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Hemp Industry Leader SunFlora Completes Participation in ValidCare Seven-Month-Long Clinical CBD Study on Liver Toxicity

Study Shows No Liver Toxicity Reported in More Than 800 Adult Participants

Palmetto, Fla. – (March 30, 2021) – SunFlora, the international CBD brand and creator of award- winning SUNMED products exclusively sold at Your CBD Store franchise locations, has announced its completion of a seven-month-long ValidCare clinical study. The results display the irrefutable evidence of safe and reliable products offered by the brand. SunFlora and 11 other companies supported the study to provide scientific data on liver toxicity to federal and state legislators including the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The preliminary results in the 839 subjects displayed zero instances of liver toxicity or disease.

"We are proud to have been one of the qualifying participants to be included in the ValidCare study that truly supports our mission as a company to provide safe and high-quality hemp- derived products to our customers," said Marcus Quinn, CEO of SunFlora. "Our research efforts continue to demonstrate our dedication to providing unparalleled products that are safe and effective. We look forward to continuing our work with researchers and reputable partners to showcase our unrivaled SUNMED products that our innovative team creates."

This study, commissioned and designed in response to the FDA's request, was created so the FDA could confidently determine the appropriate regulatory path for hemp-derived CBD products. Preliminary

findings, according to ValidCare's team of scientists, show no evidence of liver disease in the 839 participants who ingested oral forms of hemp-derived CBD for a minimum of 60 days. There were also no reported cases of increase in the prevalence of elevated liver function tests.

"As a hemp industry leader, SunFlora is always in search of reputable partnerships with research brands and institutions to provide a clear understanding of product safety and formulation efficacy to further our knowledge," said Anthony Ferrari, Ph.D., Chief Science Officer of SunFlora. "It's a pivotal time for the hemp and CBD industry when it comes to regulation, and every brand in the industry is impacted. By working with ValidCare we were able to team up with other competitors to let regulators know how serious we take this challenge, and how important collaboration within this science is. We are currently furthering our relationship with universities and companies like Validcare that will bring our entire industry and SunFlora to a more impactful future."

SunFlora and other brands that participated in this study provided funding, product, certificates of authenticity, and assisted with the recruitment of adult consumers. ValidCare successfully completed the first portion of the study, compiled and delivered the results to the participating brands and the FDA within six weeks.

"We are pleased to have SunFlora and their SUNMED products participate in this important research study," said Patrick McCarthy, CEO of ValidCare. "Their commitment to consumer safety is a demonstration of leadership and we look forward to them participating in future research opportunities."

For more information about the Valid-Care study or to partner with SunFlora for future studies, contact Anthony Ferrari, Ph.D. directly at drferrari@cbdrx4u.com or visit www.sunflora.org.



SunFlora, Inc. was founded in 2018 by husband-and-wife team Marcus and Rachael Quinn to produce quality hemp-derived products for health and wellness, skincare, and pets. The mission of the company is to bring the highest quality hemp-derived products to market and to formulate products to meet the needs of each customer. After opening their first Your CBD Store location in Bradenton, Florida, the duo decided to make improvements on products that were available in market by welcoming top scientists and formulators to the front

of development. They began opening other stores and saw an opportunity to help family and friends become entrepreneurs in a fast-growing industry. Currently, Your CBD Store is the largest hemp franchise retailer in the United States and the exclusive home of award-winning, hemp derived SUNMED products. With more than 550 stores across 41 states, as well as four stores in the United Kingdom, Your CBD Store provides the highest quality CBD experience to customers nationwide. For more information on SunFlora, Inc. visit www.sunflora.org and to learn more about Your CBD Store visit www.cbdrx4u.com

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State Aid to Help Offset Rocky Hill Budget Expenditures

by Mark DiPaola

It remains unclear as to how the Town Council will utilize its \$5.9 million in American Rescue Act money, but extra funding from the state could soften the blow of a Town Manager-proposed tax increase.

Rocky Hill will see an \$848,000 increase in state aid – a combination of Education Cost Sharing (ECS) and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) grants – through the budget that just cleared the legislature.

"That will help reduce the proposed

Mill Rate by at least four-tenths," Town Manager John Mehr told the Council at its regular meeting last Monday.

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Mehr's budget recommendation raises expenditures \$3.9 million over last year's appropriation – a Mill Rate hike from 33.6 to 35.6, or, \$33 more per month for the \$200,000-average home value household.

When Mehr introduced his proposal

back in April, he cited costs related to the COVID pandemic, as well as anticipated flat funding on the state aid side – due to recommendations in Governor Lamont's budget – as the main drivers.

Now, with the latter coming in at a gain, the Council continues to examine how to leverage the American Rescue Act (ARA) to shrink the increase further. While the U.S. Treasury Department issued a 150-page document of use guidelines back in May, Councilors Monday night seemed less than confident as to the parameters set by the federal government.

They've held off on passing a final town budget for that reason – per the Governor's extended deadline for municipalities, they have until June 30 before Mehr's proposal becomes the 2021-2022 fiscal year appropriation.

"I've read the whole thing, believe it or not, and about five pages of it were relevant to Rocky Hill," said Councilor Alan Greenspan.

The Treasury Department document outlines that municipalities can use the ARA grant to assist businesses, individuals, and nonprofits impacted financially by the pandemic, as well as to fund the acquisition of PPE and implementation of health/safety measures.

It also allows towns to invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure improvements.

"We don't have water and sewer. We have MDC," Greenspan said. "Broadband, probably not an option for us – what does that leave us?"

"I think if you can tie it back to CO-VID somehow and someway, you should be okay," said Finance Director Mona McKim. "I think at this point we're seeing them stick to the health and economics - that's the original purpose of the rescue plan." As a municipality with a population under the ARA's 50,000-person threshold the town is not quite as restricted in its tax-reduction uses, McKim advised.

That said, there's merit to the Council's cautious approach, according to McKim.

"If you do spend on something not allowed, you're expected to return it," McKimsaid. "So, we do want to stay within the parameters."

Rocky Hill, which has the ARA's first installment – about \$2.9 million – in hand must report to the federal government or just how it utilized the funds by the end of September.

For now, Mehr is recommending the formation of a special revenue fund to store the federal aid until the Council decides how to disperse it –the ARA gives municipalities until 2024 to spend their allotments.

George Floyd Tribute Held at Cromwell's Pierson Park

by Mark DiPaola

A tribute to the late George Floyd served as the Cromwell community's formal introduction to a committee tasked with starting local conversations on equity and inclusion.

The Town Council-formed Equity and Inclusion Committee brought local and state officials, along with about 30 or so town residents, to Pierson Park for the May 25 remembrance event – a moment of silence, followed by Committee member introductions and a brief open mic segment.

"I'm so proud of this Committee," said Mayor Enzo Faienza who, with Councilor and Committee Liaison James Demetriades, came up with the concept last year. "Hopefully we can all learn from the tragedy last year. We can always strive to be better and make our community stronger." Last year Cromwell High School (CHS) students marched in remembrance of Floyd, who was slain by Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin – a jury recently convicted Chauvin of second degree unintentional murder, and three other officers involved in the incident head to court in August on related charges.

While the nationwide outrage following footage of Floyd's killing brought the issue of racial equity and inclusion to the forefront in many communities, local officials say that in Cromwell, the conversation had already started.

It will continue, Demetriades says, as the Committee examines ways to foster equity in other areas – such as education, housing, employment, healthcare, and criminal justice – and make policy recommendations in that regard.

"It was wonderful that this was unanimous that this was

a need," Demetriades said at the event. "Democrat or Republican, it didn't matter."

"We think we have the right people in place to move this Committee forward," added Councilor Steve Fortenbach.

The Committee is a group of volunteer residents.

One of them is Aigne Goldsby – she says that the Committee has branched off into various subcommittees aiming to initiate and facilitate conversations on various facets of diversity and inclusion.

"This is how we make it actionable and real," Goldsby said.

The Committee, she says, is working on disseminating a community wide survey.

"Hopefully we can get some info as to what the community wants to see us do," Goldsby said.

Sen. Lesser Leads Passage of Major Healthcare Reform Bill

On June 9, state Senator Matt Lesser (D-Middletown), Chair of the Insurance & Real Estate Committee, led debate on a major health care reform bill. The bill passed the Senate with bipartisan support, after clearing the House earlier in the day.

House Bill 6687, 'An Act Concerning Medical Assistance For Children And Adults Without Health Care Coverage,' will guarantee prenatal coverage for low and moderate women in Connecticut, health insurance coverage for children 8 years and younger and one year of post-natal coverage regardless of immigration status.

The bill now heads to Governor Lamont, who is expected to sign it.

"It's not every day that you get to offer prenatal coverage to every woman in Connecticut," said Sen. Lesser. "Expanding access to health care to pregnant women and young children, regardless of immigration status, is obviously the right thing to do but it's also fiscally responsible. It relieves pressure on our hospitals, allows people to get the care they need and brings in federal funding. This is landmark legislation that will make a difference in the lives of thousands of Connecticut residents."

In addition to HB 6687, the state budget expected to pass Wednesday expands health care coverage for low and moderate income citizens and permanent residents, a measure championed by Lesser. HUSKY eligibility is expanded through an innovative partnership between Medicaid and AccessHealth, the state's Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Exchange.

HB 6687 requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to expand eligibility for medical assistance to groups of people regardless of their immigration status. It extends health care coverage to children under age 9 regardless of immigration status, effec-



tive January 1, 2023.

Additionally, this bill will require the DSS to develop plans to phase in medical assistance income-eligible children ages 9 to 18, regardless of immigration status. Currently, six states in the U.S., including neighboring states New York and Massachusetts, provide this crucial health care coverage to all children regardless of immigration status. Just this year, Illinois decided to cover adults 65 and older, regardless of immigration status. With public insurance. California covers all immigrants up to age 26 in their Medicaid program.

Currently undocumented immigrants are prevented from receiving coverage under Medicaid and Medicare, and are also unable to purchase health insurance from

Access Health CT's exchange. This means that many immigrant survivors are unable to access healthcare because their undocumented status makes them ineligible. This is true for thousands of undocumented im-

migrant families in Connecticut who are blocked from obtaining healthcare coverage under these state-funded programs. Providing medical assistance to undocumented immigrants means not only safeguarding their individual wellbeing, but potentially that of the community as a whole.

HB 6687 also provides medical assistance for prenatal and postpartum care to women for 12 months after they have given birth, regardless of their immigration status. This is a policy that many states already implement, including states that are predominately Republican, like Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

Prenatal care is important for women to help keep their babies healthy. Babies of mothers who do not get prenatal care are three times more likely to have a low birth weight and five times more likely to die than those born to mothers who do get care. Doctors can spot health problems early when they see mothers regularly. This allows doctors to treat them early. Early treatment can cure many problems and prevent others.

Current policy in Connecticut requires an emergency room to treat someone if their life is in danger, regardless of immigration

Town of Cromwell: June is Dog Licensing Month

Every dog, except dogs under a kennel license as provided in C.G.S. 22-342, must be licensed when it becomes six months old, and then annually in June.

A valid rabies certificate must be presented if it is not up to date in the system. Dog licenses are \$8 for neutered or spayed, \$19 for non-altered dogs. All dog licenses after the month of June will be charged a \$1 late fee per month. Dog licenses are issued by the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, 41 West Street, Cromwell, or through the mail by providing a copy of the valid rabies certificate, a check payable to Cromwell Town Clerk, and a self-addressed stamped envelope.



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I think public health evolves. It's not just the infectious diseases that affect people's lives," Brown said over the phone. "The more we become aware of mental health and preventative aspects, the better chance we have to have a long-term impact on our communities. Being able to be proactive and be part of that policy discussion, you're not fighting the acute issues down the line."

The District was formed in 1996 as a cooperative endeavor between Rocky Hill and Wethersfield. It got the Central Connecticut piece added to its name two years later, when Berlin joined.

Newington came onboard in 2006.

"[Launching a regional service was] not an easy task, with Connecticut being a home-rule state," said CCHD Board member Judie Sartucci during the Council meeting.

Over recent years, the CCHD has corralled law enforce-

ment, healthcare professionals, and social workers around a joint response to the opioid epidemic, and advocated for climate justice as a public health initiative. "What we strive to do is show the value that health dis-

tricts can provide to smaller communities," Brown said. "We have four communities that, if they didn't band together, they'd each have to spend a lot of money on their own health

And while the CCHD holds yearly flu vaccine clinics, that piece was somewhat overshadowed in a 2020 year defined by a worldwide pandemic.

"To say times have been challenging would be an understatement," Sartucci said. "I've been in nursing for over 50 years, and I've never seen anything quite like this."

The closest she came was in 2009, when the District administered over 7,000 swine flu vaccines.

"That paled in comparison to the past few months," she The CCHD held close to 40 vaccine clinics between its

four towns, according to Brown.

Now they're focused on getting second doses to home bound individuals.

"Our numbers, when you look at them, are not immense, but they don't tell the whole story," Brown said. "The people that we hit were in desperate need of it. That I really think is public health's role – we really served as a safety net when it comes to clinical things."

And while obtaining regular vaccine orders was initially a struggle, declining demand has made shots available by walk-in in many places, said Marti Stiglich, a CCHD Board

Even with statewide COVID numbers low, Brown is urging District residents to remain vigilant.

We're not out of the woods yet. We're still looking at the potential for COVID to become a seasonal part of our lives," Brown said. "As we start to come into the fall, we can't let our guard down, so we have to continue to do the things that have kept us healthy up to this point, and that's why we're gonna stick around for another 25."

Upcoming Programs at the Cora J. Belden Library

One on One Tech Help - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in June at 2:00 PM Sign up for a 1 hour time slot on Mondays,

Wednesdays, and Fridays to go over any tech questions you may have with Mike Murphy. These sessions will be conducted on Zoom or via phone.

Virtual Story Time via Zoom - Mondays and Wednesdays in June at 11:00 AM

Join us online as we foster early literacy by exploring words through books, rhymes and songs. This Zoom program is recommended for children birth to 5 years and their caregiver. Please register.

Downloading E-books – Mondays in June at

Join this class to learn how to download thousands of e-books, audio books, magazines and more free with your Cora J. Belden Library card. This class will be held virtually via Zoom. Registration is required to receive the Zoom meeting ID.

Getting Started with Zoom - Thursdays in June at 2:30 PM

Join this class to learn how to use Zoom to chat virtually with your friends and family! We will go over Zoom basics such as how to mute yourself, turn your video feed on and off, and more. Registration is required to receive the Zoom Meeting ID for the class.

Teddy Bear Picnic: In Person, Outside -Thursdays in June at 11:00 AM

Bring your teddy bear (or stuffed animal) to an outdoor storytime! Recommended for families with children ages 0-5. Please reg-

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Summer Reading Kickoff: Hooked On Llamas - In Person, Outside - Saturday, June 19 at 2:00 PM

Join us to meet a live llama! Celebrate the beginning of our 2021 Summer Reading program, Tails and Tales, with Debbie Labbe from Country Quilt Llama Farm and her llama. Please register.

Gone to the Dogs: In Person, Outside -Tuesday, June 22 at 6:00 PM

Our favorite dogs are back at the library! Sign up for your own ten minute time slot to read to a dog and volunteer from Faithful Friends Therapy Dogs. This program will be held outside on the library lawn. Ages 5+. Registration required.

Buying a New Smartphone 101 - Thursday June 24 at 6:30 PM

Come to this introductory session via Zoom and walk away with a sense of confidence We will cover topics such as selecting a wireless carrier, buying an actual smartphone and compare and contrast the many options available to you. Registration is required.

Summer Zoom Travel Series: Around the World in 80 Gardens - Tuesday, June 29 at 6:30 PM

From the lush floral kingdoms of the Pacific to the arid gardens of Australia, Dr. Richard Benfield introduces 80 unique gardens of the world in this interactive presentation. The program caps off with the beautiful English country gardens of Benfield's home country Registration required.

Hartford HealthCare Senior Services June Virtual Classes

Music Therapy and Healing

Music therapy, an established health profession in which music is used within a therapeutic setting, addresses individual's physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs. The free virtual class, "Music Therapy and Healing" explores the therapeutic modality of sound, types, emotions and connections that can provide physical, communicative and social benefits in a variety of settings including homes, skilled nursing facilities, private practice and rehabilitation programs. This event will be held Thursday, June 17, noon to 1 p.m. Laura Famulare, MA, MT-BC, music therapist with Jefferson House in Newington, will present. This program is sponsored by Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging.

Registration is required; call 1.855. HHC.HERE/ 1.855.442.4373 or visit www.HHCHealth.org/VirtualClasses. After registration, pareasy instructions on joining the alClasses. After registration, parwebinar.

Avoid Becoming a Victim of Fraud

Scams and fraud are nothing new but during the pandemic the prevalence has been on the rise, especially COVID-19 ruses directed toward older adults, according to the FBI. The free virtual class, "Avoid Becoming a Victim of Fraud and Scams," will be held Thursday, June 17, 1 to 2 p.m. Topics will include: how well-known scams work; tactics that scammers use; how to protect oneself and loved ones; and what to do if a person suspects they have been scammed. Presenter will be Lillian Swan, RN, transitional care nurse with Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging, program spon-

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> Home Safety and Fall Reduction for the Older Adult

> Many older adults value the comfort of living in their own home. From a clinician's perspective, there are some aging considerations worth knowing in terms of environmental modification, fall prevention, and poly-pharmacy dangers to make home even safer. A free virtual class, "Home Safety and Fall Reduction for the Older Adult," will be held Thursday, June 17, 1 to 2 p.m. Presenter will be Marc Levesque, resource coordinator with Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging, the program sponsor.

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What is Dementia?

The word "dementia" is wellknown but often people do not understand that memory loss does not necessarily signal dementia nor know that there are different types of dementia. A free virtual class, "What is Dementia?" will include the topics of how to diagnose, current treatments, and ways to keep the brain strong. This event will be held Friday, June 18, 1 to 2 p.m., with Michelle Wyman, CDP, dementia specialist with Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging, program sponsor.

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Managing Chronic Back Pain Guidelines from the American College of Physicians recommend that the first line of therapy for chronic back pain should be nondrug treatments. A free virtual class, "Managing Chronic Back Pain," will cover topics including defining pain, risk factors and causes, and ways to manage back pain with various approaches including exercise and physical therapy. This event will be held Wednesday, June 23, 11 a.m. to noon. Presenter will be Lisa Murawski, exercise physiologist with Hartford HealthCare's GoodLife Registration is required; call 1.855.

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NHS Graduation Held at Yard Goats' Stadium

by Mark DiPaola

A last-minute rain delay presented one last hurdle for Newington High School (NHS) seniors, but they graduated last Wednesday at Dunkin Donuts Park under clear blue skies and 90-degree sunshine.

And while the venue change to the home of the Hartford Yard Goats – from the Oakdale in Wallingford – underscored tumultuous year amid the COVID pandemic, it was also a blue and gold lining for the Class of 2021 that soldiered through it, speakers said.

"You've shown us all your resilience and fortitude, and I hope you all remember how you forged ahead when life threw you a curveball," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Maureen Brummett told the seniors from a podium set up at home plate. "[But] I don't want the Class of 2021 to be defined as pan-

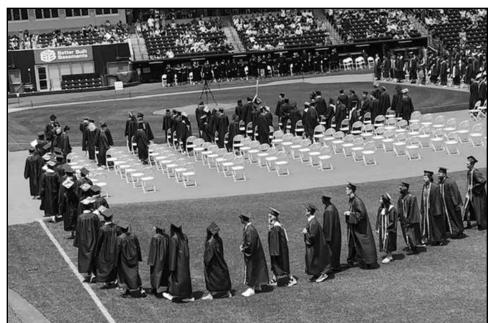
demic survivors – you've accomplished so much more than that."

Brummett pointed to the academic accolades, sports championships – NHS took home conference titles in both ice hockey and girls basketball, and boys volleyball was set to play in a state title match the following day – and virtual concerts and musicals.

"Be proud of what you've accomplished," Tigno said. "You have a stadium full of people here to celebrate you."

And it was Tigno who threw the seniors one last curve ball: a ceremonial first pitch to kick off the commencement festivities.

She used the stadium's jumbotron to step up her annual graduation cover song with a baseball-themed music video rendition of BTS's "Dynamite", led graduates and audience alike in a wave, and teared up as she addressed the students she's mentored for four years – one last time.



"I'm so fortunate to have been your principal since you started out freshman year," she said. "You'll be missed. If there was ever a time to slow down, take a deep breath, and cherish what you have, it's now."

Class of 2021 Alek Jorge took that advice. He says it allowed him to reflect on all his teachers did to ensure him and his classmates were supported in the classroom – even when the pandemic took things remote.

"Out of all the professions you could have chosen, you chose to share your knowledge with us," Jorge said. "Thank you for showing us how to be resilient."

Class Essayist Ashley Zoll says that over the past four years, she's watched her peers persevere through conflict and academic pressures, as well as celebrate triumphs.

And then, when a year of COVID measures took away the little things, she began to truly notice them.

"We learned just how important our academic and social lives are," Zoll said. "I hope you see what I see – the importance of

those little moments that show you what life is really about."

Salutatorian Nghi Nguyen advised her classmates to celebrate the little milestones – as the makings of every success story.

"While our futures are uncertain, one thing is for sure: we've achieved our first adult milestone," Nguyen said. For graduates, the commencement this

year was a big moment magnified by all the moments spent apart.

But if you ask Class of 2021 Valedicto-

rian Joshua Akosa, it's only prepared them to remain even closer as they move beyond the walls of NHS.

"If there's anything graduating in a pandemic has taught us, it's that physical distance cannot keep us apart," Akosa said.

And in his last word of advice to the Class of 2021, Board of Education Chair Paul Vessella invoked the words of Winston Churchill

"Success is not final, and failure is not fatal," he quoted. "It's the courage to continue that counts."



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Town Secures \$20 Million Grant for Anna Reynolds Project

by Mark DiPaola

Newington has secured a state grant that will cut the taxpayer cost for renovating Anna Reynolds Elementary School by almost 60 percent.

The State Bond Commission approved \$20 million in reimbursements for the long-awaited project a little after 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, read a Facebook update from Newington House Rep Gary Turco.

We are not going home until we get this done," Turco wrote. "This project needs to be a top priority for Newington to ensure our children, teachers, and staff are in a safe and healthy school environment."

Anna Reynolds educators and parents, as well as district leaders, have been advocating for years for an overhaul of the Blue Ribbon Award-winning school - which is shouldering dated HVAC systems, a leaky roof, and ADA compliance lapses.

The building also needs a security update, a new envelope, and enough space to host the district's growing pre-k program, says Newington Public Schools (NPS) Superintendent Dr. Maureen Brummett.

"I'm thrilled that we were able to secure state funding for the Anna Reynolds School. I've known from visiting the school and talking to parents and teachers how important this project is and I'm grateful to my colleagues for supporting us," said 9th District Senator Matt Lesser in a written statement.

While the total cost of the work is \$35.5 million, the grant will leave Newington taxpayers with around \$15 million of that amount.

Newington voters pushed the project through referendum in a landslide this past November, but with a bonding cap of around \$17 million – making the state grant critical to the renovation's forward progress.

"We heard loud and clear from town officials and residents that this project was a priority," said 29th House District Rep Kerry Wood. "Making this happen with such an amazing group of people at the table has made this win so memorable."

The Anna Reynolds Project Building Committee, meanwhile, is preparing to embark on the preconstruction process they've enlisted Kaestle Boos Architects for the design, and Construction Solutions

Group as its owner's project representative.

The plan is for shovels to hit the ground next summer, with construction to wrap up in December of 2023.

"Anna Reynolds School is in dire need of repair and renovation and this investment will go a long way towards an environment that is conducive to safety and an enriched quality educational experience," said House Rep. Manny Sanchez, whose district includes Newington and New Britain. "Investments in education, especially in the elementary years, provide the highest future returns for the economy and contribute to functional, thriving neighborhoods. I look forward to seeing the improvements take shape for the benefit of students and faculty."

Town Partners with Verogy to Bring Solar Energy to Town Hall

The Newington Town Council recently partnered with Hartford-based solar developer Verogy to design and install a 180-kW solar installation at Newington Town Hall. At its May 25, 2021, meeting, the Town Council approved a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) that will allow the town to purchase electricity at a significantly discounted rate. The PPA locks in this lower rate so that as electricity costs rise in the future, the town will continue to pay a reduced amount for electricity for the 20 year term of the agreement.

"We are really excited about this partnership and taking concrete steps to becoming a more sustainable community, said Keith Chapman, Newington Town Manager. "The solar array at Town Hall will not only provide tangible environmental benefits, it will also save taxpayer dollars, it's a real

In addition to providing energy to the town at a reduced rate, the Newington Town Hall solar project will yield significant environmental benefits as each kWh produced by the solar array results in a direct reduction of that same

energy generated through traditional sources. The array to be constructed on the Newington Town Hall will eliminate 204 metric tons of carbon dioxide, the equivalent of avoiding greenhouse gas emissions from 513,720 miles driven by an average passenger vehicle for a year.

"It's always great to work with forward-looking communities like Newington who are embracing solar," said William Herchel, Co-Founder and CEO of Verogy. "The Town Hall project represents the beginning of a partnership with Newington, we look forward to exploring new ways to help town leaders strengthen Newington's sustainability while saving residents money."

Verogy has also recently been collaborating with the Newington Chamber of Commerce to raise awareness among town businesses of the benefits of solar energy. In conjunction with the Chamber, Verogy has hosted webinars to help Newington businesses of all sizes better understand how solar can contribute to both a healthier bottom line and environment. By installing a solar project, businesses can

see monetary benefits as soon as the system is operational—even with no upfront cost. A range of financing options from a no money down Power Purchase Agreement to a full cash purchase offer flexibility for businesses considering solar. When combined with state and federal incentives, the financial benefits can be very substantial for businesses. Importantly, these businesses are also able to embrace sustainability and fight climate change while reducing their op-

"It's more important than ever for businesses to find innovative ways to successfully compete and that includes controlling their costs," said Leslie Civitello, Executive Director of the Newington Chamber of Commerce. "Solar energy provides a unique opportunity to control energy costs while doing something good for the environment. We hope Newington businesses take the time to learn more about how solar can make a difference for their bottom line."

Hartford HealthCare Senior Services June Virtual Classes

Music Therapy and Healing

Music therapy, an established health profession in which music is used within a therapeutic setting, addresses individual's physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs. The free virtual class, "Music Therapy and Healing" explores the therapeutic modality of sound, types, emotions and connections that can provide physical, communicative and social benefits in a variety of settings including homes, skilled nursing facilities, private practice and rehabilitation programs. This event will be held Thursday, June 17, noon to 1 p.m. Laura Famulare, MA, MT-BC, music therapist with Jefferson House in Newington, will present. This program is sponsored by Hartford HealthCare Center

Registration is required; call 1.855.HHC. HERE/ 1.855.442.4373 or visit www.HH-CHealth.org/VirtualClasses. After registration, participants will receive an email with easy instructions on joining the webinar.

Avoid Becoming a Victim of Fraud and

Scams and fraud are nothing new but during the pandemic the prevalence has been on the rise, especially COVID-19 ruses directed toward older adults, according to the FBI. The free virtual class, "Avoid Becoming a Victim of Fraud and Scams," will be held Thursday, June 17, 1 to 2 p.m. Topics will include: how well-known scams work; tactics

that scammers use; how to protect oneself and loved ones; and what to do if a person suspects they have been scammed. Presenter will be Lillian Swan, RN, transitional care nurse with Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging, program sponsor.

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Home Safety and Fall Reduction for the

Older Adult Many older adults value the comfort of living in their own home. From a clinician's perspective, there are some aging considerations worth knowing in terms of environmental modification, fall prevention, and poly-pharmacy dangers to make home even safer. A free virtual class, "Home Safety and Fall Reduction for the Older Adult," will be held Thursday, June 17, 1 to 2 p.m. Presenter will be Marc Levesque, resource coordinator with Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging, the program sponsor.

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What is Dementia?

The word "dementia" is well-known but often people do not understand that memory loss does not necessarily signal dementia nor know that there are different types of dementia. A free virtual class, "What is Dementia?" will include the topics of how to diagnose, current treatments, and ways to keep the brain strong. This event will be held Friday, June 18, 1 to 2 p.m., with Michelle Wyman, CDP, dementia specialist with Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy

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Town of Newington Tax Notice

Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle tax bills for the 2020 Grand List are mailed at the end of June. Real Estate and Motor Vehicle bills may be placed in the same envelope. The bills are dated July 1st, and taxpayers do have the entire month of July to pay. The last day to pay without penalty is August 2nd. On August 3nd interest will be charged according to CT State Statute Sec. 12-146. Also, any payments must be applied to the oldest tax first according to CT State Statute Sec. 12-144b.

Do not pay online if a Motor Vehicle release is needed. Call Revenue Office for more information 860 665-8540. If you received a tax bill for a vehicle you no longer own and have questions, contact the Assessor's office at assessor@newingtonct.gov or 860 665-8530.

Parking is available in the new parking lot near the Community Center. The Town Hall entrance is at the far end. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are no evening or weekend hours.

Payments may be made by check, money order or cash. Make checks payable to Newington Revenue Collector. One check may be made out for multiple tax bills. Postdated checks will not be accepted. Credit/debit card payments can only be made online www.newingtonct.gov/tax, and cannot be accepted in the Tax Office or by telephone. Online electronic check payments are also accepted. A tax payment drop box is located in the Police Dept. parking lot.

When paying at the Tax Office, bring the entire tax bill to have a paid receipt. If you are mailing your payment, include your entire bill with a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive a receipt.

Note: Taxpayers are responsible to make sure their taxes are paid when due. Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax, interest or fees.

Letter to the Editor

Have you cleaned out your closets recently? Would you love to pay it forward many times over? Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1655 Main St. Newington, is offering a place where you can bring your used clothing, shoes, hats, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains and

Our Savior's has partnered with St. Pauly Textile, Inc. to provide a wood-frame clothing drop-off shed for community use in our parking lot. The shed is clean, convenient and wellcared-for. St. Pauly Textile Inc. partners with a network of businesses and organizations to distribute donated items in the U.S. and worldwide. The company was founded in 1996 and is A+ rated by the Better Business Bureau.

In return for the church's collecting efforts, Our Savior's will receive monetary donations periodically. This money will be used to support community ministries beyond our own church walls. In essence, donors can easily give their unwanted items and the community is rewarded by Our Savior's outreach programs! Please consider participating in this win-win activity. Thank you for your generosity.

Ellen Vessella



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WHS Class of 2021 Enjoys Traditional Graduation Ceremony

by Mark DiPaola

Wethersfield High School (WHS) ended a year amid COVID with a Cove Park finish line - a return to the storied graduation tradition sidelined last year by the pan-

As district leaders and class officers alike bid farewell to the graduates, the word "resilience" surfaced a lot. And, in recounting a year defined not by the cancelled events, virtual learning logistics, and COVID safety measures, but how students managed to thrive despite, it became a theme, said Superintendent of Schools Michael Emmett.

"Welcome home to Cove Park," Emmett told the Class of 2021 from the stage last Friday evening. "I closed school on April 12, 2020, for what we all thought would be a two-week break. It became the loss of the rest of the school year. The traditions were paused, and the events that lead to fond high school memories were cancelled. Even this year, as you returned, it was anything but a

normal year. "[But] you found a way to stay engaged academically, artistically, and athletically."

For class officers, the ceremony was an opportunity to reflect on the year's many les-

For Class President Tiago Huynh, the main one was about initiative - or, seizing "the power or opportunity to act or take charge" and "better position your life and "It took many mistakes to realize the

initiative has a time limit," Huynh told his

classmates. "Greatness isn't something you wait around for. Work ferociously for what you want. The moment you stop taking initiative is the moment life starts passing you Class Valedictorian Sophie Gustafson

also reminded her fellow seniors to ensure life doesn't pass them by - by soaking in even the seemingly smallest moments, such as those lost to the pandemic.

Library Events

'This is our mountaintop moment, but

I've learned that every part of life deserves to be celebrated - the peaks, the valleys, and everything in between. I think we're now beginning to realize those moments that can be so forgettable at times - the classes you sat through that blur into the background. The teachers and classmates you thought would always be there," Gustafson said. "If we don't open our eyes now, to the ordinary, we will always be waiting. For that promotion. Retirement. Any of the million things that vie for our attention. Cherish those moments before they are memories."

And it's the moments of adversity that mold the greatest of success stories - if one has the resilience to keep pushing forward -

"Thomas Edison failed thousands of times before inventing the lightbulb. Walt Disney was fired from first job for lack of creativity. Michael Jordan was cut from his varsity basketball team," Gustafson said. "One thing they all have in common is they didn't stop at the setback."

The Class of 2021 just learned to, as golfer Bobbie Jones likes to put it, "play the ball where it lies", said Board of Education Chair Charles Carey.

"He liked to say, 'golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks on good shots, good breaks from bad," Carev said. "We've had our good breaks and our bad breaks. But you have to make the most of what life has thrown at you."

Twenty-five years ago, Carey sat in the audience at WHS graduation.

His advice? Find your passion and stop at nothing to reach your goals.

"There have been plenty of times throughout my life where failures could have led me to give up on my dreams," he said. "I've always been the person that thinks everything happens for a reason and I'll become a better person for it. So what is your dream, and how will you make it a reality? Go out there and do what's needed to be successful. You control your own destiny."

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Wethersfield Library 2021 Adult Summer **Reading Program**

Wethersfield Library's Adult Summer Reading Program has begun. Join us! Post book reviews, get reading recommendations and win prizes. Check the library website for more details and to sign-up. Visit www. wethersfieldlibrary.org The Adult Summer Reading Program is made possible by The Friends of the Wethersfield Library.

Wethersfield Library 2021 Summer Reading **Program Series: Connecticut Wildlife**

Join us for an all ages wildlife Zoom series presented by Ginny Apple, DEEP Master Wildlife Conservationist. The series kicks off on Tuesday June 15th with Bobcats: Connecticut's Secretive Wild Cat. Learn about the history of bobcats in Connecticut, their habitat, diet, behavior, reproduction and current research efforts. Monday July 12th, join us for Owls: Magnificent Birds of Prey to learn about their natural history, habits and habitats and discover which owls are year-round residents of Connecticut. The series will wrap-up on Thursday August 12th with Life of Beavers. Learn about Beaver biology, behavior and history and their unique role as nature's engineers. Discover how local Beaver ponds and wetlands can help fight environmental problems from water pollution to erosion and climate change. All programs begin at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required. Register by email: library@ wethersfieldlibrary.org

Wethersfield Farmers Market

The Wethersfield Farmers' Market is offering a free chance to win a set of 4 Market wine glasses. One winner will be chosen every week through July. Come to the Market to enter. All we need is a name. No other personal data. Winners will be announced on Facebook, through our website and at the Market.

June 24 and July 1, Connie Drake will be visiting and offering Thai mat massage. This will be free although we ask for a small donation (not mandatory) to one of the 3 non-profits at our website throughout the our Market. Visit Connie at:

https://m.facebook. com/cupOkind/

https://conniedrake. amtamembers.com/

Our non-profits:

The Kitchen at Futures Great Meadows Conservation Trust.

The Woof Gang, a dog rescue and adoption nonprofit will be visiting the Market on June 24.

The Market will run a series of mini-events all season which will be announced on Facebook and

www.facebook.com/ wethersfieldfarmersmarket

www.wfmarket.org

Also. We are in the process of offering advanced ordering for our customers where we will feature links directly to some of our vendors. Customers can prepay and pre-order and be assured that their favorite items won't be sold out when they arrive. We are preparing a vendor list now and will feature this on our social media platforms.

Wethersfield Art League Reopens with New Classes

We are thrilled to announce the reopening of the Wethersfield Art League. Welcome back members and we welcome new members! All classes, Workshops and Open Studios are at The Little Red Schoolhouse, 193 Wells Rd.,

Class with Diane Marinaro - Any good painting should contain an interesting pattern of values, the light, Medium and Dark colors. An interesting line should encompass these shapes and there you have it! It's simple, not easy, but possible. Classes from June 9-July 28. Wednesday 10-12.

Open Studios -starting the week of May 24 Painting - Come to relax and paint with other members. Mondays, 10 am- 12 pm, year-round. Monitored by Eileen Guerrini. New and current members welcome

Open Studio Work with Jane Zisk - New techniques will be covered each week. Starting May 28th through June. 10 am - 12 pm. Acrylic and Oil. Lots of individual attention. \$15 per session. Come in any Friday. Non-members welcome through June.

Note: we are almost at our goal of raising funds for the artwork hanging system and new bookcases. Thanks to all who helped! Anyone else who would like to contribute, please contact Pat Yagmin at the email below.

For further details and to sign up for these events, please email Pat Yagmin at patriciayagmin@gmail.com.

SDMS Students Receive Awards for Excellence in French

Silas Deane Middle School Principal Rosalyn Bannon would like to congratulate Kara Segreto, Madelyn Sobotka, and Amelia Charbonneau as recipients of the 2021 CT COLT Award for Excellence in French. This Connecticut Council of Language Teachers award recognizes students who have a 90% or above in their world language class, demonstrate an enthusiasm and commitment to language, and who give evidence of a positive attitude toward language and cultures (e.g., using the language beyond the classroom, participating in language clubs, etc.). Félicitations!(Congratulations!)

Wethersfield Dollars for Scholars Golf Outing

The Wethersfield Dollars for Scholars Board of Directors is delighted to announce Kevin Hill will serve as the Honorary Chairperson for their 24th Annual Golf Outing. This is the second year that Kevin has stepped forward in support of such a wonderful cause. Kevin, a Wethersfield resident is extremely dedicated to the Wethersfield Education System. He served on the Wethersfield Board of Education from 2015-2019 and currently serves on the Wethersfield Town Council.

Wethersfield Dollars for Scholars was founded in 1974 with the goal to provide one-time scholarships to graduating seniors who live in Wethersfield (from both public and private schools) and are pursuing post-secondary education. This nonprofit organization is managed by volunteers and funded entirely by the generosity of our town's residents and

This year's outing will be held on September 20, 2021 (rain or shine) at the Wethersfield Country Club. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. followed with a shot-gun start at 12:30 p.m. After a wonderful afternoon of golfing, players return to a delicious dinner, awards, silent auction and raffles. All of the fun ends by 7

p.m. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. For additional information, please visit wethersfielddfs@gmail.com.

LEGAL NOTICE OF ADOPTION TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD

At the Special Meeting of June 14, 2021, the Town Council of the Town of Wethersfield adopted the following:

2021-2022 Town Budget

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

Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut this 15th day of June, 2021.

Susan I. Schroeder Town Clerk

Legal Notice Town Of Wethersfield Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Wethersfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (Because of Covid-19 concerns, this will be by virtual and/or phone **conferencing).** Please check the Town of Wethersfield website for the live stream link prior to the meeting, to hear and be heard on the following

- Application No. 6247-21: variance from section 3.7 (Dimensional Requirements): to allow side yard of 12 feet as against 15 feet minimum required, to facilitate the installation of a condenser to the eastern side of the building; (Residential Zone AAOS). Location: **75 Wildwood Road.** Applicant: **James Campbell**
- Application No. 6248-21: variance from section 3.7 (Dimensional Requirements): to allow side yard set back of 2 feet as against 10 feet minimum required, for the addition of a deck to the southern side of the building; 2) to allow aggregate side yard of 21 feet as against 23 feet required. Location: 47 Harold Street. Applicant: Marissa Van Galen & Kevin

Town of Wethersfield **Zoning Board of Appeals** John D. Gustafson, Chairman

By Charles F. Morrison, Duly Authorized

Dated at Wethersfield Connecticut, this 11th day of June 2021.



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Central Connecticut Health District Celebrates 25 Years

by Mark DiPaola

The Central Connecticut Health District (CCHD) wrapped up a year like no other by celebrating its 25th year in existence and the Rocky Hill Town Council joined in, with a proclamation of gratitude.

That was presented to CCHD representatives at the Council's June 7 regular meeting, with Rocky Hill – like most Connecticut municipalities - in the home stretch of its year and a half-long bout with COVID.

"This anniversary gives the town the opportunity to recognize the CCHD's board, directors, staff, and volunteers for its services in making our community safer and healthier be it through tracking infectious disease, outbreaks, providing mass vaccinations, preparing for and providing relief during natural disasters, and ensuring safe drinking water," the proclamation reads.

The CCHD, which serves Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, Newington, and Berlin, spent the past year advising school districts on how to COVID-proof their classroom, securing vaccinations throughout the state's immunization rollout, and working with local officials to run clinics.

"On behalf of the entire Council, con-

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Wethersfield Academy for the Arts Upcoming at

Wethersfield Academy for the Arts has reopened for in studio Youth and Adult Pro-

Summer Youth Art Program - June 21st -July 23rd - In studio

Registrations still available for five weeks of fun and creative art projects for ages 6 and up. For complete listing go to https://www. wethersfieldarts.org/files/pdfs/SYA-Program-2021.pdf

Adult Workshops Portrait Drawing Workshops - In studio Instructor: Kathryn Engberg

One Day Workshops, June 27th, July 25th, or August 22nd, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Work with a live male & female models holding a single pose. Students will strengthen their figure drawing skills through instructor led lecture and demonstration. All skill levels welcome.

Figure Drawing Workshop - In studio Instructor: Tyler Berry

4-day workshop, August 26th - August 29th - 9:30am - 4:30pm

Working with a model holding a single pose, students will strengthen their drawing skills and anatomical knowledge through drawing the figure from life. Artists of all skill levels are encouraged to join. Model fee included.

Still Life Workshop in Oils - In studio Instructor: Carlo Russo

4-day workshop, September 9th - 12th - 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Workshop will focus on still life painting fundamentals. Start with a simple line drawing then transfer it to a pre-primed panel. Develop the painting using a multi-step process giving the objects a strong sense of form, color and depth. The instructor will offer daily demonstrations, individual help and critique of work.

Adult Classes - Ongoing - Jump in anytime Oil Painting - Mondays - Students select their own 2 or 3 hour session during 3:00 -8:00 pm - In studio Bargue & Cast Drawing - Mondays - Stu-

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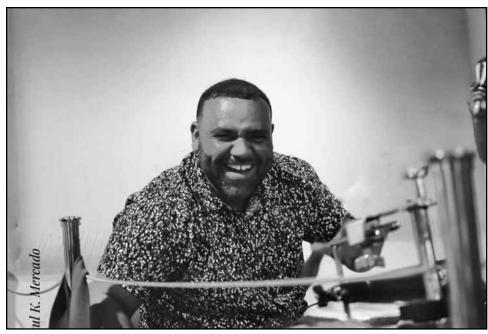
For details on all classes and events, go to http://www.wethersfieldarts.org, info@wethersfieldarts.org or call 860-994-8304.

New Summer Entertainment at WDS Museum

Stevens Museum is excited to present a host of new and entertaining summer events. Included will be living-history performances, music in the courtyard, and summer theater on the lawn with the New Zenith Theater Company. Admission to all events is free.

Storyteller, actor, historian and playwright, Tammy Denease brings to life the "hidden" stories of three Black women during a Summer Living History series starting on Thursday, June 17. Denease's performances will include Bessie Coleman the world's first internationally licensed pilot, Clo Pratt a free woman in Wethersfield, and Elizabeth "Mum Bett" Freeman who successfully sued and won her freedom. The performances will be held in the Holcombe Education Center on Thursdays, June 17, July 8, and August 19. A 6 p.m. reception precedes each 6:30 p.m. performance.

A diverse music series in the museum's new court-



Nelson Bello performs Aug. 13.

yard will fill delight guests all summer long. The Summer Courtyard Music Series will begin July 9, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. and feature everything from Latin jazz to colonial tunes to classical favorites to modern pop. Inclement weather will move performances into the Holcombe Education Center. Schedule: July 9 - the classical and

Hernandez.

July 16 & August 6 Tim Scott will perform acoustic music for all ages. July 23 - Vocalist, ar-

Latin guitar stylings of Dave

Giardina, accompanied by

violinist and vocalist Karina

ranger, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist Orice Jenkins will share jazz standards and cuts from his latest album, "Centennial Cole.

July 30 - Renehan and Mastrianni's family-friendly performance will include jazz, pop, soul, rock, and

folk music with a twist. August 13 - Nelson Bello and Friends Nelson Bello and his eponymous Latin Jazz Trio will perform Afro-Cuban and Caribbean-

August 20 - Linda and Tom Traue, The Forlorn Hope (from the 5th CT Regiment) will offer colonial music with Celtic harp, psaltery and songs to sooth the weary traveler.

August 27 - School Daze, the "house band" for the John Wallace Middle School "Show Choir" since 1999, will perform classic

Summer Theater on the Lawn will begin on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, and run for four consecutive weeks on Wednesday evenings with the New Zenith Theatre Company (NZT). July 21 and August 4 at 6:30 p.m. NZT will offer performances of "Tuck Everlasting," a new musical, book by Claudia Shear & Tim Federle; music by Chris Miller; lyrics by Nathan Tyson, based on the youth novel by Natalie Babbit. (Rain dates are Thursday, July 22, and Thursday August 5). For ages 8 and older, this young-audience version will run approxi-

mately 70 minutes. Summer

Theater on the Lawn will continue on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, and Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., with NZT performances of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night Dream" (Rain dates Thursday, July 29 and August 12). For ages 10 and older, this shortened version by Ed Wierzbicki will run approximately 85 minutes.

NZT was launched as a "community and arts initiative" at Naugatuck Valley Community College in 1998, creating an engaging and relevant theatre for young people and family audiences in Waterbury and surrounding communities. NZT continues to create important and engaging theatre with new plays, performances, and programs throughout the state.

The museum grounds open at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to bring blankets and beach chairs and picnic on the lawn until curtain time at 6:30 p.m.

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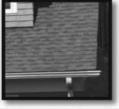
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Connecticut Horticultural Society Connecticut Horticultural

Society presents "The Weed Wars: Dealing with Weeds Organically - a Wholistic Approach" with horticulturist Nancy DuBrule-Clemente

Thursday, June 24, 7pm. Love your garden but hate your weeds? In this virtual presentation, Horticulturist Nancy DuBrule-Clemente will help participants learn to understand and manage weeds and share her organic methods and knowledge of weed control and prevention.

Topics include understanding weed life cycles and growing habits, dealing with the dormant seed bank in your soil, passive bed preparation and smothering, timely deadheading, and planting in layers to reduce weed competition. A Q&A follows the presentation.

The cost of the presentation is \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members and \$10 for students with a valid ID. Visit CTHort.org to register. Proceeds from this event benefit the CT Horticultural Scholarship Fund. For more information visit www.cthort.org.

www.rarereminder.com

The Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation Department is now accepting vendor applications for the 2021 season! Market dates are: 6/23, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15 from 4-7 p.m. at Ferry Park. Please call (860) 258-2772 for more information. 2/25/21

Rocky Hill Farmers Market

Wethersfield UMC Clothing Donations

Cleaning out your closets? You can bring your used clothing donations to Wethersfield United Methodist Church at 150 Prospect St. in Wethersfield. The church is now partnering with St. Pauly Textile Inc. to provide a wood-frame clothing drop-off shed for community use (see pictures).

This shed is designed to give community members a uniquely clean, convenient, and well-cared-for option to donate their used clothing to. St. Pauly Textile Inc. partners with businesses and various organizations to distribute donated items both here in the U.S. and worldwide, where they're ultimately re-worn by people who need them. Wethersfield United Methodist Church receives funding for donated clothing, and additionally has the option to use donations to serve community needs.

With over 1,300 clothing drop-off sheds in place, St. Pauly Textile Inc. collects over 90,000 pounds of clothing every day and estimates that this clothing ends up in 44 different countries (including the U.S.) yearly. In 2019, the company was able to help keep over 20 million articles of clothing out of landfills, which clothed an estimated 2.5 million people worldwide. The company was founded in 1996 and is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau.

Accepted items: clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals. 1/14/21

Cromwell Democrats Open House

Democrats in town are invited to join the Cromwell Democrats for an ice cream social! This event will be held at the Watrous Park pavilion (near the playground and splash pad) on Wed., June 30, 6-8pm. Meet fellow Democrats, including elected officials, and learn how to serve the community in elected/appointed roles. Free; RSVPs encouraged. For more info, or to RSVP, please contact Scott Lamberson at 860-704-9740 (call/ text) or cromwelldtc@gmail.com, or visit facebook.com/ CromwellDemocrats. 6/17/21

Bocce Lovers

The Wethersfield -UNICO Bocce League begins our new season Thursday, June 17, from 6 - 8pm, at Millwoods Park, 166 Prospect Street in Wethersfield. All ages and residents of any town are welcome. Registration is free this year as a Celebration of Life and our Love of Bocce. The season culminates in our Tournament in September. Register on June 17. Registration forms are also available at Wethersfield UNICO facebook page. For more information, please contact the Commissioner of Bocce, Michael Fortunato, at Fortunatom@aol.com. 5/6/21

Odiyana Buddhist Center

Virtual meditations and retreats, live-streaming and on demand, from Odiyana Buddhist Center. Experience peace and lasting happiness by learning to control your mind through the practice of meditation. Improve your mental and physical wellbeing, both in and out of meditation sessions. Classes include guided meditations and practical advice to carry into daily life. Everyone welcome. Weekly class schedule: Wednesday 7pm and Sunday 10:30am. For info and online registration, visit our website at: meditationinconnecticut.org 6/3/21

Vacation Bible School Camp

The Middletown Bible Church invites all children, from 5 - 12 years old, to Vacation Bible School Camp. This special program will be held from 9:30 - 12:00, Mon. to Fri., Aug. 2 - Aug. 6, at the camp property across from the Middletown Bible Church [349 East Street (Rt. 217), Middletown, CT]. Each day's program includes a Bible Lesson, Missionary Story, Crafts, Games, and Refreshments. Please call 860-346-0907 or 860-346-2474 to register or for additional information. 6/3/21

Free Hazardous Waste Collection

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, June 19, from 9 am - 1 pm at the E. Hampton WPCA, 20 Gildersleeve Dr., East Hampton. The collection is open to residents of the RiverCOG region which includes Cromwell and Middletown. No commercial or business waste allowed. Please visit https://rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste/ to learn more. 6/3/21

"Celebrate our City" Concert

The New Britain Symphony Orchestra, led by maestro Toshiyuki Shimada, will perform a free outdoor pops concert on Father's Day, Sunday, June 20. Celebrating the city of New Britain's 150th anniversary, Father's

Day, and the start of summer, the concert will begin at 5 pm at the Darius Miller Music Shell, Walnut Hill Park, New Britain. Bring a blanket and some chairs, pack a picnic dinner, and enjoy being outdoors with family and friends.

For information about this June 20th "Celebrate our City" concert and the New Britain Symphony Orchestra, visit www.newbritainsymphony.org 6/3/21

RH Youth Football & Cheer

Rocky Hill Youth Football and Cheer is now accepting applications for players and cheerleaders for their upcoming season. The program is open to you ages six to 13. For more details, visit rhyfc.com. Please contact Joe Morfea at 860-819-7291, or gmorfea@inlandbank.com. 6/3/21

Rocky Hill Lions Club

Do you have one hour to spare a month? Are you looking to give back to the community? If so, then the Rocky Hill Lions Club needs you! The Lions Club is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization that has served the community for over 70 years. We offer scholarships to high school students, donated a buddy bench to Moser school and the town green, on-going glasses donation to help people with sight impairments, and was recently a gold sponsor for Santa Express 2020. There is so much more we do. Please contact Phil or Mimi Theroux at (860) 559-8746 or (860) 529-2460 for more information. 3/18/21

CAA Guitar Concert and Workshops

Cromwell Arts Alliance and Guitar Squad present a fun day of learning, picnicking and enjoying an outdoor classical guitar concert! The concert is open to the public. There is an optional workshop prior to the concert for ages 5yrs through adults. Visit our website at www.CromwellArtsAlliance.org for the registration form. No registration necessary for the concert or picnic. Sunday, July 11.

Workshops 3:00 - 4:30 (\$25 Participants/\$15 to Audit)

Bring Your Own Picnic 4:30 - 5:30

Classical Guitar Concert 5:30 - 6:30 (Donations Welcome)

Bring your own chairs or blankets

Workshop Options

day, June 18. 5/27/21

5-12 yr old Suzuki Method

5-8 yr old Traditional Method

9-12 yr old Traditional Method Teen/Adult Traditional Method

Guitar Squad is a group of musicians in New England dedicated to presenting classical guitar music in an engaging, fun and educational manner. Find them on Facebook @Guitar-SquadCT. Rain Date: Sunday July 18. 5/27/21

Food Pantry

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 371 Wolcott Hill Rd., Wethersfield, food pantry is open every Thursday from 10am-1

ZOOM Genealogy Club Meeting

June 19. 1:30 PM. "Researching Your Italian Roots" with Genealogist Mark D'Ambrosi of Valentino Genealogy.

This presentation gives information about what civil records are available online, locating them, and the information the researcher can garner from them. Italian civil records are primary source documents that provide more than just statistical information. They also offer facts about family members, occupations, and traditions related to births, marriages, and

GML Premium Godfrey Scholar members can register for free at the following email address: zoomregistration@godfrey.org If you are not a GML Premium Godfrey Scholar member and want to attend the presentation, you can pay \$10 via PayPal at the following web address: https://www.paypal.com/payp-

alme/GodfreyMemorial Then register at the email above. Please register by 4 pm Fri-

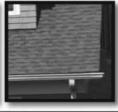
Cars Helping the Blind

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 <u>www.carshelpingtheblind.org</u>. 12/30/15

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Wethersfield Art League Reopens We are thrilled to announce the reopening of the Wethersfield

Art League. Welcome back members and we welcome new members! All classes, Workshops and Open Studios are at The Little Red Schoolhouse, 193 Wells Road, Wethersfield.

Open Studios -starting the week of May 24

Painting – Come to relax and paint with other members. Mondays, 10 am- 12 pm, year-round

Monitored by Eileen Guerrini

New and current members welcome

Open Studio Work with Jane Zisk – New techniques will be covered each week. Starting May 28th through June. 10 am -12 pm. Acrylic and Oil. Lots of individual attention. \$15 per session. Come in any Friday. Non-members welcome through

Note: we are almost at our goal of raising funds for the artwork hanging system and new bookcases. Thanks to all who helped! Anyone else who would like to contribute, please contact Pat Yagmin at the email below.

For further details and to sign up for these events, please email Pat Yagmin at patriciayagmin@gmail.com. 5/13/21

Got Lunch Newington

June 20 – August 15. Got Lunch Newington is a collaboration of community partners coming together to feed the children of Newington during the summer months. Working together are religious institutions, The HAT team (Hunger Action team) businesses, non-profits, and individuals throughout Newington, all helping to feed the children in this community. A week's worth of healthy lunch groceries will be packed and delivered to your home each Sunday in the early afternoon. To see if you qualify register online at gotlunch.org. If no computer or internet call Church of Christ @ 860-666-4689 and ask to speak to someone about registering for Got Lunch. 5/6/21

Taste of Middlesex County

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce announced that the sixth annual Taste of Middlesex County is here! Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the chamber is reinventing the Taste of Middlesex County in order to meet Connecticut Safety Guidelines and to help support our local restaurants by offering two tasty weeks in 2021: February 15-21 and June 21-27!

Like past years, this celebration of local food will allow residents to discover Middlesex County's award-winning food scene! While the flavors are sure to still impress, this year will look a little different as the chamber is leaving it up to the restaurants on what they would like to offer.

These restaurant weeks are designed to highlight the numerous and diverse dining experiences within the greater Middlesex region. Participating restaurants have come up with ideas such as a fixed price menu (\$20.21 or \$30.21), meals for two, family meals, or dine-in/carry-out options.

Participating restaurants so far include: 1741 Pub & Grill in Middlefield, Eli Cannons Tap Room in Middletown, Fire at the Ridge & Ridgeside Tavern in Middlefield, Scotch Plains Tavern in Essex, and Water's Edge Resort & Spa in Westbrook.

If you love gourmet meals and scoring a bargain, the Middlesex Chamber encourages community members to save your appetite for these particular weeks!

To learn more or to register your restaurant to participate, please visit https://www.middlesexchamber.com/pages/tasteof-middlesex-county. You can also follow updates on social media by searching the hashtag #TasteOfMiddlesex. 2/4/21

Coaches Wanted

Rocky Hill Youth Football & Cheer is looking for coaches for football and cheer. Please contact Joe Morfea for info: 819-7291 or gmorfea@inlandbank.com. 6/3/21

Mikey's Place Golf Classic

The 19th/20th annual charity golf tournament will be held on Saturday, June 26, at Goodwin Golf Course in Hartford to benefit Mikey's Place, a wheelchair accessible playground and for research of Spinal Muscular Atrophy. The shotgun start will take place at 1 p.m. with a scramble format. Registration fee of \$140.00 per golfer also includes a light lunch from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and dinner after the tournament. Attending the dinner only: \$35. Singles welcome or sign up a foursome! There will be prizes, contests & raffles! It's a great day!

Mikey's Place was the vision of Mary and Dan Daversa and their daughter, Danielle, and was a way to memorialize their three-year-old son, Michael, who passed away in 1998 from Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Together with the Daversa's, the Wethersfield community and its surrounding community neighbors helped to raise the funds necessary to construct the park in the Fall of 2000. Hundreds of volunteers came together and installed and completed the 25,000 square foot playground located in Old Wethersfield along Garden Street. The number of children and families that have enjoyed and benefited from Mikey's Place is countless.

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

For further information and registration forms, please visit facebook.com/MikeysPlacePlayground or contact Paul Huffman at 860-965-8551 or the Daversa's at 860-966-1376 or email the Daversa family at: mikeysplaceplayground@gmail.com. 6/3/21

Free Braille Calendars

The National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut has 2021 Braille calendars free of charge. For more information, please call (860) 289-1971 or email info@nfbct.org. 11/19/20

Irish Road Bowling Tournament

Registration is now open for the 2021 Hartford Irish Road Bowling Tournament, which will take place on July 17, at 1 p.m. at Riverside Park in Hartford.

The event marks the return of Irish Road Bowling to the Hartford area for the first time in five years. The event is presented by the AOH Hartford Division 2 in conjunction with Riverfront Recapture.

The Road Bowling Tournament will be part of a fun day at Riverside Park, which will also include Irish entertainment and food trucks.

The registration fee is \$50 for a team of four or \$15 for an individual. Everyone who participates will receive a free tournament T-Shirt. To register as a team or individual, please visit HartfordAOH.com.

Irish Road Bowling is played with a ball made of iron and steel that is heavy enough to pick up speed, yet small enough for any person to handle. Besides the basic rules, all a participant does is hurl the 28 ounce-sized bowl with an underhand motion over a one to two mile course.

Scored like golf, the fewest number of shots from the start to the finish line wins. 4/15/21

Virtual Friday Night Lecture

Letting Go of Who You Were, live-streaming June 25, at 7:00pm, from Odiyana Meditation Center. How often do you find yourself getting stuck in the past? We can get caught in a mindset thinking that there are just some things we can't change. When we relate to ourselves as fixed and unchangeable, thinking "This is how I am", we lose touch with our actual potential for limitless growth, freedom, and inner peace. Learn the truth of impermanence and the wisdom that understands reality. Everyone welcome. Info and registration at meditation-inconnecticut.org. 6/17/21

Wethersfield Farmers' Market

The Wethersfield Farmers' Market is offering a free chance to win a set of 4 Market wine glasses. One winner will be chosen every week through July. Come to the Market to enter. All we need is a name. No other personal data. Winners will be announced on Facebook, through our website and at the Market. June 24 and July 1, Connie Drake will be visiting and offering Thai mat massage. This will be free although we ask for a small donation (not mandatory) to one of the 3 non-profits at our Market. Visit Connie at:

https://m.facebook.com/cupOkind/

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Our non-profits:

The Kitchen at Futures

Great Meadows Conservation Trust.

The Woof Gang, a dog rescue and adoption non-profit will be visiting the Market on June 24.

The Market will run a series of mini-events all season which will be announced on Facebook and our website throughout the season.

www.facebook.com/wethersfieldfarmersmarket

www.wfmarket.org

Also. We are in the process of offering advanced ordering for our customers where we will feature links directly to some of our vendors. Customers can prepay and pre-order and be assured that their favorite items won't be sold out when they arrive. We are preparing a vendor list now and will feature this on our social media platforms. 5/13/21

What Do You Value?

In our American society **what a person** finds important, of value, is vitally connected to what one's **society** finds important. The safety of a nation is surely related to what it values. Good and healthy values maintain the existence of a nation. Our "UNALIENABLE RIGHTS... Life, Liberty and

the pursuit of Happiness" are in jeopardy. They are not to be transferred to a new owner. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

As our nation abandons **its historic healthy foundation**, it will be unable to survive the tests of rightness and reality. It is only **solid ground** that offers support to the good and bad. A nation that has little or no place for moral rightness, traditional family structure, etc. cannot last. It is within a healthy society that things not so healthy and even worse can exist and have a place and hope for a good recovery. As we are indifferent to and even vote for the losing of healthy values then we are left with unhealthy values. Such unhealthy conditions are like **the flea finding no good home in the dead cat.**

As we abandon God-honoring family structure and moral standards we assure the present and future generations of much trouble. Our present needs, wants and wrongs have no refuge apart from a safe moral and family environment. There is little to no support to be found when the father and mother are missing, making for troubled and troublesome young people. A people away from God's good order are like a train off its tracks. Neither shall rightly advance.

The God ordered values of MARRIAGE (Geneses 2:24; Hebrews 13:4), FAMILY DISCIPLINE, MORAL RIGHTNESS, WORK, LAW and ORDER, RESPECT, DECENCY, etc. are always safe and sure standards.

God's Values Do Not Change

"For I am the LORD, I CHANGE NOT; Therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. **Return unto ME, and I will return unto you,** saith the LORD of hosts" (Malachi 3:6-7). "The counsel of the LORD standeth forever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD" (Psalm 33:11-12).

God's Values Allow for Grace

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is **longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should PERISH,** but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise PERISH" (Luke 13:3,5). "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should NOT PERISH, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

God's Values Set the Standard For Our Values

"He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him... He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings" (John 14:21, 23, 24). "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether" (Psalm 19:7,8,9).

Our values must realistically line up with **God's RIGHTNESS**. God's RIGHTNESS is put on display in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ whom God values. Our values need to line up with God's. **To believe** in the Lord Jesus Christ is to value God's Rightness. "For Christ is the **end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth"** (Romans 10:4). "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9-10).

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CCD's Swing into Action with PGA

Championship Tour

You might say that CCD is on the first tee in joining the PGA Travelers Championship in Cromwell. While concession stands will have to wait until next year, CCD has partnered with Birdies for Charity, a program sponsored by Travelers and Webster Bank, and offered to all nonprofits during the Travelers Championship Tournament. Want to make your donations grow by 15%? From now until June 27, any amount you donate through Birdies for Charity to your favorite "listed" charity will be increased 15% by Webster Bank. CCD provides a direct link through our Facebook site: facebook.com/CromwellCreative-District. Or, Google Birdies for Charity Travelers and scroll to find your preferred charity. 6/10/21

Mobility Equipment Collection

Wheels for the World a ministry of Joni and Friends, IDC in CA, collects mobility equipment, sends them for refurbishing and then distributes them to people who need them and can't afford them all around the world. Each delivery also includes the gospel of Jesus Christ in their language.

We've taken the non-contact approach. Anyone wishing to donate equipment can call 203-235-4686 or 203-747-0542 and ask for Cindy or Marshall Dunbar. 10/29/20

Strawberry Festival

Westfield Ladies Aid 136th Strawberry Festival will be held at Third Congregational Church, 94 Miner St., Middletown, Thursday, June 17, 11 am - 4:30 pm. \$9 large \$6 small. Homemade shortcakes, local native strawberry & real whipped cream. Takeout, drive-thru. Limited outdoor seating. Pre-orders encouraged, email: westfieldladiesaid@gmail.com or day of event 860 632-0733. 5/27/21

Re-employment Support Group

The Rocky Hill Re-employment Support Group, whose main focus is on networking to find employment, will now meet by appointment only. To schedule an appointment at Saint James Church, please call Marty Carlson at 860-529-3630. 1/4/18

Al-Anon Family Groups

Do you wish the drinking would stop? Al-Anon Family Groups can help. Phone and electronic meetings available. For information visit www.alanon.org or call 1-888-8AL-ANON (1-888-825-2666) 11/12/20

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Mx Chamber Virtual Breakfast

Chairman Tom Bryne of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce announced that the Middlesex Chamber will be hosting a Virtual Member Breakfast featuring Cameron Smith, PGA Tour Professional who is playing in this year's 2021 Travelers Championship.

The Member Breakfast Meeting, sponsored by Travelers Companies, will be held virtually on Tuesday, June 22, from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Chamber President Larry McHugh noted, "We are excited to host our Member Breakfast Meeting and we are extremely excited to have PGA Tour Professional, Cameron Smith as our keynote speaker for this year's fantastic virtual Chamber event. The Travelers Championship is a worldwide event which is held each year in Cromwell, CT."

Advance registration is required for this event, cost is \$10 for members of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce and \$15 for non-members. Please visit, www.middlesexchamber.com to register.

For more information on the 2021 Travelers Championship, please visit www.travelerschampionship.com. 6/17/21

Thanks for reading the Rare Reminder.

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The Newington Knights of Columbus has decided to reduce the public rental cost of our hall for families that want to hold memorial gatherings for their family to honor any deceased

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After being closed due to State COVID-19 restriction, the Newington Knights of Columbus will be open starting May 1st for rentals. Please note that they will still be following state COVID-19 guidelines for all rentals.

The Newington Knights of Columbus Hall is now available now for family memorial gatherings bookings.

Special hall rental rates are available and have to be booked through Bob Gervais at 860-874-2728. Rental for 3 hours is \$200 plus \$50 for each additional hour, a refundable \$50 cleaning is also required. Rental rate includes a bartender. Renters do not have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. 4/22/21

Bolton Church Fair

St. George's Episcopal Church is inviting crafters to rent a booth at the church's 45th Annual Craft and Harvest Fair. The event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on the church lawn at 1150 Boston Turnpike, Route 44, Bolton, CT. Registration deadline is September 1. For further information, please email bkalina333@gmail.com or call 860.643.9203. 5/6/21

Cromwell Farmers Market

We are looking for farms, local artisans, food makers. We are a100% made in Connecticut market, Nothing we showcase is mass-produced. If you would like to be a vendor, please head over to our website www.cromwellfarmersmarket.org Fridays June 11-Sept 4, 4-7 pm. 3/18/21

Community Clothing Collection

Looking to clean out those closets after the holidays? The Central Connecticut Community Women's Club (CCCWC) is sponsoring a Community Clothing Collection from January through August. They will be collecting any size and style of gently used clothing for men, women, and children (no undergarments or bathing suits). The donations will be used to benefit a town-wide Clothing Sale planned for the Fall. Donation bins are located at The Cage, 14 Alcap Ridge and FOUND Apparel, Willowbrook Plaza, both in Cromwell. CCCWC is a charitable non-profit organization, dedicated to community service and to promote common interests in education, philanthropy, public health, civic and fine arts.

For more information, visit Upcoming Events at centralctcommunitywomensclub.com 4/22/21

Rocky Hill Garden Club

Would you like to try gardening this year? The Rocky Hill Garden Club provides easy garden tutorials online. The information has been updated for 2021. See Www.rhctgardenclub.org/ Familygarden.html.

Let's have some fun and enjoy some delicious food. No experience required or special equipment. Tutorials include container gardening for apartment dwellers. Members will answer your questions, just email at info@rhctgardenclub.org. We are also adding a share page as we go through the gardening year together. Send your garden pictures and we will publish them. We want to hear from you! 4/1/21

Carillon Concert

Carillon Concert (free), Ice Cream, and Silent Auction - Saturday, July 3. Silent auction starts at 5:30 and ice cream social (\$2 donation). Concert starts at 6:30 p,. This annual town event is held on the lawn of Church of Christ, Congregational, 1075 Main Street, Newington. Patriotic and summer songs and requests played on the church bells. Bring a lawn chair and refreshments. newingtonucc.org (860) 666-4689. 6/10/21

Friendship Force Connecticut

Friendship Force Connecticut (a chapter of FF-International) sponsors outbound visits to other states and nations and hosts inbound visits from reciprocal clubs. Our chapter remains active despite a temporary suspension of visits. We have monthly group social activities (properly distanced) and are looking forward to a resumption of travel. Our next tentative inbound visit is from Cornwall, UK (June 2021), where we plan to host their ambassadors in our own homes and show them the glories of Connecticut. Our next outbound visit is to Milwaukee, WI, August 2021, where our ambassadors will stay in the homes of the host club members and partake in activities and meals of the local residents. If you would like to join Friendship Force and travel with our club and host members from other clubs, subject to your own availability, please contact Ginger (ginger43@cox.net) for more information. 10/15/20

Shoreline Sailing Club

Thurs., June 17th @ 7 PM - LTJG Emily Torsney, Admissions Officer of the US Coast Guard Academy Presents Via Zoom at Shoreline Sailing Club's Speaker Series. The Academy prepares future leaders of the Coast Guard and our nation. This is a free event. Learn more by zooming into this meeting via the instructions on our home page at shorelinesailingclub.com

Shoreline Sailing Club is the premier sailing and boating club on the shoreline. New members are welcome, and no prior sailing experience is needed. While boating is our primary focus, our calendar includes many other social activities throughout the year. For more information, please follow us on Facebook or visit shorelinesailingclub.com 6/17/21

NCTC Summer Stages

The Newington Children's Theatre Company, Connecticut's longest running nonprofit children's theatre, has expanded their summer offerings to include two evening programs, for ages 8 and up. Participants will be led through the process of auditioning and creating characters culminating in a one-act non-musical production. Tuesdays, 6-7:30pm, June 22-Aug. 3, The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring, with a public performance August 6 @ 6pm. Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm, June 23-Aug. 4, Something Strange About Jane, with a public performance August 7 @ 6pm. No experience needed. Registration is required. Visit NCTCArts.org for more info. 5/27/21

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Participants do not need to have attended a caregivers support group in the past. Confidential discussion and telephonic assessments can also be had one-on-one with a dementia professional outside of the online group. 7/30/20

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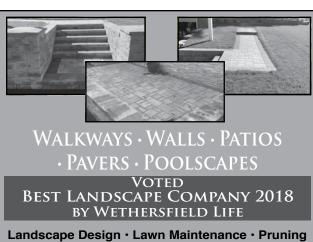
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NSAF Scholarships Awarded

Newington Student Assistance Fund awards Scholarships and Cammy O'Connor Book Awards. Scholarships are awarded annually by the Newington Student Assistance Fund to one male and one female student from the graduating class who have demonstrated reliable and active participation in school and community activities. Jade Kennedy and Zachary Geisler June graduates of Newington High, were the scholarship recipients. In addition, Cammy O'Connor Book Awards were presented to Izaylin Smith, James Vendetti, Daniel Whitman, and Alexi Gallicchio. These memorial awards are given annually to a member of each grade who exemplifies O'Connor's personal qualities of service, generosity, responsibility and commitment.

MHVC Singers Wanted

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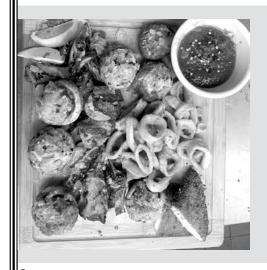
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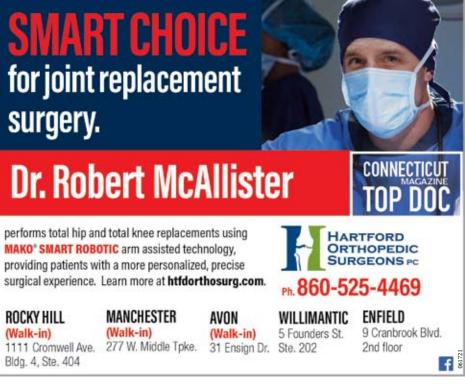
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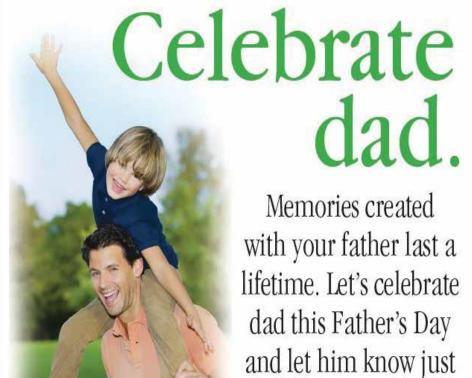
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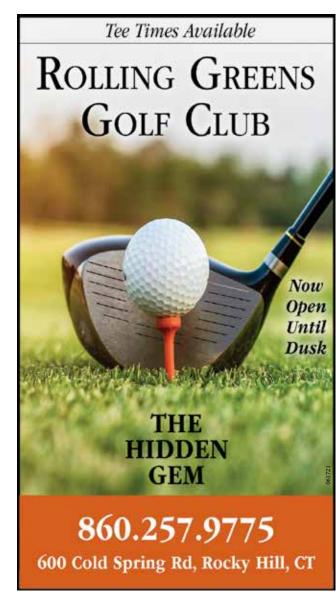


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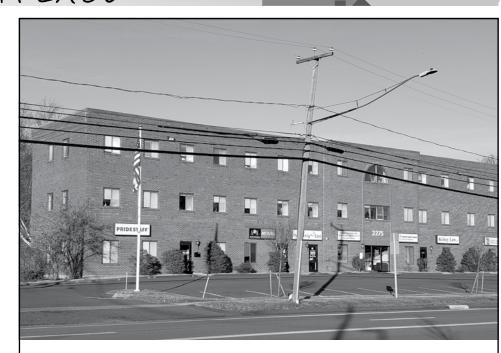
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Wethersfield: Contact Lisa Gallipo at 860-721-2979. Donations are generously accepted for this service.



We are so excited to announce... We are **OPENING!**

We will welcome seniors back into our Senior Center beginning June 1st. It's been well over a year and we can't wait to welcome you back! But of course, things will look a bit different and we will have new policies and rules to follow! We are going to start slowly with a few indoor programs, but will also continue with our outdoor programming as well as our virtual programs. As things progress and we see the numbers remaining low, we will gradually increase the indoor program offerings, but to start...

- All programs will require PRE-REGISTRATION. You must call us to register, we will not allow walk ins to any programs
- All participants MUST wear a mask for our indoor programs, not outdoor programs (covering nose and mouth!). This may change, but we are going to require masks indoors as we resume our indoor activities.
- · All participants MUST socially distance from others
- · NO food or drinks will be served.

See the calendar for days and times, but the following will be in person in June: Art Class, Billiards, Craft Class, Quilting, Wheel of Fortune, Wii Bowling, Movies and some special events. (You MUST call to pre-register and space is very limited).

We will continue with the following Zoom/ virtual programming and outdoor events in conjunction with our indoor programs. So if you don't feel comfortable attending in



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For more information and to register, please call 860-721-2979 or email senior.center@wethersfieldct.gov

CRAFTING CORNER: WED., JUNE 23 AT 10AM

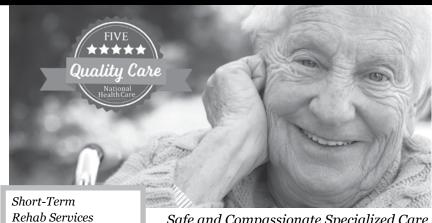
(June 16 Class Canceled) Craft project: beautiful beach themed door wreath. Materials will be provided. \$6 due at the start of class.

ART ASSIST WITH DEIDRE: MON., JUNE 28 AT 10AM

Come with your painting/drawing that you have been working on and looking for advice. Also, feel free to bring something that you are planning to start or a piece that has been frustrating and you would like some guidance with. We can all relate! Gain a fresh perspective, friendly insight and artistic direction in a supportive environment. Materials will be on hand. \$6 will be collected at start of class.

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Monday, June 21 at 1pm America's Castles Virtual Tour

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Friday, June 25 at 1pm Juneteenth, Freedom Day

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Questions regarding programming, or the be added to our email distribution list, contact Amy Miller at senior.center@wethersfieldct. gov or call 860-721-2979.

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June 18

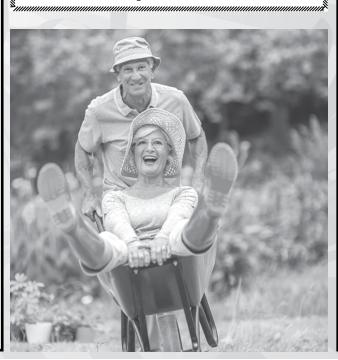
Little Women - The four March sisters come of age in post-civil-war New England. (Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson)

June 25

The Way Back - A former High School basketball star, with a full ride to college, walked away from the game for reasons unknown. Years later, he is asked to take over as coach for his Alma Mater.

(Ben Affleck)

Please follow all posted Covid-19 safety protocols.





Rocky Hill Senior Center

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JUNE 2021 Update for the Municipal Buildings

The Town will observe the following protocols beginning May 19, 2021.

The following municipal buildings will be **open** to the public for business:

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Senior/Community Center

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Our Companions at

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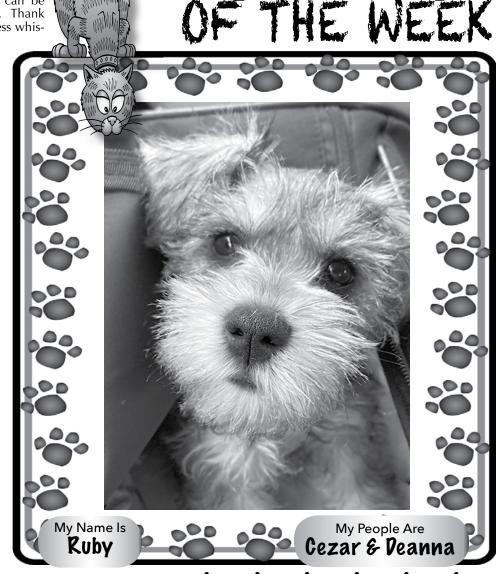
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Terriers Tennis Sets New Mark

by Josh Howard

Rocky Hill girls' tennis recently wrapped up the most successful season in the program's history, winning 15 of 18 regular season meets to capture a division title and set a new standard of excellence, on and off the court.

"My goal coming into this season was to win 13 of the 18 matches. After a year off where we lost six seniors last year, I didn't know what to expect," said head coach Mike Dudis, "Coming back this year I thought we had the talent level to do it if we put people in the right spots, but I didn't know we would be breaking school records."

Filling the Terriers two singles slots were Suhani Sheth and Jennifer Kimball, who more than lived up to the billing.

Sheth went undefeated, winning all 18 matches in the regular season.

"It definitely exceeding my expectations," Sheth said of her success, "I wasn't really planning or thinking that I'd go through the season undefeated, especially considering the tough competition from Glastonbury and Farmington."

The junior, who made All-State, had notable wins over Catherine Zak (Glastonbury) and Krithika Santhanam (Farmington) in the regular season. She went on to soundly defeat Watertown's Sarah Cipriano (6-2, 6-0) in the Class M Tournament and Valley Regional's Ava Ramos (6-2, 6-2) in the State Invitational Tourna-

"I've said this to anyone that will listen that Su is better at her sport than anybody else at this school is at their sport. Obviously, I come from a little bit of bias and we have great players at this school, but what makes her great is not just her skills set, which is phenomenal, but it's her mindset. She never gets down on herself, she's never negative. Win or lose, she's the same. Even against Glastonbury, she lost that first set to Catie who is an excellent player, and at the end of the set she was still relaxed and never down."

Dudis added that Sheth works just as hard outside of



Junior Suhani Sheth (left) and senior Jennifer Kimball (right) thrived as Rocky Hill's top two tennis singles this spring.

competition, "She is probably the most joyful player that I've ever coached. She's amazing, I can't say enough positive things about her as a person or as a player. At the end of practice, she would be with our kids who are beginners and hit with them and work on their confidence, just trying to boost the team's spirt. That's the type of person that she

Kimball, a senior, was equally impressive, winning 19 of the 20 matches this spring. She closed her high school career by winning 37 consecutive games, sweeping her final six opponents, including both in the state tournament.

"I definitely didn't think I'd go 17-1 in the regular season," recalled Kimball, "I was feeling comfortable coming into the season, but I never expected a result like that."

Kimball, who also played soccer and basketball at RHHS, was back at full strength after suffering a high ankle sprain early in her sophomore season and missing last year because of the COVID cancellation.

She used tennis as an "Tennis was helpful during that time because it was a safe place, a socially dis-

tance sport that you can play during those times. Even though we weren't practicing at the school I was able to go play with my family and get ready for next sea-

Dudis said that Kimball had the best first serve in program history, adding, "Jen was determined. She had that same determination as a sophomore and that injury was a huge bummer, but she came back and played doubles on basically one leg that season. It was something that she hadn't done before, but she wanted to help the team."

"This year she realized how good she could be. Her competitiveness is unbelievable, she sets her mind to it and wants to win and succeed at it. She ended her last match playing the best tennis she has ever played. She was playing at the same level Su was playing. I didn't look at it at 1-2, I looked at it as

It was the Glastonbury meet where the team found confidence in compe-

"I remember I played [Su] in a really competitive set in practice the day before outlet during quarantine, our big Glastonbury match, so I went into that match with so much more confidence. I knew if I can hang with Su, I can beat anybody at 2," recalled Kimball, who defeated Glastonbury's Annee Bess Blair, "I think that was a big turning point. Glastonbury is always so good at every sport, and they have such a strong reputation, so winning against her was a big confidence

Both Sheth and Kimball won, yet the Terriers fell to the Guardians. The team used it as a springboard for the rest of the season, winning 14 of the next 15 matches.

"I started to realize how good we could be after the Glastonbury loss. I thought the team unity was great, especially after Glastonbury. The way the team rallied and watched those two play the third set and recognizing that it was against Glastonbury, the team that we talk about in the conference. When you compare any team in the league it's Glastonbury, Farmington, and then everybody else," said Dudis, whose team responded with six straight wins, "It was a huge lift to everybody else. The other girls saw what Su and Jen did and the pressure went up. They're our two best players, they're our two captains, and they are working extremely hard and

leaving it all out there."

Wins over Wethersfield and Newington during the final two weeks of the season assured a division title.

It turned out that it was a pair of sophomores that helped lock up the division. The #3 doubles team of Katie Oostendorp and Alyssa Gua were the difference, breaking 3-3 ties against both Wethersfield and Newington.

The duo did it again in the tournament win over Watertown, earning a distinguished label from their coach.

"I call them my closers. When it came down to Kaite and Alyssa I knew at that point we were going to win. That was our recipe all year," said Dudis, who saw the maturation of the young pairing, "Their confidence levels went up, their serving improved dramatically, their groundstrokes were better. They are very close friends, and that absolutely helps when finding those right doubles combinations. Sometimes it takes you five, six, seven matches but for them it was natural."

Senior Hannah Conneely, who played #3 singles, finished 15-4 and won (6-3, RareReminderJH 6-0) in the Terriers tourney triumph over Watertown.

Dudis said that Con-

neely was a confident and calming influence on the team. He added that senior Caitlyn Kownacki (who played doubles) was an extension of the coaching staff.

"I gave her the Coaches Award because I can vent to her about tennis. She'd give me lineup suggestions, talk other kids up, and she was awesome with Su."

Jasmine Ly, Kira Ravat, Palak Jain, Sophia Pawlak also played key roles this

spring.
"I think a lot of us became close. We supported each other and stayed for each other's games. That helped push people during their matches because I think it's a lot more beneficial when others are cheering you on," said Sheth, who will return at #1 next spring, "It was just about how close everyone became throughout the season. Between the team dinners and everyone supporting each other, a lot of us became really good friends. Practices were fun, games were fun, tennis became a really good distraction."

Kimball, who will attend Worchester Polytechnic Institute, added, "It means a lot to me to have a season like this, especially being on this team for four years and having the ups and downs, like missing half of a season and missing an entire season. To have a season like this and to now be in the school record books with the best record is amazing."

Dudis added, "Team comradery really matters. I've seen a lot of high school teams and I've coach tennis for ten years and I've had more enjoyment coaching this team than I've ever had before. And it's not about the wins and losses, even though I've enjoyed winning those 16 matches, but it was generally that kids where excited to be at practice and we had zero negativity. They wanted to be there, they had goals, they were genuinely happy for each other."

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High School Spring Tournament News & Notes

Track & Field

Wethersfield boys finished sixth overall at the Class L finals. Jayson Burchell won the state championship in the long jump and finished third in the triple jump. Michael Bobin also won a state title, winning the pole vault. Torronce Smith placed fourth in the 300m hurdles and Owen Gagne fifth in the 200m. The Eagles 4x800 relay team (Liam Stec, Ryan Gagne, Thomas Brodowicz, Owen Gagne) also placed fifth.

Newington's 4x800 relay (Michael Bohlke, Luke Brown, Reed

Campbell, Sam Geisler) took home a state title at the Class L finals and duplicated that feat at the State Open. Bolke placed third in the 3200m and Geisler placed third in the 200m. Elias Roberts also took home third in the 300m hurdles.

Middletown's Trevor Drescher won Class L javelin state title and finished third in the discus. Eric Meyer was the runner-up in the discus and Liam Tharin placed third in the shot put.

On the girl's side of Class L, Middletown's Arden Phoenix placed third in the discus and

Newington's Katie Bohlke finished fifth in the 800m.

Rocky Hill's Marina Perry won a state championship in the discus at the Class M finals, also finishing third in the shot put.

On the boy's side of Class M, Cromwell's Ethan Wilson finished second in the 100m and fifth in the 200m. Mark Rodriguez also placed fifth in the 3200m.

Tyreice Dominique of Rocky Hill placed third in the 100m, while teammates Jack Thurz also placed third in the 800m and Maxwell DiMatteo finished fourth in

the discus.

Golf Cromwell's Jack Wise shot a birdie on his final hole, finishing up a (+3) 74 round and a share of the Division III state title with Waterford's Danny Torres. Teammates Ryan Rozzi (94) and The Panthers finished eighth overall at the tour-

Newington's Madison Massaro-Cook tied for 11th at the Division II girls' championships.

Newington boys' volleyball fell to Barlow (3-1) in the Class M state championship match on June 10. It ended another incredible season for the Noreasters, who finished 17-2 in the regular before sweeping both Rockville and Cheshire in the tournament.

Senior captain Jacob Baclawski, who led the team in kills (288) and aces (79), will be leaving, along with Joshua Akosa and Sean Stegmaier, who led the team in blocks this season.

Volleyball









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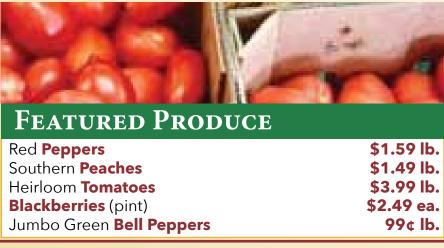
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