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Cromwell High School Class Reunion

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Wethersfield-Unico Bocce League

The Wethersfield -UNICO Bocce League starts Thursday, June 13, 2024. League play is every Thursday, from 6 - 8pm, at Millwoods Park, 166 Prospect Street in Wethersfield. All ages and residents of any town are welcome. Registration is \$25 per person, or \$100 per Team of 4. The season culminates in our Tournament in September. All equipment is provided. Register onsite or for more info please contact the Commissioner of Bocce, Michael Fortunato, at Fortunatom@aol.com.

NHS 50th Class Reunion

The Newington High School "Class of '74" has announced their exciting 50th Reunion plans!: The main event will be on Saturday, September 28th at Casa Mia on the Hill (Indian Hill Country Club) in Newington, from 5:30pm-10:30pm, The cost of the event is \$90 per person. No tickets for this event will be sold at the door. The cutoff date is Friday, September 6th. Payment details will be coming in an email from Lynne Fournier. Please email her at lfournier@aol.com with any questions, or if you don't receive the email by March 31st. If you do not have an email please call Lynne at 860-438-7311. Can't wait to see everybody!

Annual Spring Rock Hunt

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Event for Wethersfield for Seniors

The Wethersfield High School Interact Club, together with the Wethersfield Senior Center invite seniors, age 55 and over, for an evening of great food, fun, and music on Saturday, May 18th from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Wethersfield High School Cafeteria. Tickets may be purchased for \$10 from the Wethersfield Senior Center, 30 Greenfield Street. Tickets sold after Monday, May 13th will be \$15.00. To RSVP or for more information, please contact the Senior Center at 860-721-2770 or senior.center@wethersfieldct.gov or Nella Szilagyi, Interact Club Advisor at 860-571-8284 or nszilagy@wethersfield.me.

Help Our Concert Series!

Concerts at Church of Christ, Congregational are free admission, but we fund them through donations by the audiences and generous annual donors. You may send a check to the church (Church of Christ, Congregational, 1075 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111) or leave it in the offering plate. Please make a note on your check ("concert series"). You can also donate at newingtonucc.org.

Libraries Need Friends!

The Friends of the Wethersfield Library would like more community members to join us for Friend events such as: the continuous book sales in the Library book nook, raffles, periodic pop-up book sales and others help raise funds to expand Library programs. These include, but are not limited to Summer Reading, museum passes and occasional Library improvements. Friends volunteer opportunities include: sorting book donations, book sales, technology support, marketing, publicity social media and membership.

Friendship Force Call for Members

Friendship Force Connecticut is active and traveling and accepting new members! Our chapter has resumed full travel activities, as well as monthly group social activities (Kent Falls, Providence Gondola rides, Culinary Inst of Amer, CT Antique Machinery Museum, and many others this year). Our members travelled to Cornwall, UK this last year, where we stayed in the homes of the host club members and explored castles, biomes and the Lost Gardens of Heligan, while sharing meals with the local residents. In May 2024, we will be hosting ambassadors from Niagara, Canada and showing them the wonders of our state. Then, we will be traveling to Santa Barbara followed by San Francisco. Some of our members might even join the Boston chapter on their trip to Brazil in March. For more information about our chapter and on how you can join, visit facebook.com/ffconnecticut.org, email ffconnecticut@gmail.com or go to friendshipforce.org

Cars Helping the Blind

Wondering what to do with your old car or truck? Donating your vehicle to the National Federation of the Blind is convenient and may qualify you for a tax deduction. Call 1-855-659-9314 or visit www.carshelpingtheblind.org. 12/30/15

Rocky Hill Food Share Fridays

Families in need are eligible for free fresh food distribution at Elm Ridge Park every Friday from 1:15-1:45 p.m. The mobile food share is sponsored by volunteers from Oasis Christian Church. For more information please call the Oasis Church at 860-529-0701 or Foodshare at 860-286-9999.

South Catholic Class Reunion

South Catholic Class of 1975: Save the Date. 50th Reunion 6/7/25. Request information and update contact info at schs1975reunion@gmail.com.

Junk in the Trunk

Community Tag Sale and Vendor Fair on June 1st, 9 am- 2 pm, Emerson Williams Elementary School. NEW THIS YEAR - we will also promote a list of tag sales around town. Register by visiting www.wethersfieldeducationfoundation.org.

BHS 50th Reunion

The Berlin High School class of 1974 Is celebrating their 50th reunion on June 8th, 2024 at the Italian American Club in Berlin. We are searching for all classmates, friends, and teachers. Please send contact info to Barbara Fappiano Nieman at Niemabf@aol.com. Help spread the word!

Food Pantry

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church Food Pantry, at 371 Wolcott Hill Road in Wethersfield is open Thursday's between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. All are welcome. Feel free to call 860-529-5397 with questions. 031022

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

You can help deliver meals to shut in seniors for as little as two hours per week. We currently need volunteers to help deliver meals at our local sites in Portland, East Hampton, Cromwell, and Newington. You can help just one day a week for only two hours (mid-day). Call (860) 519-3484 for more info.

Turkey Dinner

On May 22, 2024, Holy Trinity Church, 200 Summer St., Plantsville will be hosting a Turkey Dinner with all the fixings including salad, dessert and soft drink of choice from 5:30 to 6:30 in the church hall. This event will be in memory of Helen Locks a longtime parishioner of the church. For reservations to eat in or take out please call Sandy @ 860-681-5483.

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Cathy Coviello from Rocky Hill, CT, Honored as a 2024 Goddard School Teacher of the Year

Annual Teacher of the Year Program Celebrates 16 Outstanding Early Childhood Educators

Goddard Systems, LLC, (GSL), the manager of The Goddard School® franchise system, the nation's leading premium early childhood education provider, is excited to present Cathy Coviello from The Goddard School of Rocky Hill with a 2024 Teacher of the Year Award.

Coviello's commitment to providing a level of security to the infants in her care is exceptional, taking care of each baby as if they are her own. Every aspect of how she shapes the school day is focused on their development. She has infants make art, teaches them about nature, provides sensory experiences and even shows them sign language and yoga poses. She truly goes above and beyond every day for each child in her care.

Coviello joins 15 other teachers nationwide who were selected from more than 6,600 nominations for their embodiment of competence, leadership, creativity and a nurturing demeanor. All 16 regional winners created strong bonds between home and school and incorporated their own passions into their teaching while continuing to ensure the health and safety of their students.

"At Goddard, we are focused on nurturing teachers' growth and empowering their success," said Dr. Lauren Loquasto, senior vice president

and chief academic officer, GSL. "All of the Teacher of the Year honorees exemplify Goddard's commitment to providing a rewarding career where educators are encouraged to bring their creativity to the classroom and are truly valued and supported. We appreciate how these teachers love what they do while preparing their students for the next stages in both their academic and life journeys, and we can't thank them enough for their commitment to their school communities."

In addition to being named a 2024 Teacher of the Year, GSL gifted each of the regional winners a \$1,000 cash award and dedicated a custom set of Life Lesson Library books, Goddard's exclusive social-emotional development program, to each school in the teacher's name.

"I am deeply humbled and incredibly honored to be named a Teacher of the Year," said Coviello. "This recognition fills me with gratitude and a profound sense of responsibility. I owe immense thanks to my directors for their unwavering guidance and support; their mentorship has been invaluable on this journey. I am also tremendously grateful to the Goddard families who voted for me and to my coworkers, whose encouragement and support have been a constant source of strength."

For more information about The Goddard School and the Teacher of the Year Awards, please visit GoddardSchool.com.

The Hunt Continues For Painted Rocks

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Cromwell Creative District Seeks Donations Through Golf Fund-Raiser

CROMWELL - Cromwell Creative District (CCD) is participating in the annual Birdies for Charity fundraiser, a collaboration between the Traveler's Championship, Webster Bank, and local nonprofits.

Happening now through the end of the Traveler's Championship on June 23, Webster Bank will offer a 15% match to all donations CCD receives through the Birdies for Charity link.

With such a great incentive, CCD uses Birdies

for Charity fundraiser as its annual fundraising campaign. Donating to CCD means supporting its mission to revitalize downtown Main Street, support local business there, and enrich the lives of Cromwell's residents.

To participate, you can donate at <https://partnerhq.com/public/events/2024-travelers-championship-birdies-for-charity/organization-partnerships/3719>

Sen. Lesser, Rep. Carpino Secure up to \$700k for Cromwell

(CROMWELL) - At midnight on May 8th, the General Assembly officially adjourned, marking the end of the 2024 Legislative Session. In the final week, State Senator Matt Lesser and State Representative Christie Carpino were proud to secure up to \$700k for Cromwell nonprofits and local town projects. Lesser and Carpino supported House Bill 5523, which allocates soon-to-expire American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to aid municipalities, schools, and nonprofits. Specifically, \$150,000 was set aside for behavioral resources in Cromwell Public Schools and \$300,000 was also allocated to install handicap accessible bathrooms at the high school athletic complex. Additionally, the Cromwell delegation helped pass bonding legislation proposing \$250,000 in potential funding to build lights for the local little league field. Both Lesser and Carpino look forward to the approval of this bonding allocation as the state's bonding commission begins their monthly meeting schedule. "After hearing reports of bullying, including racial bullying, I knew the Cromwell Public Schools needed additional support. Helping them secure funding to hire a Social, Emotional and Behavioral support consultant was at the top of my priorities," said

Sen. Lesser. "I'm also grateful to Rep. Carpino taking the helm in securing up to \$250,000 for field lights for Little League players and \$300,000 for bathrooms at the athletic complex, I am proud of our bipartisan teamwork to support Cromwell students, families and taxpayers." "It's always a success when we can help fund local projects," said Rep. Carpino. "While not perfect, I supported this legislation because it allows us to invest in higher education, secure support for our hardworking nonprofits, and provide assistance to our local schools. These priorities reinforce our commitment to nonprofits, education, and hometown needs."

EV Car Expo

EV CAR OWNERS! Show off your latest technology EV at the RH Congregational Church's Green Expo. Our June 8 event, from 10 to 1, focuses on environmentally-sound and eco-friendly practices. We have numerous exhibitors from farmers and bee keepers to eco-friendly household products and e-bikes as alternative transportation. We want your EV on display to educate the public! Contact Sandi Kelly - sandict@cox.net or 860-930-6787.

Rocky Hill Farmers Market

Rocky Hill Farmers Market is moving to Tuesdays!! We're on the lookout for farmers, artisans and young entrepreneurs to join us. Let's unite in supporting our local community! Mark these dates in your calendar:

7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30 & 8/13

All markets will take place at Elm Ridge Park (376 Elm Street) from 4-7 p.m.

For more information please call the Parks & Recreation Department (860) 258 2772.

Live Performance Set For Madama Butterfly

The premier Connecticut Lyric Opera and the celebrated Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra will perform Pucini's "Madama Butterfly" on Saturday, June 1, at 7: 30 p.m. It will be held at the Santo Fragilio Performing Arts Center, 200 LaRosa Lane, in Middletown and has been brought to that city by the Greater Middletown Concert Association.

Set in Japan in the early Twentieth Century, Pucini's deeply-felt and imaginative opera follows the poignant story of love between a United States naval officer, B.F. Pinkerton, and the

beautiful Japanese geisha, Cio-Cio San. This popular opera, characterized by the clever integration of traditional Japanese themes with the soaring Italian operatic tradition, is an acclaimed masterpiece. It is sung in Italian with English supertitles projected.

Call 860 343-7555 for further info and to reserve tickets now for the performance. Regular price tickets are \$50 each with special \$45 tickets for seniors. Tickets can also be ordered online.

Rocky Hill Senior Center Events & Activities

Call 860-258-2786 for information and/or registration.

MEMBERSHIP - Are you at least 55 years old and interested in staying active and connected to your community? Become a member of the Rocky Hill Senior Center! Membership is complimentary for Rocky Hill residents and \$20 per year for non-residents. Applications may be picked up at the Senior Center or online by request. Meet new people, experience a wide variety of recreational activities and enhance your quality of life!

SPECIAL EVENTS

HEP C SCREENING & PRESENTATION - Monday, May 20, Screening: 12:30 p.m. Each participant will first have their Hepatitis C virus (HCV) anti-body testing administered, via a quick finger stick. An HCV (Hepatitis C virus) antibody test is used to find out if someone has ever been infected with the Hepatitis C virus. The HCV antibody test looks for antibodies to the Hepatitis C virus in blood. Presentation: 1:00pm

As we await results (about a half hour), our public health nurses will give a presentation about what Hepatitis is, how it is transmitted and how to avoid contracting the virus. If the results are positive, the nurses will educate the participant and help link them to further testing and treatment. Please have participants bring their insurance card. Please call for an appointment. Sponsored by Central CT Health District. Specify when registering if you would like the screening, presentation, or both. Call 860-258-2786 for registration

ELVIS CABARET SHOW - Wednesday, May 22, 12:00-2:00pm - WAITLIST ONLY. Elvis never looked so good! Ashly Cruz has a new and exciting Elvis Presley Cabaret Show. She will be singing his greatest hits while dazzling her audience with dancing and Vegas sparkles. Lunch will be BBQ Ribs and Chicken with all the fixings. Cost: \$12M/\$15NM Co-sponsor: FreedomCare

BRAIN GAMES - Thursday, May 23, 1:00-2:00pm. You are welcome join us for fun and laughter in a special event of Brain Games! We will have activities for the group and individuals, such as written and picture puzzles and word and math exercises, which engage the mind, stretch thinking, and enhance memory. No answer or solution is wrong! Our class will be limited to 12 in order to facilitate easy conversing and working together. Facilitator: Anne-Paul Swett Cost: Free Members/\$5 Nonmembers. Please call 860-258-2786 to register for this free program

SOLO AGERS: WHERE WILL I LIVE WHEN I'M 85? Friday, May 24, 10:00am-11:00am. Solo Agers, people over 50 that are living alone, without a spouse or partner, and with no children, find themselves confronting their aging futures alone. Catherine will focus more specifically on considerations for where you will live as you get into your mid 80s and beyond. In these later years we find that most people need to depend on other types of support in their daily lives. Special considerations need to be taken when we choose the right living arrangements to match our needs. Please register or this free program.

MEET THE AUTHOR: "THE WITCH OF WETHERSFIELD" Wednesday, May 29, 1:00pm "Accused as a witch...based on a true story. In 1651 twenty-five-year-old Katherine Gilbert arrives to New England, her destination a small town called Wethersfield in Connecticut Colony. Katherine expects a warm welcome from her cousin Josiah, but instead she is sent to a wealthy captain's house in Hartford to serve two years as an indentured servant. For her reputation precedes her as a "cunning woman." Only after she meets the one lone-man of Wethersfield, John Harrison does her luck and life change for the better. Until tragedy strikes the Harrison family in 1666... Registration Required Cost: Free to Members, \$5 Nonmembers

PAINTING WITH FRIENDS - Thursday, May 30, 10:00am-11:00am. Come join Laura Gibbons, from Middlewoods of Newington, for a fun and relaxing acrylic paint class! No experience necessary, Laura will walk everyone through the pro-

gram and will provide one on one tips. Cost: Free Members, \$5 Nonmembers

ADULT FAMILY LIVING PROGRAM -Thursday, May 30, 6:00pm-7:00pm. Please join FreedomCare as we present an informative program on Adult Family Living. AFL is a program in CT that helps senior citizens who have Medicaid or are eligible for Medicaid age in place. This program allows a family member or friend to be a caregiver and get paid to do so. Spend some "me with us and learn more about Adult Family Living. Please register or this free program.

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BELLY BUSTERS - This is a half hour class that targets your core and more. We will shape and tone your midsection which will require some mat work on the floor. If you want a flat belly and a smaller waist this class is for you. Instructor: Kathryn Zizzi-Meyers Days: Friday Dates: 5/17-6/28. Time: 9:00-9:30am Fee: \$21M/\$31NM

CRAFT P.H.D. - A monthly craft group focusing on all things that use a needle, such as applique, cross-stitch, needlepoint, felting, etc. Craft Projects Half Done will be a fun and informal way for our members to work on existing projects while they socialize with their peers and make new friends. Please register for this free program. Date: Friday, 5/17 Time: 10am-12noon Facilitator: Mary Frazier

OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL LESSONS—INTRODUCTION - Come find out what all the excitement is about the fastest growing sport in the USA is PICKLEBALL! Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of badminton, table tennis, and tennis. Join Certified Pickleball Instructor, Ahmad Elliot, as he teaches you to dink, serve, return and score. All equipment will be provided. Instructor: Ahmad Elliot

Date: Thursday, 6/13 -6/27 (Rain date 7/11) Time: 8:30am - 10:00am Cost: \$75M/\$85NM

Date: Tuesday, 6/11 -6/25 (Rain date 7/2) Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm Cost: \$75M/\$85NM

Location: Maxwell Park

PARKINSON'S EXERCISE - Come take a class designed specifically for persons with Parkinson's. Appropriate for ALL with mobility concerns. This hour-long session will focus on balance, strength, speech and power. We'll use some traditional and more unique equipment to foster positive results.

Instructor: Kitch Czernicki Date: Thursdays, 5/30-7/25 (NC 7/4) Time: 1:00-2:00pm. Fee: \$21M/\$28NM

QIGONG CLUB - Qigong, pronounced "chi gong," was developed in China thousands of years ago as part of traditional Chinese medicine. It involves using exercises to optimize energy within the body, mind, and spirit, with the goal of improving and maintaining health and well-being. Qigong has both psychological and physical components and involves the regulation of the mind, breath, and body's movement and posture. Volunteer Martha Jaffe will guide you through gentle movements and a guided meditation that will leave you feeling relaxed and refreshed.

Dates: Wednesdays, 5/22-7/24 (NC 6/19, 7/3) Time: 11:00am-12:00pm Fee: \$16M/\$20NM

Dates: Fridays, 5/24-7/19 (NC 7/5) Time: 11:30am-12:30pm Fee: \$16M/\$20NM

TRIPS

CONNECTICUT WINE TRAIL - Thursday, June 27. Tour includes motor coach, boxed picnic lunch provided by Mystic Market East, wine tastings at 3 CT wineries, souvenir wine glass, tour director and gratuities Wineries visited: Saltwater Farm Vineyard in Stonington, Jonathan Edwards Winery in North Stonington and Preston Ridge Vineyard in Preston. Depart: Elm Ridge Park 10:00am Estimated Return: 6:45pm Cost: \$159 for members and \$165 for non-members

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Indian Hill Country Club featuring Casa Mia on the Hill on July 19,2024 at 6:00 PM-10:00 PM. Please email Paul Leckowicz pjleckowicz@gmail.com with any inquiries.

Transfer Station Has Special Hours

CROMWELL - There will be seasonal hours at the transfer station from April 18 through May 30.

Hours will be Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Residents must be checked in 15 minutes prior to closing.



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Special Election Set For Nov. 5 To Replace Retiring Probate Judge

By Nicole Zappone, Staff Writer

CROMWELL—On Monday, Gov. Ned Lamont announced that he is ordering special elections to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5—the same date as the next general election—to complete the terms of six probate judges who will be retiring over the next year.

Five of the six judges are reaching the state's mandatory retirement age of 70 for judges.

According to the governor's office, Lamont specifically chose to hold these special elections on the same date as the next election because doing so would enable the municipalities in each probate district to avoid any additional costs of holding separate elections for this purpose.

Probate judges in Connecticut serve four-year terms. The terms of all six retiring judges will expire on Jan. 5, 2027.

The winner of each special election will begin serving from the date the current officer holder retires through the end of their current term.

Among those judges is the Honorable Joseph D. Marino, who represents the Middletown Probate District, which covers the towns of Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield and Middletown.

Marino's expected retirement date is May 3, 2025. He has been a probate judge for the district since 1986.

During his time in probate court, Marino was in one of the largest and busiest courts in the state, handling thousands of matters per year and serving over 74,000 residents in the coverage areas of Middletown, Cromwell, Durham and

Middlefield in Middlesex County.

As a judge, he was selected as "Outstanding probate court for the State of Connecticut" while also earning distinction in his commitment to excellence, spirit of cooperation, and active support of the Probate Court System.

In this probate court, he dealt with a lot of mental health matters due to the presence of Connecticut Valley Hospital, Whiting Forensic Hospital, Middlesex Hospital, and Solnit Children's Center.

Judge Marino was also the Administrative Judge of the Central Connecticut Regional Children's Court, where he presided over cases involving custody, guardianships, termination of parental rights, and adoptions.

Before coming to the probate court, Marino worked in his law office in Portland from 1980 to 2022. During his time as an attorney, Marino

maintained his private firm in the general practice of law.

Marino received a bachelor of arts degree in 1977 from John Carroll University and a juris doctor in 1980 from the Catholic University of America School of Law.

His affiliations include being president of the Connecticut Probate Assembly (April 2004 to April 2006), member Budget and Executive Committee of the Probate Assembly and Chair Nominating Committee, member of the Middlesex County Bar Association, and member of the National College of Probate Judges.

Some of his awards include the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce Governor William A. O'Neill Public Service Award, the NAACP Community Service Award, and the Rotary Club Paul Harris Community Service Fellowship Award.

Rocky Hill Election Workers Honored

Rocky Hill, CT- On April 24, Secretary of State Stephanie Thomas delivered a comprehensive presentation on Early Voting at the Rocky Hill Community Center. The event, which was sponsored by the Rocky Hill Democrats, aimed to educate the public on the importance and benefits of Early Voting Initiatives.

The highlight of the event was the recognition of several dedicated residents for their years of service as Election Day workers. The honorees included Thomas Deasy, Donald Francis, Stephanie Heneghan, Mary Beth Maluccio, and Edward Mulvey Jr. These individuals exemplify a steadfast commitment to our democracy through their ongoing efforts to ensure fair and transparent elec-

tions. Their contributions not only enrich our community, but also uphold the core democratic values that our nation cherishes.

The event also received accolades for the engaging and informative presentation by Secretary of State Stephanie Thomas. Her insights into Early Voting procedures and her willingness to address attendees' questions were highly appreciated by all participants.

Special thanks were extended to Registrar of Voters Phil Theroux, State Representative Kerry Wood, and Deputy Jaqueline Kozin for their attendance and valuable contribution to the event.

For more information on Early Voting in CT please visit Myvote.ct.gov

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1984 graduates who wish to be added to the contact list or have any questions should send an email to Jennifer Polke Slifer at 1984chsreunion@gmail.com.

Calling all Artists! 2024 Wethersfield Art League Show

Join us in displaying your art at the Keeney Memorial Cultural Center located at 100 Main Street in Old Wethersfield. We will be showcasing all creative media including paintings, mix media, sculpture, pottery, fiber art, and carved wood. Our judge this year is Karl Bayek, art teacher at Wethersfield High School. Awards will be given at the reception on June 1, 2024 from 1-3PM. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10AM to 4PM daily until June 26, 2024.

Drop off for the show is:
Tuesday, May 28 from 12:30-3:30PM
Wednesday, May 29 from 10AM-noon
Entrance fees are \$15 for the first entry, \$10 for the second, and free for the third. Sponsor dues must be up to date, which is \$30 or \$35 per family and can be paid when dropping off your art. Checks or cash accepted. Please direct all questions to Connie at (860) 989-1873 or WethersfieldArtLeague@gmail.com

Newly-Retired Newington Women

Upcoming events:
May 21..Clambake...8:30
Please email Jean Henry at jphenry@cox.net....
You don't have to be from Newington ; We have many members from Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, Cromwell, Glastonbury and West Hartford! Come join the FUN!

Rocky Hill Memorial Day Parade

The Town of Rocky Hill invites you to participate in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27th at 9:30 a.m. starting at Rocky Hill High School. Whether you represent a Veterans Association, a military organization, school, community group or business we warmly welcome your involvement.

If you would like to participate, please contact one of the co-chairs:
Rita Chhabra (860) 258 2772 or Henry Vasel (860) 982 0875

RHHS Museum Seeks Volunteers

The Rocky Hill Historical Society wishes the community a happy, healthy New Year 2024! We are looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of running our small gem of a museum. Tuesdays 10:00-12:00 and Saturdays 12:30-3:00 we are open for visits. We welcome help with writing, mounting exhibits, helping with maintenance of our Center Cemetery, leading tours-whatever suits your interests! Call us at 860-653-6704.

Barb's Happy Travelers Upcoming Trips

Resort World Catskills Monticello, New York
Saturday July 13, 2024
Departs from Middletown at 7:00a.m.
Cost: \$94.00 per person
Bonus Package: \$25.00 slot play / \$15.00 food com
The Turkey Train Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad, Meredith, New Hampshire
Saturday September 14, 2024
Depart from Middletown at 7:30a.m.
Cost: \$145.00 per person
For information and reservations contact Barbara Shaw 860-262-3531

Birdies for Charity Fundraiser

Cromwell Creative District (CCD) is participating in the annual Birdies for Charity fundraiser, a collaboration between the Traveler's Championship, Webster Bank, and local non-profits. Happening now through the end of the Traveler's Championship on June 23, 2024, Webster Bank will offer a 15% match to all donations CCD receives through the Birdies for Charity link. With such a great incentive, CCD uses Birdies for Charity fundraiser as its annual fundraising campaign. Donating to CCD means supporting its mission to revitalize downtown Main Street, support local business there, and enrich the lives of Cromwell's residents. To participate, you can donate at https://partnerhq.com/public/events/2024-travelers-championship-birdies-for-charity/organization_partnerships/3719.

Letters to the Editor

Memorial Day Parade Marshal

Letter to the Editor:
Dear Editor, After more than 20 fulfilling years, it is with a sense of both pride and gratitude that I announce I will be stepping down as parade marshal of Cromwell's Memorial Day Parade. Organizing this worthy event for many years has been an honor beyond words. Together, we've ensured our veterans receive the respect and remembrance they deserve. However, I believe it's time to pass the torch to a new generation to carry on this vital tradition. Thank you for your unwavering support of the parade and our town's commitment to remembering those who sacrificed.

Sincerely, Al Waters

Cromwell Memorial Day Parade 2024 Announcement

Letter to the Editor:
The Cromwell Memorial Day Parade will be held on Thursday, May 30 at 6 p.m.
Participants will gather at the Memorial Green on lower West St. (T. 372) opposite the Cromwell Police Department. We will have 6 students from CHS to assist participants to their lineup positions.
The ceremony starts 6 p.m. sharp!
After the ceremony, the parade will kick off going up Main Street, turn left onto New Lane, continue down West St., then left at West St., and back to the starting point.
Parking is available at:
Community Field Road public parking lot
First Congregational Church parking lot
Pierson Park parking lot
New Lane -- former Piersons parking lot
St. John's church rear parking lot
Town Hall parking lot
Carton Dobson, Parade Marshal

Thank you for reading the Rare Reminder.



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InfoRHhistory@gmail.com
www.RHhistory.org

Annual Meeting

Brief Business Meeting

Nomination of Officers
Annual Reports

Presentation



Hoop Skirts to Flappers: Eighty Years of Connecticut Fashion

A woman born in 1850 who lived for 80 years would have seen fashion change dramatically in her lifetime. This program will walk you through our Costume and Textile collection to see how women's clothing transitioned from the iron reign of the hoopskirt to the relative freedom of the flapper dress.

Presenter
Mya Concepcion



Presented by the Rocky Hill Historical Society
Protecting, Preserving and Promoting the History of Rocky Hill, CT

See you
Saturday, May 11th 2024
1:00-3:00
Academy Hall Museum
785 Old Main Street
Rocky Hill, CT
Light Refreshments
Free and
Open to the Public

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to attend @
infoRHhistory@gmail.com
or
860-563-6704
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Newington Resident And Brother Arrested On Several Drug Charges

By Nicole Zappone, Staff Writer

Vanessa Robert Avery, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Stephen Bel-leau, acting special agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration for New England, announced recently that a federal grand jury in New Haven was charging Kyle Petersen, 38, of Newington, and his brother, Erik Petersen, known as "Peach," 43, of New Britain, with conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute controlled substances.

The indictment came on April 15, and the brothers appeared in Hartford federal court last week and entered a plea of not guilty.

They have been detained since April 3.

According to court documents, in May 2023, DEA New Haven Tactical Diversion Squad members began investigating suspicious packages being delivered to Kyle Petersen's Newington residence.

At the time, Petersen was under federal supervision after a federal conviction in 2017 that involved the trafficking of fentanyl and prescription pills.

During the investigation, a court-authorized search of a package mailed to Petersen contained more than 400 grams of pills containing Protonitazene, which is a synthetic opioid typically more potent than fentanyl.

Court documents said that the investigation revealed that Petersen had received approximately 34 similar packages mailed from the same

source in Michigan and also received approximately 46 packages mailed from California and Oregon suspected to contain multiple pounds of marijuana.

Investigators also made controlled purchases of counterfeit Percocet pills containing fentanyl from Kyle's brother, Erik Petersen.

Kyle and Erik were arrested on federal criminal complaints on April 3.

According to DEA, on that date, a search of Kyle Petersen's residence revealed more than a kilogram of counterfeit Adderall pills containing methamphetamine, counterfeit oxycodone pills containing fentanyl, counterfeit Xanax pills, a large quantity of Protonitazene with approximately 40 grams of cocaine, and \$76,650 in cash.

If the brothers are convicted of the charge in the indictment, based on the types and quantities of controlled substances attributed to each defendant, Kyle faces a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 10 years and a maximum term of imprisonment of life, while Erik faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years.

The indictment also seeks the forfeiture of the cash seized from Kyle's apartment, as well as an additional \$57,530 in cash seized from a bank account and Kyle's 2014 Porsche Cayenne.

Kyle faces additional penalties if he is found to have violated the conditions of his supervised release.

Live Performance Set For Madama Butterfly

MIDDLETOWN - The premier Connecticut Lyric Opera and the celebrated Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra will perform Puccini's "Madama Butterfly" on Saturday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m. It will be held at the Santo Fragilino Performing Arts Center, 200 LaRosa Lane, in Middletown and has been brought to that city by the Greater Middletown Concert Association.

Set in Japan in the early Twentieth Century, Puccini's deeply-felt and imaginative opera follows the poignant story of love between a Unit-

ed States naval officer, B.F. Pinkerton, and the beautiful Japanese geisha, Cio-Cio San. This popular opera, characterized by the clever integration of traditional Japanese themes with the soaring Italian operatic tradition, is an acclaimed masterpiece. It is sung in Italian with English supertitles projected.

Call 860 343-7555 for further info and to reserve tickets now for the performance. Regular price tickets are \$50 each with special \$45 tickets for seniors. Tickets can also be ordered online.

Saputo Scoreboard Grand Opening:

On Saturday, May 18th, 2024, the Newington Parks and Recreation Department is thrilled to host the Grand Opening of the state-of-the-art Saputo-sponsored Scoreboard at the Clem Lemire Recreation Complex. The celebration will commence at 11:00 am, promising a day of excitement and community engagement.

Attendees can look forward to a variety of activities and treats, including a food giveaway from local favorites such as Rockin' Chicken, Jersey Mike's Subs, Tropical Smoothie Cafe, and Elm Hill Pizza. Music, clowns, blue blocks, and inflatable games will provide entertainment for all ages.

The event will officially commence with a proclamation and ribbon-cutting ceremony, marking the beginning of a new era for sports enthusiasts in Newington. Bill DeMaio, Superintendent of Newington Parks and Recreation, expressed gratitude, stating, "I extend a sincere thank you to all the generous people at Saputo. Our entire department staff and Parks Board is appreciative to have civic-minded companies like Saputo to help us serve our residents. This state-of-the-art scoreboard is a testament to our commitment to providing top-quality sports amenities."

Roderick Smith, Recreation Supervisor, an-

ticipates the positive impact of the new wireless scoreboard on local sports communities. "We eagerly await the arrival of soccer, football, field hockey, and lacrosse athletes who will benefit from this facility, contributing to the development of a stronger community in Newington, Connecticut."

Saputo representatives reaffirmed their commitment to supporting the Newington Parks and Recreation Department. Martin Heuser, Plant Manager stated, "Saputo is dedicated to promoting active lifestyles and physical activity in the communities we serve and operate in. We are proud to collaborate with the Newington Parks and Recreation Department to enhance sports amenities and recreational opportunities for local youth."

Following the ceremony, all citizens are invited to explore Recreation Complex, skatepark, and sports games. Families are encouraged to enjoy a wonderful, fun-filled day at Clem Lemire Recreation Complex.

For more information on this special event, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 860-665-8666. Remember, with the Newington Parks and Recreation Department, we are building a strong community!

Sen. Lesser, Newington Delegation Secure \$445,000 for Town

State Senator Matt Lesser, State Representatives Gary Turco and Kate Farrar and Mayor Jon Trister welcome \$445,000 for Newington.

- \$300,000 for the Newington Children's Theater Company for capital improvements
- \$100,000 for the Deming-Young Farm Foundation for barn rehabilitation
- \$45,000 for the Town of Newington for signage construction

The funding comes from \$372.5 million in soon-to-expire American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars, secured by Sen. Lesser and voted on by the state legislature at large. The legislation passed the house with a 103-48 vote, and the Senate by 26-10. "Helping Newington Children's Theater Company win major capital support and the Deming-Young Farm finish work on its historic barn were priorities for the Newington delegation this session," said Senator Lesser. "Newington Children's Theater Company has been an institution for decades, and provides an outstanding experience for area children. The Deming-Young Farm preserves a historic 1784 farm, an important part of Newington's history and valuable open space that provides historical enrichment for schoolchildren across the region. I made returning this funding to Newington my priority in budget negotiations. I am thrilled we were able to win overwhelming support for these investments in Newington and am grateful to President Biden and our federal delegation for making the funding available through the American Rescue Plan Act and to legislative leaders and my colleagues for supporting our request." "These allocations are great investments in our community," said Rep. Turco. "NCTC is a treasure for our youth and these capital improvements will allow them to educate and entertain for many years to come, while funding to preserve the historic 1700s Deming-Young Farm Barn ensures we are preserving our history for all to enjoy." "These state grants are a win for the residents of Newington and the 20th District," Rep. Farrar said. "Residents of all ages in Newington and across the region will benefit from the Newington Children's

Theatre improvements, historic rehabilitation at the Deming-Young Farm, and town signage. I'm proud to work as a team with Senator Lesser and Representative Turco to deliver for our community." "We are so thankful to Senator Lesser and our entire legislative delegation for their hard work in securing this ARPA funding for these items in the budget stabilization bill," said Newington Mayor Jon Trister. "This funding will go to programs and projects that will benefit all of

Newington residents in multiple different ways!" "I am thrilled to receive this grant through the efforts of Sen. Lesser. This grant will enable the Deming-Young Farm Foundation to continue and complete the repairs and the restoration of the 1784 Thomas Deming farmhouse in Newington," said David Goodale, President of the Deming-Young Farm Foundation. "We have shown tremendous growth since coming out of COVID, but the limitations of our physical space have been stifling," says Claire Van Cott, NCTC's Executive and Artistic director. "This support from the state will go such a long way toward getting us back to having a performance space of our own, one that accommodates how far we've come and how much further we'll be able to go. Theater brings so much joy to children, while cleverly sneaking in important life lessons about responsibility, teamwork, discipline and building self-confidence." "As the state's longest-running nonprofit children's theatre, each year we serve hundreds of families from three dozen towns, with programming throughout the year for kids of all ages and experience levels," says Chris De-Francesco, NCTC's Board President. "We are enormously grateful to Sen. Lesser, Rep. Farrar and Rep. Turco for their advocacy and recognition of NCTC's value to the community as we carry out our mission of providing a safe, accessible, welcoming place for children to explore their creativity and grow, both as performers and as people."

German Club will throw a Maifest Party

The Hartford Saengerbund German American club presents a Maifest party, a long-running German tradition that heralds the arrival of spring. It is scheduled from 2-8 p.m. at the club, 719 North Mountain Road in Newington.

Featured attractions are German food, imported German beer and live music by Scha Musi. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children. Seating will be available inside and outside the clubhouse.

This event will be held rain or shine. For additional information call 860-953-8967, visit hartsaengerbund.org, or check out its Facebook page.

The Hartford Saengerbund was established in 1858 as a singing society and social club and is the oldest German American club in New England. Its motto is "Treu dem deutschen Lied" or "True to the German Song."

2024 Newington Library 5K Challenge Road Race

Register for the 27th Annual Newington Library 5K Challenge Road Race which will be held Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at Mill Pond Park in Newington, CT. The first 200 registrants will receive a special Dri-fit t-shirt. This year's Little Readers Sprint will begin at 9:45 a.m. for children between ages 2 and 5, they must be accompanied by an adult. The \$10 registration fee for the Little Readers Sprint is waived if an adult is a registered runner or walker in the 5K race.

This fast and flat certified 5K race course runs through a quiet residential neighborhood and finishes at Mill Pond Park; strollers are allowed on the course! Advanced registration is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children ages 12 and under.

Race day registration is \$30 for adults and \$10 for children ages 12 and under. There are trophies and recognition for top male and female runners

as well medals for top runners in the age division brackets. In addition all who run/walk are eligible to win race prize drawings. Register online at raceentry.com, download the registration form from the library's website www.newingtonct.gov/library or pick up a form at the library.

Can't participate that day but want to support the race and the Lucy Robbins Welles Library? Donate online at www.raceentry.com. All proceeds from this annual library fundraiser will benefit the library.

For more information visit the library's website or call the library at 860-665-8700. Many sponsors are returning including Saputo USA, Data-Mail, and Kingston Wealth Management. Help us celebrate and support the Lucy Robbins Welles Library in Newington, CT!

Newington Parks and Recreation Department Seeking Sponsorship for a New Chicken-Themed Attraction

The Newington Parks and Recreation Department is excited to extend an outstanding chance for your company to shine at two upcoming special events hosted at Mill Pond Park in Newington. Imagine this: an interactive Chicken Flinger game sure to captivate attendees. Participants will unleash their excitement by stomping on a seesaw mechanism, sending a rubber chicken soaring towards a captivating 6-foot by 6-foot canvas. This canvas depicts a humorous scene of a chef cooking a chicken in a pot, complete with a two-foot hole precisely where the pot sits.

The Newington Parks and Recreation Department is seeking a sponsor to join in on making this attraction even more unforgettable. A \$500.00 cash partnership is all it takes to sponsor one of our popular special events in June: Newington Goes Country on June 13 or Food Truck Friday on June 14. In return, your brand will take center stage in the extensive marketing campaign, reaching thousands of potential customers. Your company's logo will feature prominently in the seasonal program guide, distributed to all 13,500 Newington households. Additionally, your brand will receive exposure through PA announce-

ments during the event, prominent on-site signage, an exclusive Facebook live video featuring Superintendent Bill DeMaio, and mentions on the popular Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

This exclusive opportunity is available on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't delay! Interested business owners should reach out to the Newington Parks and Recreation Department immediately at 860-665-8666. Seize this opportunity before it's gone. Your company's moment of triumph with Newington Parks and Recreation awaits!

For more information, please call Bill DeMaio at 860-665-8669 or check us out on Facebook and/or our website: www.newingtonct.gov/park-sandrec. Remember, with the Newington Parks and Recreation Department we are building a strong community!

NHS Class of '65 Reunion

Newington High School's Class of 1965 will hold its 60th reunion on September 18, 2025. The luncheon is at Indian Hill. Call Ron at 860-384-3944 for more info.

NHS 50th Reunion

Newington High School 'Class of 1974' is celebrating their fabulous 50th, with a reunion at the Indian Hill Country Club on Sept. 28, 2024! We are searching for all classmates, friends, and teachers from that class; please send contact info to Lynne Fournier at: lfournier@aol.com. Can't wait to hear from you!

Newly-Retired Newington Women

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Please email Jean Henry at jpheny@cox.net... You don't have to be from Newington; We have many members from Rocky Hill,Wethersfield,Cromwell,Glastonbury and West Hartford! Come join the FUN!

American Legion Post 117 Meeting

The American Legion Post 117 at 294 Willard Ave. Newington will hold our next meeting on Tuesday, May 21st. Free dinner at 6:30 PM. and meeting at 7:00 PM. We welcome all military past and present interested in learning the benefits of membership.

Newington High School Class of 1984 Reunion

Newington High School Class of 1984 is celebrating their 40th Reunion at the Indian Hill Country Club featuring Casa Mia on the Hill July 19, 2024 from 6:00 PM-10:00 PM.

Please email Paul Leckowicz at pjleckowicz@gmail.com with any inquiries.



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Wethersfield High School Students, Lily Stabach (top left) and Julia Laabs (top right) delivered "care bags" to residents at Middlewoods of Newington, Wednesday, May 1, as part of a local community service project. Pictured with resident, Mary Veronesi.



Students pictured with Middlewoods resident, Phil Olschewski.



Care bags created by the students were distributed to every resident at Middlewoods.

Wethersfield High School Students Surprise Middlewoods Residents with Special Delivery

Middlewoods of Newington senior living residents received a surprise special delivery, Wednesday, May 1, when two Wethersfield High School seniors stopped by to hand-deliver "care bags" for each resident.

As part of their initiation into the National Honor Society, Wethersfield High School students, Julia Laabs and Lily Stabach were assigned a community service project. Knowing they wanted to be involved in a project to benefit senior residents within their community, they created the idea of a "care bag" and contacted Middlewoods of Newington to coordinate delivery of the bags to residents.

Laabs and Stabach hand-delivered each bag individually to each resident at Middlewoods of Newington, stopping to share stories, offer conversation, and visit.

"It was an awesome experience," said Stabach. "I loved getting to interact with the residents and

hear their stories; everyone was so appreciative."

Care bags contained tissues, lotion, candy, word search or puzzle books, and anything Laabs and Stabach thought would brighten a resident's day. The students collected donations from friends and family members and packed over 4 dozen care bags to ensure each resident received a bag.

"It was amazing to see the residents so excited over this small act of kindness. We were able to stop in and talk for a few minutes which each resident. Everyone was so sweet and enthusiastic," Laabs shared.

Executive Director, Lori Pisani, was thrilled to welcome the students to Middlewoods.

"The thoughtfulness that went into every care package and the respect they showed each member of our community was commendable; both Julia and Lily were delightful," said Executive Director, Lori Pisani. "It was a pleasure having

them visit our community and we can't thank them enough for this kind gesture."

Middlewoods of Newington Independent and Assisted Living Community is affiliated with UConn Health and located at 2125 Main Street in Newington. The award-winning senior living community is owned and operated by United Methodist Homes, a not-for-profit, mission-based organization in Shelton, CT. For more

information about senior living at Middlewoods, please contact Director of Community Relations, Laura Gibbons at 860-667-1336 or visit their website at www.middlewoodsofnewington.org.

To learn more about career opportunities at Middlewoods or to become part of the Middlewoods team, visit their website at <https://www.umh.org/career-opportunities-at-umh>.

State Funding Announced for John Wallace Middle School

State bond funds approved by legislature for renovations HARTFORD — State Representatives Kate Farrar (D-West Hartford, Newington) and Gary Turco (D-Newington, New Britain), and State Senator Matt Lesser (D-Cromwell, Middletown, Newington, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield) announce the approval of \$8,038,180 in state bonding funds for the renovation of John Wallace Middle School in Newington, after the passage of HB 5524 in the Connecticut House of Representatives and Senate. This grant is a 75% reimbursement rate from the state for the total cost of the project.

Funds are to demolish and rebuild the interior spaces of three wings in a new configuration of the school to optimize functionality and meet the needs of 21st-century education. One vital aspect of this project is to enhance security measures, with the installation of new security doors to improve safety within the school premises. The project will also include upgrades to the HVAC and electrical systems.

"It is a great day for Newington students and families," said Rep. Farrar. "I'm proud to secure over \$8 million for the John Wallace Middle School renovation project. This is nearly \$2 million more in state funding than originally

planned, further reducing the costs for Newington taxpayers. All students, teachers and school staff deserve a high-quality and safe learning environment. Newington voters overwhelmingly approved this project and Senator Lesser, Representative Turco and I are thrilled to deliver on this promise."

"This renovation was one of our top priorities for this legislative session and is an essential project for our community. I am also very proud of our work to secure \$1.8 million more than what was originally expected when it passed out of the Education Committee," said Rep. Turco. "Our students deserve a modern facility and an optimal and safe place to learn."

"I am so pleased that we have secured support for a 75% reimbursement rate for the school construction project at John Wallace Middle School, saving taxpayers over \$8 million," said Sen. Lesser. "Now with final approval of these critical funds, this grant will help offset the cost of much needed repairs to improve security, technology, and classroom size."

The John Wallace Middle School renovation project was approved by Newington voters in a referendum vote in the November 2023 election. The bill now goes to the governor's desk.

Community Room Cafe Gets Special Permit

By Nicole Zappone, Staff Writer

NEWINGTON—The Community Room Cafe, a new business coming to 39 East Cedar Street in Constitution Square, applied for a special permit, which was approved at the planning and zoning meeting on May 8.

The permit allows the applicant, Dee A. Wiltshire, and its owner, ROMA Properties IV LLC, to open a business in Constitution Square.

The new business will occupy the space facing the municipal lot that housed the real estate office under Stamm Eddy for many years. That business is now branded as Century 21 North East. They still have an office on another side of the building.

The new cafe will be open for breakfast and lunch, offering popular choices such as breakfast sandwiches, yogurt bowls, and egg bites. It also has a toast bar with several coffee and tea options.

They will also offer fresh baked goods, including daily specials and local offerings from Neil's Donuts and Goldbergs Bagels.

The cafe will also use the space for community meetings and special events that support the downtown area.

For more information about the cafe, you can call 860-250-1065 or email community-roomcafe@gmail.com

Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday May 19, 2024, 2:00 p.m., Kellogg-Eddy House & Museum 679 Willard Avenue, Newington, Connecticut

Membership Ratification of Proposed Amendments to Current Bylaws

Membership Election of Directors and Officers 2:00 p.m. - A brief business meeting is scheduled for 2:00 pm to include an Annual

Report, Financial Report and Election of Officers and Directors to serve on the Board of Directors for the

Newington Historical Society & Trust and voting on proposed amendments to the bylaws.

2:30 p.m. - Guest Speaker: Marti Smith "Mary Hall, Connecticut's First Lady Lawyer" 1927

3:00 p.m. - Light Refreshments Election of Officers & Directors

Open nominations accepted through March 15, 2024 (Published in February Issue of Newsletter)

Committee Chair: Dottie Abbott

Committee: Nan Kennedy, Board of Directors / Marjorie Johnson, Membership

Slate of Nominees: Board of Directors 2024 - 2027

Officers 2024 - 2025 Celestine Bernard, President: James Late

Maureen Lynch, Vice President: David Nagel Secretary: David Goodale

Treasurer: Gail Kelly Asst Treasurer: Patricia Tanger

Proposed Amendments to By-Laws Proposed amendments were approved by the Board of Directors at the Board meeting of

March 19, 2024 Amendment A: Article V, Section 2, Reduction in the number of elected Board members

A gradual reduction in the number of members elected to the Board of Directors from twelve to nine.

Amendment B, Article V, Section 7, Unexcused absences

Unexcused absences from three meetings in a fiscal year may constitute termination from the position.

Back In The Water

Newington Swim Club is back in the water and training for the long course season. They competed in their first long course meet this past weekend at the CAC/OAK Invitational.

For many swimmers, this was their first time racing in a 50 meter pool. NSC was well represented with athletes ranging from 6 years old to 16 years old. The 100 M Backstroke was a standout event for the team with Peyton Norman taking 1st in the girls' 10 & under age group and Riley Kaseta and Jewelyette Masserio setting new club records in the event for the girls' 11-12 and 8 & under age groups respectively. NSC will next compete at the WHAT trials/finals meet May 17-19. -NSC Coaches

Thank you for reading the Rare Reminder

NEWINGTON TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF DECISION

At its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, **May 08, 2024** the Newington Town Plan and Zoning Commission met and took the following actions:

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS:

Petition 8-24: Special Permit (Sec. 3.13 & Sec 3.12A) For A Restaurant (Café/Coffee Shop) At 39 East Cedar St. In The B-TC Zone (Business-Town Center Zone) And Town Center Village Overlay District. Applicant: Dee A. Wiltshire And Owner: ROMA Properties IV LLC, Contact: James A. Wiltshire.

Submitted, Paul Dickson Town Planner



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Council Votes To Allow Use Of Kycia Farm, Seek Bids For Long-Term Master Plan

By Joan Hunt, Staff Writer

In two separate actions, the Town Council has authorized Town Manager Fred Presley to go out for bids on creation of a Kycia Farm concept plan for using the property at Kycia Farm and to open up the property to approved community uses immediately.

Direction on the first motion noted that the Kycia Farm Master Plan to be prepared by the chosen consultant should be a holistic approach for all the town-owned land known as Kycia Farm "and its adjacent lands," bearing in mind the future needs of the Board of Education and the Elementary Schools Building Committee, and the needs for sporting facilities and public recreation.

Council member Carbone wanted to know what was meant by adjacent properties. According to Presley, this is public property that directly abuts the Kycia Farm property.

"The thought is that we should take into account what those properties are currently proposed to be used for to make sure that anything that is done on the Kycia property is done in a way that it complements and doesn't conflict with that," he said.

The prospect of immediately opening the Kycia Farm property to public use also needed clarification.

The motion called for unlocking the land, with the town manager's approval for events such as concerts, shows, plays, art exhibits and other reasonable uses by the town, or by community partners. It allows for limited agricultural use, educational use, active or passive recreational activities such as walking and running trails, bird watching orienteering and other uses, all subject to approval by the town manager.

Additionally, it called for removing the private property signs, except for those that protect the house on the property, and installing new signs to invite people to use the property for public use, similar to the Wilkus Farm site, and to explore temporary parking for that purpose.

Councilor Carbone said she objected to the wordage, wondering what would be considered appropriate use.

"If someone wants to use the Cove or Mill Woods, for example, they would fill out an application," explained Presley. There are certain requirements that need to be met when a private event is held on public land.

"Any proposal would have to have a designated area where people will park, how the traffic is going to flow in and out, and might need designated people out there to guide visitors," he said.

Carbone also asked for a clarification of "limited agriculture."

"What's going on now, which has been traditionally since Kycia's owned the property, we have a local resident who continues to keep the vegetation down, plow the fields, plant the fields," explained Presley. He said the town pays him and works with him and will continue to do so as the land is opened up to ensure that equipment

is stored in a safe way when the public is on the property.

Also, Presley said that the local Girl Scouts are looking into having a pollinator garden on the property, and the Friends of Kycia Farm would like to redevelop some of the greenhouses. This would include cleaning up around the greenhouses where broken glass is currently a safety issue. He said the Friends are looking into ways to fund this on their own.

Other discussion included keeping the signs up until these and other safety issues are taken care of, how to protect the house that stands on the property, and what new uses might be appropriate for the house, which is reported to be in good condition.

Both motions carried unanimously, which bodes well for turning the property around which there has been so much controversy into a viable treasure.

"This is a beautiful property. It is going to be a gem for Wethersfield for generations," said Mayor Ken Lesser.

The council is hoping to have a candidate chosen for preparing the Kycia Farm Master Plan within 60 to 120 days.

Two Local Non-Profits Team Up For Annual 5K

On the first Sunday in June, since 2002, the Richard M. Keane Foundation has been proud to sponsor an annual 5k Walk/Run. For over two decades, the event has attracted numerous runners and walkers of all ages and skill levels to Standish Park in historic Old Wethersfield to participate in a fun family event that helps to support the Keane Foundation's After School Enrichment Programs.

The 5K honors the memory of Richard Keane and two other Wethersfield residents, Jeffrey Bittner and David Winton, who perished in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on 9/11/2001. As the Keane Foundation prepares for the 2024 5k Walk/Run on June 2, we are pleased to announce an exciting new direction for the event.

After 23 years as an exclusive Keane Foundation fundraising event, we will now partner with Laura's Garden Foundation, a Wethersfield nonprofit developed to honor the inspirational life and legacy of Laura Kirsche Hart.

The Keane Foundation has a long-standing partnership with the Kirsche family that includes the annual Christmas Eve Luminaria display that has become a holiday tradition in many Wethersfield neighborhoods. Laura was a frequent runner in the Keane Foundation's annual 5K, and loved to spend time with her family at Mikey's Place. The beautiful Laura's Garden in Standish Park created in Laura's memory embodies her generous spirit and commemorates her cherished memory. It is also very near to where the 5k begins and ends.

Proceeds from the Keane Foundation/Laura's Garden Foundation 5k on June 2 will help to maintain the community garden that bears Laura's name as well as to continue support of the Keane Foundation's After School Enrichment Programs.

Please join us in the 5K as we celebrate this new partnership and maintain the wonderful 5K in the heart of Old Wethersfield!

Live Performance Set For Madama Butterfly

MIDDLETOWN - The premier Connecticut Lyric Opera and the celebrated Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra will perform Pucini's "Madama Butterfly" on Saturday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m. It will be held at the Santo Fragilio Performing Arts Center, 200 LaRosa Lane, in Middletown and has been brought to that city by the Greater Middletown Concert Association.

Set in Japan in the early Twentieth Century, Pucini's deeply-felt and imaginative opera follows the poignant story of love between a United

States naval officer, B.F. Pinkerton, and the beautiful Japanese geisha, Cio-Cio San. This popular opera, characterized by the clever integration of traditional Japanese themes with the soaring Italian operatic tradition, is an acclaimed masterpiece. It is sung in Italian with English supertitles projected.

Call 860 343-7555 for further info and to reserve tickets now for the performance. Regular price tickets are \$50 each with special \$45 tickets for seniors. Tickets can also be ordered online.

Save the Date for the Sixth Annual Middletown PrideFEST on June 1, 2024

(Middletown, CT) - Middletown Pride announced its sixth annual Middletown PrideFEST, scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2024. Get ready to kick-off Pride Month with the state's largest Pride event!

Middletown PrideFEST is an all-afternoon street festival that includes family friendly fun and activities for all ages from 12pm - 10 pm. PrideFEST consists of the Middletown Pride March down Main Street, our Pride Rally on the South Green, two Pride Showcase Concerts, and a Tea Dance. Vendors and food trucks will be located on Main Street, and a 21+ area will offer cocktails and adult beverages with a perfect view of the South Green Stage. Middletown PrideFEST draws approximately 20,000 individuals from all over New England, hundreds of vendors, and features the largest Pride March in the state.

Middletown PrideFEST is Middletown Pride's flagship event, created by and for Middletown's LGBTQIA2S+ community. "It is a safe and welcoming place to gather together and to celebrate our authentic selves right here in our community," said Christopher Forte, Founder and Lead Organizer of Middletown Pride. Forte created Middletown Pride in 2018, a public-private partnership between the City of Middletown, the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, Wesleyan University, the Russell Library, and the City's LGBTQIA+ Commission.

"It's amazing to see the level of commitment Middletown has for our queer community. Over the last few years, the LGBTQIA+ Commission has increased the number of events and programs to build safe spaces and forge stronger inter-community networks" said Steven Kovach, Chair of the City of Middletown's LGBTQIA+ Commission.

Karleigh Chardonay Webb, a 2023 Middletown Pride Grand Marshal, shared that "Middle-

town Pride is an example of how deep the commitment to inclusion has grown. Pride isn't just a 'big city' event, and it's an everywhere event where a community as a whole can be a part of. To see a town of this size do it as big, as grand as anywhere in the world is a beautiful thing to see and even more beautiful to be a part of." Grand Marshal Hella Swagg echoed Webb's sentiment, "to say that being a Grand Marshal of Middletown Pride was life changing would be a complete understatement! The connections I've formed and strengthened through pride is what it's all about."

"Middletown PrideFEST is made possible through the hard work and dedication of our partners, volunteers, sponsors, and the unwavering support from our community. We are so grateful to all those who make PrideFEST a reality" said Forte.

Mayor, Ben Florsheim said, "Middletown PrideFEST has become a signature event for the City of Middletown, and we are so excited to continue building on the success of the last few years. PrideFEST 2024 is shaping up to be the biggest, best, and proudest yet." June 1 will certainly be a day you do not want to miss.

Applications for vendor spaces, marching groups, performers, volunteers, and sponsors will go live on January 1, 2024. Visit <https://middletownpride.org/> for more details and information regarding the day of PrideFEST and how to get involved!

NHS 40th Reunion

Newington High School - Class of 1984 is celebrating their 40th Reunion
Indian Hill Country Club featuring Casa Mia on the Hill on July 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM-10:00 PM. Please email Paul Leckowicz pjleckowicz@gmail.com with any inquiries.

Junk in the Trunk Community Tag Sale and Vendor Fair!

June 1st, 9 am- 2 pm, Emerson Williams Elementary School.

NEW THIS YEAR - we will also promote a list of tag sales around town.

Register by visiting www.wethersfieldeducationfoundation.org.



The cast of Seussical the Musical, being performed this weekend at Webb Elementary School, gave the Wethersfield Town Council a preview during its meeting on May 6.

"Suessical" To Close Out Series Of School Musicals

By Joan Hunt, Staff Writer

WETHERSFIELD - The Keane After School program has been able to present musicals at all five elementary schools this spring, due to grant funding. The final performance is "Seussical the Musical," with shows on May 17 and 18 at 7 p.m., and May 19 at 2 p.m., at Samuel B. Webb Elementary School.

Caroline Fazzina, who has been the director of the Keane on Kids After School Enrichment Program since 2016, brought the cast to the Town Council meeting on May 6 to preview the show. Fazzina was recently honored as a Friend of Education by the CT Association of Schools.

"These kids have poured their hearts and souls into this program since January," said Fazzina. "I am so proud of them attending about 36 rehearsals and about 48 hours of work."

She said that through the after school program, students have been granted an opportunity to cultivate confidence, enhance their social and emotional skills, sharpen their focus and memory, and develop essential life skills.

"I have witnessed first-hand how our music

program has transformed these kids," she said. "They stand taller, they form new friendships, and they experience the satisfaction that comes from hard work and dedication," said Fazzina. The musicals were produced in partnership with Hartford Stage.

Judy Keane, president of the Keane Foundation, thanked the council for an endowment that will allow them to have summer programs throughout the month of July, which will be similar to the after school programs that occur during the school year.

Keane also shared a story about how empowering the spring musical program has been for local students. She recalled having met a young girl during the 9/11 open house in September, and that her mother had said she was very shy. Keane suggested that she try out for the musical at her school. That girl ended up being Annie, the lead character in the musical of the same name, that played at Emerson elementary school last weekend.



What's Happening Wethersfield?

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E-mail any news, photos, upcoming events or announcements to editor@rarereminder.com or call 860-563-9386.

Historic Diner To Be Displaced For Multi-Story Apartment Building

By Joan Hunt, Staff Writer

The town is definitely in the market for more apartment rentals, and the Silas Dean Highway can certainly benefit from landscaping and a more pedestrian-friendly environment. It appears that the new building project that was approved last week by the Planning and Zoning Commission will accomplish all that. But what wasn't so obvious, if one listened to the meeting, is that to accommodate this improvement the town must sacrifice a landmark establishment that has been serving up food, friendship and good times for decades.

P.J. Chimini, of Government Solutions Group, represented the applicants, A M Group, during last Tuesday's public hearing for a four-story mixed-use building at 718 Silas Dean Highway. The project will include 18 two-bedroom apartments, and some space on the ground floor for low volume retail offices. Having gone through meetings with the Design Review Committee, the project now includes trees, shrubs and green space. The project allows for the proper amount of parking spaces, and the P & Z approved a variance on the height requirement in this zone, so it will top out at 48 feet.

The applicants are also the owners of the gas station and the Oakland Fresh Market next door as well as the building where the Wethersfield Diner has operated since the 1950s. The diner will have to go. This fact was mentioned almost parenthetically during the application and hearing process, but is a much bigger issue than one small business moving over for a much larger business.

To many residents and regular patrons, it is losing a meeting place and good friends who

welcome them. It's not just the excellent food and service that keep them coming back, it's also the sense of belonging to something.

Stacey Pribyson and her husband Wil Rivera have owned the Wethersfield Diner business since 2015, and have leased the property on a yearly basis until 2022, when the property was purchased by A M Group. She said that the owners, Essam Tinawi, Belal Basatna, and Jay Nahlawi, changed the lease arrangement to a monthly renewal at that time.

She said she was unaware of any plans that would threaten her business until the Friday before the public hearing last week, and this came in the form of a public meeting notice that was attached to the door of the diner. When she inquired about it with her landlord, she was told that nothing would probably happen there for several years.

"My mom and I went to the public hearing and sat in the audience," said Pribyson, "but we left right before the public part because there was really nothing for me to say."

"My business is over," she said. "I have to think about me and my future." Stacey said that she and her husband had elected to trim their hours of operation after the pandemic to better balance life and work. It has since been open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. This has been a good change for them, but nothing prepared her for this.

She appreciates all the support she has gotten from friends and customers, and town officials have offered to help her find a good way to go forward. The basis of the restaurant is an actual dining car, with additional space built on. Stacey

said she is looking into whether it would be possible to move the original portion to a different site, in which case it might make sense to do that, but of course it doesn't belong to her. She will also meet this week with the Economic Development Director to see if there is an opportunity to relocate somewhere else in town.

There are a lot of unanswered questions for Pribyson, not the least of which is why a local business that has given so much to the commu-

nity was not given the courtesy of being informed that something like this was about to happen. That, and whether or not it is the right choice for her and her husband to make a big change at this time in their lives, are the things that weigh heavily on her mind.

A M Group intends to proceed as quickly as possible now that they have received their approval.

Golfing "Fore" Mikey's Place Celebrates 23 Years!

The 23rd annual charity golf tournament will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Goodwin Golf Course in Hartford to benefit Mikey's Place, a wheelchair accessible playground and for research of Spinal Muscular Atrophy. The shotgun start will take place at 1:00 p.m. with a scramble format. Registration fee of \$150.00 per golfer also includes a light lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and dinner after the tournament. Attending the dinner only: \$35.00. Singles welcome or sign up a foursome! There will be prizes, contests & raffles! It's a great day!

Mikey's Place was the vision of Mary and Dan Daversa and their daughter, Danielle, and was a way to memorialize their three-year-old son, Michael, who passed away in 1998 from Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Together with the Daversa's, the Wethersfield community and its surrounding community neighbors helped to raise the funds

necessary to construct the park in the Fall of 2000. Hundreds of volunteers came together and installed and completed the 25,000 square foot playground located in Old Wethersfield along Garden Street. The number of children and families that have enjoyed and benefited from Mikey's Place is countless.

Proceeds from this special event will benefit both the Mikey's Place Preservation Fund and Cure SMA. Cure SMA is a national, volunteer not-for-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for research of Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

For further information and registration forms, please visit facebook.com/MikeysPlace-Playground or contact Paul Huffman at 860-965-8551 or the Daversa's at 860-966-1376 or email the Daversa family at: mikeysplaceplayground@gmail.com.

Christ the King Parish Women's Club

The Women's Club of Christ the King Parish will hold its General Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 2:00 pm. at the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect Street, Wethersfield. Welcome club members, friends and guests to an afternoon of musical memories of America's popular patriotic songs as we celebrate Memorial Day in Christ the King Parish. Patty Carver is a singer, actress and writer of international credits. She will present a

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LEGAL NOTICE OF ADOPTION TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD

At the Special Meeting of May 13, 2024, the Town Council of the Town of Wethersfield adopted the following:

2024-2025 Town Budget

The full text of this document is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office.

Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut this 16th day of May, 2024.

Susan I. Schroeder
Town Clerk

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Arts & Crafts Festival

The Wethersfield United Methodist Church will be holding their 4th annual Arts & Crafts Festival on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 10am to 3 pm at 150 Prospect Street in Wethersfield.

Crafters are welcome to submit their applications by contacting Gary at 860-806-0609 or emailing bristolgary1@gmail.com.

The cost of the booth is \$30 per space and each space is \$30. We will have a limited number of indoor spaces on a 1st come 1st serve basis for \$40 per space. Each outdoor space is 10x10. For any questions, please call or email the church.



Legal Notice Town of Wethersfield Historic District Commission

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:30pm at the Wethersfield Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT, Conference Room #3, on the following applications seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness:

- Application #8226-24** Charles and Eileen Albrycht, seeking to replace front steps with concrete and stone veneer at 25 Woodland Street.
- Application #8227-24** Amy Carlough, seeking to replace existing vinyl windows with United 9600-Series windows at 47 Harmund Place.

Town of Wethersfield
Historic District Commission

Kim Wolf
Duly Authorized
Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut,
this 13th day of May 2024

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LEGAL NOTICE Town of Wethersfield PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Wethersfield Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Public Hearing – 2183-24-Z Demas S. De Oliveira seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 3.5.1.B.4 (Permitted Accessory Uses) of the Wethersfield Zoning Regulations for the outside storage of a Camper/RV over 18' in length in the side yard at 95 Mapleside Drive.

Public Hearing – 2184-24-Z Raising Cane's Restaurants, LLC seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.2.F.3 (Permitted Principal Uses – Hospitality Uses) of the Wethersfield Zoning Regulations for a restaurant with drive-through window at 1298 Silas Deane Highway.

Planning and Zoning Commission
Justin LaFountain, AICP, Town Planner
Duly Authorized
Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut,
this 2nd day of May, 2024.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION Town of Wethersfield PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Wethersfield Planning and Zoning Commission held a public meeting on May 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut and made the following decisions:

Application No. 2177-24-Z Wanlong He seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.2.D.2 (Permitted Principal Uses) of the Wethersfield Zoning Regulations for proposed retail use with 3,000 to 20,000 sq. ft. of gross floor area at 1000 Silas Deane Highway – **Tabled to 6-4-24**

Application No. 2180-24-Z Brian Couzens/Mill Street Marketplace seeking a Site Plan Approval in accordance with Section 5.2.D.2 (Permitted Principal Uses) of the Wethersfield Zoning Regulations for a retail vendor mall with 40+ specialty shops at 36 Mill Street – **APPROVED with Conditions.**

Application No. 2181-24-Z AM Group seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.2.A.2 (Permitted Principal Uses) and a Waiver in accordance with Section 5.4.B.1 (Dimensional & Area Requirements) of the Wethersfield Zoning Regulations for a four (4) story mixed-use building at 718 Silas Deane Highway – **APPROVED with Conditions.**

Application No. 2182-24-Z Magdalena Pelc seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 3.5.1.B.4 (Permitted Accessory Uses) of the Wethersfield Zoning Regulations for the outside storage of a Camper/RV over 18' in length in the driveway at 100 Wilmont Street – **APPROVED with Conditions.**

Planning and Zoning Commission
Justin LaFountain, AICP, Town Planner
Duly Authorized
Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut,
this 8th day of May, 2024

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American Legion

Post 117 Meeting

The American Legion Post 117 at 294 Willard Ave. Newington will hold our next meeting on Tuesday, May 21st. Free dinner at 6:30 PM. and meeting at 7:00 PM. We welcome all military past and present interested in learning the benefits of membership.

Rocky Hill High School 50th Reunion

Seeking Rocky Hill High 1975 class members for a 50th reunion in 2025. Contact Laurette Pellerin at islandgmom3@charter.net for details.

Monthly First Friday Breakfasts

The Rocky Hill United Methodist Church, 623 Old Main Street, is celebrating all veterans and first responders with a free breakfast from 9 to 11. Welcome back.

RHHS Visitors

Welcome

The Rocky Hill Historical Society welcomes visitors on Saturdays, 12:30-3:00 p.m. Special meetings can be arranged by calling 860-563-6704. We have over 400 years of Rocky Hill history accessible to visitors; we have docents who love a chance to share their enthusiasm over our community. We are a grateful part of the larger Rocky Hill community-come on down!

NHS Class of '65 Reunion

Newington High School's Class of 1965 will hold its 60th reunion on September 18, 2025. The luncheon is at Indian Hill. Call Ron at 860-384-3944 for more info.

Single May Dance

MAY 17 (Friday) SINGLE MAY DANCE at Polish American Club, 541 North Main Street, Bristol from 7 to 11 pm. We'll dance to the music of our DJ Cadillac Jack. It will be a fun night! You can purchase food at the open kitchen from 7-9 pm. Dress to impress and door prizes. Admission \$17. For info, call Gail at 860-463-6906. Sponsored by Singles Social Connections.

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Church Tag Sales

WE ARE BACK 2024! NOTRE DAME CHURCH MONTHLY TAG SALES, SATURDAY, June 1 at 272 Main St., DURHAM from 8 AM to 1 PMRAIN OR SHINE! OUTSIDE you will find records, tapes, cd's, books, pictures and frames, baskets, electronics, sporting equipment, and a full range of miscellaneous tag sale items. INSIDE our Church Hall we have a huge assortment of clothing, toys, jewelry, china, a variety of linens, kitchen supplies, craft supplies, and more. See you at our next Saturday TAG SALE.

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Newington Fundraising Program

Every month, a local non-profit or civic group enrolls to be the recipient of the cans and bottles that are donated to the new shed located in the back gravel parking lot at Churchill Park. Throughout the month, volunteers from the organization return the cans and bottles to generate revenue for their group. We would like to give your organization a specific month to benefit from the profits of the donated cans and bottles. All you have to do is bring the bags of donations to a local return center and they will pay you based on the weight of the bags. No sorting necessary! For those of you who haven't yet brought their cans and bottles to the shed, the Newington Parks and Recreation Department strongly encourages you to make a New Year's Resolution and drop off bags of bottles and cans to help out these non-profit organizations in town. If you are in a local non-profit organization and are interested in receiving donations, all you have to do is call the Parks and Recreation office at 860-665-8666 for more details. Remember, with Newington Parks and Recreation, we are building a strong community.

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Free Career Development

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce will offer the "Professional Training & Development Program", free of charge, in 2024. Classes will be conducted virtually via Zoom, during the months of April, May and June, on Mon. - Thurs., @ 5:30 - 7:00pm. Classes offered include: Grant Writing, Managing Yourself and Leading Others, Google Sheets, Google Docs, Google Slides, Career / Personal Coaching, and Financial Management / Understanding & Engagement. These programs are available to the public (CT residents) and open for registration at this time. For additional information on the program, please visit www.middlesexchamber.com and click on "For Business" tab to access Professional Training and Development site, you can also register there as well. To schedule a pre-course appointment, or for more information concerning the program or signing up for classes offered, please contact Lorenzo Marshall at 860-347-6924 or lorenzo@middlesexchamber.com.

Church Bells Play Dedications

Church of Christ, Congregational, located in the center of Newington, is requesting song dedications from the community. The church carillon, which plays a variety of music throughout the year, is a mellifluous addition to the town's ambience. The carillon has a library of over 2,000 songs--both sacred and secular. The church welcomes your song requests. For a donation of \$100, you can choose the hymn or songs you would like to hear each Sunday for a month. Some people honor their parents or spouse during their anniversary month. If you would like to request a song, or have questions, please contact Michelle Dixon at the church. (860) 666-4689 officeadmin@newingtonucc.org.

CPD Food Pantry is Open

The Cromwell Police Department's free food pantry is open. The pantry is available 24/7 in the Cromwell Police Department lobby at 5 West St. Cromwell PD takes donations for non-perishable foods, hygiene products, and bottled water/juices! The Animal Control Officer also has cat/dog food available upon request!

Deming-Young Farm Tag Sale

The Deming-Young Farm Foundation will be holding its spring tag sale on Saturday, May 18, from 9am to 2pm. The tag sale will be held at 282 Church Street in Newington. All proceeds from the tag sale will go toward the restoration and preservation of the Thomas Deming farmhouse. Items for sale will include household items, small furniture, knick-knacks, pocketbooks, antiques, jewelry, tools and more. If you have any items to donate for the tag sale, please call David or Mary at 860-666-1016. Rain date May 25.



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Friday, May 24 – 9am-2pm

Saturday, May 25 – 9am-2pm

- ★ Staff will be available by the chapel to answer questions.
- ★ Geraniums and American Flags will be given for free to visitors of Veterans. The geraniums are home grown by Anderson Farms, 165 Broad Street, Wethersfield and Gilbert Farms, 730 Elm Street, Rocky Hill
- ★ **SATURDAY, May 25th**
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The Deming-Young Farm Foundation is seeking tag sale donations for its May 18th fundraising tag sale. We are seeking household items, small pieces of furniture, vintage and/or antique items, knick-knacks, hand tools, jewelry, etc. for donation. Unfortunately, we cannot accept books, clothes, toys, Christmas decorations or large pieces of furniture. We can arrange for pickup. Call David or Mary at 860-666-1016 for more information or to arrange a donation. Thank you for your help.

Green Expo Seeks Participants

The Rocky Hill Congregational Church's fourth annual Green Expo will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 10 am to 1 pm. We are seeking environmentally and ecologically-focused participants. Our 2023 Expo had a wide variety participants, including bee and pollinator educators, environmentally-friendly products, land trust representation, the Cora Belden Library and Rocky Hill Historical Society presentations, electric bikes and electric cars. Do you sell green-focused products? Do you represent ecologically-supportive businesses? There is no charge for a table space. Our space is limited, so please let us know as soon as you can, if you are interested in participating. Please contact Sandi Kelly: sandict@cox.net or 860-930-6787.

Art Show – Wethersfield Art League

Keeney Memorial Cultural Center hosts the Wethersfield Art League's annual juried exposition. Submissions include paintings, mixed media, fiber art, photography, sculpture, carved wood, and pottery. The league is proud to announce Wethersfield native and BFA-holding WHS art teacher Karl Bayek as this year's judge. Open to the public. Reception and awards ceremony – Saturday, June 1st 1-3pm. Viewing – June 1st through June 25th. Tuesday – Saturday 10pm -4pm and Sunday 1-4pm. Purchase of art is available. Keeney Memorial Cultural Center (200 Main Street, Wethersfield, CT 06109).

WWI Reenactment

The Greater Middletown Military Museum (200 Walnut Grove Rd, Middletown) is hosting a World War I reenactment on Saturday June 1 (10am-2pm). Reenactors will be wearing authentic uniforms and performing activities reflective of the period. There will be actual WWI era vehicles and field equipment. This event will take place on the beautiful museum grounds adjacent to the Connecticut Trees of Honor Memorial which commemorates the last measure of full devotion to duty of 65 Connecticut military killed in the line of duty since the terrorist attack on 9/11/2001. The museum will be open to the public, free admission and free parking. Donations are welcome to support the museum and its activities. Contact: Joan Liska, 860-788-7215, gmvm-info@comcast.net, www.gmvm.com

Arts & Crafts Festival

The Wethersfield United Methodist Church will be holding their 4th annual Arts & Crafts Festival on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 10am to 3 pm at 150 Prospect Street in Wethersfield. Crafters are welcome to submit their applications by contacting Gary at 860-806-0609 or emailing bristolgary1@gmail.com. The cost of the booth is \$30 per space and each space is \$30. We will have a limited number of indoor spaces on a 1st come 1st serve basis for \$40 per space. Each outdoor space is 10x10. For any questions, please call or email the church.

Rocky Hill Memorial Day Parade

The Town of Rocky Hill invites you to participate in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27th at 9:30 a.m. starting at Rocky Hill High School. Whether you represent a Veterans Association, a military organization, school, community group or business we warmly welcome your involvement. If you would like to participate, please contact one of the co-chairs: Rita Chhabra (860) 258 2772 or Henry Vasel (860) 982 0875.

BHS Class of 1974 Reunion

The BHS Class of 1974's 50th reunion will be on Saturday, June 8, 2024, 1:00PM- 5:00PM, at Casa Mia on the Green, 600 Cold Spring Road, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Buffet luncheon, cash bar, music and fun!!! Cost is \$60 per person, non-refundable. RSVP to Frank at rudewicz@comcast.net, or Donna at dcm@psr4u.com for payment options & details. Payment due by APRIL 15th.

Newington Student Assistance Loans

The Newington Student Assistance Fund (NSAF), is a non-profit organization whose mission, since 1966, is to assist residents of Newington obtain post-secondary education or training. Loans are available to any Newington resident. The application for loans is available to download on the website at www.nsafinfo.org. Completed applications must be attached in an email and emailed to: loans@nsafinfo.org no later than noon on June 7, 2024. While the Newington High School Counseling department will continue to have the loan application information on their website, applications are not accepted by them. For more information or questions, please go to www.nsafinfo.org. The loan amount for the 2024-2025 academic year is \$2,000 and students may reapply each year. All loans are interest-free. In addition, loan recipients pay the principal back in monthly installments following graduation or the termination of studies/training which also allows for the continuation of providing new loans.

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St. George's Episcopal Church is inviting crafters to rent a booth at the church's 48th Annual Craft and Harvest Fair. The event will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on the church lawn at 1150 Boston Turnpike, Route 44, Bolton, CT. Registration deadline is September 1. For further information, please email bkalina333@gmail.com or call 860.643.9203.

Cromwell Creative District

Cromwell Creative District (CCD) is a volunteer-run non-profit aimed at revitalizing downtown Cromwell by celebrating our vibrant history, bolstering our current resources, and creating opportunities for future growth through programs, events, and public art. We are currently in need of individuals with strengths or interest in the following areas: fundraising or grant-writing, creative thinking and planning, task-oriented workers to assist with projects, and those interested in leadership roles within the executive board. Visit www.cromwellcreativistrict.org to learn more about CCD, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram. If interested in becoming involved, email CCD at cromwellcreativistrict@gmail.com.

AOH May Food Drive

The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hartford Division 2 is sponsoring a Food Drive on Sunday, May 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Collection will take place at Christ the King Parish at 601 Silas Deane Highway in Wethersfield in the parking lot that is between the church and the middle school. The food will be given to the pantry at Saint Augustine Church in Hartford. Please bring non-perishable items with canned meats and soup in the greatest need in addition to pinto and pink beans. We are also looking to collect cooking oils, spices, and condiments.

Join Wethersfield Dollars for Scholars

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Got Lunch Newington Fundraiser

Got Lunch Newington is a community based organization that has provided lunch ingredients for students of the Newington School system for the past seven years. We operate for a 10 week program from June 12 to August 18. We are hosting a fund raiser at Panera Breads, Berlin Turnpike on May 23, from 4 PM to 8 PM. participation flyers may be obtained by contacting amarino767@live.com. We are also hosting food drives on June 8 and July 13 at the Church of Christ, 1075 Main St. Newington from 9-12. Peanut butter, jelly, tuna and chicken in family sizes are great items!

Rocky Hill Farmers Market

Rocky Hill Farmers Market is moving to Tuesdays!! We're on the lookout for farmers, artisans and young entrepreneurs to join us. Let's unite in supporting our local community! Mark these dates in your calendar: 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30 & 8/13. All markets will take place at Elm Ridge Park (376 Elm Street) from 4-7 p.m. For more information please call the Parks & Recreation Department (860) 258 2772.

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Sponsored by Wethersfield Village Improvement Association. Sunday May 19, 2024 at 1pm. Join Arborist John Kehoe on this new walk in Old Wethersfield. Discover the wide collection of older and newer trees on this walk, their co-existing habits and the benefits trees give to us. This is a 1.5 hour walk so wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. We will meet at the Keeney Memorial Cultural Center Parking Lot. Rain or shine, Free and open to the public. For further information: wethvia@icloud.com

Meals on Wheels Seeks Volunteers

You can help deliver meals to shut in seniors by donating your time for as little as two hours per week; or even per month. We are in dire need of senior volunteers to help deliver to our local sites in Cromwell, Portland, and East Hampton. Volunteer slots are 10:30 AM-12:30 PM. Contact Yahaira Santiago at santiagoya@crctc.org or 860-539-6233 for more info.

Tax Savings for Newington Vets

The maximum income limit for Newington's low-income based veterans exemption program has been increased from \$45,000 (for married and single) to \$47,800 for Single and \$56,600 for Married. These new income limits are in effect for this filing period, applications are due by October 1, 2023. If you have already applied this year (having applied in 2023) there is no need to re-apply. If you are a veteran who has never been on the program and feel you may qualify, or did not qualify under old income limits, however may qualify under the new income limits - Please Apply. Contact the Assessor's Office at 860-665-8530 or assessor@newingtonct.gov for more info.

Help Newington Human Services

A growing number of Newington families are struggling to cover inflated costs of living, but Newington Human Services offers several ways to help them. If you want to donate, come to our offices at Town Hall (200 Garfield Street) - we are located on the side of the building facing Lucy Robbins Welles Library. You can also donate by mail - Newington Human Services, 200 Garfield Street - Newington, CT 06111 - or online at <https://www.newingtonct.gov/1343/Community-Donations>.

NHS Class of 1984 Reunion

Newington High School Class of 1984 is celebrating their 40th Reunion. Indian Hill Country Club featuring Casa Mia on the Hill July 19, 2024 6:00 PM-10:00 PM. Please email Paul Leckowicz at pjleckowicz@gmail.com with any inquiries.

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WHS 60th Reunion

Wethersfield High School "Class of 1964" will be holding their 60th Reunion on Saturday, September 28, 2024. The reunion will be held at The Back Nine Tavern at Stanley Golf Course in New Britain, CT. We are searching for all classmates and friends. More information is on our Facebook page: Wethersfield High School (Connecticut) Class of 1964. Contact Bob Jinks at 1106raj13@gmail.com for more information.

Mason Community Breakfast

The Newington Masons have a community breakfast the first Sunday of every month! Come join us. Price is just \$10,(\$5 for children) and includes eggs, bacon, sausage, homefries, pancakes, coffee, toast & juice and the "Surprise Special". The Mason hall is located at 80 Walsh Ave(behind CVS) . Breakfast is held from 7:30-11a.m.

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Healing Ourselves and Others

Healing Ourselves and Others: A Meditation Retreat, Saturday, May 18th, 10am at Odiyana Center, Glastonbury. Join us for this half-day retreat to practice transforming the simple act of breathing into a powerful healing practice that causes mental peace and happiness, improves concentration, enhances our love, compassion, and wisdom, and brings great meaning to our life. This retreat will include guided meditations, teachings and Q&A. Info at meditationinconnecticut.org

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Support for the Visually Impaired

The National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut (NFB of CT). Meetings will be held on the third Saturday of each month. At chapter meetings, we gather and exchange ideas, share and discuss concerns and aspirations, raise and promote awareness of the capabilities of blind people, and make plans for outings and events. For more information, contact Melissa Thompson at 860-922-4949 or email her at lady1mnt@yahoo.com.

Social Justice Coalition

The Town of Wethersfield and Wethersfield Public Schools invites community members to join the Social Justice Coalition. The Coalition explores topics related to equity, diversity, and cultural responsiveness in order to create significant, sustainable, and meaningful change. It is composed of Wethersfield residents, including students, parents, representatives from community agencies, elected officials, and more. For meeting dates and details, visit www.wps.wethersfield.me/our-town-social-justice.

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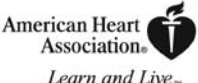
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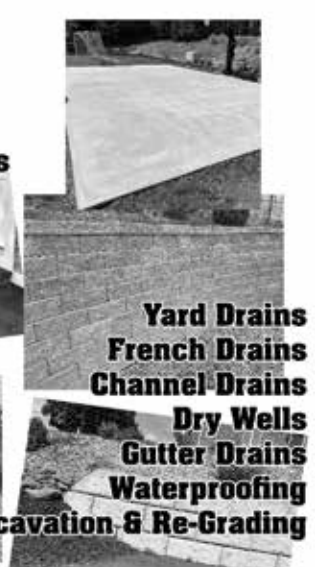
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 “Each step feels like I’m walking through wet paint.”
 “I can’t sleep because my hands and feet tingle all night.”
 “I live in constant fear that I’ll fall.”

What do all of these people have in common? They each suffer from Peripheral Neuropathy (PN). It is estimated that more than 20 million people in the United States have PN. Unfortunately, this figure may be significantly higher as the disease is often misdiagnosed due to its wide array of symptoms.

Dr. Sean Going and Brandee Going, acupuncturists at Connecticut’s Best Acupuncture in Newington share the belief that PN is more common than even the worst estimate. “We’ve each been treating neuropathy, in all its various forms, for over 12 years, and so often our patients come to us because of the symptoms, not because of a diagnosis. They see us speaking, or hear the testimonial of another patient, and say to themselves, ‘Hey, I feel the same thing.’”

Frankie M. of West Hartford testified to this: “I remember my husband driving me to my consultation and I saw a woman running just outside our neighborhood. I was so envious - I just kept thinking ‘I would give anything just to walk again.’ My primary care doctor told me my troubles with pain and balance were just symptoms of old age and gave me a prescription. I was so depressed.”

Fortunately Frankie had a friend who’d had similar symptoms recommend Connecticut’s Best Acupuncture, stating she’d

experienced real improvements. “I just knew I had to see them. They were my last hope.”

“Almost all of our patients come to us with a story similar to Frankie’s. They’ve been everywhere else. They’ve been told there’s no hope. They’ve been told it’s ‘just part of getting older.’” shares Amanda, a Clinic Care Coordinator at Connecticut’s Best Acupuncture. “It just breaks my heart, but I know how much we can help people like Frankie, so I’m always so happy when they walk through our door.”

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves, often caused by (and always compounded by) a lack of blood flow in the hands and feet. This lack of blood flow results in a lack of nutrients, and the nerves begin to degenerate and die. This causes pain and other sensations ranging from uncomfortable to debilitating. Because neuropathy is a degenerative condition, once those nerves begin to deteriorate, they will continue to do so until they are completely expired, leaving those suffering with crippling balance issues. “In this case, the absence of pain is not necessarily a good thing,” shares Dr. Sean. “This usually indicates that your nerves are hanging on by a fragile thread.”

Those diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy often face a very grim reality: Western medicine declares that there is no solution, while alternative therapies offer little to no results. Dr. Sean, Brandee Going and the staff at CBA have a track record that proves that they are different, and they pride themselves on being “the last resort with the best results.”

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“I just can’t say enough about Connecticut’s Best Acupuncture,” Frankie shares through tears of joy. “My husband and I moved here 3 years ago and he’s gone on walks almost everyday.”

I always stayed home because of the pain and discomfort. But yesterday, I walked on a trail with him! And next week we’re starting pickleball. I am truly living life these days.”



“According to Frankie’s test results, she has seen a 74% improvement in pain and functionality, which is on par with a majority of our patients,” shares Brandee. “But more important than

those test results is the joy she’s expressed in being here, and getting to hear about all the amazing things she’s able to do because she feels great!”

By seamlessly blending the ancient science of acupuncture with modern medical solutions, Connecticut’s Best Acupuncture has achieved a 90% success rate in reversing the effects of neuropathy.

They start each patient with an initial consultation during which a sensory exam is performed. “This not only aids in making a proper diagnosis, but it helps to define just how much nerve damage has occurred,” explains Dr. Sean. “This is important because if a patient has suffered more than 95% damage, there is little that I can do to help them. I’m familiar with the medical miracle but I know my limits as a practitioner and the limits of our medicine.”

When it comes to treating Peripheral Neuropathy, regardless of its origin, early detection greatly improves your chances of a full recovery.

If you or someone you love are suffering with chronic pain that presents as burning, tingling or ‘pins and needles,’ or you’ve recently been diagnosed with Peripheral Neuropathy (PN), it’s important to know that there are options.

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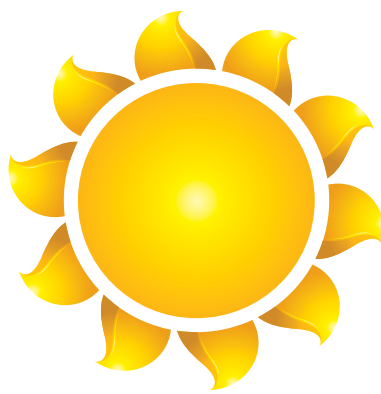
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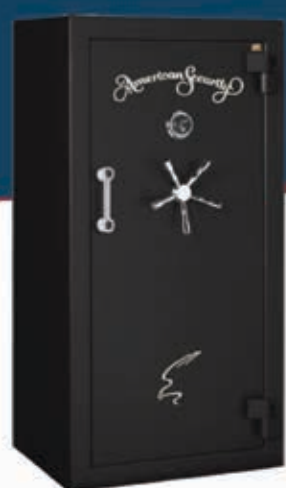
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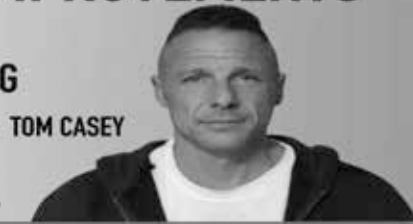
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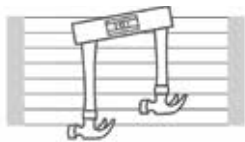
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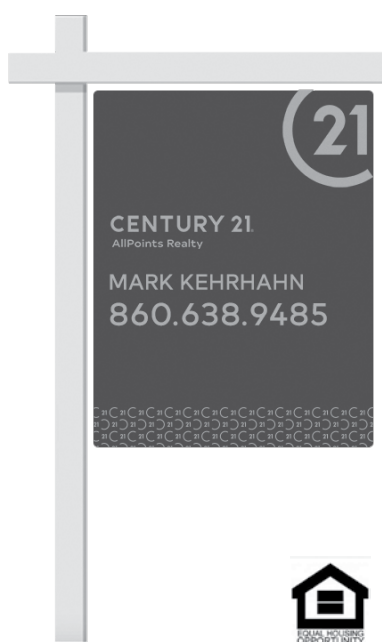
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Should home equity loans be used to pay off credit card debt?

Credit card debt could be compromising the financial security and well-being of millions of individuals. According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Americans' total credit card balance in the second quarter of 2023 was more than \$1 trillion, and LendingTree reports that the average credit card balances among U.S. cardholders in December 2022 was \$7,279. Average balances are lower but still a concern in Canada, where data from TransUnion® indicates the average cardholder had an outstanding balance of \$3,909 as of the first quarter of 2023.

Effective credit utilization is a vital component of long-term financial health. The average credit card balances in both the U.S. and Canada suggest many consumers are putting their financial futures in jeopardy by relying too heavily on credit to fund their lifestyles. The good news is consumers tend to have a sense of self-awareness regarding their credit usage, as a recent NerdWallet survey of more than 2,000 adult consumers found that 83 percent of respondents acknowledged they overspend. Recognition of an over-reliance on credit could be a solid first step toward eradicating debt, and consumers who own their homes may consider home equity loans or lines of credit in an effort to tame their debt once and for all.

What is a home equity loan?

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau notes that a home equity loan allows homeowners to borrow money using the equity in their home as collateral. Equity is the amount a property is currently worth minus the amount currently owed on a mortgage. So if a home is worth \$500,000 and homeowners have a mortgage balance of \$300,000, then their equity is \$200,000.



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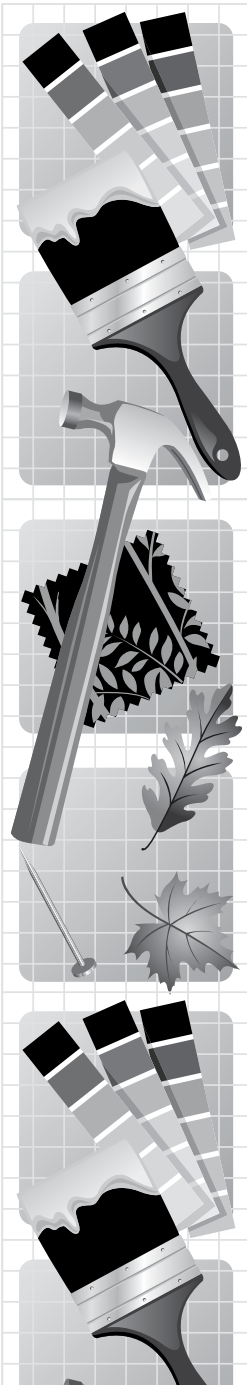
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Are there risks associated with using home equity to pay off credit card debt?
 Though lower interest rates and consolidated debt are two advantages to paying off consumer debt with a home equity loan, this option is risky. Perhaps the biggest risk associated with this approach is the potential of losing a home. Individuals with substantial credit card debt should know that a lack of discipline when using a home equity loan to pay off debt could result in foreclosure. If homeowners cannot make their monthly loan payments on time, they could lose their home. In addition, Bankrate notes that if a home is sold with an outstanding home equity loan balance, that balance must be repaid at once. Home equity loans can help homeowners consolidate and ultimately eliminate their credit card debt. However, this approach carries a level of risk, so homeowners may benefit from working with a financial advisor to determine the best way to pay off their existing debts.



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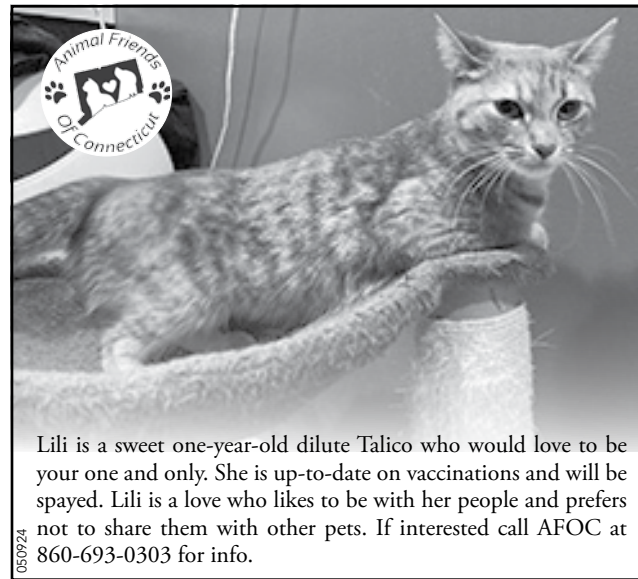
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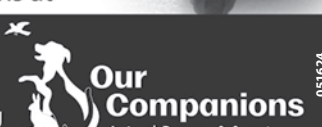


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Gender: **Female**
Breed: **Russian Blue**
Color: **Grey & White**
Ages: **7 Months old**

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Cleo is a super sweet and friendly Russian Blue who loves to play with all her toys and eat wet food. She is indoor-only, very active, and loves to talk! Cleo is FeLV+ and should be the only cat in the home or with another FeLV+ cat. She could possibly be introduced slowly to other types of pets, too. Cleo is up to date with vaccines but not yet spayed. Vet records available. **To adopt Cleo, please contact Carolina (New Haven area) at 203-726-2309 (text or call) or carol.tandayamo@gmail.com, subject line CLEO.** <https://CatTalesCT.org/cats/Cleo-4/> No Cats/FeLV+



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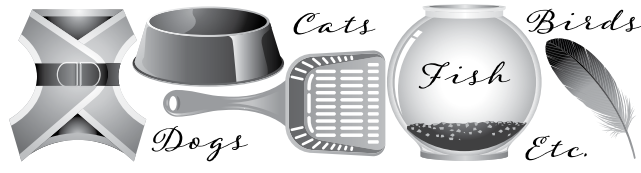
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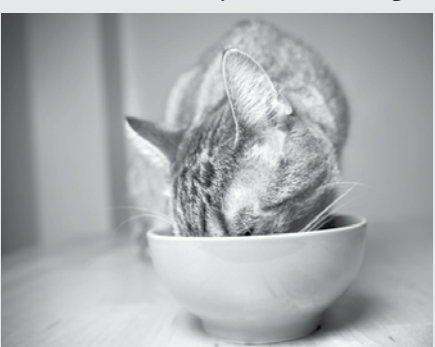


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Findings Show That Pet Obesity is a Growing, Dangerous Problem

No pet owner wants to envision a visit to their local veterinary office concluding with a discussion about their companion animal being on the cusp of serious health problems. However, a growing number of pet owners could soon be forced to confront that very scenario.



A recent survey from the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention uncovered some sobering truths about the state of pet health. In the 2022 "State of U.S. Pet Obesity" report, Ernie Ward, DVM, CVFT, the founder and president of APOP, noted that pet obesity rates in the United States have been steadily increasing over the last several decades. That's unfortunate, as Ward notes that a growing body of evidence has linked obesity in dogs and cats to a host of serious ailments and outcomes, including:

- Skin and respiratory disorders
- Renal dysfunction
- Metabolic and endocrine disorders, such as diabetes
- Orthopedic disease, such as osteoarthritis
- Certain types of cancer
- Decreased life expectancy

So how high are obesity rates among cats and dogs? According to the APOP report, 61 percent of evaluated cats were classified as overweight or obese by their veterinary professional. Among that total, one in three cats was classified as obese in 2022.

Cats' canine counterparts are not faring much better. The APOP report indicates that 59 percent of dogs were classified as overweight or obese by their veterinary professionals. Though obesity rates among dogs are significantly lower compared to cats, the report still indicates that more than one in five dogs (22 percent) was classified as obese in 2022.

Another troubling finding to emerge in the APOP report is the misperception among pet owners regarding their animals' condition. The report indicates that roughly one-third of pet owners whose animals were classified as overweight or obese classified their pet's weight as "normal," "ideal" or, perhaps most surprisingly, "thin." Those characterizations were submitted prior to pet owners' being informed of their pets' assessments, which underscores how small a grasp pet owners may have regarding their pets' physical condition. Recognition of what defines a healthy weight for pets and knowledge of how to help pets achieve that weight can ensure a healthier future for millions of pets. Pet owners are urged to speak with their veterinarians to develop a plan that ensures the long-term health of their companion animals.

More information about overweight and obesity in pets can be found at petobesityprevention.org.



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The many benefits of automotive roof racks

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By boosting a vehicle's storage space, roof racks essentially transform the top of a car or truck into a second trunk. Moving items up and outside of the car can free up additional legroom and give passengers greater comfort on longer trips. Plus, roof racks provide a sturdy surface on which to store kayaks, mountain bikes, furniture, surfboards, and more — without damaging the paint and finish of the vehicle.

Roof racks are sold in a variety of styles and applications. Roof boxes and bags also can be purchased, if you have items that need to be protected from the elements. Many auto manufacturers offer roof racks as an option on new vehicles, or they can be installed after-market by a qualified professional.

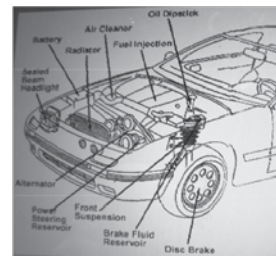
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Cromwell's Court Maestro Chooses College

By Josh Howard

After a remarkable run on the local courts, Cromwell High School senior Victor Payne declared his decision to play Division I hoops last month.

"Blessed to announce my commitment to play basketball at Saint Francis University," Payne stated on April 15. "Thank you to my family and coaches that have helped me along the way."

Payne is a homegrown basketball prodigy that quickly became a household name across the state after serving a starring role for a Panthers program that won a trio of conference titles and a state championship over the past three seasons.

CHS boys basketball coach John Pinone said that Payne's production was a product of his dedication, saying the 6'4" swingman was, "the first one here and the last one to leave."

"First and foremost, he's a great teammate and a great person," added Pinone. "Obviously what he has done for our basketball program over the last three years is tremendous, but he's also been a great example for our younger kids because he has a tremendous work ethic."

Payne entered high school in the middle of a pandemic and made the most out of his time once the restrictions were lifted.

As a sophomore in 2022, Payne was a second-team All-Shoreline Conference (SLC) selection as the Panthers won the first of three straight SLC titles.

The following season, Payne earned all-state status and was selected as the SLC Player of the Year as the Panthers brought home another conference banner to go along with a state title trophy after defeating Ellington in the 2023 Division IV state championship.

He again was named the SLC Player of the Year and was an all-state selection this past winter, averaging over 26 points per game as a senior.

In the day and age of private schools and

player mobility, Payne said helping lead his hometown high school to multiple conference titles and a state championship made his time at CHS a little extra special.

"It means a lot," expressed Payne. "I didn't transfer because I felt like if I was good enough, coaches would find me. I never worried about that."

CHS athletic director Kelly Maher said that Payne's presence has been felt on and off the court.

"He is a role model to everyone here and in the Cromwell community," noted Maher. "He does well in academics, he's friendly, he goes to events, he puts in the work and effort. In terms of a student-athlete, he's exactly what you want."

Despite having a shortened freshman season because of the Covid-19 restrictions, Payne finished his high school career with over 1,600 points — the second most in program history.

Pinone noted that Payne became a legitimate standout on both ends of the court, taking on extra responsibility on the defensive end, particularly over the last couple of seasons.

"The bigger the game, the better he played," added Pinone.

In heading to Saint Francis — a private school in Loretto, Pennsylvania — he is following the lead of his father, who played Division I college basketball at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU).

Saint Francis and CCSU both play in the Northeast Athletic Conference (NEC) and Rob Krimmel, who coaches the Red Flash of Saint Francis, played against Payne's father in college.

"Victor is a talented guard who can play a variety of positions. His length and athleticism will allow him to make an impact on both ends of the court," stated Krimmel. "I am very grateful that the Payne family is joining our family here at SFU."

Krimmel has stabilized the Red Flash



High School senior Victor Payne (seated) is surrounded by his family after signing his commitment to play basketball at Saint Francis University in Pennsylvania.

program since taking over in 2012, winning 155 games and leading the program to three NEC championship games during his tenure.

Payne said that his connections to the college, along with his desire to play basketball at the Division I level made Saint Francis an ideal landing spot.

"I'm really comfortable with the coaches and players," added Payne. "It felt like a family within a family."

Pinone believes that the Red Flash are getting an extremely versatile players that is only "going to get better."

"I think he is going to be able to help

them right away because of his ability to play the one, two, or three positions," added Pinone. "Athletically he is off the charts — you can't teach that — and when he puts on 15 pounds, he is going to be an even better player than he is now."

Payne, who has dreamed about playing at the next level since he was young, said that the game is now a part of him.

"I don't know what I would do without basketball, it's a part of my personality," added Payne. "I just love it and I can't wait to play at the next level and play against better players that will make me better."

The Starting Five - Athletes of the Week

By Josh Howard

Dylan Bathrick - Cromwell High School (Track & Field): Bathrick set a new meet record while winning the 800 meters at the Marty Robert's Invite on May 4. Bathrick ran a 1:57.31 to win the race in record time and was also the anchor on the Panthers 4x800 relay — joining Patrick Monahan, John Drew, Colin Monahan — that also took first place.

Lucas Witkowski, Paul Wimbish-Sperrazza, Osi Yearwood, Nassyr Andrade also teamed up to win the 4x400, while Nassyr Andrade also won individually in the 400 meters and Hashaaz Andrade won the 110-meter hurdles. The Panthers finished second overall as a team, scoring 102.5 points, placing behind only Sheehan (156 point) and ahead of 17 other teams at the event that took place at Cuginchaug Regional High School.

Gianna Quaresima - Rocky Hill High School (Softball): Quaresima singled on a line drive in the sixth innings, scoring Liana Tejada to break a tie as the Terriers held on for a 2-1 win over Wethersfield on May 8. Quaresima, a senior, had two hits, driving in both of the team's runs (also sending home Lily Margiotta in the fourth) during the defensive duel at WHS. Ingris Lin earned the win from the mound, pitching a complete-game five-hitter and striking out 11.

Max Hoon - Wethersfield High School (Baseball): Hoon pitched six solid innings, striking out five and allowing only three hits as the Eagles defeated Rocky Hill 9-1 on May 9. Hoon, a junior, also had three hits

from the plate — duplicating the feat by fellow junior Cam Righi, who also had three hits in the win. The victory was part of a three-game winning streak last week for an Eagles team that entered this week with a record of 11-5.

Ben Michaud - Newington High School (Baseball): Michaud was light outs from the mound during the Nor'easter 2-0 win over Rocky Hill on May 6. Michaud, a freshman, pitched a complete game shutout and struck out four to earn the win, along with slapping a single in the bottom of the 4th to drive Ryan Hurley home for what turned out to be the winning run. Hurley connected on a pair of hits, scoring the go-ahead run and driving in Lucas Robson for an insurance run in the bottom of the fifth.

Davide Sulmicelli - Newington High School (Lacrosse): Sulmicelli scored a career-high five goals as the Nor'easters beat Wethersfield 14-6 on May 9. Sulmicelli, a senior, added a pair of assists, while Aiden Bengston scored two goals and had four assists as Newington won their eighth game this spring. Senior goalie Julian Middlebrooks was solid in net, saving 13 shots, as the win was the third straight for a Nor'easters team that entered the week with a record of 8-5.

To nominate and athlete for The Starting Five or with sports-related comments, email joshhowardsports@gmail.com



Cromwell High School junior Dylan Bathrick won the 800 meters and set a new meet record at the Marty Robert's Invite in Durham last week. Bathrick (center) is pictured with Devin Welsh of Sheehan to his left and Nicholas Smith of Cuginchaug to his right.




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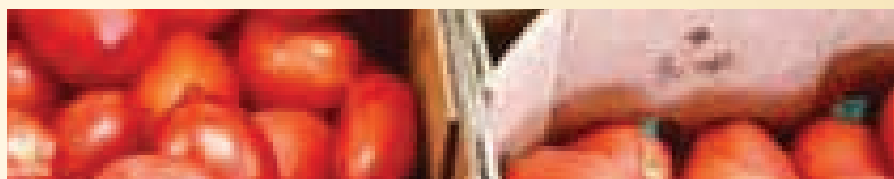


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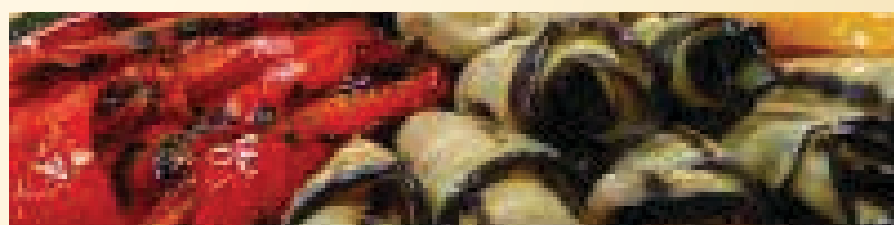
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