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## Neuropathy Breakthrough

**“My feet feel like they’re on fire.”**  
**“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.”

So exactly how is Connecticut’s Best Acupuncture able to reverse the effects of this degenerative disease?

Through a unique blend of one of the most time-tested therapies and the most cutting-edge. “Acupuncture has been used to increase blood flow for thousands of years, and it helps get the necessary nutrients to the affected nerves. But the real magic happens when we integrate ATP Resonance BioTherapy®. This is a technology that was originally developed by NASA to expedite healing and recovery,” says Brandee.

**“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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# What's Happening

# Rocky Hill & Cromwell?

## Fire District Budget Vote Set For Next Tuesday

By Nicole Zappone, Staff Writer

CROMWELL—Next week, on Tuesday, May 14, the Cromwell Fire District's annual budget meeting will be held at the Coles Road Fire House.

Residents will have the opportunity to vote on the Board of Commissioners' recommended budget, which includes administration, Fire/EMS, communications, information technology, and capital requests.

The proposed budget is \$8,136,542, with a proposed mill rate of 3.4 mills. Residents will also be able to consider and act on a resolution to lay a tax on the Cromwell Fire District's taxable Grant List and fix the tax rate to meet the expenditures.

Residents will also be able to consider and vote on the Cromwell Water Division budget, which totals \$2,927,624, which is a .42 percent increase. Water rates will remain the same.

District staff and the commissioners closely examined the 2024-2025 budget line by line and determined that an increase is necessary to properly meet the town's rising costs.

Some of the reasons for supporting a budget increase include the recent massive cost increases for emergency apparatus maintenance and replacement during and since the COVID-19 crisis. There have been multiple new residential and elderly housing developments that have increased the number of calls.

According to fire personnel, emergency calls are increasing by about 370 annually. There have been multiple fire, rescue, and EMS emergency calls at the same time. More staff, resources, and vehicles are needed to meet the demands. In 2023 there were 3,324 calls, making it the busiest year for the fourth year in a row.

Due to the rising calls, mutual aid ambulance availability has recently dropped sharply. Fire personnel say they can no longer rely on nearby ambulance services, as they did in the past.

Executive Director Roger Hart said being the new person, initially he proposed a pretty flat budget.

"The budget was actually completely flat for the fire district," Hart said. "There was no increase. It went through the budget and oversight committee, and the commission being around more than I was around with more history involved, they thought it was best not to go with a flat budget and to add what the fire chief was looking for with an increase in personnel."

Hart said his job is to support the commission and its decisions. He came in as the executive director just a few months ago and brings several decades of public service administration experience to the town. Hart replaced Julius C. Neto, who served in the position from 2017-2024, and as a commission member before that.



### Local Weatherman Pays A Visit To Residents At Rocky Hill Home

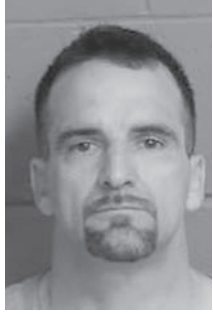
Ryan Hanrahan, chief meteorologist from NBC CT, stopped by Holiday by Atria's Lodge at Cold Spring in Rocky Hill to talk about his career as a meteorologist. The event was called, "News with Friends." Residents learned about how he comes up with the forecast, highlights and challenges of his job, and what it is like being on television.

### Local Resident Arrested On Charges In Texas

By Nicole Zappone, Staff Writer

CROMWELL - Earlier this week, the Cromwell Police Department and the U.S. Federal Marshals Task Force located and arrested a man wanted in Texas for violation of his parole with full extradition.

Brian Lee Lovely, 41, of 162 Woodlane Dr., Cromwell, was arrested and charged with fugitive from justice. He faces a \$250,000 cash/surety bond and was scheduled to appear in Middletown Superior Court on April 29.



### 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.

### Holy Family Center To Host Pasta Dinner

The Holy Family Retreat Center will host its 35th Annual Night of Reflection and Pasta Dinner on Thursday, May 9 beginning with mass at 6 p.m.

The retreat center is located at 303 Tuxis Road, Entrance 5, West Hartford.

All proceeds from the event support retreat programs at Holy Family.

For additional information on the event, call (860) 983-0846 or email Tom@mcbride-carpet.com.



### Hunt Begins Sunday For Painted Rocks

CROMWELL - Cromwell Creative District (CCD) is again collaborating with other groups in town to offer the annual spring hunt for painted rocks.

This year, the event aims to bring attention not only to the wonderful nonprofits Cromwell has to offer (each nonprofit will have painted rocks with their logo or initials on them) but also to highlight the businesses #inthedistrict by placing a rock from each nonprofit at every

business and park downtown. There are 34 locations (business and municipal) #inthedistrict.

Visit [www.cromwellcreativedistrict.org](http://www.cromwellcreativedistrict.org) to view a map of the district if you are unsure where to search for rocks. The hunt began April 28 and residents can keep any rocks they find. There will be no scavenger hunt or contest this year, instead, CCD hopes you will enjoy the local parks and provide patronage to the businesses downtown. Happy Spring!

### 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](mailto:WethersfieldArtLeague@gmail.com)

### Cromwell Creative District Seeks Donations Through Golf Fund-Raiser

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](https://partnerhq.com/public/events/2024-travelers-championship-birdies-for-charity/organization_partnerships/3719)

### Spring Plant and Baked Goods Sale

All are welcome! Please come to our Spring Plant and Baked Goods Sale at the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, 805 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067, from 9 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, May 11, 2024. You'll find a wonderful variety of Annual, Perennial, Vegetable and Herb plants, beautiful Flowers, Hanging Baskets, and yummy Baked Goods. Come buy your Mom a beautiful plant and delicious baked items for Mother's Day! Handicap accessible and free parking.

### 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.

### 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.

### RHHS Botany Plant Sale May 2 Through May 4

The RHHS Botany and UConn Horticulture students will be holding their annual plant sale on May 2 from 1-5, May 4 from 9-12, May 10 from 1-5 and May 13 - 17 from 1- 2:15. Students have grown a variety of annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, patio planters and hanging baskets. Hope to see you at the Rocky Hill High School Greenhouses located at 50 Chapin Ave in Rocky Hill CT. For further information, please contact Kim Antol ([antolk@rockyhillps.com](mailto:antolk@rockyhillps.com)). Happy Spring!



### Regional Chorus To Present Annual Spring Concert May 4

Mark your calendars! "Sharing Our Love of Music" will be presented by The Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords (MHVC) on Saturday, May 4, 7 pm at Portland High School, 95 High St., Portland.

Join us for a festive evening of music as our 90-voice chorus and 10-piece orchestra proudly perform a variety of musical favorites to enhance this spring season.

Samuel Tucker, our music director, has arranged a beautifully eclectic program that highlights the wide-ranging talents of this chorus. Musical pieces include patriotic arrangements, "The Battle Hymn", "An American Trilogy" as well as some old favorites, "When the Saints go Marching In", "Bridge Over Troubled Water" and "Singing in the Rain". Samuel has also included some newer pieces like "A Million Dreams" and a

medley from "The Temptations".

Alan Dougherty, our first-rate accompanist and his 10-piece orchestra will have you tapping your toes and even singing along!

Proceeds from the concert are returned to the community in the form of scholarships presented to graduating Middlesex County high school seniors pursuing a career in music or nursing. Thus far, we have awarded \$84,500 not including the scholarships that we will present at this spring concert. We are most grateful to Middlesex Health and to you, our loyal followers for your continued support.

Tickets are \$25. Call 860.347.2787 or 860.342.3120 for tickets or visit our website at [www.vocalchords20.org](http://www.vocalchords20.org). Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and You Tube.



# What's Happening

# Rocky Hill & Cromwell?

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## Cromwell Couple Celebrates 65th Wedding Anniversary

On April 4, 2024, Ethel and Larry Anderson of Cromwell celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with their family. They were married at Christ Church, Middle Haddam and have resided in Cromwell since then.



## Carpino's Corner: It's Public Health Week!

### Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Each year, the first week of April is recognized as National Public Health Week. This is an opportunity to raise awareness for diseases, treatments, and important health initiatives. As a longtime member of the Public Health Committee, I want to share updates on key public health proposals slated for action in the House and Senate.

- HB 5198 extends telehealth services to improve access to medical treatment.
- HB 5200 expands access to medical diagnostic equipment and examination rooms for individuals with disabilities.
- SB 176 will create a plan to provide hospice and palliative care for children.
- HB 5322 will address intimate partner violence by sharing educational materials with pregnant and postpartum women.
- SB 368 expands access to plasma donation

centers to help treat patients in need.

• HB 5321 will enhance the state's newborn screening panel by adding a screening for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), a progressive muscle-wasting disease that affects children from an early age.

Finally, the Public Health Committee voted unanimously to continue using money from the tobacco settlement fund to support initiatives that spread awareness about the dangers of smoking and tobacco use. I am hopeful these proposals will advance as they will each contribute to improving public health for our residents in Connecticut.

As always, feel free to reach out with your questions, ideas, and concerns at [Christie.Carpino@housegov.ct.gov](mailto:Christie.Carpino@housegov.ct.gov).

## Cromwell High School Class of 1984 Planning 40th Year Reunion

Cromwell, CT - The Cromwell High School Class of 1984 is planning its 40th year reunion. The reunion will be held on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024.

The planning committee is looking for information on Cromwell classmates who graduated in 1984 from Cromwell High School. We are also seeking Cromwell classmates who went to school

with the class of 1984 but graduated from another area high school. Our goal is to reconnect with as many classmates as possible.

1984 graduates who wish to be added to the contact list or have any questions should send an email to [Jennifer.Polke.Slifer@1984chsreunion@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.Polke.Slifer@1984chsreunion@gmail.com).

## Middlesex County Chamber Of Commerce to Host Comedy Night and Auction to Benefit Recovery Employment Program

(Middletown, CT.) Chairman Sean Hayes of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce announced that the Middlesex Chamber Real Estate Program will once again host a Comedy Night and Auction on Saturday, April 20, 2024, to benefit the chamber's Recovery Employment Program.

This event, presented by Comedy, Craft Beer and Wine and More, and sponsored by ServPro of Middletown/ New Britain, State Farm Caleb Carney, and Middlesex Habitat for Humanity, will take place from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Middletown Elks Crystal Ballroom, 44 Maynard Street, Middletown, CT, 06457 and will feature comedian Marty Caproni and guests.

Join us for a night full of laughs, fun, and amazing auction items. This is a "BYOF" event which means...Bring your own Food. The Bar will be open and available for drink purchases.

Chamber President Johanna Bond noted, "We look forward to once again hosting this fun event to benefit the chamber's Recovery Employment Program. I would like to thank our Real Estate

Council co-chairs Juliet Cavanaugh and Nancy Currin, along with the entire Real Estate Council for all of their work in planning this event. I would like to give a special shoutout to the Middletown Elks

Crystal Ball Room for hosting us, Comedy Craft Beer and Wine and More for presenting this great event, Comedian Marty Caproni for joining us, and ServPro of Middletown/ New Britain, State Farm Caleb Carney, and Middlesex Habitat for Humanity for sponsoring this important event."

The cost is \$25 per person or \$200 for a table of 10.

Advance registration is required, please register online: <https://www.middlesexchamber.com/67528-2/>

About the Recovery Employment Program - The Middlesex Chamber's Recovery Employment Program (REP) helps those in recovery rebuild lives that have been torn and ripped apart due to addiction. Program participants will: build confidence in their abilities and skills, receive job coaching and counseling, and have the ability to gain employment with a company that will support them every step of the way.

## Rockyhill High School Students Honored

Two Rocky Hill High School students have been honored by the Connecticut Association of Schools for their achievement in athletic and academic excellence. Nathan Corcoran and Muktha Ramesh have been selected as CIAC Scholar Athletes for the 2023-2024 school year. Nathan and Muktha will be honored at the Aqua Turf along with athletes from every school in Connecticut, Sunday, May 5th at 4:30 PM

## 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

## Newly-Retired Newington Women

### Upcoming events:

- May 3..NBMuseum..5:30
- May 9..The Kate!..10am
- May 15..Wellness fair..9:30
- May 21..Clambake...8:30

Please email Jean Henry at [jphenny@cox.net...](mailto:jphenny@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!

## Free Professional Training & Development Classes Offered by Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce

Chairman Sean Hayes of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce announced that the chamber once again plans to 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.

This important workforce development program has trained over 2,000 people since its inception in 1986. It has received many awards along the way including a Presidential Citation, and The Governor's Laurel Award.

Chamber Workforce Development Director Lorenzo Marshall noted, "We are excited to once again offer these free classes for those who want to improve their skillset and their professional prospects. We are grateful to the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for their support of this important program for our community."

Classes offered include:

- Grant Writing
  - Managing Yourself and Leading Others
  - Google Sheets
  - Google Docs
  - Google Slides
  - Career / Personal Coaching
  - Money Matters / Financial Management
- These programs are available to the public free

of charge, and open for registration at this time.

For additional information on the program, please visit [www.middlesexchamber.com](http://www.middlesexchamber.com) and click on "For Business" tab to access Professional Training and Development site, you can also register there as well. Please note that this program is grant funded and contingent on receipt of grant funds.

To schedule a pre-course appointment, or for more information concerning or signing up for classes offered, please contact Lorenzo Marshall at 860-347-6924 or [lorenzo@middlesexchamber.com](mailto:lorenzo@middlesexchamber.com).

About the Chamber- The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce is a dynamic business organization with over 1,986 members that employ over 50,000 people. Our chamber represents businesses of all sizes and industry sectors, from Fortune 500 companies to micro businesses, and we are committed to promoting a positive business climate in Middlesex County. Monthly Member Breakfast Meetings feature keynote speakers from a number of different professional fields including the business community, national politics, sports, and entertainment. In addition to high profile speakers, Chamber Member Breakfast Meetings provide outstanding networking opportunities and attract between 300 and 600 Chamber members each month.



## Selden III 75th Birthday Celebration

The Selden III makes its way towards Gillette Castle in a historic photograph courtesy of the Connecticut River Museum. The Chester-Hadlyme Ferry is one of the oldest continuously operating ferries in the United States. To celebrate the ferry service's return, and the 75th "birthday" of the Selden III, the Friends of Gillette Castle State

Park plan a gathering this year at the Hadlyme landing. The event has been rescheduled and will occur at 10:00 on the morning of Saturday, April 27. The rain date is 10:00 on Sunday, April 28. To stay abreast of weather-related changes, sign up for the Friends' newsletter at [www.gillettecastle-friends.org](http://www.gillettecastle-friends.org).

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## We Are Back 2024! Notre Dame Church Monthly Tag Sales

SATURDAY, MAY 4, at 272 Main St., DURHAM from 8 AM to 1 PM ....RAIN 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

## Bulkeley High School Class of 1974 50th Reunion

Saturday, June 8, 2024

1:00PM- 5:00PM

Where: Casa Mia on the Green, 600 Cold Spring Road, Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Buffet luncheon, cash bar, music and fun!!!

Cost: \$60 per person, non-refundable

RSVP: Contact Frank at [rudewicz@comcast.net](mailto:rudewicz@comcast.net), or Donna at [dcm@psr4u.com](mailto:dcm@psr4u.com) for payment options & details.

Payment due by APRIL 15th.

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# What's Happening Newington?

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## Newington Commons Plaza Sold For Nearly \$17 Million

By Nicole Zappone, Staff Writer

NEWINGTON – A retail plaza off the Berlin Turnpike was recently sold to a northwest commercial property management group for nearly \$17 million.

172 Kitts Lane was sold to Zi Zhang and Ai Hiu Lu of Fall River, MA, for \$16.7 million.

Zi Zhang is known as an accomplished commercial real estate professional and has served as the owner of JZ Real Estate since 2005. Zhang has spent the last three decades in America's real estate industry, adding to a portfolio that now comprises two million square feet of leasable area. He has shifted his focus to the development and operation of nearly 20 trampoline parks along the East Coast.

The previous owner, TLG Newington, LLC., purchased the center in 2004 for \$33 million. It was recently sold at an auction.

The plaza's current tenants include Bob's Clothing, Planet Fitness, Petco, Stop and Shop

and Joey Garlics. It was built in 1995 and opened the following summer with tenants Media Play, Office Max, Michael's, Pizzeria Uno, and Shaw's Supermarket. Over the years, it has seen several changes.

The new owners of the plaza plan to make investments in the property. RJ Brunelli & Co. is the leasing agency for the shopping center and is seeking to lease three vacancies. The former Party City, a walk-in medical center, and a neighboring space are looking to be made in the plaza. There are four spaces available for lease, and Bob's Clothing store is on a month-to-month lease agreement and is available. The 11,684 sq. ft space was previously utilized as an urgent care facility and is now available for immediate occupancy for other medical purposes.

Visit the leasing page for more information: [www.rjbrunelli.com/properties/newington-ct-newington-commons/](http://www.rjbrunelli.com/properties/newington-ct-newington-commons/)



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## 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 dona-

tion of \$100, you can choose the hymn or song 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 or [faceadmin@newingtonucc.org](mailto:faceadmin@newingtonucc.org)

## Comedy Show Fundraiser - Annunciation Parish

We invite you to join us on Saturday, May 4, 2024 for a family friendly evening featuring three professional comedians. The Comedy Show will be held at Holy Spirit Church Hall, 183 Church Street, Newington. Doors open at 6PM, and showtime is 7PM. Please feel free to bring your own food and drinks to enjoy. The evening also includes raffle prizes and complimentary popcorn, and water. The ticket price is \$25. Please contact Jay Dumais at (860)-836-8243 for tickets or any questions.

## 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.

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## Newington Parks and Recreation Seeking Sponsorship For an Inflatable Gaga Pit

The Newington Parks and Recreation Department is thrilled to announce the latest addition to its recreational offerings in Newington: an inflatable Gaga Pit! Designed to bring families and friends together for active fun, this brightly colored octagonal game will make its much-anticipated debut at two upcoming events: Newington Goes Country on Thursday, June 13th, and Food Truck Friday on June 14th, both held at Mill Pond Park fields.

In an effort to enhance community engagement and support, Newington's Parks and Recreation Department is actively seeking the first sponsor for this thrilling new addition to the departments many activities. Businesses and civic groups interested in maximizing their local visibility are encouraged to reach out to Bill DeMaio, Superintendent of the Newington Parks and Recreation Department, at 860-665-8666 for sponsorship details.

"This presents a wonderful opportunity for children and adults alike to enjoy outdoor recreation and socialize with friends in our beautiful park," remarked Bill DeMaio, Newington Parks and Recreations

Superintendent. "Moreover, with the versatility of the Gaga Pit, we're thrilled to offer year-round entertainment, including indoor use during winter months at the Mortenson Community Center Gym."

The introduction of the Gaga Pit aligns with Newington Parks and Recreations ongoing commitment to fostering community engagement and providing enriching recreational opportunities for residents of all ages. As preparations continue for the debut of this exciting addition, Newington Parks and Recreation invites interested sponsors to reach out with any questions or expressions of interest.

To initiate a public/private partnership with the Newington Parks and Recreation Department, businesses or civic groups simply need to express their interest by contacting the Newington Parks and Recreation Department at 860-665-8666. Upon reaching out, they will receive detailed information about sponsorship opportunities and benefits.

For a sponsorship fee of \$900, Sponsors will enjoy a comprehensive package of promotional

benefits, including:

1. Signage at the park, providing visibility to park visitors and event attendees.
2. Inclusion in the Newington Parks and Recreation Department's brochure, which is directly mailed to over 13,500 households, maximizing exposure to the local community.
3. A complete social media package, ensuring promotion across Newington Parks and Recreation's social media channels to reach a wider audience.
4. Highlight on Facebook Live, offering a dynamic and engaging way to showcase the sponsor's involvement and support.

Partner with Newington Parks and Recreation in building a strong community! Join us for the unveiling of the Gaga Pit at the special events on June 13th and June 14th.

## NHS 2023-2024 3rd Quarter High Honor Roll

Grade 9				
Andrew Alemany	Zachary Dabre	Justyna Kusnierz	Darius Mitchell	Sophia Robson
Kaelly Almeida	Brady DeMarco	Ashley Kuwaye	Lacie Montana	Aniyah Ross
Jawad Amadou	Daphne Donofrio	Ramirez	Isabel Negron	Ella Rossi
Mason Amuso	Ariana Feliz	Gabriel Lapin	Dorothy Nguyen	James Salvadori
Mia Anctil	Bella Filippone	Michael Leon	Ella Nunez	Kaylee Sarmiento
Luke Bacaoco	Gavin Flor	Matilde Lomba Alves	William Nyez	Abby Seguro
Colleen Balda	Mikobin Foster-Salters	Chase Lopez	Ashley Orzel	Lilly Sojka
Samantha Beaulieu	Noah Gajes	Averly Lowe	Natalie Pade	Addison Stafford
Daniel Bieszczad	Tessa Grande	Nathan Lu	Arazely Pellerano	Alexa Staron
Alyssa Boronese	Sarah Haripaul	Taylor Lyons	Ellis Peterson	Ariadne Stergakis
Hayden Bouffard	Ryan Hughes	Gabriella Marques	Nicole Petit	Michael Tekien
Matthew Brown	Azika Jahic	Kavi Mathur	Tony Pham	Eldho Thomas
Briannah Butler	Amila Juraldzic	Max Matthews	Erinn Piechowicz	Sierra Timmons
Michael Byrnes	Brayden Karanian	Izabella Medina	Joana Pinhancos	Blake Wiley
Sage Campbell	Steven Kiniry	Eva Mendes	Tahlia Prignano	Makayla Woods
April Chavarry	Andrew Kosciukiewicz	Benjamin Michaud	Shamim Qadar	Sophia Yu
Anderson Claffey	Sandra Krzyzak	Sophia Michaud	Kimberly Ramdeo	Gabriela Zacharias
Zofia Cygan	Julia Kuczek	Jacob Mimnaugh		

Grade 10				
Yusef Alsaqri	Dominik Czyz	Ian Joo	Paige Mimnaugh	Suri Sanchez
Anica Anan	Audrey DeFrancesco	Evelyn Kelly	Tremain Morris	Jenna Sanseverino
Murtaza Ather	Thomas DeNapoli	Zaid Khan	Gianfranco Murillo	Chloe Savastra
Ishaan Badugu	Kaitlyn Dugas	Mason King	Giovanni Murillo	Angel Shaji
Evanie Benoy	Emma Federowicz	Victoria Klebanov	Gerick Napuli	Aveen Sheikho
Jason Bentley	Dante Ficaro	Monica Kowalczyk	Bryce Nguyen	Julia Singh
Siena Beqiraj	Emilio Figueroa	Owen Kuca	Kenna O'Brien	Justyna Slezok
Adrian Bielski	Caroline Fisher	Aiden Ky	Katelyn Oliver	Alexandra Taschuk
Sydney Blueford	Sean Fleming	Daniel Lacoste	Maia Ouellette	Nathan Thomas
Jilian Bouchard	Juliana Flores	Minyoung Lee	Jude Plasse	Thanh-Lam Tong
Brooklynn Bradley	Meghan Genova	Nora Lewandowski	Abigail Pratt	Gabriel Trifone
Victoria Bucior	Sahasra Gudipudi	Brianna Lile	Jonah Prignano	Morganne Tucker

## 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](mailto:lfournier@aol.com). Can't wait to hear from you!



# What's Happening Newington?

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## Annual Membership Meeting Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 2:00 pm

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 pm. 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 pm - Guest Speaker: Marti Smith "Mary Hall, Connecticut's First Lady Lawyer" 1927  
 3:00 pm - 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.

## 2024 Spring Book Sale Friday May 3 – Sunday May 5th

The Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library is having their annual Spring Book Sale the 1st weekend of May at the Newington Senior & Disabled Center, 120 Cedar Street, Newington, CT. Thousands of hardcover, softcover, paperback books, teen and children's books will be on sale, along with a selection of CDs, audio books, and DVDs, as well as other special priced items. Preview: Friday May 3, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm - \$10 admission General Sale: Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm – Free admission Sunday Bag Sale: Noon – 3:00 pm. Buy a Friends green bag for \$12.00 and fill it with books for free! Refills are \$10.00. Stock up and save!!

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## Newington Student Assistance Fund Loan Applications Available

With the high cost of college education and technical training, people are looking for financial help. 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.

annual solicitation drive. 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.

The application for loans is available to download on the website at [www.nsafinfo.org](http://www.nsafinfo.org). Completed applications must be attached in an email and emailed to: [loans@nsafinfo.org](mailto: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](http://www.nsafinfo.org).

Funds used to issue loans are raised through an annual solicitation drive. 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. NSAF also administers two annual scholarships that are awarded to a male and a female student at Newington High School. Scholarship awards are based on criteria developed by the NSAF Board of Directors with emphasis on school and community service plus academic achievement. This scholarship was originally administered by the directors of the Indian Hill Country Club and was transferred to NSAF in 1994. In addition, NSAF presents the Cammy O'Connor Book Awards to a member of each class.

## Newington Art League to Host Free Art Demonstration

The Newington Art League (NAL) will conduct its general membership meeting on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 PM, in the Ceramics Room at the Newington Senior and Disabled Center. The address is 120 Cedar St, Newington, CT 06111.



J. C. Phillipps

Following this short meeting, artist Julie Phillipps will conduct a watercolor demonstration. The meeting and demonstration are free and open to the public.

J. C. Phillipps is an artist living in West Hartford, CT. She has written and illustrated four published picture books as well as the graphic novel series, Pacey Packer Unicorn Tracker. Julie is also a watercolor artist who co-founded the WeHa Artists Emporium and shows locally at Celebrate West Hartford and other venues. You can see her recent work via her Instagram page [@jcphillipps](https://www.instagram.com/jcphillipps).

## Newington Resident inducted into Honor Society for First-Year Success

MANCHESTER, NH (April 22, 2024) - Saint Anselm College student Henry Dietter of Newington, CT, a Nursing major in the class of 2027, has been accepted into Alpha Lambda Delta, a national honor society for first-year success, for the 2023-2024 academic year.

became coeducational in 1976 in response to Title IX. Alpha Lambda Delta has grown to over 280 chapters and has initiated over one million students.

To be eligible for invitation, students must be enrolled full-time at an institution with an active chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta and have a 3.5 grade point average or higher in their first semester or first year.

## Holy Family Center To Host Pasta Dinner

The Holy Family Retreat Center will host its 35th Annual Night of Reflection and Pasta Dinner on Thursday, May 9 beginning with mass at 6 p.m.

Alpha Lambda Delta was founded in 1924 by Maria Leonard, the Dean of Women at the University of Illinois, to recognize academic excellence among freshman women. One year prior, Dean Thomas Arkle Clark had founded Phi Eta Sigma, an honor society to recognize academic excellence among freshman men. Both groups

The retreat center is located at 303 Tuxis Road, Entrance 5, West Hartford.

All proceeds from the event support retreat programs at Holy Family.

For additional information on the event, call (860) 983-0846 or email [Tom@mcbridcarpet.com](mailto:Tom@mcbridcarpet.com).

## 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.

for children ages 12 and under. There are trophies and recognition for top male and female runners as well as 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](http://raceentry.com), download the registration form from the library's website [www.newingtonct.gov/library](http://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](http://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!

## NFD Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Newington Fire Company #3 will hold its 12th Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser Saturday, May 4th, from 4-8pm at Newington High School, 605 Willard Ave. \$10 for adults; \$5 for kids 5-12 and seniors; under 5 are free. Help support your local firefighters!

## NEWINGTON TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing  
May 08, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Notice is hereby given that the Newington Town Plan and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers, Room 103 at Town Hall, 200 Garfield Street, Newington, CT on **Wednesday, May 08, 2024** to consider the following petitions:

**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.**

This public hearing will be a Zoom Webinar/Hybrid Meeting. Information on how to attend will be posted on the Town website at: <https://www.newingtonct.gov/virtualmeetingschedule>

These petitions and related material are available for public inspection at the Town Planner's office, Town Hall Room 204, and through the published agenda at the Town Plan and Zoning Commission agenda center: <https://www.newingtonct.gov/AgendaCenter/Town-Planning-Zoning-Commission-27>

Persons who require an accommodation to participate in this public hearing should contact the Town Planner at 860-665-8578 or [townplanner@newingtonct.gov](mailto:townplanner@newingtonct.gov) not less than 24 hours before the public hearing.

Submitted,  
Paul Dickson  
Town Planner

## NEWINGTON TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF DECISION

At its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, **April 24, 2024** the Newington Town Plan and Zoning Commission met and took the following actions:

### APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS:

Petition 7-24: Special Permit For The Sale Of Alcoholic Beverages (Sec. 6.6.2) For Four (4) Restaurants And A Grocery Store At 3313-3333 Berlin Turnpike In The PD Zone (Planned Development Zone)  
 Applicant: Howard Grossman/Grossman Development Group,  
 Owner: Meadow Commons Owner LLC, Contact: Jamie Anderson.

### FAVORABLE REFERRAL APPROVED:

C.G.S Chapter 126, Section 8-24 Referral – Mill Pond Pedestrian Bridge

Submitted,  
Paul Dickson  
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 Please email Jean Henry at [jphenry@cox.net](mailto: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!







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## Teachers, School Board Embrace New Curriculum For Active Reading

By Joan Hunt, Staff Writer

WETHERSFIELD - Dawn Campbell, the school district's Supervisor for Elementary Curriculum, warned the school board back in January that the new state-mandated reading program for grades K-3 was going to be expensive. Last week, she presented the figures, broken down by initial cost and recurring expenditures year-to-year to keep the program going.

Apologizing for the "scary numbers," which include \$512,000 for start up and \$112,000 recurring annually, Campbell's excitement about the new program was palpable. The committee that previewed the materials and teachers who will be using them said the books are terrific and that students are very excited about using them.

The program is a compendium of three specific

resources that the state approved in December of last year. The Wethersfield reading committee chose it because they have already been using Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, which will work with the UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Foundation) materials, and Bookworms.

The committee visited schools where these other materials are being used, and were favorably impressed with the results. This spring, some teachers piloted parts of it, and in September they will begin using the compendium in all kindergarten classes, and selected teams in grades 1-3 will implement it as well.

"We teachers feel very supported because we've had our foot in the door with Heggerty," said Webb Elementary second grade teacher Kirsten

Gilberto.

"When we met as a committee and decided to adapt UFLI, we were really excited to add on the phonics component to those foundation literacy skills that our students needed," she said. "This was like a missing puzzle piece, and it has been wonderful to implement that."

As one of the teachers who has piloted the program, Gilberto said she has seen tremendous growth in her second graders, not only in learning to read, but also in the coding and decoding process.

"Our students are so eager to read and to write," she said. "I've only done one lesson of Bookworms, and they are eager and loved getting their hands on new books," she reported.

Bookworms is a knowledge building curriculum, said Campbell, designed to expose students to a high volume of full length deeply engaging trade books that drives instruction and vocabulary.

"So if you were to implement Bookworms all the way through fifth grade, students would be exposed to over 250 full length books in the classroom," she said. "They are not only exposed in a read aloud by teachers, but also hands on, with each student having a copy of those books in their hands to follow along and read."

Campbell explained that what happens now is that teachers have a lot more autonomy over what their students read, and although they like to pick out texts that speak to them and their classes, there is no uniform shared experience across the whole grade level, and this program provides for that. Texts read aloud would be above grade level,

which encourages vocabulary development and comprehension.

She said the Bookworms material also gives students the opportunity to write about what they are reading. "The writing portion spirals the different types of writing throughout each unit, so that through the year students will engage in all three of the major genres of writing multiple times," said Campbell.

Taking some of the sting out of the cost is the fact that the district has already received a grant in the amount of \$126,000 for the program change, and that the initial cost can be spread over a three-year period. The school board voted unanimously in favor of implementing the compendium.

Board members said that a budget increase for a new reading program was inevitable, and that the compendium sounded like a good choice, cautioning that the state may very well mandate a course for grades 4-6 going forward. Chair Bobbie Granato added that coaching and team support will be necessary to help staff administer the new program, lamenting that with the math interventionists that were supporting the new math program being cut from the current budget, professional development is going to be critical.

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Open to public  
May 2 - Chris Ivers - We are honored to welcome international award-winning pastel artist Chris Ivers who has won numerous awards including being one of eight finalists worldwide in two of the IAPS cover competitions and placed First in Pastels in the Richeson 75 Landscape Show, WI. Two of her paintings were chosen as in the Pastel Journal's Top 100. Most recently she was awarded Best in Show at New Britain Museum of American Art and received her Medal of Honor from Audubon Artists.

6pm. May 2  
William Pitkin Community Center

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### Art Exhibit at Wethersfield Library

The Wethersfield High School Art Department will be displaying student artwork throughout March for Youth Art Month. Please visit the Wethersfield Library to see the work of these talented students.

Call 860-721-2166 if you are a local artist interested in exhibiting your artwork at the Wethersfield Library. The Library is located at 515 Silas Deane Highway in Wethersfield. For information and directions to the Library, visit [www.wethersfieldlibrary.org](http://www.wethersfieldlibrary.org) or call 529-2665.



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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 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

**Public Hearing 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 from 4-16-24.

**Public Hearing 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.

**Public Hearing 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.

Planning and Zoning Commission  
Justin LaFountain, AICP, Town Planner  
Duly Authorized  
Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut,  
this 17th day of April, 2024.

### Legal Notice Town of Wethersfield Historic District Commission

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 14, 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 #8219-24** Adrian Scarpa, seeking to remove outdoor rear stairway to second floor entrance and enclose with wood railings to create second floor balcony at 51-53 Main Street.
- Application #8220-24** Gove Restoration LLC, seeking to replace front windows with Marvin Elevate windows in Pebble Gray color at 153 Spring Street.
- Application #8221-24** Nicholas Tinnirella, seeking to install 6' cedar fence along rear property line at 168 Hartford Avenue.
- Application #8222-24** Michael Peretto, seeking to install 6" half-round copper gutters on front of garage and back of house with 4" smooth downspouts at 120 Hartford Avenue.
- Application #8223-24** Caterina Albano, seeking to install an 8'x8' wood shed in rear yard at 11 Alison Lane.
- Application #8224-24** Paul Bourdon, seeking to construct fence with hand-split posts, rails, and boards in front yard at 481 Main Street.
- Application #8225-24** Julie M. Costello, seeking to dismantle barn to relocate and reassemble at the rear of the property at 341 Main Street.

Town of Wethersfield  
Historic District Commission

Kim Wolf  
Duly Authorized  
Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut,  
this 29th day of April 2024

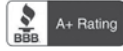
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## Mason Community Breakfast

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.

## WMGC Plant Sale

Wethersfield Men's Garden Club (<https://www.facebook.com/Mens-Garden-Club-of-Wethersfield-165623468911>) will hold its annual plant sale from 9am to 1pm on Saturday May 11 in the Wethersfield Town Hall parking lot (515 Silas Deane Highway). The sale features heirloom and conventional flowers, shrubs and vegetables, including Webb-Deane-Stevens samples. Proceeds from the sale support multiple local garden/agricultural charities and maintenance of the Frank Weston Rose Garden next to the Wethersfield Town Hall. 10% off your purchase with a paper copy of this notice.

## 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.

## Giant Tag Sale

The annual spring tag sale at the Marlborough Congregational Church, 35 South Main St. is bigger than ever. The tag sale will be held Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Fellowship Hall and several classrooms will be filled with a huge selection of household and seasonal items, linens, vintage, toys and games, collectibles, framed artwork, electronics, small appliances, clothing, furniture, and much more. Shoppers are asked to make a generous donation as everything is price your own. A bake sale, sponsored by Dorcas Women's Fellowship, will feature a wide selection of homemade baked goods.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:officeadmin@newingtonucc.org).

## Comedy Show Fundraiser

We invite you to join us on Saturday, May 4, 2024 for a family friendly evening featuring three professional comedians. The Comedy Show will be held at Holy Spirit Church Hall, 183 Church Street, Newington. Doors open at 6PM, and showtime is 7PM. Please feel free to bring your own food and drinks to enjoy. The evening also includes raffle prizes and complimentary popcorn, and water. The ticket price is \$25. Please contact Jay Dumais at (860)-836-8243 for tickets or any questions.

## Newington Art League to Host Free Art Demonstration

The Newington Art League (NAL) will conduct its general membership meeting on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 PM, in the Ceramics Room at the Newington Senior and Disabled Center. The address is 120 Cedar St, Newington, CT 06111. Following this short meeting, artist Julie Phillipps will conduct a watercolor demonstration. The meeting and demonstration are free and open to the public. J. C. Phillipps is an artist living in West Hartford, CT. She has written and illustrated four published picture books as well as the graphic novel series, Pacey Packer Unicorn Tracker. Julie is also a watercolor artist who co-founded the WeHa Artists Emporium and shows locally at Celebrate West Hartford and other venues. You can see her recent work via her Instagram page [@jcphillipps](https://www.instagram.com/jcphillipps).

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## 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, bio domes 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](https://facebook.com/ffconnecticut.org), email [ffconnecticut@gmail.com](mailto:ffconnecticut@gmail.com) or go to [friendshipforce.org](http://friendshipforce.org)

## Notre Dame Church Tag Sales

WE ARE BACK 2024! NOTRE DAME CHURCH MONTHLY TAG SALES, SATURDAY, MAY 4, at 272 Main St., DURHAM from 8 AM to 1 PM RAIN 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.

## Wethersfield Art League Free Demo

May 2 - Chris Ivers - We are honored to welcome international award-winning pastel artist Chris Ivers who has won numerous awards including being one of eight finalists worldwide in two of the IAPS cover competitions and placed First in Pastels in the Richeson 75 Landscape Show, WI. Two of her paintings were chosen as in the Pastel Journal's Top 100. Most recently she was awarded Best in Show at New Britain Museum of American Art and received her Medal of Honor from Audubon Artists. 6pm. May 2 at the William Pitkin Community Center.

## 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!

## 2024 Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library is having their annual Spring Book Sale the 1st weekend of May at the Newington Senior & Disabled Center, 120 Cedar Street, Newington, CT. Thousands of hardcover, softcover, paperback books, teen and children's books will be on sale, along with a selection of CDs, audio books, and DVDs, as well as other special priced items. Preview: Friday May 3, 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm - \$10 admission. General Sale: Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Free admission. Sunday Bag Sale: Noon - 3:00 pm. Buy a Friends green bag for \$12.00 and fill it with books for free! Refills are \$10.00. Stock up and save!!

## Mother's Day Weekend Plant Sale

The Annunciation Womens Guild will hold their Annual Mother's Day Weekend Plant Sale on Friday May 10th and Saturday May 11th, 2024. It will be held at Holy Spirit Church hall, 183 Church St. Newington, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Plants include geraniums, herbs, some vegetables, annuals, hanging baskets and planters. Please contact Jackie Gilligan at 860-667-1441 or Jeran Fuzie at 860-667-0690 for any questions. This fundraiser allows us to use the profits to benefit our parish and community through our many purchases, donations and events that we provide. This is a perfect opportunity to buy a Mothers Day flower basket and gifts, or to obtain quality plants to start your garden.

## 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](mailto:santiagoya@crctc.org) or 860-539-6233 for more info.

## 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

## NFD Pasta Dinner

### Fundraiser

Newington Fire Company #3 will hold its 12th Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser Saturday, May 4th, from 4-8pm at Newington High School, 605 Willard Ave. \$10 for adults; \$5 for kids 5-12 and seniors; under 5 are free. Help support your local firefighters!

## 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](http://www.carshelpingtheblind.org). 12/30/15

## 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.

## 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.

## Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

On May 2, bring in your non-perishable food item to be donated to a local food bank. Drop box is in the front lobby at Maple View Health and Rehabilitation Center, 856 Maple Street. in Rocky Hill. Pick up is May 11.

## 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](mailto:Niemabf@aol.com). Help spread the word!

## Free Hazardous Waste Collection

Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection - The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a HHW collection event on Saturday, May 11, from 9:00 - 1:00 at East Hampton Water Pollution Control Facility, 20 Gildersleeve Dr., East Hampton. The collection is open to residents of the RiverCOG region which includes Cromwell & Middletown. No commercial or business waste allowed. Please visit <https://rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste/> to learn more.

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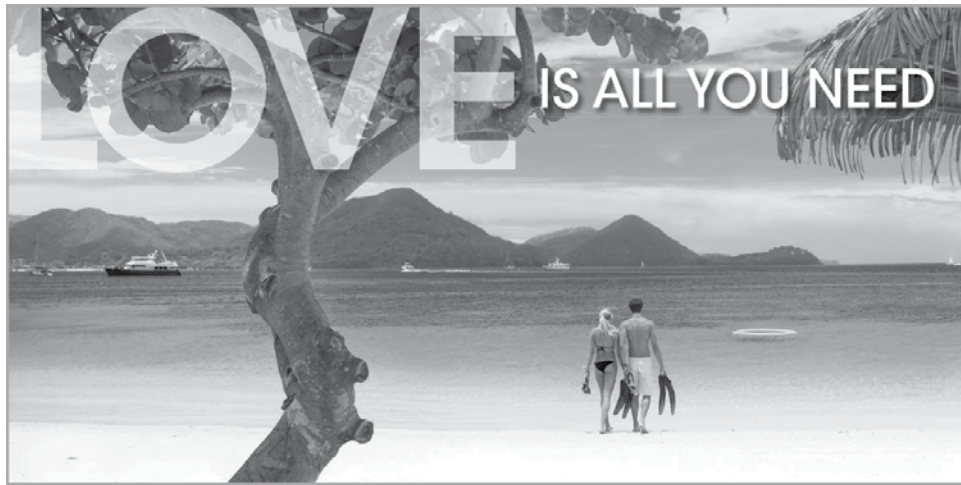
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## Annual Spring Rock Hunt

Cromwell Creative District (CCD) is again collaborating with other groups in town to offer the annual spring hunt for painted rocks. This year, the event aims to bring attention not only to the wonderful nonprofits Cromwell has to offer (each nonprofit will have painted rocks with their logo or initials on them) but also to highlight the businesses #inthedistrict by placing a rock from each nonprofit at every business and park downtown. There are 34 locations (business and municipal) #inthedistrict. Visit [www.cromwellcreativedistrict.org](http://www.cromwellcreativedistrict.org) to view a map of the district if you are unsure where to search for rocks. The hunt will begin Saturday April 27 and residents can keep any rocks they find. There will be no scavenger hunt or contest this year, instead, CCD hopes you will enjoy the local parks and provide patronage to the businesses downtown. Happy Spring!

## 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](http://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](mailto:lorenzo@middlesexchamber.com).

## Deming-Young Farm Seeks Tag Sale

### Donations

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.

## Middletown PrideFEST June 1

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. 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!

## 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](mailto:sandict@cox.net) or 860-930-6787.

## 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

Wethersfield Dollars for Scholars has been awarding scholarships to graduating seniors residing in Wethersfield, who are continuing their education at an accredited secondary school. Founded in 1975, volunteers have worked hard to help our town's students. To continue this great work, we need your assistance. We are looking for volunteers to join us in planning our annual golf outing, assist with our mailings, become a part of the scholarship selection process, plan our annual awards ceremony or assist with the long-term financial planning so Wethersfield Dollars for Scholars can continue to assist future students. If you are interested in becoming part of our organization, please call Mario Pace 860-748-0837.

## Spring Plant and Baked Goods Sale

All are welcome! Please come to our Spring Plant and Baked Goods Sale at the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, 805 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067, from 9 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, May 11, 2024. You'll find a wonderful variety of Annual, Perennial, Vegetable and Herb plants, beautiful Flowers, Hanging Baskets, and yummy Baked Goods. Come buy your Mom a beautiful plant and delicious baked items for Mother's Day! Handicap accessible and free parking.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.nsafinfo.org). Completed applications must be attached in an email and emailed to: [loans@nsafinfo.org](mailto: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](http://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.

## 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.cromwellcreativedistrict.org](http://www.cromwellcreativedistrict.org) to learn more about CCD, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram. If interested in becoming involved, email CCD at [cromwellcreativedistrict@gmail.com](mailto:cromwellcreativedistrict@gmail.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](mailto: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!

## 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. If you've given in the past--thank you! Would you please help us again this season? If you've never given, please consider helping present all of our concerts with a donation. 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](http://newingtonucc.org).

## Cromwell High School Class Reunion

Cromwell, CT - The Cromwell High School Class of 1984 is planning its 40th year reunion. The reunion will be held on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024. The planning committee is looking for information on Cromwell classmates who graduated in 1984 from Cromwell High School. We are also seeking Cromwell classmates who went to school with the class of 1984 but graduated from another area high school. Our goal is to reconnect with as many classmates as possible. 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](mailto:1984chsreunion@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:assessor@newingtonct.gov) for more info.

## 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.

### Rocky Hill High School 50th Reunion

Seeking Rocky Hill High 1975 class members for a 50th reunion in 2025. Contact Laurette Pellerin at [islandogmom3@charter.net](mailto:islandogmom3@charter.net) for details.

### Annual Mission Tag Sale

SAVE THE DATE: Our Annual Mission Tag Sale at Third Congregational Church (94 Miner St Middletown) is on Friday, May 3rd from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, May 4th from 8-12. We will have many items for sale from clothing to kitchen to electronics and more. All sales benefit our Mission Programs throughout the year.

### 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](mailto:pjleckowicz@gmail.com) with any inquiries.

### Valley Shore Women's Club Tag Sale

The tag sale will be May 4 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) and May 5 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at the Hadlyme Hall @ 63 Ferry Road, Hadlyme. For those interested in selling their wares, they can email the Valley Shore Women's Club at: [valleyshorewomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:valleyshorewomensclub@gmail.com). It is \$30 for a spot in the hall.

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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](mailto:1106raj13@gmail.com) for more information.

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## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## CHS Tag Sale

The Cromwell High School Honor Society and Project Graduation are running a tag sale fundraiser to benefit Project Graduation/CHS. The tag sale is on May 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cromwell High School. Tag sale item donation drop off will be on May 3 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at CHS. All items such as books, clothes, and small furniture are welcome. Those donating are responsible for getting items to CHS. A majority of profits will go to benefit the graduating senior class. For inquiries, contact Zack Petrella at 860-759-6538 or at [petrellaz27@gmail.com](mailto:petrellaz27@gmail.com).

## 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.

## Wethersfield Chamber Scholarship

The Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce will be awarding 2 scholarships to Wethersfield students graduating high school in May/June 2024 who are committed to attending an accredited university, college or a vocational-technical/trade school in the fall of 2024. For an application contact Ivana Marrero at 860-721-6200 or [Office@WethersfieldChamber.com](mailto:Office@WethersfieldChamber.com) Deadline extended to April 30.

## RHHS Botany Plant Sale

The RHHS Botany and UConn Horticulture students will be holding their annual plant sale on May 2 from 1-5, May 4 from 9-12, May 10 from 1-5 and May 13 - 17 from 1-2:15. Students have grown a variety of annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, patio planters and hanging baskets. Hope to see you at the Rocky Hill High School Greenhouses located at 50 Chapin Ave in Rocky Hill CT. For further information, please contact Kim Antol ([antolk@rockyhillps.com](mailto:antolk@rockyhillps.com)). Happy Spring!

## 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](mailto: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!

## 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](http://www.wps.wethersfield.me/our-town-social-justice).

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## Rocky Hill Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Rocky Hill Library will be holding its Spring Book Sale on Thursday 5/2 through Saturday 5/4 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Our 'bag of books' sale is on Sunday 5/5 from 11:00 am -3:00 pm (\$10 for the first bag and \$5 for each additional bag). Credit cards are accepted.

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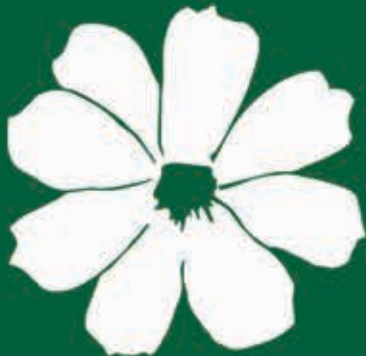
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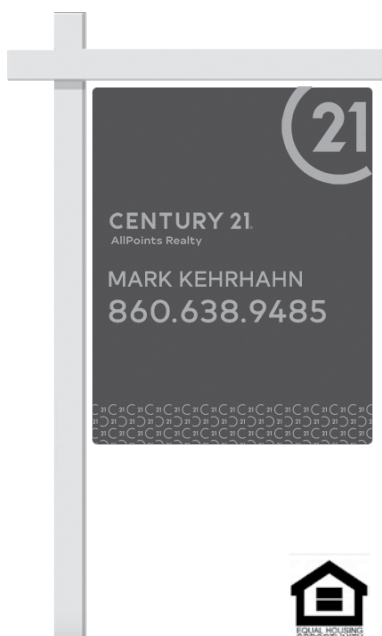
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With so much to gain from a thriving small business sector, local residents can help to spread the word about small businesses in their communities. A handful of simple and effective strategies can help to promote local businesses, and each can poten-

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04/08/2024 Swanson, Donald H To Labbadia, Craig M \$290,000	8 Parkview Rd	04/02/2024 Becton, Sean J; Ablack, Osciana N To Tardif, Erica \$350,000	N/A	04/02/2024 Jinks Jr, Robert A; Jinks, Diane E To Barrows Jr, Richard A; Du, Shwu F \$450,000	56 Revere Dr
04/11/2024 Reagan, Ethel M; Mortgage Assets Mgmt LLC To Mortgage Assets Mgmt LLC \$240,000	22 Winthrop Blvd	<b>Newington</b> 04/03/2024 Peloquin Ft; Peloquin, Dennis To Kessel, Jordan; Kessel, Todd M \$425,000	165 Eagle Dr	04/03/2024 Phelps, Tyler To Zajaczkowski, Leopold \$130,000	232 Richard St #2
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• Share experiences through word-of-mouth. Word-of-mouth marketing still works, and consumers can play an important role in ensuring that it benefits local businesses. According to the marketing solution experts at Hibü, word-of-mouth marketing remains the most popular way to recommend a business. Consumers trust what others say about a business, so positive experiences with a local firm can be shared with family, friends and neighbors looking for similar services.

• Review the business online. Review Trackers reports that more than 81 percent of consumers are likely to visit Google Reviews prior to visiting a business. That's a testament to the value of online review aggregators. After a positive experience with a local business, consumers can visit Google Reviews or another online review aggregator like Yelp and share the details of their encounter. Chances are strong the review will be read and compel others to patronize the business.

A successful small business sector can have a profound impact on local communities. Consumers have an important role to play in the creation of a thriving small business community.



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<b>04/04/2024</b> Turgeon Colette Y Est; Bolack, Carol T To Kirkland, Sandra; Kirkland, Jennigs B	<b>76 Concord Dr</b> \$232,000
<b>04/05/2024</b> Agnelli Jr, George To 621 Cromwell Avenue LLC	<b>621 Cromwell Ave</b> \$379,000
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<b>04/08/2024</b> Paquette Georgette Est; Paquette, Ronald To Fitzgerald, Elizabeth J	<b>2 Evergreen Pl</b> \$274,000
<b>04/10/2024</b> 17g LLC To Kuljancic, Aida; Kuljancic, Mirmes	<b>17 Garden St</b> \$250,000
<b>04/10/2024</b> 10 Beach Street LLC To J&m Realty Group LLC	<b>2216 Harbor View Dr</b> \$151,500

<b>04/04/2024</b> Bowman, Brent B To Dubey, Dharmesh; Gautam, Nidhi	<b>28 McIntosh Cir</b> \$325,000
<b>04/05/2024</b> Chiulli Sr, Robert A To Conroy, Patrick J	<b>32 Rachel Dr</b> \$120,000
<b>04/10/2024</b> Jvr Property LLC To Jspd LLC	<b>2252 Silas Deane Hwy</b> \$300,000
<b>04/10/2024</b> Jvr Property LLC To Jspd LLC	<b>2256 Silas Deane Hwy</b> \$350,000
<b>04/09/2024</b> Jones, Leslie A To Struzinski, Debra L	<b>103 The Arbors</b> \$350,000
<b>04/05/2024</b> Tenk, Kathleen J To Tabshey, Margaret A; Tabshey, John F	<b>9 Truman Way</b> \$400,000

<b>04/12/2024</b> Cunningham, Rosemarie To Mohammad, Fatima E; Muminovic, Adis	<b>158 Dix Rd</b> \$395,000
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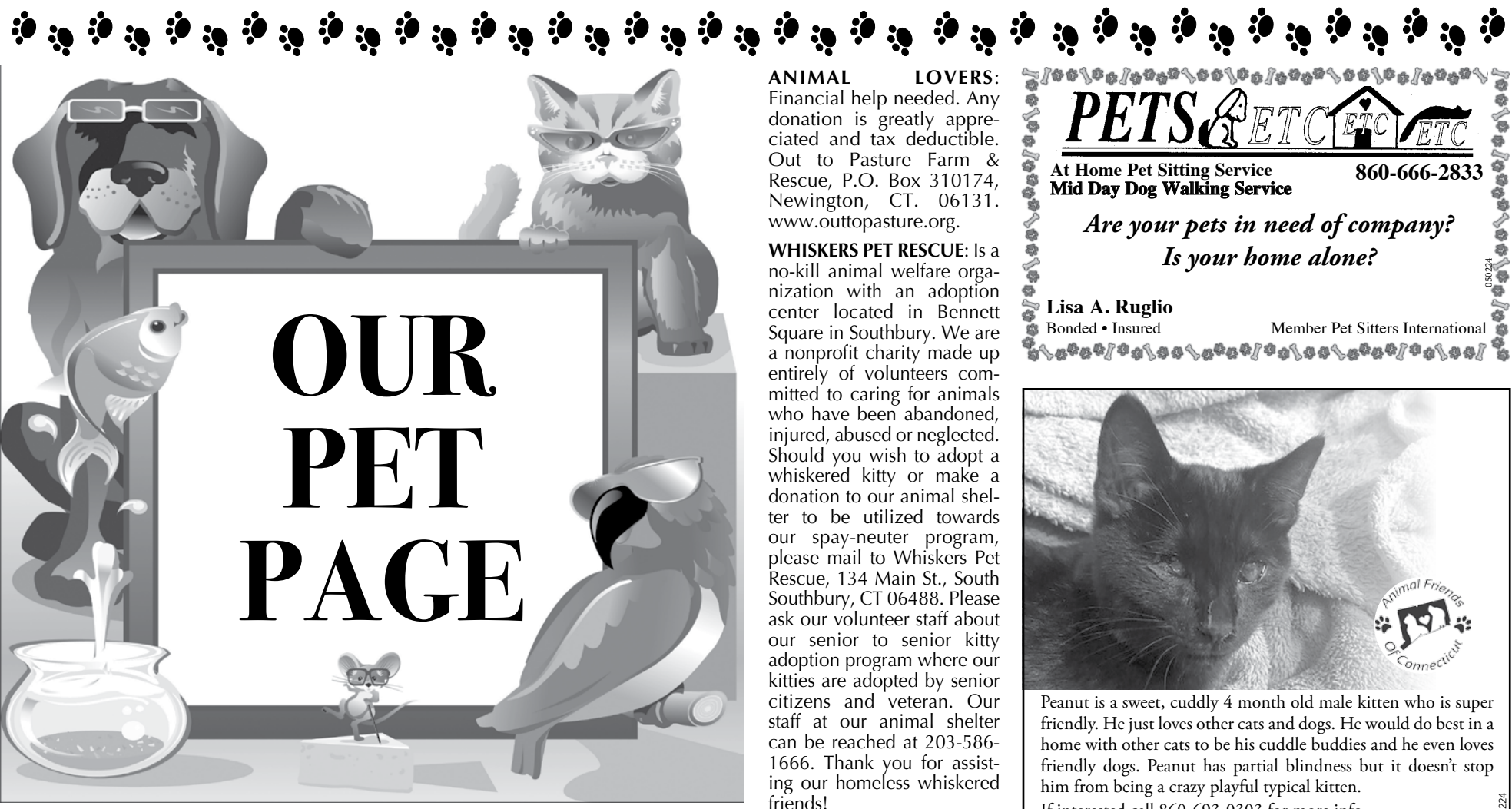

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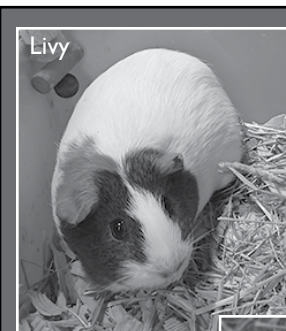
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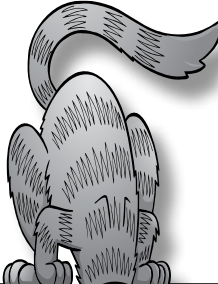
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## Tips for professionals returning to school

When a new school semester starts, children and young adults may not be the only ones who are returning to the classroom. Many adults resolve to expand their professional horizons by returning to school even after they have established themselves in their professions. Some may aspire to develop skills specific to a particular job, while others may want to make it easier to transition to a new career.

The number of adult undergraduates continues to grow. The National Center for Education Statistics says 33 percent of the 18 million undergraduate students in the United States are over the age of 25. Students over the age of 30 make up 22 percent of the student body in colleges and universities. The NCES also projects a continued rise of older students through 2020.

Going back to school can be an exciting time, but one that also comes with a bit of trepidation. Many adults may not have been in a classroom in more than a decade. Many things have changed with regard to academia in recent decades, and adults may need some extra time and help to make their transition back to student go smoothly.

- Schedule a campus visit. Choosing a school is an important decision, and even though you might not be spending as much time on campus as you did when you were younger, don't overlook the importance of a campus visit. A member of the admissions faculty or even a current student may be able to offer a guided tour, explaining the layout of the campus, amenities and resources. He or she also may point out parking areas, study locations and the best way to navigate the campus. This will help alleviate a fish-out-of-water feeling the first day of class.

- Secure financial aid if necessary. School is expensive, but keep in mind that scholarships and other forms of financial aid are not exclusive to younger learners. Speak with a financial aid counselor about programs that might be available to you. In addition, check with your employer to see if they offer incentives for returning to school.

- Brush up on school skills. Start reading more to refresh your vocabulary and other language skills. College involves critical thinking and reasoning, so explore free online courses or games that cover critical thinking skills. Refresh your memory on basic writing rules if essays and reports will be part of your curriculum. Honing your academic skills in advance of returning to school can help you start off on the right foot.

- Create a support system. Going back to school will require you to rearrange schedules and make certain sacrifices. Such adjustments may require the assistance of friends and family. Stop by your school's student services department and ask if they have help in place for nontraditional students. They may have guidance on balancing work, life and school. Such departments may also assist you with scheduling classes at the times of day that fit best with your work schedule.

Many adults return to school for personal reasons or to advance their careers. Having a plan in place can make the transition go smoothly.

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#### End of year

One of the best and most consistent times to get a great deal on a new car is the end of the year. This is when car dealerships are trying to move the greatest number of vehicles to increase unit sales and annual revenue numbers. In addition, many dealers have annual quotas and offer bonuses to salespeople who meet certain annual sales figures. If you can wait until the end of December to make your purchase, you very well may drive off the lot with a great deal.

#### End of the month

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## SPORTS

## CORNER



Wethersfield's Sadie Ruiz achieved a pair of milestones during a game against RHAM last month.



Newington High School's Kailey Krusewski scored her 100th career goal in the team's victory over E.O. Smith on April 24.

## April Showers Bring Sports Powers

By Josh Howard

Wet weather wreaked havoc on the first few weeks of the spring sports season, but once the rainy conditions let up, the local teams got rolling and the highlights followed. Here is a look at the top local sports for the month of April that you may have missed.

### Ruiz Nets Multiple Milestones

On April 16, Wethersfield High School senior Sadie Ruiz scored her 150th career goal and notched her 200th career point as she netted two goals and dished out three assists during a 9-9 tie with RHAM.

Ruiz, a Fairfield University field hockey commit, is again leading an Eagles offense this spring as she seeks a third straight all-conference selection on the lacrosse fields this spring.

The Eagles are next slated to play at Bristol Eastern High School on Friday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m.

### Krusewski Hits Triple Digits

On April 24, Newington High School lacrosse junior Kailey Krusewski scored her 100th career goal during the Nor'easters 14-4 victory over E.O. Smith at Clem Lemire Complex-Turf Field.

It was the latest accomplishment for a team that has thrived this spring.

On April 9, senior Maev Gunning scored six goals and had an assist as the Nor'easters downed Cromwell 14-3. Krusewski added three goals and an assist, while freshman Erin Piechowicz had a pair of goals and an assist to help in the 11-point win.

Newington next hosts Southington at Clem Lemire Complex on Tuesday, May 7, starting at 4 p.m.

### Terriers Softball Downs Rivals

Rocky Hill High School softball earned local bragging rights by beating neighboring and conference rivals Wethersfield and Newington last month.

On April 15, the Terriers defeated Wethersfield 4-2 at Rocky Hill High School. The home team scored all four runs in the third inning as Lucy Criscuolo doubled to score Ingris Lin before Fiona Ndoni tripled

to center field, scoring three (Samantha Kelly, Allyson Killoran, and Lianna Tejada). Lin earned the win on the mound, pitching a complete game and striking out eight.

On April 22, Killoran had a three-run homer in the fourth inning to break a tie as the Terriers downed Newington 8-5. Killoran and Lily Margiotta each scored twice in the game, while Tejada also had three RBIs.

The Terriers next traveled to RHAM High School to take on the Raptors this Friday, May 3 at 4 p.m.

### Franklin Powers Middletown Softball

On April 22, Middletown High School's freshman shortstop Kyleigh Franklin had four hits, driving in three runs and scoring two more as the Blue Dragons rallied to defeat Bristol Eastern 12-7.

Junior Abby Young and freshman Carly Weisenberg each added three hits and scored two runs in the come-from-behind victory.

The Blue Dragons play today (Thursday, May 2) at Lewis Mills. First pitch is 3:45 p.m.

### Newington Baseball Routs Rocky Hill

On April 22, Newington baseball beat Rocky Hill 13-2 at Griswold Middle School.

The Nor'easters broke the game in the second inning with four runs, behind a two-RBI double from Zachary Zawisza that scored Lucas Robson and Jaylin Manson.

Zawisza finished with a pair of hits and 3 RBIs, while Joel Nazario had a team-high three hits, diving in two runs. Ryan Hurley scored three runs and Elijah Bengtson drove in three more.

Newington is slated to host Maloney today (Thursday, May 2) at 3:45 p.m.

### Cromwell Wins Three in a Row

After starting the season with a handful of losses, Cromwell baseball caught fire and won five games in a row from April 15-26.

The Panthers started the streak with an 8-2 win over Coginchaug Regional on April 12. Connor Slifer pitched a gem, going seven strong and striking out 13. Slifer helped his own cause from the plate, connecting on a pair of hits to score two runs and drive in

another.

On April 16, Cromwell defeated Old Lyme 8-3. With the game tied 3-3, the Panthers broke the game open with a five-run sixth inning. Ethan Went broke the tie with a double to left field, sending home Jess Elfreich for what turned out to be the game-deciding run. Went scored a pair of runs on two hits to go along with his decisive RBI.

Three days later, Cromwell trailed Portland 1-0 following three innings before scoring 11 over the final four innings to defeat the Highlanders 11-1 on the road. Colby DiMenna had four RBIs on three hits to lead the way offensively, while Elfreich pitched a complete-game six-hitter, striking out seven.

On April 24, Slifer again pitched a beauty, striking out a dozen in a complete-game two-hitter as the Panthers beat Old Saybrook 1-0.

Two days later, Elfreich again delivered from the plate, driving in three runs and scoring another on three hits as the Panthers again beat Portland (9-5).

Cromwell is next slated to host Valley Regional - Westbrook on Friday, May 3 at 4 p.m.

### Righi's Walk-Off Halts Hurricanes

With the game tied in the bottom of the seventh, Wethersfield High School senior Cam Righi delivered a walk-off winner, doubling into center field, sending home Cooper Farrelly as the Eagles defeated New Britain 9-8 on April 22.

Righi, a junior and University of Connecticut-commit, finished the day with four runs and three RBIs on three hits.

The Eagles are next scheduled to welcome Hall to WHS on Monday, May 6 at 3:45 p.m.

### Vitelli Powers WHS Volleyball

On April 5, Wethersfield High School boys' volleyball defeated the Academy of Science and Innovation in three sets (25-23, 25-16, 25-18).

Junior Nathan Vitelli had a monster game, serving up nine aces to go along with four kills, three blocks, and three digs. Max Prunier added a team-high eight kills.

The team next visits the capital city to play Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy on Friday, May 3 at 5 p.m.

### Newington Volleyball Sweeps Wethersfield

On April 24, Newington High School volleyball defeated Wethersfield in three sets (25-22, 25-15, 25-16).

Junior Tristan Gorman dished out 19 assists and five aces, along with pair of blocks and kills to lead the way. Fellow junior Nate Parlapiano had eight kills as the Nor'easters won a third straight game.

Newington is next scheduled to travel to Meriden to play Maloney tonight (Thursday, May 2) at 5 p.m.

### Bengtson Goes Wild

Newington High School junior Aiden Bengtson scored 14 goals and dished out 10 assists during the Nor'easters three game winning streak this month.

On April 13, Bengtson helped ignite the team's three game winning streak with four goals and two assists as Newington beat Martha's Vineyard (MA) 11-9. Two days later, Bengtson netted six goals and dished out four assists in a 15-10 victory over Berlin and on April 18 he duplicated that feat (six goals, four assists) in a 16-3 over Tolland.

Bengtson and the Nor'easters are next scheduled to play at Avon High School on Tuesday, May 7 at 4 p.m.

### Rozich Shoots Under Par

On April 10, Cromwell High School junior Dillon Rozich shot a (-1) 34, finishing atop of the leaderboard as the Panthers edged North Branford (178-180).

Rozich shot birdies on holes eight and nine to take the top spot, defeating North Branford senior Jack O'Brien by two strokes to finish as the medalist.

Cromwell is scheduled to host reigning state champion Portland today (Thursday, May 2) at TPC River Highlands, teeing off at 2:40 p.m.



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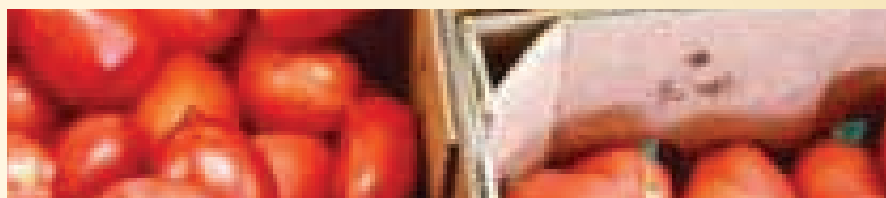
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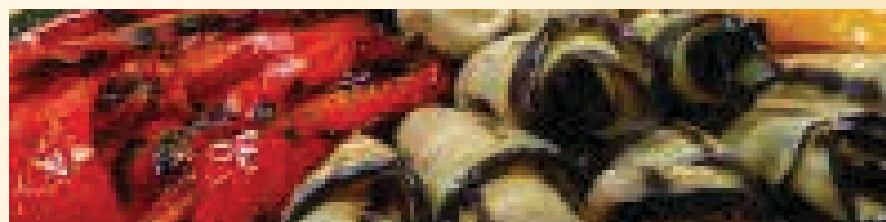
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