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## Portland High Seniors Sent Into Future

By Jack Lakowsky

On Monday, the Portland High School Class of 2023 turned their tassels left and their eyes ahead to bright futures, surpassing that important high school milestone.

Class essayist Cole Bates, in his address to a packed PHS auditorium, summed up the past four years in his speech about what it means to be a Highlander.

He said he expected writing the speech to be easy – turns out, it wasn't.

"It seems to grow deeper" as he explored the idea, he said.

For Bates, the Highlander name has some deep roots – he's had family in Portland schools since the 1960s, and has cousins set to graduate in 2029.

And like his family, Bates' class is a tight knit group, full of "energy and spirit" – a trophy-winning, *Annie*-performing class that stuck together through the good and the bad. The Class of 2023's freshman year was disrupted by the pandemic.

Lastly, Bates announced his class's gift to Portland schools – two benches outside the high school for students to sit on at lunch and during breaks, for a bit of simple relaxation.

"As you prepare to cross the stage," Bates told his friends and classmates, "remember what it means to be a Highlander."

The ceremony's emcee was Student Senate President Lily Larson, who said she is certain her classmates "are ready for any challenge" and to "accomplish great things."

The Class of 2023's salutatorian was Rowan Bell, who started by thanking family members and teachers, friends and family, and said speaking to the community made her feel incredibly honored – and equally terrified.

"This was the hardest thing I ever procrastinated on," said Bell.

Her inspiration for her quote, she said, came



The members of the Portland High School Class of 2023 get ready to head into their next chapters, at Monday night's graduation ceremony. Photo by Laurel Steinhauser.

from a Pinterest quote that, in essence, said the individual is a mosaic of all they experience, learn, and do.

Bell said she's her "mom's drive and wit," her great aunt's smile, her cousin's sarcasm; that she's got the "band kid spirit," the joy of senior skip day beach trips, the dirty feet and sore calves after a dance.

"I'm a mosaic of all I ever knew and loved," said Bell.

Graduate Amelia Ciarleglio was a double whammy achiever – class president and valedictorian.

Ciarleglio said she found penning a "personal yet relatable speech" a challenge, that everyone in the class has such a vast array of experiences.

Then she thought, well, that's true, but there are

threads that pull everyone together.

Especially, she said, music.

"Music is a universal language regardless of our backgrounds," she said.

It has the power to take you back in time, she said, recalling a song she and her classmates sang at their kindergarten graduation over 10 years ago.

Music has always brought the class together – particularly when nearly the whole class performed *Annie Jr.* in fourth grade.

Be it ice skating at Rockefeller Plaza, the class's very own SoundCloud rapper, or simply school dances, music has always brought the class together, Ciarleglio said.

"We're each other's hype team," she said.

Finally, schools superintendent Charles Brit-

ton took the stage to address the soon-to-be-crowned graduates.

He said 2023's high school experience was, for more reasons than one, "unconventional."

Britton reflected on what makes 2023 an unconventional class in an unconventional generation, and how unusual, sometimes adverse, circumstances, and the skills you learn pushing through them, will serve them well.

Britton said the class's dedication to inclusion, diversity, concern for environment and commitment to social justice that has shaped their "unconventional nature" as much as the pandemic, as much as the "technological tsunami" they grew up with and the "massive social changes you have experienced."

"You have experienced unprecedented realities," he said. "For crying out loud, a good portion of our planet is literally on fire."

In such different times, it's no surprise those coming of age would be a little unconventional themselves.

"You must realize you are unconventional in a world that often resists change," Britton said. "You are a threat to the status quo."

He said nonconformity will always lead to some intergenerational conflict "as you begin to assume your place" in the world.

Britton said he believes in and trusts these young adults to overcome situations that try to push them back into orthodoxy.

Nonconformists and unconventional people, he said, are who move the world forward.

"Stay unconventional," Britton said, "and when the history of your generation is written, I am confident future generations will reflect on a world you created that is kinder, more prosperous, healthier, and more verdant and more unconventional."

"Godspeed, Class of 2023."

The full list of graduates will appear in next week's *RiverEast*.

## PHS Scholar Standouts Reflect, Look Ahead

By Josh Howard

Portland High School seniors Amelia Ciarleglio and Rowan Bell received two distinctions last month, finishing as the high school's top two students academically and its Scholar-Athletes of the Year for the 2022-23 school year.

The Scholar-Athlete Program annually recognizes two high school seniors from each high school whose academic and athletic careers have been exemplary, whose personal standards and achievements are a model to others, and who possess high levels of integrity, self-discipline and courage.

**Valedictorian's Interests Run the Gamut**

Along with earning the highest academic achievement of the Class of 2023, Ciarleglio ran cross-country in the fall and outdoor track in the spring.

Ciarleglio said that she was "extremely

shocked" upon finding out she was one of the scholar-athlete selections.

"It's a huge honor. It takes a lot to balance both" academics and athletics, added Ciarleglio. "It means a lot because it shows that my dedication to both doesn't go unnoticed. It's an honor to share it with Rowan as well."

Ciarleglio noted that being on the running teams as PHS taught her the value of teamwork and the dedication it took to be a distance runner.

"Running is a mental sport; you have to be very focused and motivate yourself not to give up," she stated. "Sometimes after a long day of school you just want to go home, but you remember your friends and running buddies, and you make sure to show up for them."

The team captain said that cross-country and

track head coach Isha Murphy made competing for the Highlanders a "super amazing experience," recalling the memories made during team trips to Vermont and New Hampshire.

Logging many miles on the trails and track was just one of the slew of extracurricular activities she participated in at PHS.

In March, Ciarleglio played Lady Larkin in the school's rendition of *Once Upon a Mattress* and she said participating in the theater and creating art herself are two passions that she has had since an early age.

Giving back has also been important to Ciarleglio. Since her freshman year, she ran an annual program called Silver Stockings, collecting everyday goods and gifts and delivering them to senior citizens throughout Portland

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Rowan Bell and Amelia Ciarleglio finished as Portland High School's top two academic students and were selected as the school's Scholar-Athletes of the Year. The two are pictured at the 40th annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington at May 7.

**\* PHS Scholar Standouts, cont. from page 1**

and Middletown around the holidays. She credited both her family and the volunteer students at the high school for making the program a successful one and for making her time at the high school a memorable one.

After several productive years at 95 High St., Ciarleglio said leaving the secondary school will be bittersweet.

"I will miss the people. The teachers are all willing to listen and the students are very supportive," said Ciarleglio, who graduated Monday. "If you need help or you need something, someone is always willing to be there for you. We all know each other extremely well and it's super nice that there is always a helping hand around."

Ciarleglio will now attend College of Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. She is leaning towards studying political science, but stated that she is open to other majors and wants to "explore" all that college has to offer, adding, "College in general is exciting; I'll have my own time."

Whether it's decorating her dorm from floor to ceiling or joining as many performance groups as possible, Ciarleglio said she is ready for what's next.

**'True Definition of a Student Athlete'**

Bell was the school's salutatorian and a two-sport athlete, playing soccer in the fall and basketball in the winter for all four years.

"Rowan was a role model to her teammates, on and off the court," said PHS basketball coach Kelly Coleman. "I have no doubts that she will be successful in the next chapter of her life."

Bell noted that sports have taught her many valuable lessons, including time management, yet it's the teammates she will miss the most.

"Being part of a team means a lot to me. We learned to persevere through hardships," added Bell. "We had so much fun together."

Being selected as a scholar-athlete was rewarding for Bell because she was often a role player on her teams, contributing in whatever capacity she could.

"It means a lot to me because I put in a lot of work; I've always wanted to make my parents proud and my teachers proud," she said. "I've not always been the best athlete, but I always work hard and support my teammates, so it felt nice to be recognized for that."

PHS soccer coach Cory Tobler called Bell the "true definition of a student athlete" and added that her contributions went beyond the field.

"She always made sure everyone on the team was ready to go for game-day and when on the bench she rallied the bench to cheer and stay actively part of the game," added Tobler. "Rowan also excelled off the field and was always working hard in school and doing well. Teammates went to her for help in school and she always said yes to help them out."

Outside of athletics and academics, music has also been a big part of Bell's life, participating in both band and the jazz band at PHS.

Bell expressed that the small-town vibe of the secondary school offered a "feeling of belonging."

"The people here are like home," she added. "We are a community."

However, after living in Portland her entire life, Bell is ready to expand her horizon, saying she feels she has "outgrown" her current surroundings.

She will attend the University of Rhode Island and study pharmacy as part of the school's six-year doctorate program.

"I'm excited to see new perspectives and have new experiences and meet new people," added Bell. "I'm ready to be part of something bigger."

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## From the Editor's Desk

# Observations & Ruminations

By Mike Thompson

This is pretty cool: a Portland resident can now say she's part of an advertising campaign that has won a national award.

Jackie Davis, a diversity, equity, inclusion and engagement coordinator from Portland, was part of the Connecticut Education Association's recent "Because of a Teacher, Every Profession is Possible" public awareness advertising campaign. The campaign, which highlights the enduring, positive influence teachers have on their students' personal, academic and professional achievements, recently won a Telly Award.

The Telly Awards honor excellence in video and television across all screens. Entries are judged by national leaders in the industry, including folks from Adobe, Netflix, Dow Jones, Hearst Media, Nickelodeon, National Geographic Society, and ESPN.

"The ad campaign resonates with everyone, because we can all identify an educator who played a critical role in our lives, inspired us to be the best we can be, and made a lasting impact on who we are today," CEA President

Kate Dias said in a press release. "It showcases how our dedicated educators leave an indelible mark through their passion for teaching, their encouragement, their expertise, and the relationships they form with their students. They do so much more than teach; they inspire, connect, help students reach their full potential, and make them successful adults."

The CEA is the state's largest teachers' union. Its ad campaign featured inspiring interviews with Connecticut residents representing a variety of professions, each telling the story of an educator who believed in them, lit a spark, and helped them on their path to success.

The commercial's closing shot emphasizes the vital role of educators, with the message, "Connecticut public school teachers: dedicated professionals making every profession possible."

Davis was one of several residents, from a wide variety of professions, featured in the campaign.

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**Generations of Guilmettes...** "Guilmette Way," the current street sign at the entry road to Portland High School, honors the four generations of the Guilmette family who have attended and graduated from the school. John and Meghan Guilmette received the naming rights to the entry road earlier this year, with their winning bid at the PHS Goods and Services auction, the annual fundraiser for the sophomore class. Shirley (Randall) Guilmette, the matriarch of Portland's Guilmette family, graduated PHS in 1940, when it was located in the building that is now Brownstone Intermediate School. All of her children attended Portland public schools and her sons belonged to the first classes that graduated from the "new" school that opened at the top of High Street in 1960. Since then, eight of Shirley's grandchildren and ten of her great-grandchildren have graduated from PHS, or are currently attending Portland schools. Four Guilmettes married their PHS sweetheart. The family, representing PHS classes of 1962, 1964, 1966, 1972, 1987, 1990, 1992, 1995, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2014, 2016, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024, and 2030, recently gathered for a photo at Guilmette Way. Family representatives from the classes of 1993, 1996, 2028, and 2029 were not available for the photo.

## Bulletin Board

I was industriously pecking away on my laptop computer at the kitchen table when my wife happened along. Observing my enthusiasm, she immediately suspected trouble.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

Unseduced by her phony nonchalant tone, I said, "Changing my will so that the cat gets the house when I die."

"Oh," she said.

"Aren't you just a little worried?" I prodded.

"Well, there's just two problems with leaving the house to the cat," she remarked.

"Only two?"

"Only two that matter at the moment," she said. "First of all, we don't have a cat."

"Easily remedied," I retorted. "I could get a cat in like probably five seconds. People can't even hardly give those things away they're so prolific. It's shameful, really. They're more sexually active than hippies."

"Secondly," she went on, still annoyingly unperturbed, "the house is in my name."

"Oh," I said. "Yes, that could pose a problem." I paused for a moment and decided that since I was essentially a houseguest, I probably shouldn't take any chances.

"You know," I said, "I was only joking about the house. I was just being—"

"Kind of a jerk?" she suggested.

"Well, you must admit," I said. "I mean, I don't mean to brag or anything, but I am kind of good at it."

"So what are you actually doing?"

"Trying to figure out how to set up my own GoFundMe page."

"For what?"

"For me."

"No, I mean, what's your cause? What's the money for?"

"It's for me."

"Why?"

"Because I like money."

"That's horrible," she said.

"Why?"

"Because, usually people start GoFundMe pages to raise money for some cause, like to pay hospital bills or maybe funeral expenses or something. Some kind of charitable case."

"I'm a charitable case."

"Yes, you most certainly are. But not in the conventional sense."

"Maybe I could invent some horrible disease that would make people feel sorry for me."

"That would be illegal and you know it. Not to mention immoral."

"You're right," I said. "I could never in good conscience cross the thin line of moral propriety merely for thousands—possibly even tens of thousands—of dollars. I couldn't live with myself."

She rolled her eyes.

"That's it!" I said.

"What?"

"You said people raise money for funerals."

"Yes. When they're strapped for cash or it's some sort of tragedy."

"Oh, this would be a tragedy all right."

"How so?"

"I could raise money for my own funeral. What could be more tragic than that?"

"I suppose that depends on who you ask."

"It would be a special funeral fund."

"I don't mean to be unkind, but while you are capable of being mistaken for a corpse—particularly on weekends when there's yard work to be done—you are not actually dead. Strictly speaking, I mean."

"But I will be. I mean someday. And I think it would be entirely appropriate to raise funds against that tragic future event. Of course, in the interim, I'm sure no one would object were I to tap into the fund for expenses—I mean, stuff that would be funeral related, you understand. You know, like clean underwear and maybe a car."

"A car?"

"Sure, something sizable and sufficiently luxurious that would be suitable to transport be-reaved family members to my final resting place."

"Like the prison cemetery, for instance?"

"You're no fun."

"Hey, I've kept you out of jail so far."

"Well, there is that. And I do appreciate it. Really, I do."

I exited from the GoFundMe page and closed my computer. "You know," I said, "I'd let you use the car."

"Forget it," she said. "Just forget it."

Hey, it was worth a shot.

Jim Hallas

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## Corrections

In a story on Portland's Juneteenth celebration, which appeared in the June 2 issue, Barbara Shaw and David Roane were identified as "leaders" of True Vine Holiness Church. This is incorrect. The pastor of True Vine Holiness Church is the Rev. Nathaniel Fountain; Shaw is a trustee of the church, and she and David Roane are Portland natives who helped plan the Juneteenth celebration.

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Also, in last week's story on the East Hampton Board of Finance, a quote that was actually said by Richard Brown was misattributed to fellow board member Russell Bonaccorso. In addition, the vote total from the budget referendum was misreported as being "almost 6,000" when it was actually 2,935. Also, the school budget votes referenced in that story were incorrectly reported. Nearly 2,300 voters said 'no,' while 617 said 'yes' – and not the other way around.

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The *Rivereast* regrets the errors.

## A Busy Weekend

To the Editor:

This year's municipal elections cycle is about to get started and it's a busy weekend for the Republican Party in Hebron. Saturday, we will be at Hebron Day in Burnt Hill Park from 10am to 2pm. I hope you can stop by our booth and talk for a bit about your hopes and concerns for the upcoming elections. Discuss town events and give us your feedback on how we can help keep Hebron the best town in Connecticut to live in.

Monday, June 19th, from 5-7 pm, the Hebron Republican Town Committee will be hosting Pizza & Politics at Gina Marie's restaurant. This is the best opportunity to meet members of the Hebron RTC, current republican members of our town's government, and our representatives in state offices. I hope that you will join us in supporting the volunteers who help keep our town running. Discounted tickets can be purchased ahead of time by emailing Hebron-republicans@gmail.com, or scanning the QR code on one of our flyers around town. Thank you for your continued support and I hope to see you soon.

Keith Petit, Chair  
Hebron Republican Town Committee

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**Trails Day Thanks**

To the Editor:  
On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Air Line Trail Committee we would like to thank those who attended the National Trails Day event. Special thanks to the businesses; Air Line Cycles, Old Bank Flowers & Greenery, Wildcraft Herb Shop, Dexter's Tunes Tales and Ales, Center Package Store, Le Chic Boutique, and Rule of 3 Brewing. Gift certificates in the amount of \$100 from each participating business were handed out following the event for those who attended the trails day event on Saturday, June 3rd, congratulations to all those who won.

We would also like to thank the following groups and town departments for their participation; The Goff House, East Hampton Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts Troop 57, East Hampton Police Department, East Hampton Library, Gioielli Designs and all those who attended the event. Without your participation this event would not have been the success we were hoping for.

We are already planning for National Trails Day 2024 with the hope we can get more people out on our trails to show them the real beauty East Hampton has to offer. We hope you will join us on Saturday, June 1, 2024, for this great event.

Respectfully,  
East Hampton Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and  
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**Vote Carefully**

To the Editor:  
Just to be clear, there was never an \$800,000 cut to the Board of Education.

Before we even had a referendum, administrators were aware of a \$500,000 savings in their insurance costs.

Some folks say the voters were "played." It is unlikely they would have returned that money had the original budget passed. They didn't return their \$250,000 surplus last year. Vote carefully at the next referendum.

**Ted Hintz Jr. - East Hampton**

*Note: Hintz is chair of the East Hampton Housing Authority, but is speaking as an individual.*

**'Survey Says!'**

To the Editor:  
As we continue "family feuding" over the location of Hebron's Public Works, Town Hall created a town survey. A survey that has problems. What stops people from taking it multiple times? Can the public fill out numerous paper surveys? Because it's on the internet, "can anyone from anywhere take the survey?" The survey, based on the honor system, is worrisome.

Recently, the chair of Hebron's Board of Selectmen mentioned fear, love for Town and Country, and confusion over our nation's ever-growing divide. I would like to point out that they are not the only person experiencing fear, confusion and love for town and country. People live with real fear because, every day, U.S. citizens, who love town and country, are being ignored, and this divides us. It's confusing because nobody wants ransacked forests, dead wells, forever chemicals, educational and historical losses or questionable surveys deciding our futures. However, this is what US citizens are getting.

There are numerous legacies to leave your constituency and pollution is only one of them. Instead, why not leave something we can all enjoy, both now and in the future? A gift that keeps on giving, that provides clean water, wildlife habitats, farmland, history, education and trees, and which costs the town little or nothing.

Hebron's town manager announced being against making Hebron into a park (Rivereast, 7/30/21), which is interesting, because that

would actually be a really cool legacy!

The USA now appears heavily invested in waste. Some call it "progress." Others call it "compulsive consumption." Whatever you call it we already have a Public Works location. Hebron's grown and flourished because the Raymond Brook Watershed has always been healthy. Moving this watershed into Open Space and fixing the Old Colchester Road location begins the revolutionary process of closing the divide. #save17

**Jean Tulimieri - Amston**

**Bed, Bath & Beyond Guilty**

To the Editor:  
A grand Jury of citizens in the southern district of Florida voted to issue indictments of Trump on espionage and other charges. Not Joe Biden, not Merrick Garland, not Jack Smith, not the DOJ, not the Democrats. A GRAND JURY indicted Donald J Trump. No one else.

The indictment is a quick read and can be found here: [https://www.justice.gov/storage/US\\_v\\_Trump-Nauta\\_23-80101.pdf](https://www.justice.gov/storage/US_v_Trump-Nauta_23-80101.pdf)

Trump stored boxes containing classified documents in a ballroom, a bathroom and shower, an office space, his bedroom, and a storage room with a copy machine.

"The classified documents Trump stored in his boxes included information regarding defense and weapons capabilities of both the United States and foreign countries; United States nuclear programs; potential vulnerabilities of the United States and its allies to military attack; and plans for possible retaliation in response to a foreign attack. The unauthorized disclosure of these classified documents could put at risk the national security of the United States, foreign relations, the safety of the United States military, and human sources and the continued viability of sensitive intelligence collection methods." (Excerpt from the indictment)

**Annie Steinbrecher - Marlborough**

**To Tell the Truth**

To the Editor:  
The season is upon us for local registered Republicans interested in running for elected office to declare themselves. Some candidates will be new to running for elected office, others are seeking re-election. I urge all voters to be as discerning as possible; to do your best to identify and support republicans who steadfastly embrace fiscal responsibility, smaller and less intrusive government, transparency in government, and individual rights. Uniparty Republicans, a.k.a. Republicans in name only (RINOs), however, are individuals who identify as Republicans but act as Democrats. Don't be fooled by these fakes.

As a kid, I watched a TV show, *To Tell the Truth*. The show had a panel of four celebrity judges whose mission was to ascertain the one 'real' person out of three contestants. The goal of the two imposter contestants was to lie when asked questions by the celebrity judges in an attempt to fool them into thinking that they were

the real person. At the end of questioning, the judges were asked to identify the person whom they believed was the real person. It was a fun show back in the day and the celebrity judges (and me) often got it wrong as the imposters effectively lied and deceived.

Don't be played or deceived in the upcoming election cycles. There are many uniparty Republicans (imposters) who are in local, state and federal government, or vying to be. One obvious tell-tale sign that a self-identified Republican is a uniparty Republican is consistently agreeing with Democratic positions and values. If you pay attention and are discerning, you will be able to identify the imposters.

**Paul Bureau - Colchester**

**Attacks Not Tolerated**

To the Editor:  
All employees and all volunteers who serve on boards and commissions in the Town of Marlborough follow rules and procedures when making decisions. Every decision made by boards and commissions will be based on the merits of the application or issue being discussed. The Board of Selectmen will promote equal access and equal opportunity. With recent cowardly correspondence, leafletting, and raucous comments, the Board of Selectmen is making this statement: We will not tolerate attacks on public officials in any manner.

**Marlborough Board of Selectmen  
Deb Bourbeau, Betty O'Brien,  
Greg Lowrey, Joe Asklar**

**Deep Thanks**

To the Editor:  
I cannot express enough thanks and gratitude to the incredible members of the East Hampton Volunteer Ambulance Association, Fire Department, and Police Department. In recent weeks, I've learned firsthand what an incredible asset we have in our public safety infrastructure and why we should do everything in our power to ensure it remains under local control.

In late May, I required ambulance assistance on consecutive nights. On both occasions, EMTs arrived within minutes of the call, supported in full by police officers and firefighters. It was a scary time, but the volunteers managed to get me safely out of my home and to the hospital, keep me calm, and reassure my family that everything was going to be okay.

The prognosis of my injury could have been much worse without prompt response from the Ambulance Service. Seconds count in emergencies, and to have such a competent and empathetic team of volunteers so close by greatly increases the chances of recovery in addition to the immediate care they provide.

Prior to my own experience, I supported the

Ambulance Association and efforts to fully fund the service. Now, I cannot imagine relinquishing such an incredible asset to a third-party or hospital, regardless of minimal savings it might mean to the community.

East Hampton needs to do everything it can to support the Ambulance Association, the employees, and volunteers who save us when the worst should happen. The same goes for the police department - it's time to fund additional officers and ensure that the town has the staff and equipment that it needs to keep us safe. In the years to come, when the volunteer fire department faces similar economic and jurisdiction challenges, let's make sure to give our local heroes what they deserve.

With great thanks,  
**Matt Engelhardt - East Hampton**

**Far Right is Gone**

To the Editor:  
Former president Trump absconded with hundreds of classified documents and was sent a subpoena to return them. How did the Donald take it? He ordered up 60 more boxes. Mostly mundane topics like the U.S. nuclear capabilities, military vulnerabilities, and our response to war with Iran to take out Trump's nukes. Why Trump decided to include these in his business portfolio defies the laws of nature. Russia, Saudi Arabia, China, North Korea et al, all had easy access to this info; you'll find the best stuff in the shower. The honorable Speaker of the House blames Biden said bathroom doors lock (we're gonna need a special agent), of course referencing Biden's document in the garage. Last time I checked, garage doors lock and why are we talking about locks?

The secrets of nuclear armaments around the globe, you'll find them all at my not too humble abode, as said before the best ones are found in the commode...the far right is gone.

**Tim Rinell - East Hampton**

**Destroying Opportunities**

To the Editor:  
Men invading women's private spaces and their sports is an abomination. Title IX was designed to provide equal opportunity for women in sports. Now, progressives are destroying these opportunities for women.

Lia Thomas competed as a man at Penn for three years in swimming and was never nationally ranked higher than 300th. Then he pretended to be a woman and devastated all of them in competitions. He wasn't capable of competing with men so he chose to violate women and steal their accomplishments from them.

At least 200 American high school boys run faster times than the best women sprinters in the world. In the recent NCAA track champion-

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ships, the winning woman pole vaulter cleared 14'7". More than 20 men in the same championship jumped three feet higher than her, with five of them jumping more than four feet higher.

My pole vault results from fifty years ago in college would've made me this year's women's champion. But back then, if I had done such a perverse thing my male counterparts would've caught me alone somewhere and physically made my mind right about being a man and having no business robbing women of their accomplishments. Both today's college men and feminists are missing in action and are too cowardly to protest these obscenities (lone exception, Riley Gaines).

I doubt anyone would think it acceptable or fair for college men to compete against middle school boys. Why are blind eyes turned towards similar stark contrasts with men competing against women? What will Geno Auriemma and his fans think when this happens to the UConn's women's basketball team? What would Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi think about that turn of events?

**Sam Prentice – Andover**

standing traditions and have become a strong advocate for preserving our history. I've led the town through the completion of many projects that have enhanced our community. While the Colchester Comeback has taken off, there is more to be done.

As the campaign lifts off, we will be celebrating all the Town's achievements as well as looking at all the projects that are currently underway. I will also be sharing a vision for our Town as we embark on a very promising future. And while I have faced many trials and tribulations as First Selectman, my perseverance and passion for the Town that I love has provided me with the light to successfully move the town forward.

The campaign will formally kickoff on Friday, June 30th at St. Joseph's Polish Club from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. We will be serving baked ziti, salad, pizza, wings, and dessert. Tickets are \$35 apiece. You may contact me on social media or order tickets here: <https://bisbikosforcolchester.com/event/campaign-kickoff>. It would be an honor if you could join me.

**Your First Selectman,  
Andreas Bisbikos – Colchester**

### Campaign Kickoff Party

Dear Colchester Residents:

One of the greatest honors in my life was being elected to a town I've called my home for over 35 years. As first selectman, I have kept Colchester affordable for all our residents and have pushed for greater transparency. I've taken major strides to ensure economic development and stand with our small businesses, the heartbeat of our community. I've re-established long-

### My Greatest Thanks!

To the Editor:

I recently spent over a month at the Portland Care and Rehabilitation Centre. An infection in my spine had many people thinking I wasn't going to make it. I was a mess. During the next month while staying there, the nurses, aids, and physical therapists worked what seemed like magic, often times going out of their way, to help me come back. We never think about the

simple moves we make in the course of a day until we're almost paralyzed.

I now know what those ladies and one gentleman put up with to make a living and they will always have my heartfelt thanks. Even when being verbally abused by the very person they are trying to help, they always held their professionalism to the highest standard. You will always have my greatest thanks!

**Bob Wildermuth – Portland**

### DPW Survey

To Hebron Residents:

Hopefully the budget has passed at the time of this printing. I again would like to thank all the volunteers that give their time to do what is best for our town.

Please go to the town website and take the DPW survey. I would implore everyone to click on the links within the survey and review all that has been going on since the year 2000. Initially when the survey was proposed, the only way to proceed through the survey was to open the link and read about all the work that has been done for locating a new DPW site. A citizen proposed to the selectmen that you should not have to click on the link and read the facts. The selectmen changed the format, as requested, to be able to skip over the facts and take the survey. Within the survey on page 51 of the complete presentation of all plans, is a letter from Lisette Stone, Environmental Analyst, Drinking Water Section, Source Assessment and Protection Unit, Connecticut Dept. of Public Health. In her letter she states that she has "consulted with our internal GIS and according to our data, 17 Kinney Rd. is not within or adjacent to a public drinking water watershed or

State registered Aquafer Protection Area. The project is, however, adjacent to state-identified private well parcels". Please read her letter and form your own conclusions. Thankfully there is an alternate water source available to Kinney Road residents. That cannot be said of any other proposed location of the DPW facility.

You may remain anonymous when taking the survey.

I believe the survey is an accurate nonbiased representation of what has happened and the steps to get our town employees a safe and up-to-date workspace.

**Sincerely,  
Todd Habicht – Hebron**

### We Can Do Better

To the Editor:

The 2015 Plan of Conservation and Development states: the only area allowing for commercial use is the Route 6 corridor. The plan recommends a Village Center Mixed-Use zone around Route 6 and Long Hill Road. Andover needs a town center connecting residential, governmental, social, recreational, and commercial uses into one compact, walkable, and bikeable area. And every plan UConn created calls for the development of this location.

So why place a building that does not fit esthetically in a location that does not look to the future? I acknowledge that I could be wrong, and I apologize if I am, but I have concerns with the floor plans.

1. I do not see closets needed for winter boots, hats, etc.
2. Cannot see who is at the door from the office location.
3. No direct access from conference rooms to storage room. Need to walk down the hall. Makes it difficult to move items. Maybe storage should be in the middle with direct access from both rooms?
4. Are three rooms needed? We still have the community room. Why not use the space to increase the kitchen?
5. Why not build a bigger, better Community Center on Long Hill connecting to Library and soccer field?

Why not put money toward updating the library? Many towns across the U.S. are seeing libraries become gathering places. Do more to promote our farms. Have larger Farmer's Markets with more food options and entertainment.

And... Andover has the one thing no other town has... Mrs. Claus! And as a bonus, we have the Fitch Xmas Tree farm! Why not create a Christmas Farm and bring people to Andover?

Please understand that I am not against a senior center. I am against the location. I believe we can do so much better.

**Catherine Magaldi-Lewis – Andover**

*Note: Magaldi-Lewis is chair of the Andover Democratic Town Committee, but is speaking as an individual.*

### Congratulations, Bellringers

To the Editor:

I agree with the Board of Finance vice chair on one thing: this budget season has been needlessly painful. However, to light the match that sets the proverbial building ablaze, then fan the flames and ask why there's a fire reveals an amazing level of deflection. Let's not forget who threw the first punches this budget season, then celebrated themselves for "saving the taxpayers" \$500k when the real savings came from a communicated insurance savings, and additional insurance concessions made by the unions.

Budget aside, congratulations to the class of 2023 Bellringers. Graduation day on Friday, June 9, was not without disruptive weather; however, the rainbow after the deluge was a great reminder of the benefits of weathering a storm. Thank you to all of the district staff and supporting town services (police and ambulance) who worked collaboratively to ensure a safe ceremony.

**Christina Tammara-Dzagan – East Hampton**

*Note: Tammara-Dzagan is chair of the East Hampton Board of Education but said she is speaking as an individual.*

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### East Hampton Past

To the Editor:  
Back to Congregational Church on that early November afternoon. Two of the painters ran to the Barton Drug Company (now Devine's Jewelers) looking for a fire extinguisher. Paul "Pat" O'Connell, assistant fire chief whose barber shop was next door to Barton Drug, ran to the firehouse to get an extinguisher. O'Connell saw smoke pouring from the steeple and sounded the alarm 12 times from the firehouse at 4 Watrous St. (now a private residence). O'Connell drove a pumper to the church. Five hose lines were laid by firemen from the Starr Brothers mill pond (now a parking lot across from Center School). A second pumper was deployed and two streams of water were sprayed into the attic, but to little avail. Within 20 minutes, a great mass of flames broke through the roof at the north end of the church.

From that point on, the fire was out of control. Flames ate away the roof and steeple closest to Summit and Main streets. Ropes that the painters had tied to the top of the steeple were still hanging. Firemen, including companies from Middletown and Portland and a large crowd of volunteers, grasped the ropes and pulled them along the sidewalk towards the Village Center, toppling the steeple along the front sidewalk. Although not saving the church sanctuary, this quick thinking did preserve the parish house. Today, one can still find the charred beams in the attic of the church parish house.

If it hadn't sunk in, the date of the fire is significant. Just a month later the attack at Pearl Harbor occurred. With the national priority dedicating nearly all resources to the War Effort, building supplies became virtually non-existent. It wasn't until 1948 before the church was rebuilt and Sunday services commenced.

Dean Markham - East Hampton

### Concerned

To the Editor:  
As a concerned resident of the proposed 52-unit condo development I would hope that we would keep this residential zoning as opposed to multi-family. The density of this project along with the overburdening of roadways, infrastructure, wildlife, potential of negative impact on existing wells, drainage and a huge impact on our already our school system is concerning. The density of this project is not in keeping with the rural feel we have experienced living on Walker Lane for the past 53 years. Only a 50-foot buffer is proposed to existing homes which will indeed impact the value of our home especially if a second entrance is generated on our small winding road.

The plans also include cutting down trees, adding a parking pad, out buildings and beach on Lake T which does not align with the towns Plan of Conservation and development. I would hope our townspeople would like to see our town stay the beautiful rural community we chose to make home and encourage you to be vocal and aware of how quickly that can be taken from us.

We support development, but not the density of this project that is surrounded by wetlands.

Debbie Mund - Marlborough

### Too Many Issues

To the Editor:  
We oppose Greylock Property Group's condo proposal as:

Their new survey map changes residents' property lines without notice.

Fifty-two high density condos with several vehicles per unit, will greatly overburden an already dangerous traffic volume and speeding situation on North Main St. endangering drivers, walkers and cyclists.

Negative environmental impact as the parcels contain significant wetlands and abut or are closely adjacent to the Dickinson Creek, an important watercourse, wildlife corridor, buffer and conservation area. The lots should be classified as conservation land or open water protection area in the POCD and Affordable Housing Amendment.

The density of the proposed development, with thirteen multi story buildings of four units each with substantial impervious roadways and infrastructure overburdens the parcel and neighborhood, isn't in keeping with the POCD's references to maintaining the rural character and "feel" of our town.

Negative environmental impact to the abundance of wildlife living there including packs of coyotes, bears, bobcats, eagles, etc.

Negative impact to residential wells and Lake Terramuggus by the development and lakefront recreation area.

Negative impacts from new sewer pump sta-

tions - daily foul odors, health hazards both under normal conditions and during system failures.

Any access road through Pettengill Road is undesirable given narrow streets heavily used by pedestrians and children playing.

Installing a traffic light and/or higher-intensity street lighting would destroy the rural character that the town's POCD espouses as one of the highest priorities of residents and the Plan.

Financial, tax, assessment assistance by the Town, its commissions and WPCA shouldn't be offered.

We respectfully urge town decision-makers to reject this proposal and encourage a more balanced plan that maintains the character and future residents hope to see.

Jane and Dave Boston  
Marlborough

### Pizza & Politics

To the Editor:  
The Hebron Republican Town Committee invites you to Pizza & Politics on Monday, June 19, at 5 p.m., at Gina Marie's, 71 Main St., Hebron.

Election season will be here before you know it. Please join us and connect with state Rep. Tim Ackert, state Rep. Mark DiCaprio, state Rep. Steve Weir and other local Republicans working to keep our community thriving.

For ticket information, please email Hebron-Republicans@gmail.com.

We hope to see you there!

Angela Corentin  
HRTC Vice Chair

### Great News!

To the Editor:  
Great news has arrived in Hebron center! The influential organization Preservation Connecticut has made a statement supporting the preservation of the Horton Property on Kinney Road. Preservation Connecticut is the leading advocate for our state's history, architecture and cultural legacy. After reviewing the available information, including the observations of UConn professor Robert Thorson, Archaeological Circuit Rider Stefon Danczuk stated, "I

am writing to you in support of the preservation and conservation of the field systems north of Kinney Road and south of the Hebron Center Historic District. This 88.6-acre property has had a long history of agricultural use by prominent members of the Hebron community... On the property are a series of stone wall laneways constructed to protect and maintain the agricultural soil. The significance of the property extends to its use by a local deaf community, the free black community in Hebron, and the Native Americans that called these lands home well before European colonists arrived... Given the site's proximity to the Hebron Center Historic District, this area could be added to the district and create a larger learning experience for those interested in their local history."

I have presented the findings of Mr. Danczuk and Prof. Thorson to the Hebron Historic Properties Commission and the Board of Selectmen. I hope the people of Hebron will consider these well-informed statements as they choose their responses to the Public Works survey available online at www.hebronct.com, or in print at Town Hall and the Douglas Library. As a community we have an opportunity to celebrate our unique history, protect the environment and create a legacy for the future. Let our Town leaders know it is time to fix Public Works at Old Colchester Road. To read more from Mr. Danczuk and Prof. Thorson please visit Save Hebron Center on Facebook.

Sincerely,  
Kevin J. Tulimieri - Amston

### Opposition to DPW

To the Editor:  
I don't usually write letters, but I feel it is time to speak up. I am deeply concerned about the possible move of Public Works and the salt shed to Hebron center. My primary concern is the negative impact and subsequent health risks from DPW trucks, traffic, fuel, deicing and many other activities that would come with it. And to think the location being chosen is essential and fundamentally irreplaceable for natural services such as pure ground water and

habitat for wildlife is hard to imagine. Why isn't the town listening to the Green Committee report? Why hasn't there been an environmental study? The town should be protecting the well water for those living in and around the proposed site. To be honest, I am concerned that the town has allowed the Public Works facility on Old Colchester Road to fall into disrepair and deteriorate without proper maintenance. It is not fair to the people that work there, it should have been updated all along. We cannot chance a repeat of this situation on the watershed in Hebron center. If we simply ignore the past we will take away our future.

My environmental concerns are matched by the need to preserve open land that is a large piece of Hebron's rural history. I have walked the Horton property on Kinney Road and it is a special place. We are lucky to have such beautiful and historic places in Hebron. I hope people will visit Kinney Road for themselves and see it in person. Then vote in the Public Works survey to keep Public Works where it is on Old Colchester Road and fix it up. The survey is on the Town website, HebronCT.com, or copies can be picked up at Town Hall.

Thank you,  
Kat Ruggiero - Hebron

### Ready for Change

Dear Colchester Residents:  
The number one question people ask me when I tell them I'm running for Colchester First Selectman is "are you ready...to deal with the drama?"

I expect people to ask if I'm ready to do the job, but people already know that my experience has prepared me to serve our town. Between my volunteer experience on the Economic Development Commission, Board of Finance, Public Safety Subcommittee, and my professional work as a municipal office manager, people see I've got the experience to do the work of being First Selectman.

What they really want to know is if I've got the stomach for it.

Colchester is divided and the politics are ugly.  
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### From the State Representative's Desk...

The 2023 legislative session has officially come to a close, as we concluded our work inside the House Chamber at the stroke of midnight at the end of June 7th. What began in January with lots of concepts, ended with almost 400 bills being passed out of the House. Not all of these became law, as the Senate still needed to pass them, before going to the governor's desk. The last 2-3 weeks of the session were action-packed as we reviewed, researched and debated bills.

The budget was released around 3 a.m. on 6/5. We began to discuss it around 10:30 p.m. later that day. I must admit a bit of disappointment in receiving an 800+ page document, and having to scramble to see what's in/not in it. I relied on lots of prep, research, and also discussing the fine details with my colleagues, who sat on various committees pertaining to sections of the bill. I'm pleased to have supported our education funding, and broad-based tax relief. Also, I'm pleased that we stayed within our fiscal guardrails set up in 2017-2019, and also the fact that we supported an analysis of future state employee needs, which will result in savings in the future. I'm especially disappointed in some of the bills that found their way into the implementor bill that was attached to the budget. I would have certainly voted against some of these concepts if they stood on their own, but instead, they were tucked in with the budget. It's really an "all or nothing" vote.

There were some good, reasonable pieces of legislation on the environment, health, public safety, and other topics that will likely benefit state citizens. There were also bills that had misleading titles, or bills that looked to benefit one class of citizens over another, which I found to be unacceptable. I continue to advocate for policies that benefit all citizens equally, and policies that don't take from one and give to another via legislation. I was excited to host several groups and individuals for recognition on the House floor. Additionally, I was pleased to see dozens of constituents, who either came up to observe the legislative happenings, or who requested meetings to share comments and concerns with me.

From now until the next session in February, 2024, I'll be around and accessible in the district, as I'm visiting local businesses, schools, institutions and preparing concepts for bills for next year. I have a new initiative called: "Put Your Rep to Work", where I visit with local businesses, get to understand the inner workings of the business, and participate in some of the tasks of the business. If you are a business owner or operator, I'd like to learn more about what makes your business tick.

I continue to ask folks to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns at 860.240.8662 or [steve.weir@housegop.ct.gov](mailto:steve.weir@housegop.ct.gov).

Enjoy your summer!

**State Rep. Steve Weir, R-55th District**

*Note: The 55th Assembly District includes Andover, Bolton, Hebron, Marlborough and Glastonbury.*

### Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum • Reader Forum

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As a candidate, I have had signs placed in front of my home without permission, had pictures of our house posted on Facebook along with my husband's car and license plate, and been photographed/filmed leaving my home. That was all just this week.

I'm not deterred by it, and you shouldn't be either.

It's easy to look at what's happening in Colchester at board meetings, on social media, or in the papers and have the urge to step back, but what we really need as a community right now is people willing to stand up for Colchester.

As for me, I'm running because I call it like I see it, but I do it calmly and thoughtfully. I don't jump to conclusions. I like to consider different perspectives before I make a decision. No drama necessary. So, yes, I am ready. I am ready to focus on bringing Colchester together, providing a better example for leadership in our community, and getting this town back to business.

Sincerely,

**Bernie Dennler – Colchester  
Candidate for First Selectman**

### Riding to Cure Cancer

To the Editor:

Has your life been touched by cancer? Perhaps your spouse, a parent, sibling or child?

This August I'll be riding my bike 85 miles in the Pan-Mass Challenge ([pmc.org](http://pmc.org)), and I'm seeking donations to help me meet my fundraising goal. The money we raise will bring researchers closer to finding cures for various types of cancer that affect millions of people each year.

The Pan-Mass Challenge raises money for life-saving cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through this annual bike-a-thon.

The PMC gives 100 % of every rider-raised dollar directly to the cause. In turn, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute is consistently a front-runner in cancer research and patient care.

I believe in the PMC's fight against cancer. And I'm riding in memory of my parents who were both taken by pancreatic cancer. But I'm also riding for my sister, who SURVIVED breast cancer.

I have to raise money and I need your help.

You can join me by supporting my ride in a number of ways:

- Online: Make a secured credit card "eGift" through the PMC Website – [pmc.org](http://pmc.org) – my eGift ID is MQ0016

- Sending a check payable to "PMC - Jimmy Fund" to: Mike Quincy, 54 Emily Road, Marlborough, CT 06447

- Please provide employer matching gift information if you can

If you have any questions, please write or email me ([mquincyx2@yahoo.com](mailto:mquincyx2@yahoo.com)).

Thanks so much,

**Mike Quincy – Marlborough**

### Car Wash Thank You

To the Editor:

The Boy Scouts of Troop 72 of Colchester would like to thank all the wonderful people who participated in the Car Wash fundraiser Saturday, June 10. The Scouts met a number of generous supporters, old friends and past leaders and wish to thank them for turning out in support of this project. Your generosity helped the scouts reduce the cost of the Allagash High Adventure trip as a result of their efforts and your donations.

Thank you again for your supporting Boy Scouting in Colchester.

Al Letendre

Unit Committee Chairman

### Book Banning

To the Editor:

I recently read an article in the *Middletown Press* about book banning on May 31, and I'm just flabbergasted that people are this upset over certain kind or certain types of books in schools or libraries. People should be free to read whatever book they please, if you don't like certain books or other reading material then don't read it or check it out at your school or library.

Books never hurt anyone; they are meant for enjoyment, to learn, and to take a person's mind to distant lands real or not. This whole book banning reminds me of the 1984 movie *Footloose* scene where Rev. Shaw Moore asks the towns people what are they doing? when he sees them burning the school books, and the towns people reply "we have every right to determine what our children read" and Rev. Shaw's response is "when you burn all of these, what are you going to do then?" then Rev. Shaw tells the towns people "Satan isn't in any of these books he's in here, he's in your hearts." When people check out or buy books it's the own persons judgement what book or books they enjoy reading. So please stop banning books.

Nick Emond – Portland

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On May 24, the East Hampton/Marlborough Rotary Club held its annual scholarship awards dinner. The Rotary Club awarded \$23,700 in scholarships to the Class of 2023. Graduating students of East Hampton and RHAM high schools received recognition for their achievements in leadership and academics. From left are scholarship winners Isabella Bafumi, Jewel Miranda, Coen Phillips, Melanie Hurt, Mikaela Rich, Max Nysten, Noah Howell, Grace Neumuth and Ava Dean.

### Rotary Presents Scholarship Awards

The Rotary Club of East Hampton and Marlborough presented its annual scholarship awards at a recent special dinner. Several graduating seniors of East Hampton and RHAM high schools were recognized for their achievements in leadership and academics.

**Grace Neumuth** is a resident of Marlborough and graduated this week from RHAM High School. As a result of Neumuth's contributions to her school and community, her love for science and desire to help others, she was awarded two scholarships: the Jan Solomon Memorial Achievement Scholarship and the four-year Red McKinney Scholarship. She will attend Mount Holyoke College in the fall, majoring in neuroscience and behavior.

**Isabella Bafumi** received high honors all four years at East Hampton High School. Besides her ability to lead, she also had a desire to volunteer and gave back to her school, church and community. She plans to attend Syracuse University, where she will major in forensic science with a concentration in biology. She received the Winifred and Anthony Community Service Scholarship and the Jack Solomon Achievement Scholarship.

**Ava Dean** graduated from RHAM High School, where she excelled academically. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was the recipient of the RHAM Art Department Rising Artist Award. Dean will attend George Washington University, majoring in political science. She received the 2023 Gail Hamm Leadership and Development Scholarship.

**Mikaela Rich** resides in East Hampton and while attending East Hampton High School, she received high honors all four years. She played on the basketball team and was recognized with a Leadership and Sportsmanship Award. During her high school years, she had a strong interest in social sciences and how they affect the world. She will pursue her degree in psychology at Central Connecticut State University. Rich was awarded the Service Above Self Scholarship.

**Jewel Miranda** graduated from East Hampton High School with a high GPA and a goal to "be a leader and mentor to others" In her lead-

ership roles. She made great strides in public speaking and served as vice president and president of Unified. Miranda will pursue a degree in special education at Southern Connecticut State University. She received the Bruce Shepard Memorial Achievement Scholarship.

**Max Nysten** has excelled at RHAM High School and was a member of the National Honor Society and National Business Honor Society. The Special Olympics was one of his most rewarding volunteer activities. He acted as a basketball and golf partner at the Special Olympics. Nysten will attend Bryant University in the fall, majoring in business. He was presented with the Craig Williams Memorial Achievement Scholarship.

**Melanie Hurt** resides in East Hampton and will attend the University of Hartford in the fall. She plans to major in neurobiology and computer science at the University of Hartford. Hurt received high honors every quarter and was inducted into the National Honor Society. She also was co-editor of the yearbook. She is active in her church as a lector and also found time to work and has held positions at Epoch Arts and St. Clements Castle. York was presented with the 2023 Annual Rotary Achievement Scholarship.

**Coen Phillips** played on the baseball and track teams. He did well academically and also found time for a job. His life was guided by his uncle Red McKinney, uncle Russ Oakes and aunt Sheila Oakes, and grandmother Denise Painter. He is always ready to volunteer. In the fall, Phillips will attend Marist College, where he plans to pursue a degree in cybersecurity. He received the Fred Hansen Memorial Achievement Scholarship.

**Noah Howell** was the recipient of the President's Award Scholarship in 2022, when he graduated from Xavier High School. He has completed his freshman year at Syracuse University. As a result of his experience both academically and socially at Syracuse, he feels he has grown into a more "well-rounded individual." Howell was presented with the 2023 Adult Learner Continuing Education Scholarship.

### From the State Senator's Desk...

For the last five months, lawmakers across the state have gathered in Hartford for the 2023 legislative session. I'm proud to let you know that my biggest priority as senate chair of the Energy and Technology Committee will soon become law – and I'm confident it's going to improve the service we get from our state's utility companies.

Senate Bill 7 was designed with Connecticut ratepayers in mind, who pay some of the highest electricity costs in the United States without getting the service quality they deserve. This bill will prevent utilities from using ratepayer funding for company spending, provides new resources for consumers to fight back against proposed rate increases and will bolster regulations in Connecticut.

Most prominently, this legislation will end utility companies charging ratepayers for a number of costs, which range from attorneys and expert witnesses supporting proposed rate increases to expenses like lobbying and advertising. From 2016 to 2021, companies spent more than \$110 million on representation for rate increases, while some companies have not had their lobbying and advertising spending examined in nearly a decade. This needs to change – and we're taking action

Additionally, the bill will allow organizations representing ratepayers and small businesses to receive support to participate in rate increase proposal hearings. This will allow regular residents to have opportunities to have their say when companies try to increase their spending. The legislation further allows residents to receive valuable training in how to participate – this means the public will have a greater say in future rates charged by utilities.

A third benefit from this legislation is that it will disincentivize companies from chasing profits for the sake of profits, which can harm their customers. By providing greater oversight for rate decoupling, regulations for utilities will be tied to the best interests of ratepayers instead. This is vital to helping Connecticut consumers get the quality of service they deserve.

I'm encouraged that this bill has made it through the legislative process. Connecticut residents deserve better results from our utility companies and this bill brings that closer to reality. I'm looking forward to seeing how its results improve quality of service in years to come.

**State Sen. Norm Needleman, D-33rd District**

*Note: The 12-town 33rd District includes Colchester, East Hampton and Portland.*











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**Tony Rome and the Peacemakers will perform Saturday, July 15, at the Adams shopping plaza on Route 66 in Portland. Rome is shown here performing at a recent show at Concentric.**

### Concert to Benefit Fire Department

Tony Rome and the Peacemakers will perform the "Put Out the Fire" summer jam concert Saturday, July 15, at the Adams shopping plaza on Route 66 in Portland. Opening act will

be Jam Station.

All proceeds from the show will be given to the Portland Volunteer Fire Department. Bring a lawn chair.

### United Methodist Church News

Portland United Methodist Church, located at 381 Main St., is a member of the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church. The church is an open and affirming congregation, welcoming everyone. The building is accessible.

In-person worship services are held Sundays at 9 a.m., with a Fourth Sunday weekly Communion service at 1 p.m. replacing the

regular 9 a.m. service on those Sundays.

The Portland United Methodist Crafters meets alternate Fridays at 2 p.m., at the Pastor's Residence. If interested in joining, call 518-729-8215.

The church mails a monthly newsletter from the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Judith Johnson-Siebold. To join the church mailing list, email [Portlandctumc@gmail.com](mailto:Portlandctumc@gmail.com).

### Town Clerk's Office Seeking 'Top Dog'

The Portland town clerk's office is accepting donations of dog and cat food as part of its annual contest to determine which dog will wear the No. 1 dog tag for the upcoming year. The pet food collected will go to the Portland Food Bank, for those in temporary need.

To enter, donate cans/bags of dog or cat food when registering your dog at the town clerk's office by June 30. For each can/bag donated, your dog will earn a ticket for a drawing to be held at 11 a.m. on June 30. Limit of 16 tickets per dog. The first three tickets chosen will receive the #1, #2, and #3 dog tags.

All dog owners must obtain a license or renew their current licenses by June 30 for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The state-mandated registration fee is \$8 for a spayed/neutered dog, and \$19 for a non-spayed/non-neutered dog. Certificate of spayed/neutered must be provided for first time licenses to receive the \$8 fee amount. A rabies vaccination certificate must also be provided for first time licenses or if the previous vaccination has expired.

More information can be found at [www.portlandct.org/licenses-certificates](http://www.portlandct.org/licenses-certificates)

### Juneteenth Celebration June 24

Juneteenth: A Community Celebration of Freedom Day will be held in Portland Saturday, June 24. The event will be held at Riverfront Park from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. This year, Juneteenth is sponsored by the Committee on Solidarity of the Town of Portland, True Vine Holiness Church, Portland Youth & Family Services, Portland Social Justice Coalition, Portland Library, Middlesex Habitat for Humanity and Liberty Bank, with additional support from DEL Printing, Minuteman Press and Adams Hometown Market.

Juneteenth 2023 is a free, family-friendly event and will feature Black-owned food trucks: Crab Shack King; A Touch of Soul and No Pork on Dis Fork. There will also be free ice cream from Central Connecticut's Ice Cream Emergency truck, thanks to Liberty Bank! Entertainment and speakers will include: DJ Mx. Chalk; Josh Curzan, Manchester Public Schools Teacher of the Year and collaborator on the Witness Stones Project; John Mills, an equity advocate and scholar who has been working to memorialize enslaved residents of Connecticut including Prince Mortimer in Middletown; Poetry and songs will be performed by Portland residents including Portland's poet laureate Naji Chester-Payne. First Selectman Ryan Curley will read Portland's Juneteenth Proclamation.

Activities for all ages will include: contribute a message on the Chalk Car, courtesy of Mx. Chalk; collaborative art with Middletown Free Center, a bounce house and a treasure hunt for all ages. The StoryWalk featuring *A Flag for Juneteenth* by Kim Taylor, yard games and free face-painting by local artist Ana Ughetti are all sponsored by Portland Library.

Booths of local businesses and organizations will include: Portland Historical Society, Portland Youth & Family Services, Middlesex NAACP, Chatham Health District and True Vine Holiness Church, celebrating 100 years in Portland.

For any questions, contact [portlandctsolidarity@gmail.com](mailto:portlandctsolidarity@gmail.com).

## Four Stores Violate Tobacco Sale Laws

By Jack Lakowsky

In a series of unannounced checks on June 8, the Portland Police Department said it found four Portland businesses violating tobacco sales laws.

The department worked with the State of Connecticut, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) Tobacco Prevention and Enforcement Program (TPEP), conducting unannounced inspections of establishments that sell tobacco products and/or electronic cigarettes.

The inspections were performed to determine compliance with state laws concerning the prohibition of the sale of e-cigarette and/or tobacco products to those under the age of 21.

Retailers are required by state law to inspect the photo ID of anyone who appears under the age of 30 before selling a tobacco product or e-cigarette.

A total of 11 unannounced compliance in-

spections were conducted. Of this total, four establishments were found non-compliant with state law.

The offending clerks at these establishments were either issued a warning or a first-time infraction in the amount of \$300.

Tobacco retailers are licensed by the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services, which may take further action.

The stores accused of selling the products are the Gulf station at 181 Main St.; the Inhale Smoke Shop, 862 Portland-Cobalt Rd.; Portland Smoke Shop, 185 Marlborough St.; and Topaz Ez-Mart, 315 Marlborough St.

Moon Mart on Main Street, Express on Main Street, Adams on Marlborough Street, Family Dollar, Portland Liquors (both on Marlborough Street), the local Citgo at 1633 Portland-Cobalt Rd. and the Gulf at 1096 Portland-Cobalt Rd. were found compliant.

### 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.

### Library Friends Book Sale, Read & Recycle

The Friends of the Portland Library groups has fiction, romance, teen and children's used books, as well as DVDs, at the Second-Hand Prose Bookshop at Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave. The sale takes place during regular library hours.

Books are 50 cents for paperbacks and children's books, \$1 for trade paperbacks and \$2 for hardcover. DVDs are 50 cents each disc unless marked otherwise. There are large-print mystery and general fiction books that have been removed from the library collection on sale for 50 cents each, as well as TV series on DVD for 50 cents each disc.

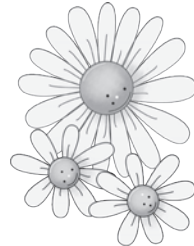
Also, the Friends' Read & Recycle program will accept donations on Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m.-noon, in the Mary Flood Room of the library. The Friends welcome donations of gen-

tly used books, puzzles, CDs, DVDs and games. No textbooks, business books, computer books, self-help books, VHS videos or magazines, please. All donated items must be in "sellable" condition; the Friends cannot accept items that are dirty, moldy or in poor condition.

Donations must be dropped off at the library side door, and volunteers will be available to receive the donations. Donations are tax-deductible and acknowledgement forms will be available. Donated items are sold at various Friends' book sales held throughout the year, and all proceeds are used to support programs of the Portland Library

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

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### Free Paper Shredding

The Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) is holding a residential paper shredding event on Saturday, June 24, from 9 a.m.-noon, at Westbrook Town Hall, 866 Boston Post Rd., Westbrook.

This event is free to residents of the RiverCOG region, which includes Portland and East Hampton. Visit [www.rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste](http://www.rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste) for more information.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a free Household Hazardous Waste collection event Saturday, June 17, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Lyme/Old Lyme Middle School, 49 Lyme St., Old Lyme.

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

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

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### From the First Selectman's Desk...

As we approach the summer season, I hope this letter finds you well and preparing for some relaxing and rejuvenating time ahead. The Board of Selectmen and I had the pleasure of attending the Portland High School graduation this past Monday. Congratulations to all of our new graduates in Portland! I have no doubt that each one of you will go on to achieve remarkable things in the future. Below are some recent updates on various town projects, as well as some important announcements.

**Composting Pilot:** The Portland Board of Selectmen unanimously approved a new food scrap recycling pilot program, set to begin in July. Blue Earth Compost, based in Hartford will be placing food scrap collection bins at the Portland Transfer Station, located at 39 Sand Hill Rd. Connecticut DEEP estimates roughly 25% of the waste stream is food and pulling this material out of the regular waste stream has the potential to save money on municipal waste fees while also helping the environment.

**Water Source Project:** Our search for a reliable water source has led us to an area behind the Portland Rec Complex where we have now installed two underground wells. The first well is approximately 330 feet deep and the second well is roughly 180 feet deep. Initial indications are very good; however, a comprehensive pump test is scheduled for July. This test will determine the output capacity of the wells and also evaluate the water quality.

**Brownstone Avenue:** The remediation of Brownstone Avenue is progressing once again following a brief delay. We have now received approval from the State Historical Preservation Office to begin demolishing the scale house building situated at 284 Brownstone Avenue. As a result, crews are remobilizing and work will resume shortly.

**High School Track Replacement:** Preconstruction meetings with Classic Turf, LLC are underway and we remain on target for construction to begin during the first week of July. This comprehensive process is expected to span approximately three months, with the new track set to open this fall.

**Brainerd Place:** Phase I of the Brainerd Place project is progressing rapidly. The foundation has recently been poured for Building D, which will house a Starbucks scheduled to open during the first quarter of 2024. Progress continues to be made as well on Building E which is the first of two deluxe apartment buildings.

**Portland Senior Center:** I am delighted to announce the appointment of Sarah Caratasios as the new Senior Center Director. Sarah brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role, and her first day will be June 20th (Tuesday). Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Sarah when you have the opportunity.

**Freestone Avenue Construction:** Crews will be resurfacing Freestone Avenue beginning Tuesday, June 20th. Street parking will be banned from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. and sections of the road will be closed to through traffic during working hours. Local traffic and busses will still be able to access the road. Please find an alternate route to avoid traffic issues.

**Juneteenth Celebration:** The Committee on Solidarity has been diligently organizing a Juneteenth celebration event. We invite you to join us at Portland Riverfront Park (284 Brownstone Ave.) on Saturday, June 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event promises a vibrant atmosphere with a DJ, food trucks, a bounce house, face painting, free ice cream and more!

**Climate Leader Designation:** The Town of Portland is among nine Connecticut municipalities to be recognized by Sustainable Connecticut for achieving the Climate Leader designation. The Climate Leader designation is meant to recognize municipalities for their work addressing climate change and fostering resilience in the community.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or comments: by email at [rcurley@portlandct.org](mailto:rcurley@portlandct.org) or by phone at 860-342-6715. Office hours can be made by appointment or by stopping by Town Hall.

Sincerely yours,  
Ryan Curley  
Portland First Selectman

### Portland Library News & Notes

Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave., has announced the following events. Registration required for all programs unless noted. For more info, to register, and for 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. Masks are optional. **Holiday Closing:** Monday, June 19, in honor of Juneteenth.

**Summer Storytimes:** For ages birth-5. Mondays at 10:30 a.m., June 26 and July 10-31. There will be stories, rhymes and songs about the ocean and its animals. A craft project will be offered.

**Ocean Adventures:** For those going into grades K-2. Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., June 21-Aug. 2; no program July 5. Explore animals and games about ocean life.

**Mysteries Under the Sea:** For those going into grades 3-5. Tuesdays at 11 a.m., June 20-Aug. 1 (no session July 4). Create coral reef crystals, make bioluminescent paintings, explore aquatic cryptids and analyze unsolved shipwrecks.

**Family Show: Comic Mime Robert Rivest:** Wednesday, June 21, 6:30 p.m. Held on the Town Green; in case of rain, the show will move indoors and registered participants will be notified.

**Family Experience: Touch Tanks from Mystic Aquarium:** Wednesday, June 28, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Guides from Mystic Aquarium will be on hand to answer questions and provide information. There will be ocean-themed crafts and activities to explore before and after.

**Teen Program: Candy Sushi:** Thursday, June 22, 3 p.m., for grades 6 and up. Make and try these rolls with chopsticks. Space is limited.

**Teen Program: Sand and Seashell Mosaics:** Thursday, June 29, 3 p.m., for students going into grades 6 and up. This is a hybrid paint and sand/seashell mosaic. Space is limited.

**LGBTQ+ Social and Support Groups:** Teens are invited to social meetups at the library on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Support groups will meet on the third Wednesday of the month, with a parent and caregiver support group running concurrently in another room at the library. For more information, con-

tact Jenn Renk at 860-342-6770.

**Adult Programs: Adult Summer Reading Program:** Runs through Aug. 31. When you sign up, you receive a coupon for a free book (up to \$2 in value) from the Friends' Ongoing Book Sale, and another coupon when you log 2000 pages. On June 12, register for summer reading and start logging pages you read in June. 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 2023-24 school year for two students at Brownstone Intermediate School.

**Mystery Lovers Book Club:** Tuesday, June 20, 1 p.m. *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie will be discussed.

**Multi-Generational Drumming Circles:** Mondays, June 26, July 17 and Aug. 14, 6:30 p.m., on the Waverly Town Green or in the Mary Flood Room if inclement weather. Gather for a West African-inspired drum circle led by Mark Zarrillo. Drums will be supplied.

**Movies:** Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Schedule: July 12, *Dog*; Aug. 9, *Moving On*.

**Birds:** The Audubon will present *Birding by Sight & Sound* Tuesday, July 25, at 6 p.m., and *Fall Bird Migration* Tuesday, Aug. 22, also at 6 p.m.

**Bees: Beekeeping Basics:** Monday, July 31, 6:30 p.m.

### Food Bank Holiday Closings

The Portland Food Bank, located in the lower level of the Waverly Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave., will be closed Monday, June 19, for the Juneteenth holiday, and again Monday, July 3, for the Independence Day holiday.

The Food Bank is normally open Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon. You are required to register with the food bank (copy of an ID and recent piece of mail or utility bill) and be a Portland resident to access the food bank's services. Donations are only taken during food bank hours.

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### 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.

Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. Nursery care and church school takes place every Sunday during the worship. The worship service is livestreamed as well as available for later viewing on the church's YouTube channel: First Church of Portland CT. The building is handicapped-accessible.

On Sunday, June 18, worship will be led by interim minister the Rev. Julie Olmsted and her sermon is titled, "Creating Space for Miracles." Coffee hour follows the service and all are wel-

come to worship and coffee hour.

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.

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. Those who wish to follow the church on Facebook may do so at The First Congregational Church of Portland, CT.

### 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), [www.facebook.com/PortlandCTYouth](http://www.facebook.com/PortlandCTYouth) or [www.instagram.com/PortlandCTYouth](http://www.instagram.com/PortlandCTYouth), or contact Jesse Revicki at [jrevicki@portlandct.org](mailto:jrevicki@portlandct.org) or 860-342-6758. To receive email updates about YFS programs and events, sign up at [eepurl.com/h5m35f](http://eepurl.com/h5m35f).

**Youth & Parent LGBTQ+ Support-Style Groups:** Wednesday, June 21, 6-8 p.m.

**POWER Up Portland:** Wednesday, June 28, from 6:30-8 p.m.

**Summer Kick-Off:** Monday, June 26, 3:30-5:30 p.m., on the Town Green by the gazebo. There will be a mobile petting zoo from Farm-on-Wheels, free ice cream from Ice Cream

Emergency, and lawn games. The Library, Parks & Recreation, and local businesses will all have tables.

**Youth LGBTQ+ Drop-In Night:** Wednesday, July 5, 6-8 p.m.

**Little Hikers:** Friday, July 7, 10:30 a.m., at Portland Air Line Safety Trail, Depot Hill Road lot.

**Home Alone Safety:** Monday, July 17, 5-6:30 p.m. Sign-ups coming soon.

**Drop-In & Draw Arts & Crafts:** Friday, July 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Plant & Learn: Aloe:** Saturday, July 22, 10:30 a.m., at the Town Green. For children 10 and under and their parents/grandparents/caregivers. YFS and Fire Ring Farm will discuss aloe while replanting the "pups" into containers to take home.

### 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. Services are held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School is in session and held during the service. Children ages 4-12 are welcome to attend Church School.

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

experience is required. All are welcome.

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

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

### Zion Lutheran Church News

Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., offers in-person worship Sundays at 9 a.m. Masks are optional.

A recording of the service is posted to YouTube on Mondays by 9 a.m. Bulletins for the service are posted each week at [zionlutheranportland.org](http://zionlutheranportland.org).

Zion will continue its summer tradition of holding worship on the front lawn, one Sunday each month. The June one was June 11. Future dates for outdoor worship, weather permitting, are July 9 and Aug. 13. All are invited; bring a chair and make yourself comfortable.

Beginning in July, the church will again be

exploring the worship series *Faces of Our Faith*, focusing on the Bible's lesser-known stories. The church has selected eight stories of those often overlooked in biblical narratives. Visual art and prompts will be used for reflection.

Zion's study of the video series *The Chosen* is continuing, following worship on the second and fourth Sunday of the month.

All are welcome. For more information 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.



Brownstone Arts will hold an exhibition and sale at the Hubbard Farmstead Gallery in Portland, with an opening reception Friday, June 16, from 5-8 p.m. Pictured is the interior of the Hubbard Farmstead Gallery, at a 2021 exhibit.

### 'Visions' in the Hubbard Farmstead Gallery

Brownstone Arts will hold an exhibition and sale at the Hubbard Farmstead Gallery in Portland. The show, titled "Visions," opens with a reception Friday, June 16, from 5-8 p.m.

Wine and refreshments will be served and there will be musical entertainment by Deep Elum – the acoustic musicians Rich Johnson and Jon Swift, playing and singing an Americana mix of blues, old jazz, bluegrass and oldies.

Founded in 2007 and based in Portland, Brownstone Arts consists of members from towns up and down the Connecticut River Valley. The artists work in a variety of mediums including oils and acrylics, watercolors, pottery,

pastels, photography, sculpture and printmaking. For members and those who show with them, this event marks an opportunity to gather once again to share the fruits of their creativity with each other and with the public. New members are welcome and membership forms will be available at the gallery.

The Hubbard Farmstead Gallery is located in the restored barn on the historic 1852 property owned by Elwin Guild and Joan Giesemann at 332 Middle Haddam Rd. Gallery hours for visitors to the show: Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. June 17, 18, 24, 25, or by appointment: 860-342-1547.



















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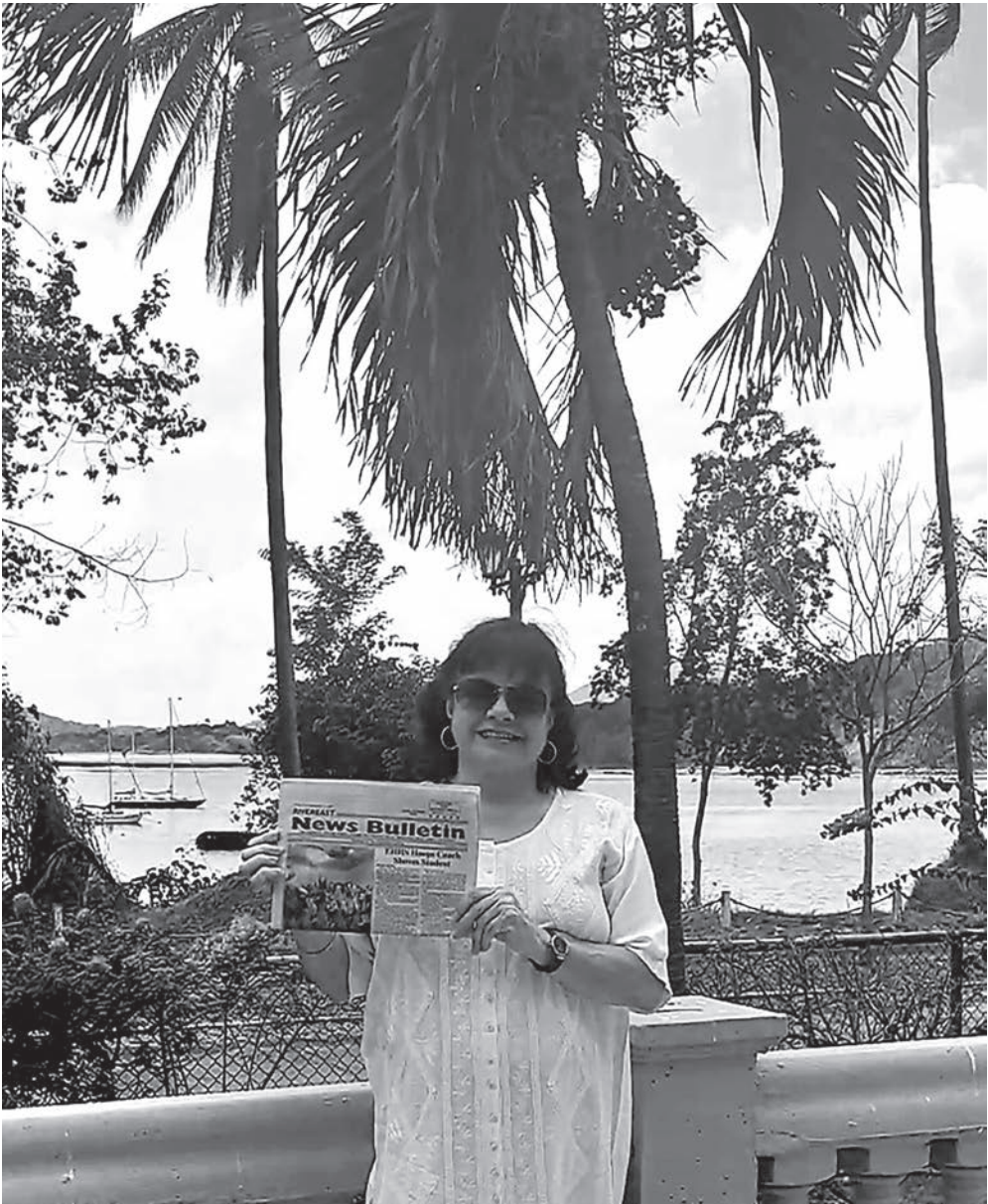
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*Arizona Adventure...* Jim and Pat Doran of Waterford are shown with Sue and Gil Haas of Colchester in Gilbert, Ariz.



*Music City Merriment...* Noreen and Jeff Long, and Kim and Eric Lindquist, all of Amston, recently visited Nashville, Tenn. – and of course, they brought the *Rivereast*!



*Panama Papers...* Elba Smith of Portland recently visited family in Panama City, Panama, and brought along the *Rivereast*! She's pictured here in front of the Panama Canal. The weather was very warm, but it was a beautiful country, Elba said.



*Rivereast Sees Ukraine...* Oleh Weselyj of Marlborough, with daughter Maria, visited relatives recently in Lviv, Ukraine. Weselyj said the city of one million people was calm the day they arrived, though sirens blared the day after they left. It's a "very sad situation there and life goes on daily," Weselyj said, adding, "Glory to Ukraine. Glory to the heroes."

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# EHHS Freshman Wins Acting Award

By Jack Lakowsky

Chosen from among students of nearly 100 high schools, East Hampton High School Drama Club actor and extremely precocious freshman Will Faber recently won a Halo Award, a statewide award given to exceptional student performers. The award was presented at the Palace Theatre in Waterbury.

Will won Best Comedic Performance in a Musical for his spring performance in the EHHS Drama Club's performance of *The Addams Family*, portraying Mal Beineke, a straight-laced foil to the title family's eccentric Gomez.

Will told the *Rivereast* he may have just done so bad, he did good – the role isn't supposed to be funny.

"It was supposed to be stern and unhappy; I guess I didn't do it well," he quipped.

Will said he had "no notion" he was set to win such an impressive accolade at such a young age.

"Honestly I nearly fell out of my chair," he said.

Will was the first-ever East Hampton student to win a Halo.

It's no wonder he won – he has an intellect and eloquence well beyond his years, saying he's often mistaken for someone far older.

Will's mom, Margaret McCutcheon Faber, said after just one year, Faber's classmates – both under- and upperclassmen – have taken to calling him the mayor of East Hampton High School.

"When I did get up there and composed myself, I just said it was such an honor to play the role," said Will.

"I like to think I accepted it on behalf of the town and all my friends, and on behalf of our director Rachel Mansfield," said Will.

He added that there's no show business without teamwork on and off the stage.

"When you're good, you're not good by yourself," he said. "That was fantastic, that I got to represent the town. It was such an honor."

Will says he's always been a "theatre-minded person," playing many roles since he was even younger.

When he was little, he would direct his stuffed animals in shows and sing-alongs, and taught himself the ropes of performance.

Will is part of the Young People's Center for Creative Arts, a central Connecticut theatre camp, and there and in EHHS he has found a supportive environment.

Will said he's constantly trying to develop himself as a person – and, as a performer, always trying to get better.

"Everyone around me is better now too; it's really wonderful," said Will. He said 50% of any act is the director – and in Mansfield, he said he has a fantastic, supportive, professional director that knows how to put on a good show and how to treat her performers, praising them or offering gentle, helpful critique as needed.

"She really helped to build me to where I am now and has supported me through my years in theatre," he said.

Will has quite a bit of ambition too – he wants to keep acting and, a shoo-in for someone of his sparkling personality, eventually, host his own talk show.

Along with Mansfield and his family, Will sent thanks to his close friends the Briggs family, as well as Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith, an "absolutely wonderful supporter of the arts." Will said Smith is first to show up to any performance and that, if he can't make showtime, he'll watch the dress rehearsals.

"He's kind of an unsung hero for our little group," Will said. "We know we're being seen and that really means a great deal to us."

Mansfield has just as many kind words for the talented young man she's helped burgeon.

Through the course of the rehearsal process and performances, Mansfield said, Will somehow managed to take a role that is supposed to be the straight man opposite Gomez Addams, and got himself nominated for a Halo Award.

"This was the drama club's first year participating in the Halos, which honor outstanding work in theater for high schools throughout the state," Mansfield said in an email. "Not only did Will receive a nomination, but he took home the award! How did he do it? By once again, giving his all."

Mansfield said actors sometimes need to be directed to take more chances onstage.

"The best thing about Will as a performer is that it is never the case for him," she said. "He may actually be the one student you have to reign in being too big. What a wonderful problem to have onstage! If only all our young actors were that fearless."

Mansfield added, "We are so proud of Will and the fact that he has won East Hampton High School's first Halo award ever. We are sure there is much more to come in his future, both onstage and off. And we are beyond lucky to have him for the next three years to entertain us all!"

Will's proud mom Margaret also sent a few words to the *Rivereast*.

"East Hampton is privileged to have had such a high-quality, thriving drama program for so many decades," she said.

"Success breeds success and each show seems even better than the last!" she added. "The school and community programs here are run by talented (and tireless) directors, staff and vol-



Will Faber, one of many talented Belltown youth, won at the end of May a statewide acting award for his performance in the high school's springtime musical extravaganza, *The Addams Family*.

unteers. While our programs might be small in size and budget, we more than compensate with spirit, creativity, professionalism and dedication to the craft. I think that attitude and commitment is what makes East Hampton's drama programs so special, and I cannot wait to see the next production."

## Christ Episcopal Church News

Christ Episcopal Church, 66 Middle Haddam Rd., Middle Haddam, holds in-person and Zoom services at 10 a.m. each Sunday. All are welcome. To connect electronically, go to [www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com](http://www.christchurchmiddlehaddam.com) for directions. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated with the Rev. Diana Rogers.

**Sunday School:** New students are welcome. Contact the Rev. Joanne Neel-Richard for information at [jneelrichard16@gmail.com](mailto:jneelrichard16@gmail.com).

**Zoom Bible Study:** Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. Email [bobette@kahn.com](mailto:bobette@kahn.com) for more details.

**Donations:** Food items may be placed in the

black totes at the rear of the church. Clean returnable bottles and cans go in the designated cans by the shed.

**Parish Survey:** The Vestry is mailing a Parish Survey to all church members. It is part of the church's ongoing search for a new part-time clergy person and is required by the Diocese. Fill it out and return it as soon as possible.

For more information or if in need of assistance, call the church office at 860-267-0278 or contact Donna Hryb, senior warden, at 860-633-0472.

## EHMS Soccer, Cross-Country Registration

East Hampton Middle School student/athletes interested in trying out for boys soccer, girls soccer or boys/girls cross-country teams can register at [www.FamilyID.com](http://www.FamilyID.com). Athletes must have all the proper paperwork submitted online and have an updated physical in order to try out.

Registration should be completed by Monday, Aug. 21. For more information, call EHMS athletic director Michael Mercaldi at 860-463-6837.

## Dean's List

East Hampton residents David D'Antonio, Alexis Harris, Dylan Levesque and Iseabal Turner made the spring 2023 Dean's List at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford.

D'Antonio, Harris and Turner are nursing majors, and Levesque is a health science major.

## YPCCA to Present *Rent* This Summer

The Young People's Center for Creative Arts is accepting registrations for its summer theater camp for students in grades 6-12. The camp will run Monday-Friday, June 26-July 23, from 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., at East Hampton High School.

Mornings at the camp are devoted to various workshops, while afternoons are spent in rehearsals for the summer mainstage production – which this year is *Rent*.

For teens interested in a leading role in the show, auditions are held a few weeks before camp starts. Auditions, however, are not mandatory and students who do not audition will

be featured in the ensemble. There are also opportunities to learn behind-the-scenes skills involved in theater work and many campers work as stage and set crew.

Admission is \$675 per child; additional children in a family are \$625 each. A \$100 deposit is required at registration, and payment in full is due by the first day of camp.

Registration and more information on the camp is available by visiting [www.yppca.org](http://www.yppca.org). Scholarships are also available for students with financial need. Email [info@ypcca.org](mailto:info@ypcca.org) for more information.

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### Invasive Species Education

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tion of the AirLine trail to have an opportunity to identify invasives. Kochiss will educate on the threat of non-native invasives and how to control or remove these plants. Refreshments and a club meeting will follow in the community room.

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### Dean's List

East Hampton resident Katie Zimmer made the spring 2023 Dean's List at Fairfield University in Fairfield.

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### Garden Tour and Plein Air Paint Event

The second annual East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission Garden Tour and Plein Air Paint Event will be held Saturday, June 17, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., featuring six private and two community gardens.

Locations include 23 Old Skinner St., 82 Young St., 11 Markham Rd., 69 Collie Brook Rd., 32 Daly Rd. and 26 Barton Hill Rd., as well as the community garden at the Air Line Trail/Cranberry Bog on Smith Street and Epoch Arts at 27 Skinner St. Seven local artists have also registered to set up easels and paint live during the event.

A closing reception will be hosted by Mc-

Clean Hill Farm on Depot Hill Road in Cobalt from 2-4 p.m. Admission to the garden tour is free, though donations to East Hampton Food Bank are appreciated.

Informational fliers are posted around town and maps are available soon at the town clerk's office, East Hampton Public Library, and at Old Bank Flowers and Greenery in the East Hampton Village Center on Main Street. People can also email arts@easthamptonct.org or visit www.artsforeasthamptonct.org for more information.

For more information, call Melissa Pionzio at 860-993-5311.

### Haddam Neck Covenant Church News

Haddam Neck Covenant Church, located at 17 Haddam Neck Rd. in East Hampton, invites all to online or in-person worship Sundays at 9 a.m. Pastor is the Rev. Tom Cowger. Refreshments are served after the service.

**Bottles for Babies:** This is a way to provide financial support to the ministry of the ABC Women's Center. The bottles are filled with change, cash or checks and returned to the church by Father's Day.

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

**Kids Church:** Music and hands-on interactive activities about God's love are offered for kids in the Fellowship Hall during the worship service. All are welcome.

**Vocal Choir:** Choir rehearsals are held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome.

**Adult Bible Study:** Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Music Room. The study is on the Book of Revelation.

**Office Info:** The office can be reached at 860-267-2336; hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m.-noon. The church website is at www.hncovenantchurch.org.

### Senior Center News & Notes

East Hampton Senior Center, 105 Main St., announces the following. Registration is required for all programs unless noted; register 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 Monday through Friday, to ages 60 and up. Call 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; a \$3 donation is requested.

**Weekly Activities: Quilting Group:** Mondays, 9 a.m.; **Mexican Train Dominoes:** Mondays, 9:30 a.m.; **Setback:** Mondays, 1 p.m., and Thursdays, 1:15 p.m.; **Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 1 p.m.; **Bingo:** Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m., in person and via Zoom; **Wii Bowling:** Wednesdays, 11 a.m.; **Cross Stitch:** Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. - all levels welcome; **Cornhole:** Thursdays, 11 a.m.; **Cribbage:** Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m. - let the center know in advance if you plan to attend; **Mah-jongg:** Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon - call also to put your name on a list if interested in learning how to play; **Textile Group:** Fridays, 1 p.m.

**Writing Our Lives to Open Our Hearts:** There are two groups; one meets Thursdays, 10-11 a.m., and one meets every other Thursday, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Groups meet outdoors, weather permitting, or indoors or via Zoom.

**Wonderfully Wicked Women's Group (WWW):** Monday, June 19, 10 a.m. This is a low-key opportunity to meet others and share resources. The group determines the topics for discussion for the next month.

**Leaves Up Close:** Wednesday, June 21, 10:30

### Dean's List

Sara Roberts of East Hampton made the spring 2023 Dean's List at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass.

a.m. Master Naturalist Lynn Kochiss will discuss the role leaves play in helping the planet, and how they guide people to know trees better.

**Art w/Karen:** Sunday, June 25, 2-4 p.m. Karen Williams will lead people through beginner steps of creating an acrylic painting. Cost is \$5 for supplies. Pay Williams the day of the event. Pre-registration is necessary.

**Mighty Magnificent Men's Group:** Monday, June 26, 10:30 a.m. This is a casual opportunity to meet others and discuss what's on your mind.

**Ageless Meditations with Victoria:** Monday, June 26, 1-2 p.m. Techniques engage in healing, self-compassion and gratitude in a group setting.

**Chatham Health Presents - Staying Healthy Outdoors:** Tuesday, June 27, 10:30-11 a.m. Pre-register.

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

### Parks and Recreation News

East Hampton Parks and Recreation has announced the following upcoming programs. For full descriptions, call 860-267-7300 or visit easthamptonct.myrec.com.

**Adult Tennis:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9-10:30 a.m., at the high school tennis courts. Pre-registration not required. For more info, call or text Natalie Hurt at 860-227-8538.

**Water Olympics:** June 26-30, 9 a.m.-noon, Sears Park, \$100.

**Adult Pickleball:** Wednesdays, June 14, 21, 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$25.

## Local Pride Group Growing, and Wants to Keep it Up

By Jack Lakowsky

Stephanie Iverson, founder of East Hampton Pride, a young grassroots group dedicated to aiding the local LGBTQ+ community, will host its second annual "Pride Stroll," a day of fun events and activities throughout the Village Center.

The stroll, done in partnership with local businesses, is set for Saturday, June 24, taking place throughout downtown.

There's story time with local drag queen Miss Summer Orlando, face-painting at Wild Craft Herb Shoppe, calming crafts at Belltown Therapeutic Massage, bike decorating at Air-line Cycles, tie-dye hosted by Hebron-based Small-Town Pride, a dog parade and karaoke at Dexter's Tunes, Tales & Ales, a mobile health unit with LGBTQ+ resources.

The fun concludes with a 21-and-over dance party at Rule of 3 Brewery with DJ Rama Don.

For more information and for a full list of events visit easthamptonpride.com.

"We're definitely growing," Iverson told the *Riverast*. The group began in 2021, and after gaining some footing and getting ahead of pandemic-caused hurdles, held its first big event with last year's Pride Stroll.

"It's grown quite a bit," she said, "it was only a couple hours long at first."

Now it's a full day of events.

"We're happy we're bringing Pride to the Town of East Hampton," said Iverson.

It's tough for Pride groups to gain momentum in small towns. The topic of LGBTQ+ inclusion is more divisive in smaller towns, she said, and last year, there was some pushback.

This year, she said, that hasn't held true.

"I think people saw we're just here spreading love, there's no agenda. I think it's important to go beyond just sporting rainbows; it's about addressing underlying issues and showing true

support for the LGBT community. We have so many bills across the U.S. attempting to limit LGBT rights, so I think it's really important, now more than ever, to come together and show there are people who care."

She said in rural areas, queer people often feel isolated and without community. East Hampton Pride aims to do its part to change that.

While it's got a good start, East Hampton Pride is hoping to grow its membership, especially more queer or LGBTQ+ involvement. The group has queer people but could use more, and is mostly straight allies, she said. Pride's Facebook following has grown to about 500, but more volunteers are needed.

"We're still very grassroots," said Iverson, adding the group hasn't quite nabbed its official nonprofit status. "We're small and looking to grow."

Pride has monthly meetings, and Iverson would hope any volunteers are willing to put in some time with the group. Young people in the LGBTQ+ community would be great too, Iverson said, saying it's no secret most current Belltown Pride members aren't exactly kids.

"We're always trying to come up with ideas for the youth," she said, "we're so open to more youth involvement, we'd love a stronger presence from them."

You don't have to be from East Hampton, and you don't have to identify as queer; no matter your stripes, East Hampton Pride is looking for a few extra hands and minds.

Iverson said she got the idea to found East Hampton Pride after seeing Facebook posts asking about local initiatives, and felt she had to "bring something forward."

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# Carved Out of COVID, Unflinching Grads Move On

By Jack Lakowsky

The East Hampton High School Class of 2023 had an experience like no other – the COVID-19 pandemic hit in the second half of the students' freshman year, and then their sophomore year in 2020-21 was an erratic smattering of remote and in-person learning.

At the height of the pandemic, schools were politicized like never before, and this trend continues in the form of book bans and jousting over curriculum.

Listening to their speeches, or, previously, speaking to them for school plays or sports, it's hard to understand what all the drama is about – the kids, for the most part, are alright – hard-working, respectful, joyful and welcoming despite the climate of illness and acidic politics.

One such student was Eshani Karkun, class president.

Karkun said that, for the EHHS Class of 2023, the first day as freshmen back in fall 2019 was just the start of "four unpredictable years."

Referring to 2020 as the year that "shall not be named," one of stress-related hair loss that, sadly, took its toll on EHHS principal Eric Verner, she joked.

But, despite the hair loss, Karkun said, hers is a commendable class, recognizing her classmates' "consistent perseverance" and constancy it took to get to "this very night."

Along with their success in school, Karkun encouraged her classmates to cherish their memories, the "positive, funny and important moments" of high school, to never forget about anyone who helped them walk across the graduation stage.

"Our time [here] has officially come to an end," said Karkun. "And as each of us venture off to pursue our passions, I wish all of you nothing but success and happiness. Remember to work hard, play hard, and remember to celebrate your wins and learn from your losses and, most importantly, never forget to enjoy the journey."

Melanie Hurt, salutatorian, said she was honored to be among her fellow graduates.

"I'll start with the cheesy stuff," she began – but her version of cheesiness was quite heartfelt,

as she said she's proud of her class for overcoming their personal and academic struggles.

"I have no doubt the future is daunting to many of us, regardless of whether we plan to go to college, trade school, or start working immediately," she said. "The future is full of opportunities for all of us."

She said she doesn't buy the whole "these are the best years of your life" thing.

"If you had a great time in school, I'm happy for you," she said. "But for those of us who didn't, remember you have the whole world in front of you. Go out. And flourish. Don't put so much effort into pleasing others, because you won't make everyone happy. Do what makes you feel like you're living and not just surviving."

Hurt foresees that her salutatorian superlative won't matter much in the long run.

"Realistically, nothing we do in high school has much bearing in the grand scheme of things," said Hurt.

Lessons you learned may stick, she said, but grades, ultimately, are overrated.

"Even the people special to you may drift apart from you," she said. "I've made a lot of friends over the years but quite honestly, I think there's only a few that I'll keep in touch with for long."

This is okay, she said. People grow, people go on to new things.

Hurt strongly advised her classmates avoid excess hubris.

"Arrogance won't get you far in life," she said. "Instead, you must strive to be compassionate toward others and willing to learn new things."

She said always be curious, open and kind. Don't compare yourself to others.

Quoting the fine legal mind of *Legally Blonde's* Elle Woods, she said, "We did it!"

Valedictorian Daniel Drlik took the stand and, right away, thanked his teachers and friends and family.

"Your encouragement has allowed me to pursue my interests and explore so many unique and exciting things. You guys have been amazing role models," he said.

He said while they had a tough start with co-



Last Friday the East Hampton Class of 2023, a hardy group that endured the havoc the pandemic wreaked on their first two years of high school, said goodbye to their fellow Bellringers.

vid, the class "marched on" and "overcame that barrier," allowing for a "normal" senior year.

Yet, maybe normal isn't the right word, he said. Normal isn't usually so much fun.

"There would not have been a field trip to go bowling just because. There wouldn't have been a breakfast to celebrate the beginning of the year of a senior trip to Lake Compounce to bring us together one last time," he said.

If the year were "normal," he said the only field trips would've been purely educational,

with associated paperwork.

Drlik said not to look at high school years as meaningless. Instead, it's something to look back at, something to feel connected to, something worked on together.

"And that's what makes this year matter," he said. "This is what makes this year anything but normal."

Continue working hard, but don't forget to enjoy it, because this is where the fun beings, Drlik concluded.

## Middle Haddam Public Library News

Middle Haddam Public Library, 2 Knowles Rd., Middle Haddam, has announced the following. To register or more information on any program, email [middlehaddamlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:middlehaddamlibrary@gmail.com), visit [middlehaddamlibrary.com](http://middlehaddamlibrary.com) or call 860-267-9093. The library has a new P.O. box number: 123.

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

**Yoga:** With Erin Day of Ten Summit Yoga. Mondays at 9 a.m. and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. No Saturday classes until summer. Cost is a \$10

drop-in fee. Register at [tensummitst@gmail.com](mailto:tensummitst@gmail.com).

**Mahjong:** Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Experienced and new players welcome.

**Spinning and Fiber Arts:** Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon. Bring your spinning wheel, knitting, weaving, embroidery, etc. All are welcome.

**Writer's Workshop/Meet-Up Group:** Wednesday, June 21, 7-8:30 p.m. There will be constructive criticism, writing exercises and more. Get the opinion of other writers. Registration requested.

## 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 us at [easthamptonpubliclibrary.org](http://easthamptonpubliclibrary.org), or on Facebook at [facebook.com/EastHamptonLibrary](https://facebook.com/EastHamptonLibrary).

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

**All-Ages Programs: Summer Reading Kick-Off!** Friday, June 23, 5-7 p.m. Head over to the fields at Center School to sign up for this year's program. There will be free SnoCones, an inflatable obstacle course, baby goats and water balloon painting, plus special guests DJ Montez and Epoch Arts.

**Find Your Voice with Professional Storyteller Mark Binder:** Monday, June 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Binder travels the world sharing original stories and traditional folktales for all generations. This will be an interactive storytelling program.

**Children's Programs: Mindful Movements – Outside!** Monday, June 19, 10:30 a.m., for ages 2-5 years; siblings welcome. This early literacy storytime program is at Seamster Park/Memorial School playground. Bring a blanket/camp chair and look for the blue wagon. In case of inclement weather, story time will take place at the library.

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church News

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church holds services Sundays at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome. The church is located at 1 East High St. Pastor is Cathy Rohrs. The church is handicapped-accessible and air-conditioned.

Bible Hour is Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The book of Luke is the topic. The Bible study is informal. No prior knowledge is needed; just the zest to learn.

All are welcome to a Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, June 21, in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5 p.m. Free will offerings will be appreciated.

**Storytimes:** Toddler Time: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m., for children ages 18 months to 3 years; Stories & Songs: Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m., for ages 3-5 years; Baby Rhyme Time: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., for ages birth to 24 months, and their caregivers.

**Archaeology in the Library:** Friday, June 30, 2-3 p.m., for grades 2-5. Take part in a hands-on mini archaeological dig. Afterwards, write about where your findings came from and what they might have been used for.

**Teen Programs: Nintendo Switch Game Play for Grades 6-12:** Saturday, June 17, 2-3:30 p.m. Come to the library to play *Mario Party: Superstars*. All skill levels welcome.

**Teen Dungeons & Dragons:** Every other Wednesday beginning June 28, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. For grades 8-12.

**Adult Programs: LibrarYoga with Amie Meacham:** Saturday, June 17, 10:15 a.m. All levels welcome.

**Book Club:** Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. *In a Sunburned Country* by Bill Bryson will be discussed. Copies are available for checkout at the circulation desk.

**Find Your Voice: Podcasters In-Person Series:** Tuesday, June 27, 6:30 p.m. Host and producer Mike Allen will discuss his podcast *Amazing Tales from Off and On Connecticut's Beaten Path*. The podcast has highlighted more than 100 stories about interesting people, places, and events in Connecticut's history.

## GOP Meets Next Week

The next meeting of the East Hampton Republican Town Committee will be held Tuesday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m., at The Lakeside Bar and Grill (upstairs meeting area), located at 81 North Main St.

All are invited to come strategize for the 2023 municipal election. People are encouraged to come forth if they are interested in running for any of the boards in November 2023 (Town Council, Board of Finance, Board of Education, etc.). The public is welcome to attend.

Email [ehctgop@gmail.com](mailto:ehctgop@gmail.com).

## Rails to Trail 5K

Old Home Days Rails to Trail 5K Run will be at 7 p.m. Friday, July 7, in conjunction with Old Home Days. This is a point-to-point 5K race that will start at the Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue.

Shuttle buses will be provided starting at 6:15 p.m. – departing from Center School to the start line. Race starts promptly at 7 p.m. The first mile of the race leads you down Chestnut Hill Road to Route 16, crossing over Route 16 to Alden's Crossing and taking a right onto the Air Line

Trail. You will continue approximately two miles down the shade covered Air Line Trail, crossing Forest Street, exiting at the Company One Firehouse on Barton Hill, left onto Main Street and right into the Center School driveway to the finish line at the Old Home Days fairground.

Entry fee is \$25. All participants that pre-register will get a free 2023 race T-shirt. For more information, contact Elisha Milton at 860-655-2743 or [OHDrailstotrails@gmail.com](mailto:OHDrailstotrails@gmail.com).



**Floating Island...** Roger Abraham, education advisor at the East Hampton High School environmental club containing 25 active members, places one of the 10 artificial wetlands/floating islands into Christopher Brook near the Jim Morris Bridge by Happy Paddler as some of his club members watch. Abraham's students constructed the islands during the winter and spring with the purpose of having plants on the islands help absorb and reduce the phosphates and nitrates in the stream. Christopher Brook is one of the hot spots with high concentration of phosphates from the run-off of fertilizers used by residents on their property. In the past this has resulted in the growth of algae and closure of the lake to water sports. The Friends of Lake Pocotopaug Club has sponsored the floating island project. *Photo by Abraham.*



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# Budgets Soundly Rejected at Referendum

By Michael Sinkewicz

Colchester residents rejected both municipal and school spending proposals at a referendum on Tuesday, sending both budgets back to the Board of Finance for review.

Both of the spending packages budgets were overwhelmingly defeated; the town budget failed by a 1,335-741 tally, and the Board of Education's margin of defeat was even wider — a 1,546-529 total, according to the Colchester town clerk's office.

The school board's budget was proposed at \$43.68 million — a \$1.65 million, or 3.9%, increase over the current year. Municipal spending was billed at \$15.63 million — around \$10,000 more than current year spending. The mill rate would have been 27.22, a .4 increase.

After polls closed and the results were known, the finance board set the mill rate to the current figure — 26.82.

Voter turnout was 18%, higher than any of the four referendums during the 2022-23 budget cycle.

Further insight into the referendum results was provided by the advisory questions included on the ballot.

Voters defiantly ruled that the school budget figure was "too low" — 1,164 votes — as opposed to 728 people who said the plan was "too high."

For the town budget, 1,073 votes for "too low," with 685 residents opting for "too high."

On Wednesday morning, First Selectman Andrea Bisbikos reacted to the result, telling the *Rivereast* that the outcome was somewhat expected.

"I would not say that I am surprised because signs popped up all over town that said, 'vote no - too low' and this is what a townwide referendum is all about," he stated. "It gives all our taxpayers the opportunity to be heard and now they have spoken."

Bisbikos said a budget freeze will not be necessary, and that the rejection of the budget proposals will have no "adverse effects" on the town.

"The next steps are for the [Board of Finance] to meet as soon as possible, review the results of the referendum outcome and advisory questions, and determine what the next budget proposal will be that gets sent to referendum," Bisbikos stated.

The vote came after a controversial town meeting last month, where residents appeared to defeat motions recommending and forwarding both spending proposals to a townwide referendum.

During the town meeting, a motion for the municipal budget failed by a 114-33 tally; the school budget didn't get past a voice vote, where the "nos" also carried.

For many, these results signified that the budget proposals should head back to the finance board for further examination before the public offered a final verdict at referendum. However, Bisbikos, after consulting with town attorney Matthew Ritter of Shipman and Goodwin LLP, stated that the motions made not to recommend either budget at the town meeting were "invalid" and "contradictory" to the town charter.

The scheduled referendum date of June 13 was therefore upheld.

Mike Hayes, a Democrat on the finance board, told the *Rivereast* Wednesday that the budget results were the consequence of Republican Board of Finance chairman Andrea Migliaccio ignoring the will of the community.

"She didn't listen to parents or citizens," he asserted.

Throughout the process, many residents, and school staff, have called on the restoration of school funds.

At times, many residents have been confused as to the actual budget figures — Migliaccio has consistently stated that her board reduced the

original school budget request by \$1.3 million; the school board, however, believes the amount is a \$1.5 million slash.

Accordingly, the Board of Education adopted a series of cuts totaling \$1.5 million to absorb the bottom-line reduction to their spending plan earlier this year.

The board decided to delay the implementation of the new school security initiatives — saving \$168,432.

Other significant reductions included: the elimination of World Language for grade 7; eliminating a business teacher at Bacon Academy; implementing a pay-to-play fee of \$180 a year for instrumental music instruction at Jack Jackter Intermediate School and William J. Johnston Middle School; increasing preschool tuition; and transitioning to a half-day pre-kindergarten program.

On top of concerns regarding these potential district cuts, another Democrat on the finance board, Mike Egan, presented documents showing that the mill rate calculation may have been off. The town's revenue is currently being listed at \$3.3 million, but his calculations show that it should be \$3.9 million — a \$633,579 difference, which would've brought the mill rate to 26.82 — a .04 increase, he claimed.

Hayes expressed that the "no-vote" parent groups did an "incredible" job campaigning for the referendum.

"It was the largest turnout I can remember," he said. "The overwhelming majority said the budgets were too low."

Based on the budget process, Hayes indicated that he "fairly confident" in what the result would be, stating that the finance board "really upset

the majority of people in town."

The last budget season for Colchester was exhaustive, spanning through the summer. Hayes said setting the mill rate was a key step to ensure that the town receives some level of income in the meantime.

The next steps are uncertain. Migliaccio will likely set a meeting date in the near future, but the specific revisions to the plan are unknown.

Egan previously suggested that the board amend its \$1.5 million (or \$1.3 million) cut to a \$1 million cut, which he asserted would spare the district from the most consequential program cuts.

At the time, the finance board — namely the Republican majority — was opposed to this plan.

For Hayes, the roadmap is straightforward — the budgets have to be increased.

"The town is now fully awoken to idea that the budgets aren't properly funded," he said.

If the plans are reduced, he continued, "this could drag on to November."

"It's cut and dry," he said. "People can play games all they want but [the finance board] needs to pay attention to what citizens said in the advisory questions. It should be pretty simple."

The Board of Selectmen, he added, could also choose not to send the finance board's revised proposals back to a town meeting.

Migliaccio did not respond to a request for comment before press time.

## Senior Center Trips

Colchester Senior Center is offering a pair of trips. Call 860-537-3911 for more information. Trips are available to Colchester Senior Center members and their adult guests over the age of 18.

**Block Island Breeze:** Tuesday, July 18. Enjoy a ferry ride for the 12-mile trip to the island complete with an enclosed passenger area, cocktail bar, and galley. There will be a guided tour of the island, lunch at the National Hotel (make meal choice in advance), and time at the beach or gift shops. The bus departs at 8:15 a.m. and returns approximately 8:15 p.m. The cost is \$150 per person.

## Dean's List

Rachel L. Wells, daughter of Stephen Wells and Ilyse Wells of Colchester, made the spring 2023 Dean's List at Endicott College in Beverly, Mass.

Wells is an accounting major in the Gerrish School of Business' Scholars Program and is a member of the Class of 2024.

## Christian Life Chapel News

Christian Life Chapel, located at 392 S. Main St., holds worship in person at 10 a.m. Sundays. Follow the church on Facebook for the livestream. For more information, call Pastor Don Rivers — the church's bi-vocational pastor, who also serves as president for "Racing with Jesus, Inc." — at 860-398-9119 or visit christianlifechapel.org.

**Weekly Schedule:** Bible Study for Men: Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m.; Bible

Study for Women: Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; Community Bible Study and Prayer: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; Fridays: Donuts with Don at 10 a.m. -- this is an open discussion on how God fits in your life.

**Vacation Bible School:** Monday-Wednesday, July 24-26, from 9 a.m.-noon. This year's theme is "Keepers of the Kingdom." Contact the church for more information.

## Resident Named a Fellow

Samantha Gauthier of Colchester was recently recognized as an Andrew B. Saxton Undergraduate Fellow in Public Health during the Honors Convocation at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y.

A fellow is selected by the faculty to recognize outstanding achievement. Fellows serve as student assistants in their major department and receive a tuition credit.

## Fairy Solstice Event

The Colchester Land Trust will hold a Fairy Solstice Event at the Bulkeley Hill Preserve Sunday, June 25, at 10 a.m.

CLT board member Liza Sivek leads this all-ages day of walking along the trail, seeking fairy houses and creating forest-friendly fairy homes from found natural materials. Includes a make-and-take fairy house craft.

The event is free for CLT members, and \$5 for non-members. Visit [www.colchesterlandtrust.org](http://www.colchesterlandtrust.org) for updates/ cancellations.

## Ahavath Achim News

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

Tuesday: Aggadata class, 6 p.m.; Talmud, 6:30 p.m.; 8 p.m., Kabbalah. All via Zoom — call for link.

Friday night service, 6:30 p.m., Zoom and in-person; Shabbat morning service, 10 a.m., hybrid in-person and via Zoom.

There are daily Facebook Live classes on Rabbi Ken Alter's Facebook page. Also on the page: "Ask the Rabbi" and the Positive Affirmation of the Day.

There will be a chicken barbecue Sunday, July 23.

For more information, call 860-537-2809. Office hours are Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.



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# Top Two Students Reflect on High School Journey

By Michael Sinkewicz

Ryan Moores and Grace Gorreck — the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the Bacon Academy High School Class of 2023 — excelled both inside and outside of the classroom.

Their weighted GPAs both approach 5.0 — more than enough to earn the top two spots of the academic class.

Prior to receiving their diplomas today, Moores and Gorreck sat down with the *Rivereast* to review their distinctions and their memories at 611 Norwich Ave. in Colchester.

Previously, both students were recognized as Bacon's Scholar-Athletes of the Year for the year 2022-23 school year — check last week's *Rivereast* for that full story.

Every year, the program honors two seniors from each member high school of the Connecticut Association of Schools Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CAS/CIAC) whose academic and athletic careers have been exemplary, whose personal standards and achievements are a model to others, and who possess high levels of integrity, self-discipline and courage.

Moores was a three-season runner and a three-sport captain his senior year. While he won dozens of races, he humbly accepted the fact that he might be quite the athlete.

"I'm proud of the progress I made throughout high school and I met so many amazing students and athletes," he said. "It's been very fulfilling."

Gorreck was the captain of the volleyball team this year and a volunteer coach for youth basketball in Colchester, as well.

It seems almost fitting that Moores and Gorreck will be sharing the stage together on Friday. Their academic lives have been interconnected; they take many of the same courses, participate in the same clubs and thrive athletically.

Both were members of the student council and the National Honors Society — Gorreck was president while Moores was vice president.

They collectively founded Learn Green, an environmental organization that organizes events such as trash cleanups. The pair also served as ambassadors for the Hugh O'Brian youth leadership forum in 2021.

Beyond shared experiences, both charted their own unique journeys and crafted impressive high school stories. Through AP exams, long nights of studying and comprehensive essays, Bacon's top students are ready for their next chapter.

## The Valedictorian

Moores, in addition to his outstanding athletic achievements, was also the student representative to the Colchester Board of Education dating back to his junior year. At the end of his sophomore year, he founded an American Sign Language club, as well.

If that wasn't enough, Moores was the vice president of the Class of 2023.

In his mind, both he and Gorreck strove for success and embraced academic challenges; they didn't shy away from demanding classes either.

"What really separated us was putting ourselves out there and pushing ourselves further knowing that we will be able to adjust," he said. "I felt that it was really more about having the guts to take on that extra workload knowing that we'll be able to handle it and adjust."

Like many students, Moores had to adapt to the pandemic and the resulting hybrid learning model. While some classmates understandably missed in-person instruction, he embraced the opportunity to be an "independent learner" who could "seek out my own resources and process things through my own point of view."

"I sort of thrived," he recalled.

The hard work clearly paid off for Moores, who will attend Princeton University with a penciled-in major of neuroscience.

However, before officially beginning class in New Jersey, Moores is embarking on a nine-month "gap year" trip to Indonesia through the university's Novogratz Bridge Year Program.

He will join a group of five students on a "cultural experience" that includes living with a fam-

ily abroad and backpacking through national parks.

It's difficult, Moores expressed, not to compare oneself to fellow Princeton students; he considered himself average, or even below average — a tough assessment.

"It's daunting but also very exciting to see that there will be so many resources to help me get to that same level and realize a greater potential," he said, adding that he feels "confident in passions but not necessarily what I want to have a career in."

Moores admitted that school life would get a bit "overwhelming" at times.

"You just get to that point where it just feels like everything is going wrong and I've definitely had a few points throughout the school year where I've felt like that," he said.

But his parents helped communicate how that effort would pay off in the future, and being transparent with them about the struggles was beneficial to his education.

Ultimately, he had to remind himself that everything was under control.

"I just need to work through this period and I know I can get through it and I know it'll be worth it in the end," he asserted. "Just having that support through those times and that understanding has been really valuable."

Still, his parents suggested that perhaps Moores should pump the brakes and not exert too much effort.

"My parents have more often than not have told me to *stop* working," Moores said, laughing. "You need to go to bed; you need to sleep."

The final stretch of high school was somewhat chaotic for Moores. Between applying for visas and fulfilling vaccine requirements, life is moving fast.

"I feel like it hasn't really sunk in," he said.

## The Salutatorian

Gorreck was easily able to identify her most memorable high school moment.

During her sophomore year AP bio class taught by Christopher Juhl — both Gorreck's and Moores' favorite teacher — a valuable lesson was taught.

Gorreck recalls being burnt-out and exhausted as the AP exam loomed, and Juhl, who has since retired, brought in a dead hummingbird he found earlier that day.

The bird traveled hundreds of miles all the way from central America, he said, crossing over the Gulf of Mexico before eventually landing in Connecticut.

The message?

"You have to enjoy the journey and you'll get to the destination eventually but the journey is the important part and you have to persevere," Gorreck expressed. "That's just something that always stuck with me."

In the fall, Gorreck will attend Marist College and study environmental science or chemistry as part of the college's honors program.

Growing up, grades were always important to her, but what was the secret to her success?

"I think it's more of the self-motivation and time management skills that allow you to get good grades," she said, adding that "finding the will power" was crucial.

Still, finishing at the top of the class wasn't exactly her target.

"My goal was third in the class because I didn't want to give a speech, but that didn't happen," she joked.

Gorreck's parents consistently supported her efforts and conveyed how proud they were, which she called "comforting."

Teachers like Juhl were mainly responsible for motivating her and steering her into the field of science.

Heading into college, Gorreck is bringing along some wisdom, as well.

"I think the most important thing I've learned is to live in the present and don't sweat the small stuff," she said, adding that everyone will inevitably fail a test or have a bad day.

The key, she continued, is to trust yourself.



Ryan Moores and Grace Gorreck are the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the Bacon Academy Class of 2023.

"You just need to look at what's next and focus on what you're currently doing," said said. "You can't let what happened stop you or create doubts."

Students shouldn't neglect their own mental health or sacrifice their physical well-being simply to meet academic goals.

"You're the most important thing."

## What Will You Miss?

"I've lived here all my life without realizing just how special and unique and interesting the people and the area are and how much I enjoy being here," Moores said. "I think I'll definitely feel some sort of isolation or home sickness."

Gorreck said that as a military child, she moved around a lot growing up — seven schools in six years. Maybe, she theorized, that would help prepare her for this journey.

"When I think about it, I just sort of get overwhelmed," she said. "I feel like I've made so many relationships with teachers and friends."

While some friendships will continue, not seeing people every day will be a tough transition — "that's sad to me."

"Cutting all those off — that's the part I'm most nervous for."

Moores reflected on the runners he's gotten to know, the end of summer and weekend practices, the experience of bonding and suffering through distance runs — "I really will miss the experience of being around this group of people," he said.

He continued, "A lot of the groups that I belong to transcend high school. I've known a lot of runners who are on the team since sixth grade."

Another one of his groups, the 6:45 school band, meets every day and as the name sug-

gested, plays early in the morning before school starts.

Both students will be delivering speeches during graduation, as well.

"It's very difficult to think of a way to act as though I have some sort of wisdom that my classmates do not," Moores expressed, adding that it's challenging to come up with a message that is "applicable to everyone."

"There are so many of my classmates that could share more inspirational or more unique stories with the class," he said. "I think the whole concept is unfair to think that us two are extra deserving of delivering a speech."

Moores said the teachers and staff at Bacon Academy were "extremely accommodating," but he hopes future students don't feel the pressure to prioritize resume building.

"It's so much more important to find your passions and to create your own thing, forge your own path," he said.

Gorreck added that she "did plenty of stuff, but I feel like I could've enjoyed it more if I focused less on the academic side."

One aspect that Moores said the district did encourage is local activity.

"The school system, especially this past year, is very supportive of civic action and students getting involved in their community and giving input to administrators," he said.

His experience interacting with the school board was beneficial.

"Encouraging students to get involved at that level and to see that they can have an influence is really setting Bacon students up for getting involved in the future," he asserted.

## From the Superintendent's Desk...

In the summer of 1978, the lives of John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John changed forever when *Grease* became a box office success. For Travolta it led to a long film career that included hits such as *Urban Cowboy* and *Pulp Fiction*. An already accomplished musician, Newton-John took advantage of the film's notoriety to reinvent her music career leading to multiple top-10 hits and a highly popular music video for her No. 1 hit, "Physical," in 1981. Ironically, *Grease* was a movie about life-changing experiences and the efforts people make to reinvent themselves. As you may recall, *Grease* begins

with the start of school, and students talking with their classmates about summer vacation. For the lead characters, Danny, and Sandy, it was the best summer ever, even if they don't both recall things quite the same way. I imagine that when we look back, most of us have one summer that stands out above the rest. As we approach the end of school, I feel compelled to ask, what can we do to help our students have the best summer yet?

Summer is a magical time regardless of age. We get excited about the first warm days, and the time leading up to July 4th is golden. July is the apex of the summer, and while there are many great days remaining, August leads to "back to school" shopping and the start of school sports, etc. With all of that in mind, I believe we need to have a summer plan even if summer itself should be a little unscripted.

One major focus in education right now is the wellness of our students. Wellness is a "catch-all" term about assuming control for all aspects of our lives. Often when we talk about wellness, we think about physical health, but research now tells us that it is equally important to look at the environment students are growing up in, their social circles, and their emotional wellbeing. Teenagers and young adults can grasp the importance of wellness but still require guidance and support. For our youngest learners, parents and families play an especially important role in ensuring their student's wellness.

Given the information above, I encourage you to consider the following this summer regardless of the age of your child.

- How much physical activity are they getting?
- How much time is being spent in front of a screen?
- How much time is spent sleeping? Is it too little or too much?
- Who are they spending their time with?
- What are they doing each day or night?
- What is your child eating and drinking?
- Do they have good friends?

Like the characters in *Grease*, is now the time for your child to reinvent themselves? If yes, how can you help them?

Daniel Sullivan  
Colchester Superintendent of Schools

## Senior Center News & Notes

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

**Monday, June 19:** Senior center closed for the Juneteenth holiday.

**Tuesday, June 20:** 9 a.m., Father's Day Breakfast, Making Memories; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 10:30 a.m., Book Club; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

**Wednesday, June 21:** 9 a.m., Making Memories Program, Walking Group meet-up at the Air Line Trail in Amston; 10 a.m., Adult Color-

ing, Sit & Be Fit; 10:45 a.m., Fantastic Father's Day Luncheon; 1:30 p.m., Cardio Drumming; 2 p.m., Cardio Drumming

**Thursday, June 22:** 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 11 a.m., Yoga; noon, Chair Massage; noon-3:30 p.m., Senior Benefits Counseling with Ellen; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet.

**Friday, June 23:** 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit, Card-Making; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group; 11 a.m., Yoga; 1 p.m., Tech Time with Harry; 1:30 p.m., Bingo.

**Saturday, June 24:** 6:45 a.m., Lock's & Lunch Hudson River Cruise Departs



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**CCC History and Work**

On Thursday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m., at Cragin Memorial Library, the Colchester Historical Society will host author and historian Martin Podskoch, who will give an illustrated presentation on the 90th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps Camps and its work in Connecticut.

This year is the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC was a public works program that operated from 1933 to 1942 as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. It targeted single men, ages 18-25 years old, and

World War I veterans in relief of families who had difficulty finding jobs during the Great Depression. The program provided unskilled manual labor in environmental conservation and the development of natural resources in rural lands.

Podskoch is a retired teacher and author of 11 books.

For more information contact the Colchester Historical Society at 860 537-4230 or mail@colchesterhistory.org, or the Cragin Memorial Library at 860 537-5752.

**Parks & Rec News & Notes**

Colchester Parks and Recreation has announced the following programs and events. Registration required unless noted. For full descriptions and to register, visit [www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department](http://www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department). Parks and Rec. can also be reached at 860-537-7297 or at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave.

**Card-Making Class:** Thursdays, June 15, July 20 and Aug. 17, 6-8 p.m., at Town Hall. Cost: \$15 per class, per person (\$20 for nonresidents).

**SPT Summer Soccer Camp:** For ages 5-15. Monday-Friday, June 19-23, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.,

at the RecPlex. Cost is \$225/player for full-day (9 a.m.-3 p.m.), and \$150/player for half-day (9 a.m.-noon). There will also be a camp Monday-Friday, July 24-28, from 5-8 p.m., at the RecPlex. Cost is \$150/player.

**Bus Trips:** Registration forms are available online. Bus will leave from Town Hall. For full itineraries, see the website. **Newport Flower Show:** June 25, \$150/person; **Niagara Falls:** June 26-28, \$679/person double occupancy; **Montreal Festivals and Fireworks:** July 2-5, \$1,249/person double occupancy; **Block Island Breeze:** July 18, \$150/person; **Spooky Salem:** Oct. 21, \$114/person.

**Dean's List**

Luke Reynolds, a public health major from Colchester, made the spring 2023 Dean's List at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford.

**CYSS Summer Trips**

Colchester Youth and Social Services' summer trip calendar features trips revisiting some favorite places and included a few new ones too. Colchester students entering grades 4-12 will have the opportunity to come on trips throughout the season.

Copies of the calendar can be found in the CYSS office at Town Hall, on Facebook, the digital backpack, and online at [www.colchesterct.gov/yss](http://www.colchesterct.gov/yss).

Registration for trips will continue all summer. This is an online-only registration program; there is no in-person registration.

Call CYSS for more information, at 860-537-7255.

**Colchester Federated Church News**

Colchester Federated Church is an Open and Affirming church located at 60 Main St. Pastor is the Rev. Lauren 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](mailto:cfc06415@gmail.com).

Worship services are Sundays at 9 a.m. For those wishing to worship from home, the service is broadcast via Facebook Live each Sunday. Worship videos are at [www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org](http://www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org) under the Worship tab. Updated information is also on the church's Facebook page.

**Sunday School:** Sunday School is held during

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

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

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

**Bacon Class of '73 Reunion**

The Bacon Academy Class of 1973 will conduct its 50th year reunion at St. Joseph's Polish Club on Saturday, June 17, at 6 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person, payable to Debra Martin.

The reunion committee is presently looking for information on the following classmates: Charles Arnold, Dina Bienvenue, Terry Corn, Robert Giguere, Diana Hula, James Kellogg, Debra Skut, Donald Smith, Wayne Zielinski and Bruce Zuidema

Anyone with questions or information email [BaconAcademy73@gmail.com](mailto:BaconAcademy73@gmail.com).

**School Readiness Program**

Colchester's School Readiness Program is offering grant-subsidized preschool for the 2023-24 school year. Spaces are limited. Parent fees are based upon a sliding scale.

There are three options available, including part-day at Colchester Elementary School, school-day at Castle and full-day at Town & Country Early Learning Center.

Colchester residents who want a five-day-a-week program and may find it difficult to pay for preschool are invited to apply. For the application and more information, go to [ColchesterC3.org/school-readiness](http://ColchesterC3.org/school-readiness).

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### Input Sought on Food Security

The Marlborough Sustainable CT Team has been formed to examine the town's sustainability and resiliency policies and to engage the community in conversations that lead to new community actions that promote what the team calls "a more inclusive and sustainable Marlborough."

As part of this effort, the Marlborough Sustainable Team is seeking community input on food security. The team requests that residents fill out a short survey available on the town website ([www.marlboroughct.net](http://www.marlboroughct.net)), and copies are available at the Richmond Memorial

Library, Senior Center, and Town Hall.

Drop your surveys off by June 16 in the survey return box in the foyer of Town Hall. You can also mail them to Land Use Office, P.O. Box 29, Marlborough CT 06447.

The Marlborough Sustainable Team members are citizen volunteers working with the Marlborough Planning Commission to achieve state certification. If interested in joining the team, email Peter Hughes, Planning & Development director, at [planner@marlboroughct.net](mailto:planner@marlboroughct.net), or call 860-295-6202.

### 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.

**Monday, June 19: Senior center closed due to Juneteenth holiday.**

**Tuesday, June 20:** Grocery Shopping, 8:30 a.m.-noon; free bread and bakery goods, 10 a.m.; Meals-on-Wheels, noon; Commission on Aging, 4 p.m., Town Hall.

**Wednesday, June 21:** Not Just Quilters, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Assistance, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.-noon; Meals-on-Wheels, noon; Congregate Meal, noon. Menu: barbecue beef brisket, Lyonnaise potatoes, Brussels sprouts, 12-grain bread, fresh fruit; setback, 1-4 p.m.; Sophisticated Ladies, 5-6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, June 22:** Tai Chi, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Trip to Elizabeth Park, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. -- bring a lunch or buy something at the food stand; Meals-on-Wheels, noon; Parkinson's

Disease Exercise with Anne, 3-4 p.m.

**Friday, June 23:** Assistance, 8-Ball Pool, Mahjong, 10 a.m.-noon; Meals-on-Wheels, noon; Congregate Meal, noon. Menu: roast pork with gravy, cornbread stuffing, mixed vegetables, garlic knot, fresh fruit; Setback, 1-4 p.m.

**Congregate Meals:** All meals are served with milk, bread and margarine. Suggested donation: \$3 or what you can afford.

**Transportation:** Available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Transportation available to the senior center, shopping, and medical and non-medical appointments. A 36-hour advance registration is required.

**Food Bank:** Located at 3 Wilhenger Drive (860-295-6008), the food bank is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-noon and 3:30-5:30 p.m. The food bank is open to qualified residents in need of food. Transportation for seniors and physically challenged individuals is available; call the senior center for a ride.

### Town Hall Exhibit Soon to Change

The current display of sculpture and paintings by board member artists of the Marlborough Arts Center will come down at the end of June.

The new exhibit will feature paintings by one of Marlborough's artists, Janet Romanowski, whose work will be on display until the end of the year.

### Resident Graduates

Caroline Meyer of Marlborough recently graduated from Fairfield University in Fairfield.

Meyer also made the spring 2023 Dean's List at the school.

### Dean's List

Lauren Costa, a nursing major from Marlborough, made the spring 2023 Dean's List at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford.

### Dog Licenses Now Available

Dog licenses are now available at the town clerk's office. Remember to check and make sure your dog's rabies certificate is up to date. Licenses cannot be issued without a current rabies certificate.

The fee for spayed or neutered dogs is \$8 and \$19 for dogs who have not been altered. You must license your dog before July 1 or a \$1 late fee will be added each month. Checks should be made out to the Town of Marlborough.

The town clerk's hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 8 a.m.-7 p.m. on Tuesday; and 8 a.m.-noon on Friday.

### Dean's List

April Snyder, a criminology major from Marlborough, made the spring 2023 Dean's List at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

### St. John Fisher Church News & Notes

St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church is located at 30 Jones Hollow Rd. Pastor is the Rev. Alvin LeBlanc; John McKaig is deacon emeritus. Heather Mancini is church secretary and can be reached at 860-295-0001; hours are Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. People are asked to call before heading over or connect via email at [stjohnfisher30@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnfisher30@yahoo.com).

**Weekend Masses:** 4 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. All are welcome. **Weekday Mass:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Sundays, 4-5 p.m.

**Weekly Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 3-3:30 p.m., or by appointment

**Family Faith Formation:** This is an active family faith formation program for the church's kindergarten through middle school population. For more information, call the church office.

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

continues. Registration is required as well.

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

**Community Outreach and Service:** Food drives are held the second full weekend of each month for Marlborough Food Bank. Sandwich-making and collection is the last Thursday of the month for St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown. The Community Garden is once again breaking ground to benefit Marlborough Food Bank and supply fresh produce in season. Garden volunteers are always welcome. Other scheduled service opportunities can be found on the church website and are scheduled monthly.

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

### Richmond Library News & Notes

Richmond Memorial Library, located at 15 School Drive, has announced the following programs and events. For more information or to register, call 860-295-6210 or email [richmondprograms@gmail.com](mailto:richmondprograms@gmail.com).

**Books for Babies:** Town families with children ages birth up to 12 months are invited to stop into the library to pick up a Books for Babies Box and register for your baby's first library card. Advance registration is required and can be done online. At least one parent must have a library card but that can be done at the same time.

**Bytetime:** Fridays at 10 a.m., for ages 0-18 months and their caregivers. This is a baby-centered storytime with songs, rhymes, lap bounces and a story. Registration is recommended but drop-ins are welcome if space allows. The program will be held in the upstairs meeting room unless an accessibility accommodation is needed.

**Short Books for Long Days:** This new book club will next meet Monday, June 26, from 7-8 p.m., outside of the library (the club will be moved indoors if weather necessitates). Discussed will be Seanan McGuire's *Every Heart a Doorway*.

**All About Opossums:** Wednesday, June 28, 6:30 p.m., at Marlborough Senior Center. Pam and Bill Lefferts from Ferncroft Wildlife Rescue will share their experiences as wildlife rehabbers, with a special focus on opossums. Bella and/or Mango, Ferncroft's ambassador opossums, will attend. Guests will not be allowed to

hold the opossums but will be able to pet them. Registration is required; space is limited. This program is an adult program and will be open at first for adult/senior registration only. Families may be allowed to register closer to the date of the program if space allows.

**Summer Reading Kickoff:** Wednesday, June 21, 6:30 p.m. See an all-ages musical puppet show by Tom Knight. Also, sign up for summer reading and snag some giveaways. Registration is not required. The puppet show will be held outdoors, weather pending. In case of inclement weather, the program will be moved to the senior center.

**Birds of Prey Night and Day:** Horizon Wings Raptor Rehabilitation and Education will return Tuesday, June 27, at 4:30 p.m. Explore the world of raptors who share the same habitat but are active at different times - day and night. This family-friendly program will be held outdoors but may move to the senior center. Registration is required.

**Pajama Storytime with Yoga:** Thursday, July 6, 6:30 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy a couple stories and then practice yoga. Wear comfy pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal or blankie. Registration is required.

**Read to the Dogs:** Monday, July 10, from 6-7 p.m. Young readers are invited to come in and read to a certified Reading Education Assistance Dog; there are now two dogs coming. Pre-registration for a 15-minute session is required. Limit one child per 15-minute time slot per dog.

### Openings on Commissions

The Marlborough Board of Selectmen is looking for people to join one of the following commissions:

Economic and Community Development alternate, Water Pollution Control Authority regular seat plus two alternates. The application form can be accessed at [www.marlboroughct.net](http://www.marlboroughct.net); the link is at the bottom of the page on the left-hand side.

For more information about any of these commissions, email [CEO@marlborough.ct.net](mailto:CEO@marlborough.ct.net).

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**Parks and Rec Programs**

Marlborough Parks and Recreation has announced the following. For full program 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.

**Adult Program: Zumba:** Thursdays through June 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the Marlborough Elementary School gym. Fee: \$50/residents, \$55/non-residents, or \$12 drop-in fee each week.

**Trips: Sip and Shop Bus Tour:** Saturday, June 17. Trip Includes a charter bus, a wine-tasting at Brotherhood Winery in New York, lunch, shopping at Woodbury Commons Premium Outlets (over 220 stores), and games and prizes on the bus. Bus departs Putnam park and ride in Glastonbury at 3 p.m., and returns at 1 a.m. Fee: \$80.

**New York Mets Bus Trip:** Sunday, June 18, 1:40 p.m. See the St. Louis Cardinals take on the Metropolitan at Citi Field. Trip Includes: charter bus, ticket to the game, cookout before the game, games and prizes on the bus. Fee: \$115/person for seats in the 400 level Promenade (third base side) or \$145/person for Big Apple Reserved (field level - Center Field). Departs Glastonbury Park and Ride at 9 a.m., returns at 6 p.m.

**Niagara Falls & Winery/Brewery Tour Bus Trip:** June 23-25. Trip includes: bus, hotel, boat tour, wine- and beer-tasting, and more. If you have a passport and are vaccinated you can walk over to the Canadian side. Registration fee: \$625 for hotel on the Canadian side, or \$750 for one with American falls view. Departs Glastonbury at 6 a.m. Friday, returns at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

**Bronx Zoo Bus Trip:** Saturday, June 24. Trip includes: bus, zoo admission, boxed lunch and more. Fee: \$90/person for adults, \$80/person for children age 4-12. Departs Glastonbury Park and Ride at 7:30 a.m., returns at 7 p.m.

**Youth Programs: Netto Summer Day Camp:** For grades K-7. Weekly sessions run June 19-Aug. 11, 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: \$175/residents, \$185/non-residents.

**Swim Lessons:** Lessons will begin the week of June 20, at Blish Park. All lesson levels are offered. Fee: \$65/residents, \$70/non-residents.

**Kids Summer Beach Yoga Nights:** For ages 3-6. Meets biweekly on Wednesdays, June 21-Aug. 16, 5:30-6:15 p.m., at Blish Park. Each week, children and their parents/guardians will embark on a "yoga adventure" centered around movement, play and mindfulness. Fee: \$60/

residents, \$65/non-residents, or a \$15 per week drop-in fee.

**Skyhawks Basketball Camp:** June 26-30. Ages 5 & 6 are 9 a.m.-noon, and fee is \$139/residents, \$144/non-residents. Ages 7-12 are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and fee is \$179/resident, \$184/non-resident.

**Horseback Riding Lessons:** For ages 5 and up. Days and times are flexible. Fee for four lessons: \$200/residents, \$205/non-residents.

**Acrylic Landscape Painting:** July 5 and 6, 9 a.m.-noon, at Marlborough Elementary School, for grades 3-6. Students will learn techniques to guide them through a landscape painting on canvas. Fee: \$90/resident, \$95/non-resident.

**Skyhawks (Soccer, Baseball and Basketball):** July 5-7, 9 a.m.-noon, at Blish Park. Mini-Hawk is for ages 4-6, and Multi-Sport is for ages 7-10. Fee: \$115/residents, \$120/non-residents.

**Lego:** July 10-14, at MES. Ninjaneering, for ages 5-7, is 8:30-11:30 a.m., and Ninjaneering Masters, for ages 8-12, is noon-3 p.m. Fee: \$145/resident, \$150/non-resident.

**Tiny Twirlers Dance Class:** For ages 2-3 with caregiver. Tuesdays, July 10-Aug. 19, 6-6:30 p.m., or Thursdays, July 12-Aug. 21, 9-9:30 a.m. Class held at Dance Dynamics in Hebron. Fee: \$78.

**Other Dance Classes:** All held Tuesdays, July 10-Aug. 19, at Dance Dynamics in Hebron. Fee: \$108. Offerings are: Funky Tumblers, for ages 4-7, 6:30-7 p.m.; Sparkling Spinners, for ages 3-5, 9:30-10 a.m. or 4:30-5 p.m.; Hip Hop Dance Class, for ages 9 and up, 7:15-8 p.m.; Dazzling Dancers (Tap), for ages 3-5, 10-10:30 a.m. or 5-5:30 p.m.

**Watercolor Painting:** For grades 3-6. July 11-13, 9-11 a.m., at MES. Fee: \$90/resident, \$95/non-resident.

**Pee Wee Craft Corner:** For grades 1 and 2. July 11-13, noon-1:30 p.m., at MES. Cost: \$55/resident, \$60/non-resident.

**Fife and Drum Corps Accepting New Members**

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mance schedule includes performances at Minuteman National Park in Massachusetts, Fort McClary in Kittery, Maine, and Fort Griswold in Groton.

The Marlborough Jr. Ancients meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for musical instruction and marching practice. For more information, visit [www.MarlboroughJrAncients.com](http://www.MarlboroughJrAncients.com) or email [MarlboroughJrAncients@gmail.com](mailto:MarlboroughJrAncients@gmail.com).

**Congregational Church News & Notes**

Sunday Worship and Sunday School at the Congregational Church of Marlborough, United Church of Christ, 35 South Main St., is at 10 a.m. Worship is streamed every Sunday at [mcc.marlconchurch.org](http://mcc.marlconchurch.org) and recorded for later viewing at the website. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided downstairs in the nursery but children are always welcome at the worship service.

**June 18 worship** will highlight the church's Joyful Blue Bluegrass Band. The Rev. Valerie Seaver will lead the service. The dedication of two leaves for the Living Tree will be included in the service. Fathers, uncles, grandfathers and others are invited to celebrate Father's Day downstairs with the children, with special activities planned for them by the Christian Education team.

**Outreach:** The church supports a variety of mission projects. Second quarter mission-giving will go to AHM Mental Health Fund. The church collects non-perishable food items year-round for Marlborough Food Bank with a basket located in the narthex for Sunday worshipers to bring their donations. The Drive Thru Café provides a take-away hot meal at the church

for Marlborough Food Bank clients usually on the last Sunday of every month (except July and August). Once a month the youth groups prepare and serve a meal to residents at Florence Lord Housing. Once in May and November, the church sponsors the evening meal at the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen in Middletown.

AA meets downstairs in the Great Hall Wednesdays with two meetings, one at noon and another at 7:30 p.m.

**Second Blessings Thrift Shop:** Through June 24, the shop will feature its annual year-end 50% off sale of handbags, totes, jewelry, framed artwork and Christmas items. The shop is open for selling and donations Fridays from noon-3 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. It will be closed from June 30-Sept. 7. The shop also sells items year-round through eBay at [bit.ly/MCCebay](http://bit.ly/MCCebay).

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

**Tag Sale on the Green**

The second annual Giant Tag Sale on the Green, sponsored by the Marlborough Democratic Town Committee, on Saturday, June 24, from 8 a.m.-noon; rain date: June 25.

More than 25 families have contributed items for the home, garden, recreation and children.

**Holiday Closing**

The offices of Marlborough Town Hall, Senior Center and Public Works will be closed Monday, June 19, for Juneteenth.



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# New Program Honors Town's 'Finest' Residents

By Michael Sinkewicz

Andover is launching a program to honor and recognize its most outstanding residents.

Deemed "Andover's Finest" project, the program aims to promote citizens who represent the town's high values and who have dedicated a strong commitment to the community.

The new initiative was unanimously adopted by the Board of Selectmen and will take shape in the weeks ahead.

"Our community has a huge heart," selectman Paula King told the *Rivereast* this week. "Let's recognize them and say 'thank you.'"

King was one of the driving forces behind the program and helped iron out the final details with the board.

Residents will nominate fellow community members for the honor; nominations can be made through a written form or via the town website, [www.andoverconnecticut.org](http://www.andoverconnecticut.org).

King expressed that the idea is for members of Andover to say, "I see you."

"We want it to come from the community," she said, emphasizing that the board will not produce names on their own or advocate for their own choices. "It's neighbors recognizing neighbors."

As of now, one nomination has already been submitted, King said.

Here's the criteria outlined by the selectmen; there are several items each nominee needs to check off.

First, the nominee of course needs to be an Andover resident. The person should have a

love for their community, is always exhibiting a helpful, positive character, spends countless hours working or volunteering on a project and sees a need in town and takes an initiative to fill that need.

Only one nomination will be accepted per person, as well.

Each quarter, the board will convene in executive sessions to review the nominees and will determine whether the criteria has been sufficiently met. Upon adjournment, the winners will be announced and notified to the public — most likely on the town website, on social media and in *Rivereast* updates.

Most importantly, for being selected, each winner is honored by having their name engraved on a brick that will be added to the walkway outside of the new Community Center.

The board had been chewing on the overall program idea for months, trying to come up the perfect prize for residents. King said that the goal was to have the award aspect feel organic.

"We wanted to make it our own," she said. "Something unique to Andover."

After juggling other suggestions like letters or plaques, one board member, Jeffrey Murray, came up with the brick idea, which everyone agreed was the "best way."

One of the distinctive features of the brick, King explained, was that unlike other items that would be taken home, the brick would remain present and visible in the community for everyone to see.

"People will walk by and say 'I'm proud to be an Andover resident,'" she said. "It's a nice touch."

Hopefully, she conveyed, both the nominees and the community will appreciate the gesture.

King has pushed for the program and maintained the item on meeting agendas. It was important to talk through the ideas and make sure everyone was in total agreement with how to implant the initiative.

"We didn't want to rush it," she said.

Each member on the board has their strong point, she asserted. Some people are good with numbers, others understand the construction business. Her forte is in marketing and event planning, which made this program a "good fit."

Understandably, King embraced assembling the idea.

"I like focusing on the positive and I like talking with people in the community," she said. "I'll take on this role, it just made sense."

As the program develops, a clearer understanding of what tweaks might be necessary will emerge. For now, the board will simply look at

the criteria and determine if the person matches the overall intention of the initiative.

"It's not a contest," King expressed, adding that if five nominations come in at one meeting, then five bricks will be made. Of course, every Andover resident cannot be recognized, so if high numbers of people are put forward, the board will have to weigh its options.

Even the criteria may change, too, King said. "It's all new," she stated. "We'll see where it goes."

She was "happily surprised" that a nomination was already made — hopefully a sign of what's on the horizon.

"I'm excited," she said. "It's a feel-good thing for the community."

The board chose not to limit which residents could potentially be recognized. Some town officials, who have volunteered for years, could be nominated if deemed worthy, for example.

Residents can find nomination forms online at [tinyurl.com/3ss68mu7](http://tinyurl.com/3ss68mu7).

Hard copies of the forms are also available at Town Hall.

## Notice for Andover Veterans

The lieutenant governor of Connecticut will host an appreciation ceremony honoring Korean War-era and Vietnam War-era veterans in the Andover community. The ceremony is tentatively scheduled for January 2024.

All veterans who served during the Korean War era from June 27, 1950 through Jan. 31, 1955, or in the Vietnam War era from Feb. 28, 1961 through July 1, 1975, are asked to email

their name, branch of service, and years of service to [Veterans@andoverct.org](mailto:Veterans@andoverct.org), or call Susan Camoroda at 703-472-3209 or John Botti at 860-839-3481.

All veterans who served during these two eras are eligible, no matter where they were stationed. Contact the Andover veterans' representatives for more information.



**A Rosey Afternoon...** Andover seniors took a trip to Elizabeth Park to see the roses on Friday, June 9. Pictured are, back row, Barbara Steele, Mike Palazzi, Ken Lee, Carol Lee; front row standing, Mary Duval, Ann Slater, Perry Lindley; front row sitting, Lois Popoff. Photo by Cathy Palazzi.



**Happy Birthday...** Andover Seniors Young At Heart celebrated summer birthdays with cake, ice cream, and entertainment at the annual picnic held June 7. Pictured are Marge Surdam and Lois Popoff. Photo by Phil Mayhew.

## Kindergarten Registration

Andover Elementary School is registering kindergarten students for the 2023-24 school year. Andover's kindergarten program is full-day.

Parents of children who will be age 5 on or before Dec. 31, 2023, are asked to contact the school office at 860-742-7339 to obtain a registration packet or access it at [www.andoverelementaryct.org](http://www.andoverelementaryct.org).

Parents choosing to have their child attend an alternative kindergarten, not attend school until the following year, or who will be home-schooling are asked to inform the school of this decision.

## Andover Veterans Meeting

The monthly Andover Veterans Meeting will be held Saturday, June 17, from 1-3 p.m., in the Town Hall community room.

This meeting is open to all veterans, former and current service members of any service: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard, Coast Guard and Space Force. There will be coffee and treats.

## Library Friends Award Scholarship

The Andover Friends of the Library recently awarded its 2023 scholarship to Kinkade Knox-Silvia.

Each year, the Friends honor an Andover high school senior with a \$1000 scholarship to be used to further their education.

Knox-Silvia is a RHAM High School National Honor Society member and active in Boy Scouts, computers and robotics. He will attend Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y.

## Farmers Markets Held Monthly

The Andover Farmers Market is held the second Wednesday of each month from 4-7 p.m., along Route 6 at the First Congregational Church.

There will be several farmers, bakers, a food truck and music. The markets are held outside.

The final market will be Saturday, Nov. 4, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and will include crafters.

## 175th Events

In honor of Andover's 175th anniversary, there will be a Pollinator Garden Tour Saturday, June 17, from 9:30-11:30 a.m., at 197 Hebron Rd.

Then, the following Saturday, is the anniversary's grand finale: the Andover 175th Day of the Year Beach Party. The party will take place Saturday, June 24, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Andover Lake Beach.

## Commission on Aging Vacancy

Any Andover elector interested in serving on the Commission on Aging for a term ending June 30, 2025 should send a letter of interest to: Town of Andover, c/o Commission on Aging Vacancy, 17 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232, or email [townclerk@andoverct.org](mailto:townclerk@andoverct.org).

## Bingo & Baskets

Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, will hold a Bingo & Baskets night Friday, June 23, starting with dinner at 5:30 p.m. The game starts at 6:30 p.m.

Cost is \$12 and includes dinner, drink, dessert and bingo. No reservations required. Leave a message at the church at 860-742-7696 for more information.

## Vacancies on Boards, Commissions

Any Andover elector interested in serving on the following appointed town boards and commissions for a two-year term starting July 1, 2023 should send a letter of interest to [townclerk@andoverct.org](mailto:townclerk@andoverct.org):

Library Board of Directors, Farmers Market, Conservation Commission, Economic Development Commission, Wetlands Commission, Capital Improvement Plan Committee, Norton Fund Commission, Memorial Day Committee and the Recreation Commission.

## History Museum Open Saturday

The Andover Historical Society will open its Museum of Andover History Saturday, June 17, from 4-6 p.m. New items are continuously being added to the display.

The museum is located in the Old Town Hall on Monument Lane.

## Veterans Monument Park Brick Sale

Bricks are again being sold, to be placed in the walkway at Veterans Monument Park. Up to 50 4x8 bricks will be sold.

The cost per brick is \$80; if you would like to add a military insignia there is an additional \$10 charge. Order forms are available on the town website; [andoverct.org](http://andoverct.org) or in the town clerk's office.

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### From the State Senator's Desk...

After five hard months of work, the 2023 legislative session ended on June 7. My colleagues and I in the General Assembly have been working around the clock to pass bills, move our state forward and provide relief at a time when it's sorely needed. There's nowhere in this year's work more indicative of that than the state budget.

The two-year state budget received significant bipartisan support this year due to its support of all people in our state. That's most apparent in its \$612 million in personal income and pension tax cuts for taxpayers. Taxpayers who earn up to \$100,000 a year will receive direct relief – the first \$10,000 earned by a single filer and \$20,000 earned by a couple will see income tax rates dropped from 3% to 2%, with the rate of 5% on the next \$40,000 earned by singles and \$80,000 earned by couples dropping to 4.5%. These cuts are expected to save middle class households anywhere from \$300 to \$500 per year.

That's not all. The budget further expands the income tax credit for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit from 30.5% to 40%, which will help 200,000 Connecticut households, while the income tax exemption for pension and annuity earnings will be expanded to help seniors and the retired keep more of the money they've earned.

I'm also excited about this budget – which received votes of 35-1 in support in the Senate and 139-12 in the House – because of its support for education in our state. This budget provides \$300 million in additional state aid to support our local schools and ensure that today's students will be prepared for the future. That includes our region – in the 4th Senate District, between Andover, Bolton, Glastonbury and Manchester, local schools will receive \$8.787 million in additional educational support. Additionally, \$16 million will be invested to support expanded free school meals for children.

You've also likely heard that nonprofits are calling for additional support. This budget works to help them. Private provider organizations that work with state-sponsored social services will receive \$87 million more in each of the next two fiscal years, providing important raises for staff.

With my first legislative session completed, I have a newfound respect for our state government and the many people working to benefit Connecticut now and in the future. This budget is just one example of their efforts.

State Sen. MD Rahman, D-4th District

Note: The 4th District covers Andover, Bolton, Glastonbury and Manchester.

### Busy June 21 at Library

Andover Public Library, 355 Route 6, has a busy day planned for Wednesday, June 21.

At 10:30 a.m. that day, Robert Markowitz ("The Guitar Guy") will present songs and stories for the whole family to enjoy. If weather permits, this program will be held outside on the Library Friends' patio; if not, it will be inside.

Then, at 6:30 p.m., the library will present "How Authors Create Fiction from Their Lives" with Robert Markowitz. Markowitz draws upon

his life experiences leaving his lucrative criminal law practice to become a clown and kids' musician, and the process of writing a novel called *Clown Shoes* (to be published this month by Heliotrope Books). This program will be held downstairs in the library.

Information about all of the library's upcoming programs for the summer can be found at the Andover Public Library's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/AndoverPublicLibrary.CT](http://www.facebook.com/AndoverPublicLibrary.CT).



Residents and out-of-towners turned up for a bus tour of three different cemeteries in town on Saturday, June 3. Pictured here are folks at the Old Andover Burying Ground Cemetery.

### Wonderful Tour of Local Cemeteries

By Cathy Palazzi

On Saturday, June 3, the 175th Anniversary Celebration committee arranged for a bus to take residents and out-of-towners on a wonderful tour of three cemeteries in town.

First was the Olde Andover Burying Ground Cemetery (OBGC), where we were greeted by Mike Kurdzo, chairman of the OBGC, and member Steve Fish. Many people gathered to hear Will Cornell, owner of Beyond the Grave-stone, talk about how he and his wife Lisa restored and cleaned some of the old stones in the cemetery. There was a tour through the cemetery after Will's talk and many questions were asked. Bob Post and Maria Tulman, members of the OBGC, talked about people who were part of these early founders of our town.

We heard why the cost is so great in the repair and cleaning of these stones. The committee is grateful to receive a small budget from the town. We are able to qualify for a grant every two years to help with the cost of restoring these important stones. It is so easy to forget that these people buried here are the backbone of our town. The OBGC committee have worked hard for several years to try and restore this fantastic piece of Andover history.

Next, the bus took us to Townsend Cemetery, where we were greeted by Rob Whitcomb, sexton of the cemetery. Thinking this cemetery was strictly for newer generations not those from the 1700s and 1800s, it was unbelievable to see these stones set in the ground, as moss had cov-

ered the bottom of these stones. Truly a beautiful sight to see. If anyone has heard Rob speak in the past, they have been fortunate to hear his delightful stories. He told us so many interesting facts about these stones and how the cemetery was actually started. Townsend Cemetery is a private cemetery and is not funded by the town. This is something all of us should keep in mind with the high cost of restoring stones; but these gravestones should never be forgotten.

Our last stop was at the Andover Church Cemetery, where we were greeted by Don and Beth Lundberg as they showed us many old pictures of the stones in the church cemetery and how they had been washed to look so lovely standing in a row. The stones having been washed were almost a pure white in color. Lovely to see how they had been restored and remembering those who were buried there.

What a lovely view of these three cemeteries. An exciting day and we are grateful to all those who came out to enjoy this day and helped us with the presentation of each cemetery. I want to thank Joan Foran who was my partner in this important part of history that we wanted to present to the public. Thank you to our driver, Susan Camoroda and to all those helpers on both committees. Please accept my apologies for not having the names of all those who helped create this wonderful presentation of Andover's past.

Note: Palazzi is secretary of the Andover 175th Anniversary Celebration committee.



Recent RHAM High School graduates Kyle Eckert and Hadley Marchand are the winners of this year's Chester D. Norton Scholarships. From left are Marchand, Norton Commission members Linda Armstrong, Charlotte Nelson and Louise Goodwin, and Eckert.

### Norton Children's Fund Scholarship Winners

The Norton Children's Fund Commission has announced the two \$1,000 Chester D. Norton Scholarship winners for 2023 are Kyle Eckert and Hadley Marchand.

The \$1,000 grant the commission recently received from The Greater Together Andover Community Fund allowed the commission to award two scholarships this year, instead of just one.

Eckert graduated this week from RHAM High School. He will study electrical engineering with a focus on audio technology at the University of Hartford in the fall, to pursue a career in audio electronics. Eckert, who was in the Technology Student Association (TSA) for four years, and president in his senior year, won first place in music production and problem-solving two years in a row and third place in the third year of the TSA competition.

Eckert dog-sits and works up to 20 hours a week at the Dunkin Donuts in Hebron. He has enjoyed skiing for the last 15 years, and was on

the ski club at both RHAM Middle School and RHAM High School for five years.

Marchand also graduated this week from RHAM, and in the fall will begin her studies at Endicott College in Massachusetts. Hadley plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in exercise science/pre-professional athletic training followed by a master's in athletic training, to someday become an athletic trainer working for a professional sports team.

Marchand was on the varsity softball all four years at RHAM, and was captain in 2022 and 2023. She will also play softball for Endicott College. Marchand was in the CT Bombers travel organization from 2017-23 and received the CHSCA All-Conference Award in 2021, 2022 and 2023 as well as the CHSCA All-State Class L First Team Award in 2022 and 2023.

To donate toward the Norton Children's Fund, send a check to: Norton Commission, c/o Andover Town Office Building, 17 School Road, Andover, CT 06232.

### Congregational Church News

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

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

**Food Pantry:** Mondays from 5-7 p.m. Bring your own bags. The **Foodshare Van** comes to the church every other Wednesday from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is June 21. The senior food pantry is open the opposite Wednesdays, also from 9-9:30 a.m.; next date is June 28.

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

**Sonshine Stampers:** Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

### Wanted: Children's Books for Mrs. Merry Claus

New or slightly used children's books are being collected for giveaway by Andover's, New England Santa Society's Hall of Famer, Mrs. Merry Claus, a.k.a. Dianne Grenier.

Each year, Mrs. Merry Claus visits many Christmas Holiday events in the area. Not only in December but nearly year-round. At each visit, she shares tales of life at the North Pole, hands out candy canes, and small gifts, and poses with Santa for photos while spreading the joy of the season.

Mrs. Merry Claus does not take payment for her event visits. Instead, she asks event organizers to make a donation to the Andover Friends of the Library.

### Senior Citizen News & Notes

The following items have been updated for Andover seniors, veterans, and disabled. If you want to attend any events, call senior coordinator Cathy Palazzi 860-916-6122 to register. For all senior events and information, visit the senior page of the town website, [andoverct.org](http://andoverct.org).

**Shopping Dates:** Tuesdays, Manchester, 6/27. Willimantic: 6/20.

**Senior Luncheon Dates:** Fridays at noon, June 30, July 7, July 21, Aug. 4 and Aug. 25. Reservations required the previous Wednesday.

**Senior Trips:** Train/boat ride to Gillette Castle, 6/30; Main Moose, 7/14 and 8/11. Sign up with Carol Lee at 860-742-0188 ext. 2.

**Tales of the Past:** After lunch June 16, Andover Historian Scott Yeomans will show slides of old and new Andover buildings and share stories of the past about them.

**PZC Meeting:** On Tuesday, June 20, there will be a Planning & Zoning Commission meeting at 7 p.m. at Town Hall in the community room, to discuss the Community Senior Building. All

are urged to attend. The bus will be available to pick you up at home; call Palazzi.

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

**Rides** to all town events, town meetings, referendums or board meetings, all medical appointments, and to the monthly farmers markets, are available by calling Palazzi. All seniors, veterans and disabled are welcome. If you have a caregiver, they may come with you.

**New Seniors Welcome:** New seniors are welcome to all events. Call Palazzi for all luncheon reservations and transportation needs, including rides to medical appointments. For all Young at Heart events including movies, call Sue Schmidt at 860-604-1057, and call Town Clerk Carol Lee at 860-742-0188 ext. 2 for all trip information.



## Obituaries

### Portland

#### Richard A. Dickinson Jr.

Richard A. Dickinson Jr. of Niantic, formerly of Portland, departed this life Thursday, May 25. He is survived by his beloved wife of 23 years, Theresa (Reedy) Dickinson, and his cherished daughter, Mikayla Dickinson, as well as his sister, Cindy Bennett; brother, Ronald Dickinson (Carrie); brother-in-law Matt Corder; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Rich was predeceased by his mother, Joan (DeGraff) Dickinson; father, Richard Dickinson Sr.; sisters, Denise Corder, Cheryl Ranno; his brother, Michael Dickinson; and brother-in-law Ted Bennett.

Rich graduated in 1979 from Vinyl Technical High School, Middletown, where he specialized in auto body. He went on to work at Airborne Express, which later became DHL. He had an amazing relationship with his regular customers so much so that they were more like friends. Rich would talk with anyone and had a personality that drew people in. He could relate to a story and loved to share his adventures with everyone. He retired from DHL in 2018 after a successful 30-year career.

Rich was a man of many talents and skills. He was very resourceful and could fix anything. He was an avid hunter of ducks, pheasant and deer and also enjoyed fishing both fresh and saltwater. He spent many years exploring the White Mountains of Maine, an area he truly loved on his snowmobile with friends and family. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle, visiting many different places with family and friends. Richard was also passionate about flying and had hoped to one day get his pilot's license and a plane of his own.

Rich loved many genres of music and often surprised his family with his unique song choices. He was a phenomenal cook who always loved to try new recipes and share them with his family and friends. Rich loved the thrill of gambling and would make a bet on most anything as long as he knew he could win. He was a bargain hunter and no matter what always got a deal!

Rich was full of life and had a unique sense of humor that could make everyone laugh. His warm, caring, carefree, larger than life, person-



ality touched everyone he met. He had a smile that could light up a room. He always looked out for others and was always willing to help anyone, and did so often. His family was everything to him. Rich was definitely one of a kind, his stories and laughter will be missed, and he will always share a special place in the hearts of all those who knew and loved him.

A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, June 17, at 10 a.m., in St. Mary Church, Portland. Calling hours will be at St. Mary from 9:30 a.m. until the Mass. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Portland. The Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St, Portland is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Jimmy Fund, Dana Farber Cancer Institute or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

### East Hampton

#### Billy Spaulding

Billy Spaulding, a.k.a. Uncle Billy, Wimpy, Willy, left us Wednesday, June 7, at the age of 57, after his heart stopped while working in his beautiful yard. For anyone who knew him, Billy was a character. He was full of life and we all have the stories to prove it. Billy loved his family above all and anything with a motor.

Billy was an avid outdoorsman and probably surprising to some, an amazing gardener. He was a talented stone mason, builder and collector of antiques. He loved to fish, talk with friends and was happiest in one of his signature cut-off sleeveless shirts. Among his memories, was a stack of handwritten citations for "unnecessary noise" and burnouts about town from his teenage years. Those Spaulding boys definitely gave our mother a run.

Billy and his mom shared a love for gardening. They would exchange plants and you can be sure that Pauline will soon have a "Billy" garden in her yard. We couldn't wait for his summer tomatoes every season and are tending his garden for him.

Ever the ladies' man, Billy was also known for his love of classic cars and fast motorcycles; specifically the 442, Chevelle and Harley Davidson. Lately, you could find Billy with his brother-in-law Heath at local swap meets picking up treasures and classic auto parts.

In 2017, Billy took an amazing trip to Alaska and was looking forward to going back one day, as it was the trip of a lifetime with salmon fishing, boating, drinking beers and spending time with great friends. He also took his daughter Jayden out fishing and was so happy to share that experience with her.

Billy was the third of four siblings and he leaves behind his two sisters to remember him and our older brother Johnny. As siblings, we had a special bond and loved each other deeply. Our family travels together every summer to the island of Vinalhaven, Maine where we have made countless memories that we will always remember and talk about often. Those memories have helped us get through this week and will endure forever.

Billy was a self-employed construction worker and owned W.S. Home Improvement, where he worked on just about everything.

As a jack of all trades, Billy had been renovating his house and barn over the years, completing all of the work himself. His barn was his haven, where he worked daily with the radio on listening to classic rock tunes. They were playing in the barn on June 7th while he worked and will continue to play on in our lives as we remember him.

Billy is survived by his mother and stepfather Pauline and Richard Ziegler; his beautiful



daughter Jayden Fuqua of Chicago, Ill.; sister, Sheri Spaulding; sister, Jennifer Marozzi (husband Heath); stepsister, Scarlet Street; and his beloved cat Harley. Billy also leaves behind many aunts, uncles and cousins in New York, Maine and Maryland. Billy was a fun uncle to his nieces and nephews, Todd Spaulding, Megan Spaulding, Maya, Macy and Mark Marozzi. In addition to his family, he leaves behind his friend Jeanne Cohen of Rocky Hill.

Billy was predeceased by his father, Roy Spaulding, in 2003 and his big brother Johnny just two years ago. We are confident that our boys are together in Heaven watching over us.

Services will be private, but we are gathering on Monday, July 10, from 4-7 p.m., at Fresca Bar & Grill in Colchester to remember Billy.

To remember our amazing fun brother, crank up your favorite classic rock song and give Billy a good 'ol "hell yeah!" We'll see you on the other side, our dear brother - you are forever in our hearts.

### Portland

#### Kris Strubell

Our funny, kind-hearted brother Kris passed away Monday, May 22. Kris was a very proud veteran of the United States Navy, serving on board the USS SEATTLE.AOE3 combat support ship.

Kris was born Oct. 22, 1958, four minutes before his sister Kelley. He is predeceased by our awesome parents, Paul and Lucille Strubell, and our brother Todd.

Kris is survived by two brothers, Rick Strubell and wife Sue, Kim Strubell and Christina; two sisters, Terry Strubell and husband Bill, Kelley Schultz and husband Dave. Kris also has five nephews, Rick, Ryan, Paul, Garrett, Connor, and one niece, Dana.

Let's not forget Kris working side by side with our father building "The Last Resort" in our backyard on Rose Hill. Launched in 1974, Kris christened the houseboat with a bottle of champagne, given to Gram from United Airlines!!

A special mention of Kris's dearest friend, Jim McBride and Jay, who have been a constant in Kris's life, and have become family.

We will be having a private celebration in July. Please friends, celebrate Kris with all the fun, loving memories you have of our brother.

WE LOVE YOU, KRIS. BE AT PEACE



### Marlborough

#### Richard Michael Cannon

Richard Michael Cannon, 62, of Wakefield, R.I., peacefully passed away at home on Monday, June 5, after a courageous 12-year battle with cancer. He was born in Providence, R.I., to his parents Richard White Cannon and the late Nancy Blackwell Cannon. Richard was the grandson of Jack and Grace Cannon of Providence, R.I., and Wallace and Bernice Blackwell of Sagamore, Mass.

Richard is survived by his loving wife of nearly 33 years, Ellen Ruffini Cannon. He will be deeply missed by his daughters, Eileen Grace (Christopher Waller), Corinne Elizabeth, and Mary Katherine. He held dear his close friends Scott Billings, John O'Leary, and Annie Michaud, who he considered his fourth daughter. He will also be missed by his loyal border collie, Dixie, who was his "little buddy."

After graduating from Cumberland High School, Richard pursued his passion for Criminal Justice, earning a BS degree from Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. He dedicated 30 years of his career as a special agent with the U.S. Department of Defense, Criminal Investigative Service in Connecticut. Prior to that, he served as an investigator for the Department of the Interior in Colorado and Washington D.C. Richard's commitment to his work led him to Iraq, where he courageously served as a DOD Investigator for six months in 2009-10. He also played a significant role in the investigation and cleanup efforts following 9/11 in NYC.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Richard was a devoted family man. He enjoyed participating in all events with his wife and three daughters, ranging from sports to performing arts and music. He took great pride in his handyman skills, considering himself a rare and vanishing breed. Richard built and renovated the Cannon family home in Marlborough, and subsequently purchased a fixer-upper retirement home in Rhode Island, which he lovingly



restored in just two years for his family.

A burial at sea will take place, followed by a celebration of Richard's life at his home in Rhode Island later this summer.

Richard held a deep affection for the beach in Rhode Island and cherished his time spent there. In lieu of flowers, we kindly invite you to honor Richard's memory by spending a day with your family on the water, whether it's enjoying the sand, sun, water, or the beauty of nature. He wishes you all fair winds and following seas.

### Portland

#### Katherine Dolores Jarzabek

Katherine Dolores (Maher) Jarzabek of Portland passed away in Middletown on Sunday, June 11. Dolores, as she was best known, was born in Portland Aug. 1, 1930, daughter of the late William J. and Estelle (Guzewicz) Maher Sr.

Dolores lived in Portland the majority of her life and was a parishioner of the Church of St. Mary. She was a graduate of St. Mary School, Portland High School and the Teachers College of Connecticut in New Britain. She became an elementary school teacher, taught in Cromwell and also substituted in Portland. After teaching she was employed by Bob's Store and later retired from Liberty Bank. While retired she volunteered at St. Mary Church and the Portland Food Bank.

Besides many friends, others left to mourn her passing include children John Jarzabek (Sally), Patricia Hasselman (Kevin); grandchildren, Joseph Jarzabek III (Shawna), Holli Jarzabek (Josh) and the apple of her eye, Brian Hasselman. She also leaves sisters Alice Cram, Evelyn Maher, four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Dolores was predeceased by ex-husband, Joseph Jarzabek Sr.; sons, Joseph Jarzabek Jr., Charles Jarzabek; grandson, John Jarzabek Jr.; siblings, Anna Bajorek, Estelle Arsenault and William Maher Jr.

The Jarzabek family would like to thank Barbara and Sally for their care and compassion to Dolores.

A memorial Mass will be held on Monday, June 19, at 10 a.m., in St. Mary Church, Portland. Burial will be in the family plot in Swedish Cemetery, Portland. There will be no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dolores' memory may be made to the Church of St. Mary, 45 Freestone Ave., Portland, CT 06480, or the Portland Food Bank, 7 Waverly Ave., Portland, CT 06480.

### Hebron

#### Sharon June Kunz

Sharon June (Sheets) Kunz, age 90, passed away peacefully Thursday, June 8, surrounded by her family. Daughter of Roy and Ruby (Weikel) Sheets, Sharon was born March 9, 1933, in Elkhart, Ind. Her family moved to Fair Lawn, N.J., in the early 1950s, where she met her husband-to-be Francis Kunz.

After getting married, Frank and Sharon moved to East Hartford, where they raised their two daughters, Ellen (Kunz) Clark and Janet (Kunz) DiPasquale. While raising their family, Sharon worked at Gray Lodge for approximately 20 years before Frank and Sharon retired to Harwich, Mass. They resided on the Cape for 30 years, where Sharon volunteered as a docent at the Atwood House and Museum in Chatham, Mass., between afternoons spent on their boat, the "Sharon J." They returned to Hebron in 2018 to be closer to family.

Sharon will be remembered by her friends and family for her quick wit, her spunky attitude, her caring demeanor, her ability to carry a tune, and her frequent happy hours she would host for friends and family, no matter the occasion. Most of all, she will be remembered for her strong spirit, which is so clearly passed down to her family members.

Sharon is survived by her husband of 66 years, Frank Kunz; Ellen and Tom Clark of Canaan, N.H., and East Hampton; Janet and Chris DiPasquale of Hebron; her two grandchildren, Ryan and Sarah DiPasquale; and her brother, Allen Sheets and his wife Deborah of Bendersville, Pa.. Her granddogs, Parker, Ruby and Scout, will especially miss her adoring remarks.

Relatives and friends are invited to Sharon's



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funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 17, at Church of the Holy Family, 185 Church St., Amston, with a reception to immediately follow. Burial will be private at the New Hebron Cemetery and at the convenience of the family.

Donations can be made in her name to the Atwood House in Chatham, Mass. (chatham-historical-society.org/our-community/donate-financial-support/), where she spent many years volunteering, and the Hartford Hospital Palliative Care Fund (giving.hartfordhospital.org/tribute/).

The family would like to thank numerous individuals at Hartford Hospital where she received exceptional care, including Dr. Manuel Moya Tapia from Palliative Care, Dr. Harriel of the ICU, her ICU nurses Sarah and Meghan, as well as the resident Catholic chaplain Father Richard, for his spiritual guidance and blessings.

LEGALS

TOWN OF PORTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Portland Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at a meeting to start 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 #22-04; 5 Cox Road. Request for variances from Zoning Regulation Table 4.2.1 for front and rear yard setbacks to allow construction of a 30 ft. by 24 ft. garage. Application and property of Benda Robley. Assessor's Map 68, Lot 57. Zone R-25. At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be received. A copy of this application is available for public review in the Portland Land Use Department. Dated at Portland, CT this 6th day of June 2023. Joan Giesemann, Chair

2TB 6/9, 6/16

LEGAL NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING BOARD OF SELECTMEN Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:40 PM Town of Portland, CT 06480

Pursuant to Chapter XII Section 1203.4 of the Town Charter, a public hearing will be held by the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:40 P.M. at the Buck-Foreman Community Room, 265 Main Street, Portland, Connecticut, regarding the proposed supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$104,000. At the hearing, all interested persons may be heard and written communications will be received. Public Access also through the Zoom link A -www.portlandct.org NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portland Board of Selectmen hereby approves the supplemental appropriation of \$95,000 to the General Fund line item #01-023-000-14014 - Private Police Duty and \$9,000 to the General Fund Line Item #01-023-000-51001 - Gas & Diesel and an increase in estimated revenue to line item #01-000-000-00324 Police Private Duty in the amount of \$104,000. Dated at Portland, Connecticut this 7th day of June 2023. Attest: Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman

1TB 6/16

LEGAL NOTICE OF ACTIONS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION HEBRON, CONNECTICUT

The Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission took the following actions at their Regular Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 7:00pm on the following: Petition 2023-03 - Special Permit Application from Andrew Rainone for replacement of exterior security lighting with illumination in excess of six (6) foot-candles under Section 5.F.2.4 of the Hebron Zoning Regulations, premise located at 109 Main Street, Main Street District. Approved with the following condition: 1. All proposed lighting fixtures shall be installed with multi-level remote dimming as offered by the applicant to enable lighting levels to be adjusted based upon requests by town staff in response to possible concerns of neighboring property owners or the public. The video recording of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting can be seen using the following link: https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/418492020f59d7f16d2eae29af40c2997865b4e2a621aa49ce20b2d08e12e5c2 Legal Notice will be published in the Rivereast News Bulletin on June 16, 2023.

1TB 6/16

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION

The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission held a regular meeting on June 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Eaton Smith Council Chambers Room 107 and via ZOOM Virtual Meeting to consider the following: PZC-23-010: Ismet Dedusaj, Lakeside Bar & Grill, 81 North Main Street. Site plan review to allow outdoor music per Sec. 5.2.B.7, Map 04A/ Block 45A/ Lot 21 - Approved with Conditions Kevin Kuhr, Chairman

1TB 6/16

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING CHATHAM HEALTH DISTRICT

Towns of Colchester, East Haddam, East Hampton, Hebron, Marlborough and Portland The Chatham Health District Board of Health will hold a Special Meeting/Public Hearing on June 27, 2023 at 2 p.m. via Zoom, Meeting ID: 831 7084 8488. The purpose of this Special Meeting is for the consideration of adopting the Proposed Chatham Health District FY2024 Fee Schedule. At this hearing, interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be received. The Proposed Chatham Health District FY2024 Fee Schedule is available for public review at http://www.chathamhealth.org and in any of the District Offices. Russell Melmed Director of Health

1TB 6/16

TOWN OF COLCHESTER LEGAL NOTICE

Due to a lack of Quorum at a Regular Meeting on Monday 6/12/23, the Historic District Commission will now hold a Public Hearing at a Special Meeting on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 7:00 P.M., in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 127 Norwich Ave, Colchester, CT 06415 to hear and consider the following petition: Certificate of Appropriateness - COA2023-003 of Van Cleve House, LLC (Owner) and Ellen Sharon (Applicant) - 184 South Main Street (MBL# 12-00/029-000) - Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to replace asbestos shingle siding with beveled cedar clapboard, replace and repair damaged soffit, fascia and trim with like materials and design. At this hearing interested parties may be heard and written communications received. A copy of this petition is available for public inspection in the Planning and Zoning Department at Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT 06415 and may be inspected during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). Historic District Commission Stanley Stefanowicz, Secretary

1TB 6/16

LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Marlborough Zoning Commission will hold the following Public Hearing Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Elmer Thienes/Mary Hall School Community Room located at 25 School Drive. a. APPLICATION #Z-04-23- Greylock Property Group, LLC, (applicant), Terramuggus LLC (property owner), 163 North Main Street, Amendment to Zoning Map from Resident (R) to Floating Zone Design Multiple Resident Zone (DMR). Written testimony will be received at the public hearing and written testimony can be sent to the Building/Land Use Department at Town Hall ahead of the public hearing. Kevin Asklar, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR

2TB 6/16, 6/23

COLCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on June 20, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room at 127 Norwich Ave, Colchester, CT to hear and consider the following petitions: 1. Application No. ZBA 2023-002 of Jeffrey P. Naples (Owner/Applicant) - 155 Westchester Rd (MBL#05-14/016-000) - Application for variance from Section 3.4.4.A.2 of the Town of Colchester Land Development (Zoning) Regulations to reduce the front yard setback requirement from 100' to 35'. 2. Application No. ZBA 2023-003 of Sam and Nancy Wilson (Owner/Applicant) - 7 Melanie Lane (MBL# 02-10/018-01A) - Application for variance from Section 3.4.4.A.2 of the Town of Colchester Land Development (Zoning) Regulations to reduce the front yard setback requirement from 100' to 50'. At this hearing interested persons may appear or be heard and written communications will be received. The application is on file for public review on the Planning & Zoning Commission Webpage and in the Planning & Zoning Department, Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT. Respectfully submitted, Laurie Robinson, Chairman

2TB 6/9, 6/16

LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MARLBOROUGH TOWN CENTER/LAKE TERRAMUGGUS SEWER DISTRICT 2023 - 2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Marlborough Water Pollution Control Authority on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall will hold a public hearing for the following: 2023 - 2024 Operation, Maintenance, & Repair Budget 2023 - 2024 Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) Allocation 2023 - 2024 Fee Schedule 2023 - 2024 EDU Charge \$588 At this hearing interested parties may appear and be heard and written communication will be received, if you are unable to attend written communication can be submitted to the Building/Land Use Office, in Town Hall, 26 North Main Street. All of the above Public Hearing Documents are on file for public inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk and Land Use/Building Office. Benjamin Levin Chair, Marlborough WPCA

2TB 6/9, 6/16

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023 TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS #107 6:15 P.M.

The electors of the Town of East Hampton and those entitled to vote at town meetings are hereby notified that the Annual Town Budget Meeting will be held in the East Hampton Town Hall Council Chambers Room #107 at 1 Community Drive in said Town of East Hampton on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 6:15 p.m. Pursuant to Section 7 - 7 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 4.1 of the Town of East Hampton Charter, said meeting shall be immediately adjourned to a referendum on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 from 6:00am to 8:00pm at the East Hampton Town Hall, 1 Community Drive, for a vote on voting machines for the approval or disapproval of the Annual Budgets for the Board of Education and the Town Government for fiscal year 2023 - 2024 as recommended by the Town Council.

EAST HAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL Mark Philhower, Chairman Tim Feegel, Vice Chairman Pete Brown Brandon Goff Eric Peterson Kevin Reich Alison Walck

1TB 6/16

TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Marlborough Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on June 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marlborough Senior Center, 17 School Drive, Marlborough, CT, 06447, to hear the following: Amendment to the 2020 Marlborough Plan of Conversation & Development as follows; Adopting the Marlborough Sustainable Housing Plan 2022 - 27 as an Appendix. Interested parties may appear and/or submit written documentation. A copy of the Plan is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town Website for public review. Dated at Marlborough, CT this 10th day of June, 2023. MARLBOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION Mark Stankiewicz Chair

2TB 6/16, 6/23

TOWN OF COLCHESTER LEGAL NOTICE

The Colchester Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on June 21, 2023, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Colchester Town Hall Meeting Room at 127 Norwich Ave, Colchester, CT to hear and consider the following petition(s): PZC2023-011 of the Town of Colchester Planning & Zoning Department (Applicant) - Proposed Map Amendment from Future Development (FD) to the Rural Use (RU) for 7 parcels located on Chestnut Hill Road and Parum Road, as follows: 148 Chestnut Hill Road (4E-05/004-000) 5.75 Acres of Squire; 140 Chestnut Hill Road (4E-05/004-009) 0.69 Acres of Rapunzo; 128 Chestnut Hill Road (4E-05/006-001) 2.08 Acres of Hastings; 122 Chestnut Hill Road (4E-05/006-002) 6.64 Acres of Clark; 363 Parum Road (03-07/038-000) 63.3 Acres of Doocoy; 367 Parum Road (03-07/037-000) 0.27 Acres of Hardy; and 353 Parum Road (03-07/039-000) 2.26 Acres of Georgens. At this hearing, interested persons may be heard and written communications received. A copy of this petition is located in the Land Use Department and Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, and may be inspected during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). Planning and Zoning Commission Joseph Mathieu, Chair

2TB 6/9, 6/16

LEGAL NOTICE MARLBOROUGH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MARLBOROUGH TOWN CENTER/LAKE TERRAMUGGUS SEWER PROJECT SOUTH MAIN STREET SEWER EXTENSION BENEFIT ASSESSMENT

In accordance with Connecticut General Statute 7 - 250 the Marlborough Water Pollution Control Authority on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 7:45 p.m. in the Town Hall, 26 North Main Street, will hold a public hearing for the Marlborough Town Center/Lake Terramuggus Sewer Project Benefit Assessment Levy. The anticipated Benefit Assessment levies are:

Table with 3 columns: Residential Housing Units, Benefit Assessment, Yearly Payment. Row 1: 27 South Main Street, \$12,060.00, \$603.00 per year for 20 years

At this hearing interested parties may appear and be heard and written communication will be received. Benjamin Levin Chair, Marlborough WPCA

2TB 6/9, 6/16

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOARD OF SELECTMEN Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:45 PM Town of Portland, CT 06480

Pursuant to Portland Town Charter Chapter XII Section 1203.4, a public hearing will be held by the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:45 P.M. at the Buck-Foreman Community Room, 265 Main Street, Portland, Connecticut, regarding the proposed supplemental appropriation from the General Fund Balance in the amount of \$205,000. At the hearing, all interested persons may be heard and written communications will be received. Public Access also through the Zoom link A -www.portlandct.org NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portland Board of Selectmen hereby approves the supplemental appropriation from the General Fund Balance in the amount of \$205,000. The allocations of supplemental appropriations for the General Fund are increases to the line item #01-093-000-90012 - Transfers Out-Capital Non Rec Town by \$125,000 and increases to #01-093-000-90013 - Transfers Out-Capital Non Rec BOE by \$80,000. The funds will be transferred to Fund 8 as follows: #08-141-000-89010 - Board of Education-System Wide BOE-Security Upgrades (including doors) \$80,000 and #08-141-000-89090 - Public Works-Building Maintenance-Roof replacements \$125,000. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby approves an increase in estimated revenues for State Grants in # 08-141-000-00214 in the amount of \$8,724.06 for a School Security Competitive Grant and a supplemental appropriation to #08-141-000-89010 - Board of Education-System Wide BOE-Security Upgrades (including doors) for \$8,724.06. A copy of the complete resolution to be voted on is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's website at www.portlandct.org. Dated at Portland, Connecticut this 7th day of June 2023. Attest: Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman

1TB 6/16

LEGAL NOTICE of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:55 P.M. Buck-Foreman Community Room, 265 Main Street, Portland, CT 06480

Pursuant to Chapter V Section 503g/503h of the Town Charter, a Special Town Meeting will be held by the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:55 P.M. in the Buck-Foreman Community Room, 265 Main Street, Portland, CT for the following supplemental appropriation: ITEM 1. To Approve the supplemental appropriation from the General Fund Balance in the amount of \$125,000 to assist in the roof replacement projects on Town-owned buildings with an emphasis on the Town Hall. The allocations of supplemental appropriations for the General Fund is an increase to the line item #01-093-000-90012 - Transfers Out-Capital Non Rec Town by \$125,000. The funds will be transferred to Fund 8 as follows: #08-141-000-89090 - Public Works-Building Maintenance-Roof replacements \$125,000. ITEM 2. To Approve the supplemental appropriation from the General Fund Balance in the amount of \$80,000. The allocations of supplemental appropriations for the General Fund is an increase to the line item #01-093-000-90013 - Transfers Out-Capital Non Rec BOE by \$80,000. The funds will be transferred to Fund 8 as follows: #08-141-000-89010 - Board of Education-System Wide BOE-Security Upgrades (including doors) \$80,000. A supplemental appropriation to #08-141-000-89010 - Board of Education-System Wide BOE-Security Upgrades (including doors) for \$8,724.06 [an increase in estimated revenues for State Grants in # 08-141-000-00214 in the amount of \$8,724.06 for a School Security Competitive Grant]. A copy of the complete resolution to be voted on is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's website at www.portlandct.org. Dated this 7th day of June 2023 Attest: Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman

1TB 6/16

LEGAL NOTICE of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:50 P.M. Buck-Foreman Community Room, 265 Main Street, Portland, CT 06480

Pursuant to Chapter XII Section 1203.4 of the Town Charter, a Special Town Meeting will be held by the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:50 P.M. in the Buck-Foreman Community Room, 265 Main Street, Portland, CT for the following supplemental appropriation: ITEM 1. To approve the supplemental appropriation of \$95,000 to the General Fund line item #01-023-000-14014 - Private Police Duty and \$9,000 to the General Fund Line Item #01-023-000-51001 - Gas & Diesel and an increase in estimated revenue to line item #01-000-000-00324 Police Private Duty in the amount of \$104,000. Dated this 7th day of June 2023 Attest: Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman

1TB 6/16

LEGAL NOTICE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION HEBRON, CONNECTICUT

The Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at a Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 7:00 P.M., to be held virtually through the GoToMeeting Platform, on the following: 1. Petition 2023-02 - Petition of the Hebron Lions Agricultural Society requesting Special Permit approval for a Temporary Liquor Permit on September 7th thru 10th, 2023, under Section 5.O.3 of the Hebron Zoning Regulations, premise located at 347 Gilead Street, R-1 District. Continued from June 13, 2023. Dated at Hebron, Connecticut, this 14th day of June, 2023. Natalie Wood, Chair Planning and Zoning Commission Jun 27, 2023, 7:00-10:00 PM (America/New\_York) Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. https://meet.goto.com/949534597 You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 949-534-597 United States: +1 (872) 240-3412 Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: https://meet.goto.com/install Legal Notice will be published in the Rivereast News Bulletin on June 16 and June 23, 2023

2TB 6/16, 6/23

WEST ROAD EMERGENCY TOWER LAND CLEARING TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH, CONNECTICUT INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for the WEST ROAD EMERGENCY TOWER LAND CLEARING PROJECT will be received by the Town of Marlborough by hard copy at the Issuing Office until 10:00 AM local time on Monday, June 26, 2023. Received Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum as indicated in the Bid Form. The project is clearing trees and ground vegetation as shown on the plan. Bidding Documents are available for free download from the Town Website Marlboroughct.net and in the Town Clerk's Office. Issuing Office is: Town Clerk's Office, Marlborough Town Hall, 26 North Main Street, Marlborough, Connecticut (860-295-6200). Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents from the Town Web Site or at the Issuing Office during Town Hall hours of operation. A pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 PM local time on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at Fire House #2 located at 200 West Road. Pre-bid conference attendance is encouraged but is not mandatory. The successful Bidder will be required to provide a Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent of the Contract Price. The Surety Company shall be licensed in the State of Connecticut and listed on IRS Department Circular 570. A Payment Bond and Payment of Prevailing Wage Rates will not be required unless Contract amount is equal to or greater than \$100,000. Bid Bond is not required. The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good, capable of being accepted, and may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of bids. The Town reserves the right to waive any technical defects in the bids; to reject bids which do not conform to the terms and conditions described in the specifications; to reject any, part of, or all bids; to waive informalities or irregularities in the bidding process; and to accept that bid which the Town deems to be in its best interest, whether or not it is the lowest dollar proposed. All work to be performed in connection with the proposed project will be subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations. If the Town determines, in its sole discretion, to proceed with the work, the successful bidder must execute and deliver the Contract and furnish a valid Certificate of Insurance with full policies, and Performance Bond to the Town prior to the start of any work. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that it has received any and all addendums to this Invitation to Bid prior to submitting a bid. This Invitation to Bid is not binding on the Town. The Town reserves the right to revise or amend the plans and specifications from time to time as it deems necessary. This Invitation to Bid has been prepared solely to solicit bids and does not constitute a contract offer. The Town reserves the right to amend, cancel, postpone, withdraw, or resubmit this Invitation for Bid at any time if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so. The Town is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply. Owner: Town of Marlborough, Connecticut Amy J. Traversa, Interim Town Manager

2TB 6/16, 6/23



**TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH  
MARLBOROUGH SUSTAINABLE TEAM  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUM**

The Town of Marlborough Sustainable CT Team will hold a Public Forum on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Marlborough Elementary School, 25 School Drive for a Community discussion on:  
Food Security Impacts on Marlborough  
Community Food Action Plan  
Community Pollinator & Vegetable Gardens  
Reduce Waste by Home Composting  
Dated at Marlborough, CT this 10th day of June, 2023.  
MARLBOROUGH SUSTAINABLE CT TEAM

2TB 6/16, 6/23

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
LEGAL NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING  
June 21, 2023, at 6:30 PM  
Buck-Foreman Community Room,  
265 Main Street, Portland, CT 06480**

Pursuant to Section 506 of the Portland Town Charter, a public hearing will be held by the Board of Selectmen on **Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Buck Foreman Community Room to consider public comments and questions, both orally and in writing on the requested use of \$35,000 for the replacement of the Co#3 Generator and related propane tank. Public Access also through the Zoom link A - [www.portlandct.org](http://www.portlandct.org)  
Dated this 7th day of June 2023  
Attest: Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman

1TB 6/16

# REAL ESTATE

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WANTED**

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**WANTED TO BUY:** your loose and bulk change, pennies, nickles, dimes, quarters, and silver coins. Also wanted silverware or any items made of sterling silver. Cash paid on the spot. Call or text Dom 860-836-5013.

**WANTED TO BUY:** your loose and bulk change, pennies, nickles, dimes, quarters, and silver coins. Also wanted silverware or any item made of sterling silver. Cash paid on the spot. Will make house calls. Call/text Dom, 860-866-5013.

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## RENTALS

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**LONG WHARF RESORT NEWPORT:** July 7-14. 1mb, 2nd br & pull-out sofa. 2fbths, small kitchen. \$2600. Harris 860-478-9486.

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# EMPLOYMENT

**HELP WANTED:** Looking for cleaners in the East Haddam area for Saturday/Sunday to thoroughly clean 7-bedroom lakehouse after weekly rentals. Dust, disinfect, remake beds, sanitize bathrooms, kitchen, vacuum, and always wash floors, vacuum under cushions, etc. Desks/porch reorganized; outdoor tables wiped clean for new family arrival. 2-3 people 11am-3:30pm. \$375 per cleaning, plus \$25 for dropping off/picking up linens from Bert's, Saturday or Sunday depending upon rental departure. (Dates already established). Please call evenings 860-985-4534 or text.

**SEAMSTRESS/SEWING PROFESSIONAL NEEDED:** immediately for custom window treatment workroom, located in Haddam. Must have both hand and sewing machine experience, ability to work independently, stand for extended times while sewing, and lift 20 lbs. Casual work environment. No smokers please. Part or Full time position. Competitive pay (\$18-\$21 per hour depending on experience). Call Susan 860-306-4252.

**FT/PT CLEANER BAKER:** Helper wanted at Marlborough Country Bakery. Apply in person, Marlborough.

**COUNTRY ROADS WINE AND SPIRITS:** Marlborough, has a part-time, employment opportunity. Excellent pay, 18 years and older. Stop in or call 860-295-9218

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**Town of Marlborough  
Department of Public Works  
Full-Time Equipment Operator/Maintainer**

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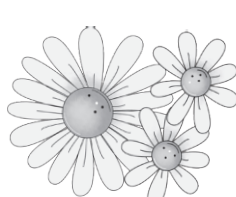
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