of 1981 and 1982 are invited. Cost is \$40 per person, and includes a buffet dinner, music and more. There will be a cash bar.

Text Jill Weiner Marocchini at 860-634-4385 if interested. Details will follow.

## PHS Class of '72 Reunion

Portland High School Class of 1972 will have its 50th reunion Sept. 17 at Red Fox Restaurant in Middletown. If your address, phone or email has changed, you're asked to see PHS72 on Facebook to update.

For more information, call Dineen Coughlin Rivera at 860-833-3042 or Sue Sciacca Larson at 860-918-4906. Organizers are missing info on several class members, so people are asked to provide updates on Facebook.



**Top Dog Winners...** Portland's 2022 "Top Dog" is Zoey, and her owners are Deborah Clark and Jonathan Clark. Zoey, a 5-year-old Maltese, is shown here with Deborah Clark. Coming in second was Ripley, a 7-year-old Lab mix belonging to Cheryl and Kevin Goodell, and coming in third was Jenna, a 10-year Labrador retriever belonging to the Medvecky family. As a result of the contest, over 150 pounds of dog and cat food were collected for the Portland Food Bank.

## Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

The First Congregational Church of Portland invites all to its annual Ecumenical Vacation Bible School program – which this year is entitled "Food Truck Party."

Vacation Bible School will be held Thursday and Friday, Aug. 25 and 26, from 5-7 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 27, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be recreational games, crafts, music, skits, stories, snacks and more. Each registered camper will receive a custom-made "Food Truck Party" T-shirt and a music CD.

Four-year olds (it is recommended that they have completed a year of preschool) through fifth-graders are invited. Registration is now open. Cost is \$40 per child. Download registration forms from [www.firstchurchportlandct.org](http://www.firstchurchportlandct.org)

Deadline to register is Aug. 1.

Also, adult and teen/tween volunteers are needed. For more information, call the church at 860-342-3244 or email Ann Labby at [labyanm@gmail.com](mailto:labyanm@gmail.com).

## Trinity Episcopal Church News

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

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

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

The church will celebrate "First Sundays on Main" again this summer, with services on our lawn at 9:30 a.m. on Aug. 7 and Sept. 4 (weather permitting). All are invited; bring a chair.

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

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

## Portland's New Pace Car Initiative

Portland's Complete Streets Group (CSG) invites Portland residents to participate in the Pace Car program by signing a pledge to drive safely, courteously, within the speed limit, and to share the road with pedestrians and cyclists.

The Pace Car program is an educational and awareness campaign with a goal to encourage drivers to be more aware of their habits and set positive examples within their community. This pledge is only meant for each individual driver to be aware of and reflect on their own driving habits, not to evaluate other drivers or attempt to enforce laws. Pace Car participants will receive a free decal to put on their back wind-

shield upon signing the pledge.

Pledge forms can be found at the Portland Police Department and will be available soon on the Portland town website, [www.portlandct.org](http://www.portlandct.org). Completed forms must be submitted to the Portland Police Department to receive the decal.

For more information, visit the "Complete Streets Portland" Facebook page or call Portland PD at 860-342-6780.

## 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.

## Public Input Wanted

The Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments has completed a draft of the first Regional Housing Plan for the RiverCOG region – which includes the towns of East Hampton and Portland – and is seeking public comment on the plan.

The draft is open to comment through Wednesday, July 27. Visit [www.rivercog.org/projects/rhp](http://www.rivercog.org/projects/rhp) to view the draft plan and fill in the comment form. Comments also may be emailed to [info@rivercog.org](mailto:info@rivercog.org).

## Resident Earns Faculty Honors

Kaitlyn Tran of Portland earned Faculty Honors for spring 2022 at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 academic average for the semester.

## 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.

## Primary Voter Enrollment Session

The Portland registrar of voters will hold a voter enrollment session at Portland Town Hall, 33 East Main St., on Tuesday, July 26, from 1-7 p.m., in advance of the upcoming primary election.

Residents may register to vote, and the registrar of voters will also hear requests for adding names to the registry list by persons removed.

## Police News

7/11: John Grimshaw, 56, of 146 Jobs Pond Rd., was arrested and charged with second-degree failure to appear, Portland Police said.

7/12: John Rogers, 32, of Hartford, was charged with two counts of third-degree burglary, third-degree larceny and third-degree criminal trespass, police said.

# Obituaries

## Portland

### Patricia Hutchinson

Patricia Ann (Bean) Hutchinson, 86, of Berlin, formerly of East Hampton, wife of the late William T. Hutchinson, passed away Sunday, July 17, at Midstate Medical Center. Born in Concord, N.H., she was the daughter of the late Vernon and Dorothy (Corson) Bean.



Pat had lived in Berlin since 2009 and prior to that, East Hampton for 40 years. She raised and showed German shepherds for 28 years, with her best accomplishment being Bruno, her AKC Champion. For Pat, family was the most important part of her life, especially her granddaughters.

She is survived by a son, Mark Hutchinson and his wife Christine of East Hampton; a daughter, Cathy Westerberg and her husband Peter of Middletown; two siblings, Richard Bean of Rochester, N.H., and Katherine Brownell of Rochester, N.H.; three granddaughters, Micayla Westerberg and her partner Nicholas Gervais, Laura St. John and her husband Justin and Jessica Hutchinson; and Pat's special buddy, "Freddy" the cat.

A private graveside service will be held in the State Veterans Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Pat's memory may be made to Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, 103 Vision Way, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

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

Adam S. Boerenko (spouse Ivelisse Boerenko), Erik Boerenko (spouse Kelly Boerenko). She will be missed by her three nieces, Victoria Boerenko, Alyssa Boerenko, Kylie Boerenko; and her nephew, Garrett Boerenko.

Sheryl was full of life and she showed it by the love she gave her grandchildren, family, friends and dogs Skye and Harley. A lover of animals, Sheryl was never without a dog, she even brought them when she traveled in her toy hauler/camper. She loved traveling to the southern states and loved country music. She visited and rode on Bill's Harley through the Smokey Mountains, Blue Ridge Mountains, and Nashville, Tenn. She also loved the Bahamas and the beach where she made many friends. At home: Nana's grandkids, gardening and family were her enjoyment.

Last but not least, Sheryl even shared her love with non-family members, like her daughter's best friend Tanya, who was like a second daughter to her. Engraved on a gift bracelet: "I didn't give you life, but life gave me you" ...in a letter wrote:

"I couldn't have loved you more if you were my very own. Thank you for the privilege of being your extra Mom. In my heart you have always been, and will always be, my daughter. I love you."

Sheryl showed that love has no boundaries. She will be forever in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, our family asks that you consider a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([www.StJude.org/donate](http://www.StJude.org/donate)).

## East Hampton

### Bonnie Ricci

Bonnie Jean (Butler) Ricci, 61, of East Hampton, wife of the late Donald T. Bartram, passed away peacefully at her home Wednesday, July 13, surrounded by her loving, supportive family. Born in New Haven, she was the daughter of Benjamin F. Butler, Jr. and Valerie (Lang) Butler of East Hampton.



Bonnie had been a resident of Connecticut for most of her life. She graduated from Richard C. Lee High School in New Haven. She enjoyed modeling for years, modeling gowns of Marilyn Monroe, Cher, Rita Hayworth and many others. She was also a dancer, dancing at Miss Judy's in Hamden. Bonnie loved to cook, ride motorcycles and attend truck shows.

Bonnie had a kind, gentle heart, always looking to lend a hand to others. Her warming smile invited anyone that met her to get to know her almost instantly. Most recently, Bonnie began her relationship with the Lord and enjoyed attending church regularly.

Along with her parents, Bonnie is survived by three sons, Robert B. Butler of New Haven, Steven P. Ricci (April) of Orange Park, Fla., and Brendan D. Ricci (Cassandra) of Waterford, N.Y.; granddaughter, Isabella Ricci; three sisters, Cheryl Powers (Michael) of Norwich, Marilyn Powers (Raymond) of West Haven and Susan Lazzari (Artie) of East Hampton; a loving cousin, Linda Yarish of Friendship, Tenn.; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held today, Friday, July 22, at 11 a.m., at Victory Church, 191 Meriden Rd., Middlefield. Family and friends may call before the celebration from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

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

## Portland

### Henrietta Prickett

Henrietta (Tokarz) Prickett, 75, of Portland, passed away peacefully Sunday, July 17. She was born Dec. 9, 1946, in Middletown, to the late Adolph and Tessie (Bajorek) Tokarz. In 1985, she married the love of her life, Gordon Prickett.



Henrietta worked as an administrative assistant for Connecticut Underwriters and worked for Wannerstrom's Appliances in Portland for 30 years and was a lifelong member of St. Mary Church in Portland. Henrietta was an avid reader, enjoyed doing puzzles, family trips to Hampton Beach and going to the casino with her beloved husband and sister.

Henrietta was predeceased by her husband, Gordon Prickett and her brother, Edward Tokarz. She will be lovingly missed by her sister, Catherine Tokarz of Portland; her son and daughter-in-law Alan and Sheri Prickett of Manchester; her son Scott Prickett of Vernon; five grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Diane Tokarz of East Hampton, her nephew and his wife William and Allison Tokarz of East Hampton; her niece and her family, Tracy and Chris Moody, Brooke and Jordan Moody of Virginia.

The funeral services will be held Saturday, July 23, at 10:30 a.m., in the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St, Portland. Burial will be in the family plot in St. Mary's Cemetery, Portland. Friends may call at the funeral home on Saturday morning from 9 a.m. until the time of the service.

## East Hampton

### Robert Smith Reilly

Robert (Bob) Smith Reilly of Naples, Fla., (formerly East Hampton), husband of the late Sarah (Sadie) Ann McCarn Trainer Reilly, passed away Friday, June 10, at the age of 85. After several weeks of declining health, Bob died peacefully with his family and his friend and longtime caregiver, Pat Mobley, by his side.



Bob was born in New Haven Feb. 5, 1937, and was the son of the late George and Katherine Smith Reilly. Bob was predeceased by his brothers George, Arthur, Francis, Edward, his sister MaryAnne, and his nephew George Reilly.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Patricia (Patty) Reilly of Colchester, and his son, Robert (Bob) Arthur Reilly and his wife Kirsten (Strickland) Reilly of East Hampton, as well as his grandchildren, Meghan Reilly, Ian Reilly and Sean Reilly. He is also survived by his nieces, Judy (Reilly) Soprano and her husband Mike, Kathy (Reilly) Nuzzo and her husband Mickey, Sally (Reilly) Mancuso and her husband Steve, Patricia Lynn Reilly and her sister Maggie Rose (Kathleen Reilly) and his nephew Thomas Reilly and his wife Margaret.

Bob was immensely proud to have served in the United States Marine Corps, making the level of sergeant. Bob was employed with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for 38 years and served as the president of the Right-of-Way Association. Bob was also a member and state advocate for the Knights of Columbus in the late '70s and early '80s. Bob also was a real estate broker. Despite his late

wife Sadie's love of the Red Sox, Bob was an avid Yankee fan, which brought about many interesting discussions!

Bob shared and instilled his Irish heritage to his children which brought countless smiles and laughs and will be remembered by all the fun times they shared together, his smile, his laugh, his helpfulness and just being a nice guy.

Bob moved to Naples, Fla., after the death of his wife, Sadie, and became the president of the Lakewood Association and helped many a resident there with any problems that arose. He was very well liked and will be sorely missed by the remaining friends and neighbors.

At this time there are no services planned; however, there may be a graveside service planned later. People wishing to honor Bob can make donations to Ray of Light Farm. Send all donations to 232 Town St., East Haddam, CT 06423.

## Lebanon

### Kathleen Markey Shannon

Kathleen (Kay) Markey Shannon, 73, of Lebanon, passed away Wednesday, July 13. She was born Feb. 18, 1949, in Norwich, to the late Francis and Alice (McCabe) Markey.



She grew up in Norwich, spending summers at Lord's Point, where she met the love of her life, Peter Shannon, who predeceased her by 10 months. They were married in 1970, and settled in Lebanon. Kay had a degree in teaching, but chose to leave teaching to raise her family. She will be remembered as the best mom who excelled at cooking, sewing, and knitting. She loved her family beyond measure, but nothing made her happier than spending time with her grandchildren. Her children were so lucky to have a mom who dedicated at least one day a week to her grandchildren while they were small, enabling relationships between her and her grandchildren that were truly beautiful. She was a woman who may have been stubborn to a fault, but she was also generous to a fault, with both her time and her material possessions. She is a woman who cared deeply.

Kay will be so very missed by her children, Matt Shannon and his wife Roberta Romeo Shannon, Timothy Shannon, and Meghan Shannon Regan and her husband Kevin Regan. She leaves behind three beloved grandchildren, Evan Shannon and Liam and Shannon Regan. She also leaves behind sisters Susan Noyes, Betsy Murkett and Peggy Dougherty, and brother Frank Markey. She will be lovingly remembered by nieces Mara, Casey, and Brynn Dougherty, with whom she had very special bonds. She will also be missed by sisters in law, brothers in law, and many nieces and nephews, and some very close friends.

Services were held at Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester, on Tuesday, July 19. A graveside service and burial followed immediately at the New Lebanon Cemetery on Waterman Road in Lebanon.

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

## Colchester

### Sheryl Lynn Bakaj

It's with heavy hearts and much sorrow that we announce the passing of Sheryl Lynn Boerenko Bakaj, 58, on Saturday, July 16. Sheryl was born Dec. 9, 1963, in New Hartford, N.Y., to Rosemary K. Peck and Adam S. Krawczyk III.



Predeceased by her dad Adam at a very young age, her mom Rosemary then married Donald C. Boerenko, who graciously adopted both her and her younger brother. Donald and Rosemary moved to Colchester in 1969 where they decided to settle and still reside. Sheryl went to Colchester public schools and graduated from Bacon Academy in 1982. Sheryl then went on to college at Eastern Connecticut State University and then on to nursing school and became a nurse. She loved her job and loved helping people. Sheryl later had a family of her own and settled down in East Hampton.

She leaves behind the love of her life, William Bakaj; her daughter, Megan Pease and spouse (Kevin Pease); and her son, Matt Cavanaugh and spouse (Victoria Cavanaugh). She will be dearly missed by her three grandchildren, Jenna, Lily and Matt Jr. Sheryl is also survived by her mother, Rosemary K. Boerenko; her dad, Donald C. Boerenko; and her two brothers,

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★ **Hebron Project cont. from page 1**  
area to move forward with the project,” Tierney said.

The report does indicate that the town could do a more extensive title search, Tierney said.

At meetings, some residents have voiced concerns that building the facility on Kinney Road would destroy local history.

Kevin Tulimieri of Kinney Road, who has been a voice of opposition to the facility coming to the location, attended a Public Building Committee meeting Monday. The project was on the agenda.

Putting the facility on the site would be “really dangerous for the groundwater and the aquifer,” Tulimieri said. “I really don’t think this is the right location and for many reasons, including historic reasons and environmental.”

Baron was also at the meeting and told the committee he worked with Holmes and had additional information that was not in her report.

In an email to the *Rivereast*, Baron said he wished an extensive title search had been done prior to the town’s purchase of the property.

“The land was evaluated for environmental factors, but not historical associations before it was purchased,” he said. “So this is all happening after the fact of purchase, rather than before as it should have been.”

Baron said stonewalls on the property hold historic significance and link it back to former owners such as Henry Peters, the son of Cesar Peters – a locally well-known freed slave – Governor John S. Peters, Judge Sylvester Gilbert, and the Backus family.

“What’s emerging from the research, which is far from complete, is an interconnected Hebron Center economic unit of local elites using free African American labor to run their farms,” Baron said. “African American farmers were noted for their skill with stonewalls and thus the stonewalls on the land take on increased historical importance.”

Baron said he hopes the town will preserve the stonewalls.

“It would be a shame to bulldoze the walls and replace them with meaningless curvilinear suburban roads that bear no relationship to the lands character,” he said. “While preserving the stonewalls on the Horton property does not prevent the land from being developed, they should be respected for what they represent – Hebron’s rural historic character, which the Hebron

Board of Selectmen are obligated by their job description to maintain.”

Tierney said the town would do its best to preserve the site.

“They’re asking us to keep as many large trees and stone walls as we can,” he said. “Of course we’re going to do that.”

While some residents have said the plan to build a public works facility on the property runs contrary to the town’s Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), Tierney said there are “many areas” where the plan meets the POCD.

Former Town Planner Mike O’Leary and the Planning and Zoning Commission said as much after performing a previous review of the property, Tierney said.

In a memo dated Aug. 14 of last year, O’Leary said that on Feb. 26, 2019, the commission unanimously approved a motion recommending the town purchase the property for a future municipal complex.

Per that motion, “Purchase of this parcel is consistent with a number of Goals and Policies in the 2014 Town of Hebron Plan of Conservation and Development,” O’Leary wrote.

The selectmen then moved forward on the basis of that review, Tierney said.

Tierney noted there are a lot of rumors about the project – and recommended that residents seek out “factual information.”

“I would really stress that people go to our website,” he said. “Form your own opinion on why the Board of Selectmen is moving forward with this project.”

Tierney said he hopes the facility will be environmentally-friendly.

Salt, the storage of which has been an area of consternation among residents, will be housed in a barn and employees will be able to load

the material onto trucks under cover, the town manager added.

Tierney said residents have made various suggestions for the Public Works facility – such as expanding its current home on Old Colchester Road or finding an alternative location – but said those alternatives have already been considered by the Board of Selectmen, and found unviable.

“They keep suggesting things that town and building committee have looked into,” he reiterated. “If there was anything else we could’ve done – we being the Board of Selectmen – we would’ve.”

He said the board recognizes that building a new public works facility is not a popular idea but is necessary.

The current facility is cramped with limited office and storage space, a tiny kitchenette, inadequate facilities and break room and no bunks or sleeping quarters for staff during overnight storm events.

“The Board of Selectmen and town recognize people have concerns but the Board of Selectmen have to wear many hats,” Tierney said. “They have to be environmentally responsible, fiscally responsible. They have to provide safety to the public and economic development. They have to keep the town moving forward.”

Tierney said some residents have given inaccurate estimates for the build.

“It’s not a \$50 million price tag,” he said, referring to a figure that’s often been tossed around, including in letters to the editor in the *Rivereast*.

Although the project has not officially been priced out yet, initial estimates put it at approximately \$10 million, Tierney said.

**LEGAL NOTICE  
MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Marlborough Town Hall  
(26 No Main.)**

The Marlborough Zoning Commission will hold the following Public Hearing on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM at 26 No Main St. (Marlborough Town Hall)

**APPLICATIONS**  
#Z-04-22 – Marlborough One, LLC – Regulation Amendment to Article 8 (A) D Design Business Industrial Park Zone (DBIPZ) Permitted Uses in DBIPZ #2 – to add Self-Storage Facility as a permitted use & Amendment to Article Ten E.2 Off-Street Parking to add the parking requirement for Self-Storage Facility.  
#Z-05-22 – Marlborough One, LLC (Property Owner) – Zoning Map Amendment – 37 Hebron Road – Change Zone from DBIPZ #1 to DBIPZ #2.  
#Z-06-22 – Marlborough One, LLC (Property Owner) – 37 Hebron Road, Special Permit – Self Storage Facility.  
**Amendment to Article Six F – Floating Zones – Design Multiple Residents, Adult Living Development, & Planned Residential Recreational Developmental Public Hearing 8/4**  
Written testimony will be received at the public hearing and written testimony can be sent to the Building /Land Use Department at Town Hall ahead of the public hearing. All testimony and application materials will be available to the public on the Town Website, [www.Marlboroughct.net](http://www.Marlboroughct.net), under Minutes/Agendas then Agenda 2022 then Zoning Commission.  
Kevin Asklar, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR 2TB 7/22, 7/29

**LEGAL NOTICE  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
TOWN OF HEBRON, CONNECTICUT**

The Hebron Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 7:30 PM, to be held virtually through the GoToMeeting Platform, concerning the following:

**Petition 2022 – 3.** Request of Frank Teodosio, Owner, for a variance to Section 2.E.4 of the Hebron Zoning Regulations, to allow a portion of a 520 square foot carport 8.1 feet from the side property line where 20 feet is required by the Regulations, on premise located at 3 Lebanon Road, Residence 1 (R-1) District.

Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, on this 14th day of July 2022.  
Martin Halloran, Chairperson  
**Interested persons may appear and all written communications will be received.**

**Legal Notice will be published in the Rivereast News Bulletin on Friday, July 22, 2022 and Friday, July 29, 2022.**

Legal Notice will be published on the Town of Hebron Website at <https://hebronct.com/agendas/>

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

At the July 14, 2022 meeting, the following action was taken:  
**APPROVED:** Application #21-16: 164 Main Street. Request for TCVD approval for building signage for 164 Main Street as proposed by the applicant and recommended by the TCVD Design Consultant. Application of The Hop Knot. Property of SMS Portland LLC. Assessor’s Map 19, Lot 38. Zone B3/TCVD.  
Dated at Portland, CT, this 15th day of July 2022  
Robert Ellsworth, Chairman  
Planning & Zoning Commission 1TB 7/22

**TOWN OF PORTLAND**

Legal notice to the taxpayers of the Town of Portland that the first installment of real estate and personal property taxes if over \$100.00 on the Grand List of October 1, 2021 are due and payable July 1, 2022. If the amount owed is \$100.00 or under the bill is due in full. Motor vehicle taxes are due and payable in full by August 2, 2022.  
Taxes not paid in full on or before August 2, 2022 become delinquent and are subject to interest of 1.5% from due date of July 1, 2022.  
Minimum interest charge will be \$2.00.  
Quarterly Water and/or sewer usage bills are due and payable July 15, 2022. Payment not made in full on or before August 16, 2022 will be subject to interest of 1.5% per month from due date. Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the tax. Please contact the Collector of Revenue immediately if you do not have a bill, for tax information or to **PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE.** Visit our website [www.portlandct.org](http://www.portlandct.org).  
The Collector of Revenue and Revenue Collection Assistant are available by telephone (860) 342-6737 or email [cgotta@portlandct.org](mailto:cgotta@portlandct.org).  
The staff will be out of the office on Monday, July 4, 2022 in observance of Independence Day.  
The normal staffing hours are as follows:  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Cynthia L. Gotta CCMC  
Town of Portland  
Collector of Revenue 3TB 6/24, 7/8, 7/22

**TOWN OF HEBRON  
TAX COLLECTOR'S LEGAL NOTICE**

Taxes levied on the Grand List of October 1, 2021 become due and payable on July 1, 2022. Real Estate tax bills of less than \$250, Personal Property tax bills, and Motor Vehicle tax bills shall be due in a single installment on July 1, 2022. Real Estate tax bills over \$250 shall be due and payable in two equal installments on July 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023.  
Taxes received/postmarked by **August 1, 2022** will be considered timely. Payments received/postmarked August 3rd or later will be subject to interest of 1.5% per month or 18 % annually from the due date in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes. Initial interest starting August 2nd is 3% of outstanding taxes with a **minimum** of \$2.00 per tax account. **State Statutes dictate that failure to receive a bill does not invalidate amount due.**  
Please make checks payable to: **Town of Hebron.** Payments may be mailed to: **Tax Collector, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT 06248-0134.** A secured drop-off box is located on the lower level, south side of the building for payments. Please see the town’s website [www.hebronct.com](http://www.hebronct.com) for on-line payment options.  
The Collector’s office is located in the lower level of the Town Hall at 15 Gilead Street. Our hours are Monday to Wednesday 8:00am to 4:00pm, Thursday 8:00am to 6:00pm, and Friday 8:00am to 1:00pm. The Tax and Assessor’s Offices will close from 12:30 to 1:15 Monday – Thursday for lunch to accommodate a reduction in staff.  
Respectfully,  
Adrian MacLean  
Hebron Revenue Collector 3TB 6/24, 7/1, 7/22

**LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
ATTENTION ALL TAXPAYERS**

Notice is hereby given to the Town of East Hampton taxpayers that taxes for real estate, personal property and motor vehicles levied on the Grand List of October 1, 2021 are due and payable on July 1, 2022. The last day on which to pay without penalty is August 1, 2022. Real estate and personal property taxes over \$100 may be paid in two equal installments; July 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Real estate and personal property taxes are based on a mill rate of 34.66 mills which equates to \$34.66 in taxes per \$1,000 of net assessed value. Motor vehicle tax is based on the state capped mill rate of 32.46 mills. Tax bills are mailed on June 29, 2022.  
Late payments will be subject to interest penalty at the rate of 1 ½% per month or a fraction thereof, 18 % per annum, from the due date of the tax, as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-130, 145 and 146. Payments legibly postmarked by the USPS on or before August 1, 2022 are considered on time regardless of when they are received by the Tax Office. Payments received August 2, 2022 and later, including payments postmarked August 2, and later, are considered past due. The minimum interest charge is \$2 on each tax bill. A returned check fee is \$20.  
As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt the taxpayer from payment of all taxes and interest charges should the tax become delinquent.  
Please make checks payable to: Town of East Hampton. Payments may be mailed to Collector of Revenue, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. Pay online by visiting [www.easthamptonct.gov](http://www.easthamptonct.gov) Hours of collection are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am – 6:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am – 12:30 pm.  
Respectfully,  
Kristy L. Merrifield, CCMC  
Collector of Revenue 3TB 6/24, 7/8, 7/22

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# LEGALS

## TOWN OF COLCHESTER LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on July 27, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. to hear and consider the following petitions:

1. **Niantic Bay Group LLC – Special Permit (2022-007)**  
– Proposed 20 unit multi-family residential project on approximately 6 acres in the Town Center Village district and Aquifer Protection Zone.  
At this hearing interested persons may be heard and written communications received. A copy of this petition is in the Planning Department, Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, and may be inspected during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).  
Planning and Zoning Commission  
Joseph Mathieu, Chair

2TB 7/15, 7/22

## PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF LAKE HAYWARD LEGAL NOTICE PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

All persons liable to pay real estate taxes to the Property Owners' Association of Lake Hayward as levied on the October 1, 2021, Grand List are hereby notified that the taxes are due and payable on July 1, 2022, at the mill rate of 4.6120. The taxes will become delinquent on August 1, 2022, if not paid by this date. Delinquent tax bills shall be subject to interest of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month reverting to the due date, July 1, 2022. The minimum interest charge is \$2.00. All persons in the Tax District who do not receive a tax bill should call the Tax Collector at 860-295-8769 to obtain their bill before the end of the grace period, August 1, 2022. Failure to receive a property tax bill does not invalidate the payment of the tax or related delinquent interest charge if not paid by August 1, 2022. Tax payments shall be made by mail to Tax Collector, Property Owners' Association of Lake Hayward, Post Office Box 230, Colchester, CT 06415.  
Edward F. Bader  
Tax Collector

3TB 7/8, 7/22, 7/29

## 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, August 4, 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:  
Application #21-18: Proposed Amendment to Section 9 of the Town of Portland Zoning Regulations to add a new Section 9.18 under "Special Regulations" for a Cannabis Moratorium.  
PZC Application #22- 01: Main Street, Marlborough Street and west side of Perry Avenue. Request for Special Permit Modification. Application of BRT DiMarco PTP, LLC.  
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 20th day of July 2022  
Robert Ellsworth, Chairman  
Planning & Zoning Commission

2TB 7/22, 7/29

## MIDDLE HADDAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING Thursday, July 28, 2022 6:30 pm at TOWN HALL LEGAL NOTICE

Public hearing will be held to consider the following:  
Application 571 for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 20 Knowles Road – to install 25 feet of 6-foot fencing on the side of the house next to 22 Knowles Road – for applicant Mary Jo Shafer.  
Application 572 for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 57 Middle Haddam Road – to replace the 1950's front door and casing (millwork) with a more historically appropriate door and millwork from the Georgian or Federal period – for applicant George A. Selmont.  
The foregoing applications are available for public review at the East Hampton Building Department. At this hearing interested persons may be heard and written communications will be received.  
Dated: July 20, 2022  
Regina Starolis, MHHDC Clerk

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1TB 7/22

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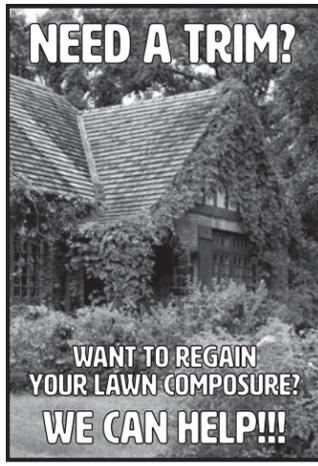
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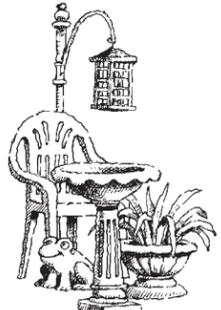
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