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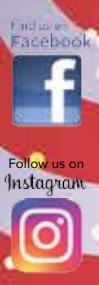
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Irish Road Bowling Tournament

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.

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Call-in Caregivers Support Group

Caregivers support groups provide emotional, educational and social support in a positive and uplifting atmosphere for those who care for an older loved one, particularly those with dementia. For many years, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging has offered monthly in-person support groups at numerous senior living communities and senior centers to focus on stages of the disease, communication, strategies and family dynamics.

To observe safe social practices, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging is hosting two call-in caregivers support groups each week led by dementia specialists and resource coordinators. The call-in groups are held Mondays, 10 a.m., and Fridays, 2 p.m. At the meeting time, participants can call 860.972.6338 and enter access code 19623#.

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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Independence...For You??

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD...Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that FEAR HIM, upon them that hope in His Mercy" (Psalm 33:12, 18).

"Proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:10 as inscribed on the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia)

INDEPENDENCE

One of America's greatest historic foundational documents, The Declaration of Independence, was approved on July 4, 1776 by the Continental Congress and signed by John Hancock in the city of Philadelphia. George Washington said that The Declaration marked "an experiment on the practicability of republican government, and with what dose of liberty man could be trusted for his own good." The independence in this American republic was to be free from foreign control, free to follow and to find **its dependence upon God**. **When we fail to rightly exercise our founding documents, we fail to find their wonderful influence in our daily living, even Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.**



DEPENDENCE

What we forget is that, in declaring independence from an earthly power, our forefathers made a forthright declaration of DEPENDENCE UPON ALMIGHTY GOD. The closing words of this historic document solemnly declare: "With a firm RELIANCE on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." Fifty-six men placed their names beneath that pledge and they lived up to it. They personally paid a great price for the freedoms we now enjoy.

TRUE FREEDOM

Our country was founded upon the basis of an idea – LIBERTY. It was not to be a FREEDOM FROM GOD which always leads to license and ultimate slavery but rather a FREEDOM BUILT UPON GOD AND HIS WORD. Freedom is not free but must be earned anew by each succeeding generation. "Liberty without obedience is confusion. Obedience without liberty is slavery" (William Penn). Rights without responsibility are the seeds of anarchy (disorder, violence). The issue is not freedom from want, war, etc. but the issue is freedom to work, worship, buy, sell, to succeed, to fail, etc.

TERRIBLE SLAVERY

"Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin" (John 8:34). America today is experiencing the effects of FORGETTING the God of our Fathers. We need to be reminded of a solemn warning that God gave to another great nation which had just been declared independent from bondage to another nation. Although written over 3,000 years ago it applies to modern America today: "What nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou FORGET the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons... Then beware lest thou FORGET the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage... And it shall be, if thou do at all FORGET the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day **that ye shall surely perish**. As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish: because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God" (Deuteronomy 4:8-9; 6:12; 8:19-20).

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but SIN is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34). "For the WAGES of SIN is death; but the gift of God is eternal LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). "If the Son therefore shall make you FREE, ye shall be FREE INDEED" (John 8:36). "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 WILL BE SAVED." (Romans 10:9)

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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

Webinar: Learn to Access Resources While in Recovery

Chairwoman, Maureen Westbrook and MCSAAC Chairman Tony Salvatore of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce announced that the Middlesex Chamber will be hosting another free virtual webinar titled, "Learning to Access the Resources While in Recovery."

The webinar will be held virtually on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

This virtual webinar series focusing on access resources while in recovery will be presented by the Chamber's Recovery Employment Program (REP), Middlesex County Substance Abuse Action Council (MCSAAC) and the Connecticut Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (DMHAS).

Join the following panelists for a discussion that will include helpful resources to guide you through your recovery journey. This information will be very helpful in assisting you as you build a new lifestyle that is free from drugs and alcohol.

Panelists:

Randy Tapp – Celebrate Recovery
Wanda Dawson – Appt Foundation
Ana Gopoian – Tri Circle, Inc.

Charles Mitchell – Recovery Employment Program (REP)

To register for this free educational webinar, visit www.middlesexchamber.com



What's Happening Rocky Hill & Cromwell?

Rocky Hill Passes \$90 Million Budget, Sets Mill Rate to 34.1

by Mark DiPaola

Over \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and an increase to state aid helped Rocky Hill Town Councilors mitigate tax hikes in the town's second year of COVID, but not enough for unanimous consensus on a near-\$90 million budget.

What separated Council Democrats from their colleagues in the GOP Majority was one-tenth of a Mill. The Mill Rate set by last Monday's budget adoption is 34.1 – up from last year's 33.6.

Among the dissenters in the 7-2 final vote was Democratic Councilor John Emmanuel, who said he was pushing for an even 34.0 – a target he says prompted him to challenge Republicans on the addition of an \$80,000 fulltime emergency management director.

He says it's about maintaining Rocky Hill's competitive edge.

"What we're seeing today, especially with people on fixed incomes, they have a lot of other increases, so we can't just look at it as a stand-alone increase people will accept," Emmanuel said. "When corporations and small businesses look at towns to move to, one of the things they look at is the Mill Rate."

Before Councilors had enough guidance to factor in \$2.9 million in ARPA money, the Mill Rate was heading for 35.6 – as proposed by Town Manager John Mehr months ago.

Driving that was \$300,000 in debt service increases, \$352,000 of inflation built in by union contracts, and a \$1.7 million Board

of Education (BOE) budget hike – the product of COVID-related school operations costs.

The Town Manager was also looking to add enough funding to hire two new police officers, to combat a rash in car break-ins and thefts.

With the ARPA money – and guidance on how to use it – in hand, the town can cover its increases with minimal tax hikes, all while keeping \$1.4 million of the federal money in a special revenue fund for aid to struggling small businesses and nonprofits, said Mayor Lisa Marotta.

"I think it's a prudent budget," added GOP Councilor Jeff Levine. "There's been a lot of work behind the scenes, and I think it's the best compromise for all"

Democrats agreed – almost – but the emergency management director role proved to be a sticking point during a lengthy discussion prior to the vote.

Currently, a member of the Police Department doubles in that role, and while Republicans have lauded his work in the role, they worry about the long-term sustainability of saddling one individual with that much work – especially during a worldwide pandemic.

"The pandemic hit our organization in so many ways and opened our eyes to so many different important things we have to do," said Deputy Mayor Ed Charamut, who chairs the Council's public safety committee. "We need a quarterback."

"I think that's a valid concern, that we need to make sure someone has the time to

do that. Where I have concerns is funding a new position," said Democratic Councilor Chris Duff. "Our salaries are obligated. Our debt obligations are already there. We can only really nibble around the edges."

He suggested exploring a regional approach – not unlike entities such as the four-town Central Connecticut Health District.

But Councilors were advised to steer clear of that model when they consulted with State Homeland Security experts, who recommended a full-time position based on the volume of work in Rocky Hill, according to Marotta.

"If we don't add it to this budget, we're losing another year," Marotta said.

So, Emmanuel turned to the BOE budget, recommending that the Council put a bit more into capital projects – and take out about \$200,000 in operating expenditures.

"Debt is increasing, not including \$10 million needed for BOE facilities renovations over next 5 years," Emmanuel said. "Cuts to their CIP is basically kicking the can down the road."

And once the ARPA funds – with their two-year shelf life – run out, the town could be looking at a perfect storm, he said.

His bid to reduce the operational budget further, he said, was prompted by Board budget surplus returns to the town side over years prior.

"[Superintendent Dr. [Mark] Zito runs his shop very efficiency," Emmanuel said. "I have confidence they can get by with \$200K less."

Levine and Councilor Alan Greenspan were less certain – they said that their number for the Board was based on conversations with BOE Chair Brian Dillon, and that they weren't comfortable with going lower than what had been hashed out through rigorous expense vetting.

Plus, there's the uncertainty regarding fall COVID safety protocols, Greenspan said.

"We just don't know what next year is going to look like – what our startup costs will be," he said.

Call for Performers & Artists



Cromwell Creative District will be holding a block party on Aug. 21, (rain date Aug. 28) at Pierson Park from 2 to 7 pm. The event aims to attract residents and visitors to Cromwell's downtown area, while featuring tastes, sights, and sounds from local artisans and performers.

CCD is currently seeking musicians and other performers to entertain for 15–20-minute time slots throughout the duration of the event. Performers can apply by emailing CromwellCreativeDistrict@gmail.com.

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of all types who are interested in selling their wares during the event. Vendors will be charged a \$25 space fee and will need to bring their own table/equipment. Interested vendors should email CromwellCreativeDistrict@gmail.com.

Registration for performers and vendors will remain open until Aug. 6, or until available space/time slots are full.

For more information on CCD's upcoming events, follow us on Facebook and Instagram, and at <http://www.cromwellcreativedistrict.org>

Historical Society Re-Opens, St. Sebastian Church Photos Sought

On Tuesday, June 29, the Middlesex County Historical Society re-opened for public summer hours. They are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 3 PM, and by appointment. Visitors will have a last chance to see the award-winning "A Vanished Port: Middletown & the Caribbean, 1750-1824" exhibit and the Middletown and World War I exhibit. Admission is free, with a five dollar suggested donation.

The historical society is also asking those with photos, documents, or objects from the Middletown St. Sebastian Feast and St. Sebastian Church to consider loaning them for the Society's upcoming exhibit. Entitled "A Century of Devotion," the exhibit will commemorate and document a century of St. Sebastian Feasts held annually in Middletown since 1921. The exhibit will open on September 17, to coincide with the one hundredth annual feast and festival.

To contribute to the exhibit, or to make an appointment to visit the Middlesex County Historical Society for research, please email Jesse Nasta, Executive Director, at mchs@wesleyan.edu, or call 860-346-0746.

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East Windsor Incident Alarms Officials Over Rocky Hill Facility

by Mark DiPaola

A reported sexual assault at an East Windsor nursing home has alarmed Rocky Hill lawmakers, who say that they now have security concerns about a local facility run by the same company.

The iCare Health Network-managed skilled nursing home known as 60 West has been the subject of resident scrutiny – not to mention two Town Council lawsuits attempting to prevent its 2013 arrival – because among its patient population are former inmates, including several registered sex offenders.

But Kerry Wood, a state lawmaker who presides over Rocky Hill's 29th House District, says that while she shares resident unease about the facility's location, she's long had the impression – due to regular dialogue with iCare's 60 West management team – that the company could more than handle their most troubled patients.

Then Miguel Lopez, a 50-year-old registered sex offender and patient at Fresh River Nursing Home in East Windsor, barricaded a female staffer in his room and raped her, according to a report published last week in The Connecticut Mirror.

Now, Wood says she has questions.

"I was told they are the best in the business at handling this type of individual, and they clearly are not," Wood said over the phone last Thursday. "With 60 West's proximity to Moser School, there's no room for error here, and the East Windsor incident has blown this wide open."

Wood and State Senator Matt Lesser reached out to iCare last week, and the parties are working to schedule a July meeting to discuss the lawmakers' concerns.

In an emailed statement delivered Friday, iCare spokesperson David Skoczulek stood behind the company's security protocols, which he says align with all state and federal nursing home safety guidelines.

He would not go into specifics regarding the Lopez case, as it is still under investigation.

"Every resident admitted to an iCare center is extensively evaluated prior to admission for their clinical and psycho-social needs, often by an on-site evaluation and interview by a trained RN," he wrote. With their consent or the consent of their guardian, the resident is then placed at

the nursing center and on the nursing unit best suited for their care needs and safety. This could be a secure, locked memory care or behavioral health unit or otherwise."

The East Windsor incident, The Mirror wrote, exposes a reporting loophole – although iCare typically notifies State Police when it accepts a sex offender from out-of-state, they are not required to by law.

This time, according to The Mirror's report, that didn't happen.

"It is the legal obligation of the resident themselves or their legal guardian to update the sex offender registry as to their current location," Skoczulek wrote. "While there is no legal obligation for a nursing home to inform the registry, we do take steps to assist the resident or their guardian in doing so and prompt them to do in a timely fashion."

Lopez is from Massachusetts, and he's not the first transfer from out of state – Level 3 sex offender and ex-Massachusetts inmate Wayne Chapman reportedly bounced between the South Hampton Street homeless shelter, Boston Medical Center, and a Medford nursing home before arriving at 60 West late last year.

While the loophole needs to be closed – and quickly – the real crux of the matter is iCare's security protocols, Wood says.

"We're talking about a matter of paperwork here, and that's easily fixed," she said. "But this was a horrific act, and I don't know how someone being on a registry is going to prevent it. What if you or I had a parent or relative rehabbing in there from a knee or hip surgery, and there's someone like this in the room next door?"

In East Windsor, the admittance of a 50-year-old to the nursing home has raised questions. iCare says that its facilities serve individuals with chronic conditions – debilitating or otherwise – regardless of age, as both Connecticut and federal law permit them to.

"They must be physically, mentally or cognitively impaired to a degree where they require 24/7 care in a nursing home environment," Skoczulek. "Age is not a factor, but serious and significant cognitive impairment is."

While Connecticut state statute lays out similar criteria – for those with "uncontrolled and/or unstable chronic conditions requiring continuous skilled nursing services" – it also allows skilled nursing homes to admit those with

"controlled and/or stable chronic conditions which require minimal skilled nursing services, nursing supervision, or assistance with personal care on a daily basis".

Connecticut skilled nursing facilities are also authorized to accept those "suffering from manageable psychiatric conditions".

That proposition becomes more controversial when it comes to former inmates – particularly those with Chapman's or Lopez's type of criminal record.

In 2017, 60 West was the first nursing home in the country to secure federal Medicaid reimbursement eligibility, and the facility – which was spotlighted in U.S. News & World Report in 2018 as a top nursing home – has been hailed as a flagship operation for a state looking to handle long term care for elderly and disabled inmates outside the corrections system.

Any Connecticut Department of Corrections (DOC) referrals, according to a 2017 CT Health Investigative team report, must be deemed physically incapable of posing a threat.

But then there are the out-of-state referral cases such as Lopez and Chapman – not uncommon, iCare says, due to the regional scope of their network.

A pair of independent "qualified examiners" in Massachusetts deemed Chapman no longer a threat based on his physical condition – Chapman suffers from Parkinson's – but Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker told reporters 3 years ago that he wants a more thorough examination that includes his mental state.

According to the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, 60 West has both a secure cognitive impairment and open long term care unit – but no secure behavioral unit.

Now Rocky Hill lawmakers want a more thorough examination of iCare's in-facility security measures. Wood says that when her and Lesser do meet with them, they plan to push for a future public forum.

"I will highly encourage them to have a public forum on what they're doing at 60 West St. to reassure neighbors in Rocky Hill and people that have children at Moser School that they are running that facility in a way that will ensure what happened in East Windsor will never happen here," Wood said.

Start Your Engines: Sunday Funday Cruise Winners Announced

Chairman Tom Byrne and Event Chairman Joe Santaniello of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce invited the community to ride with the Middlesex Chamber last Sunday for an exciting virtual event to support the Middletown Youth Programs, First Responders, and Healthcare Workers.

The day was filled with sunshine, American spirit, and amazing cars. The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce couldn't have asked for a more perfect day!

This innovative, virtual event showcased 155 classic and antique vehicles that traveled a 3.8-mile route throughout beautiful downtown Middletown, which passed the police station, fire personnel and Mid-

dlesex Hospital. As participants passed, they honked their horns to give a big thanks to our first responders, front line and healthcare workers! The virtual festivities began at 12:30 p.m. at the NAPA parking lot on Newfield Street.

Car enthusiast and virtual riders donated to the Middletown Youth Programs, which includes the Hal Kaplan Middletown Mentor Program, Middletown Recreation Programs and the Middletown Summer Youth Employment Program.

This year, our top sponsors and special guests each handed out an award to their "best in show", which include the following participants:

Middletown Mayor, Ben Florsheim Choice Award – George Gardner driving a red 1970 MG MGB.

NAPA Auto Parts Best in Show Choice Award – Al Waters driving a sunset red 1958 Chevrolet 58 Corvette.

Eastern Chapter Over The Hill Gang Car Club Choice Award – Max Gardner driving a black 1956 Lincoln Premiere.

The Powerwashing Kings Choice Award – Steve Zigmont driving a red and white 1955 Chevrolet Belair.

Geico Newington Choice Award – Tin Cook driving a red 1968 Pontiac GTO.

Downtown Business District Choice Award – Mark Morello driving an ivy green

metallic 1966 Mustang Convertible.

The Flood Law Firm Choice Award – Ron Depioto driving a blue 1956 Chevrolet Belair.

Liberty Bank Choice Award – Rich Schultz driving a red 1967 GMC K-10.

Key Chevrolet Choice Award – Wayne Cranford driving a black and silver with red stripe 1978 Pace Car Chevrolet Corvette.

Incase you missed, "Start Your Engines to Sunday Funday – Middletown is Virtually Cruisin' 2021" you can find photos and videos on Cruise Night on Main Street's Facebook page.

Upcoming Programs at the Cora J. Belden Library

One on One Tech Help - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in July 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 July 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 July at 2:30 PM

Join this virtual 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 via Zoom. Registration is required to receive the Zoom meeting ID.

Getting Started with Zoom – Thursdays in July at 2:30 PM

Join this virtual class to learn how to use Zoom to chat online 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.

Pajama Storytime: In Person, Outside – Mondays in July at 6:30 PM

Bring a snuggly stuffed animal and a blanket to sit on. Recommended for families with children ages 2-6 years. Please register.

Rocky Hill: Historic Disasters with Robert Herron – Tuesday, July 6 at 6:30 PM

We've lived through a year of COVID-19, now come learn about other major incidents and disasters in Rocky Hill's past with Rocky Hill Historian Bob Herron. Bob will dive into natural disasters that shaped how and what Rocky Hill is today. This talk will be held via Zoom. Registration is required to receive the Zoom ID.

Mystery Book Discussion: Outside, In Person – Wednesday, July 7 at 6:30 PM

This month, we will be reading *Woman with a Gun* by Philip Margolin. Extra copies of the book will be available to checkout from the library. Please bring your own chair or blanket to sit on. Registration requested.

Family Story Time: Outside, In Person – Saturday, July 10 at 11:00 AM

Join us live and in person for an animal-themed family story time! We'll hear stories, sing songs, and have some fun. This is a drop-in program. No registration is necessary.

Summer Zoom Travel Series: Passeggiata Through Italy – Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 PM

Come take a Passeggiata with us this summer and "stroll" through the richness and diversity of Italy with Mariann Millard, certified tour guide. Registration required to receive the Zoom meeting ID.



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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.

"CCHD really stepped up," said Deputy Mayor Gail Budrejko. "After 25 years of service, this past year and a half has been the most unique and memorable. [But] you can't

characterize your service with just this one event, so I'd like to thank you and congratulate you on 25 years, and here's to 25 more."

The CCHD serves Newington, Wethersfield, Rocky Hill, and Berlin.

It was first launched in 1996 as a joint endeavor between Rocky Hill and Wethersfield. Berlin joined two years later, and the CCHD got its official name.

Newington came aboard in 2006.

"Thank you for allowing us to be able to serve the town," said CCHD Executive Director Charles Brown. "It's been our honor and privilege to serve all 4 of our communities the past 25 years, and I look forward to the next 25."

The CCHD fulfills a sprawling list of public health roles that includes clean drinking water, restaurant inspections, mental health support, asthma prevention, and opioid epidemic response organizing.

But the past year and a half's battle with COVID-19 shifted CCHD's focus to vaccinations – both obtaining them from the state, and working with local level partners to run the near-40 clinics held across all 4 District towns in 2021.

"We've always known what a great partner you are to us – the lead, asthma, and community awareness you do," said Mayor Beth DelBuono. "This past year, while challenging, really drew our attention to the

strength of your organization and the collaboration with our town on such a regular basis. This is a really fitting tribute."

Brown said that CCHD is keeping up the vaccination effort by getting shots to hard-to-reach homebound residents.

Newington Councilor Tim Manke, who volunteered at the CCHD's clinics, says he witnessed the District's work firsthand.

"I was impressed with the professionalism and the caring and compassion they showed their clients," Manke said. "I wish you success for another 25 years, but hopefully things can calm down."

Newington Parks and Recreation Summer Programs

• **Summer Camp RECreate:** Newington Parks and Recreation's Summer Camp RECreate is for children entering Kindergarten through Grade 8. It begins on Monday, June 21st and runs in weekly sessions thru Friday, August 6th from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. Children entering Kindergarten through grade 3 are at the Mill Pond Park location and children entering grades 4-8 are at the Churchill Park location. The weekly themes are as follows: Week 1 – Around the World, Week 2 – Super Sports, Week 3 – Awesome Animals, Week 4 – Carnival Week, Week 5 – Water Wars, Week 6 – Music Week, Week 7 – Amazing Adventures. The current fee for Newington residents is \$230 per week or \$1,127 for all seven weeks. The current fee for non-residents is \$288 per week or \$1,409 for all seven weeks. If registering multiple children for Summer Camp RECreate, the second child receives a 10% discount and the third child (and above) receives a 20% discount. The registration price includes a Summer Camp RECreate t-shirt, field trips and entertainers, swim lessons and recreational swim, tennis and dance lessons, cookouts, pizza parties, and more!

• **Summer Sunshine:** Newington Parks and Recreation's Summer Sunshine Program is for preschool-aged children, ages 3 and 4. It begins on Monday, June 21st and runs in weekly sessions thru Friday, August 6th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Families can select a 2-day, 3-day, or 5-day program each week. Children will enjoy using the brand-new Maureen Romano Preschool Room, located in the Mortensen Community Center. The weekly themes are as follows: Week 1 – On the Farm, Week 2 – Spirit of the USA, Week 3 – Amazing Heroes, Week 4 – Under the Sea, Week 5 – Christmas in July, Week 6 – Our Solar System, Week 7 – Greatest Show on Earth. The current fee for Newington residents is \$79.00 per week for the 2-day program, \$120.00 per week for the 3-day program, and \$199.00 per week for the 5-day program. The current fee for non-residents is \$87.00 per week for the 2-day program, \$132.00 for the 3-day program, and \$219.00 per week for the 5-day program. Register for all 7 weeks and save 30% off your total price!

• **Creative Playtime Preschool Program:** The Newington Parks and Recreation

Department is excited to announce that the Creative Playtime Preschool Program is now located in the Maureen Romano Preschool Room in the brand-new Mortensen Community Center. Choose from morning, afternoon, or full-day sessions, for one day a week or all five! The hours of the 2021-2022 program are 7:30 am – 12:30 pm for the morning session, 12:30 pm – 5:30 pm for the afternoon session, and 7:30 am – 5:30 pm for the full-day session. The school year begins on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 and ends on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. The program fee is \$1,235.00 for each half day and \$2,470.00 for each full day. Register your child for one full day and receive \$100.00 off your tuition bill. Register your child for two full days and receive \$200.00 off your tuition bill. Register your child for three full days and receive \$300.00 off your tuition bill. Register your child for four full days and receive \$400.00 off your tuition bill. Register your child for five full days and receive \$500.00 off your tuition bill. Pay in full and save \$200.00 off your total tuition!

• **Recreational Swim Times at Churchill Park Pool and Mill Pond Park Pool:**

The Town of Newington will be opening both Churchill Park Pool and Mill Pond Park Pool this summer. Both pools open on Saturday, June 19th for the 2021 summer season. The pools are open to the public Monday – Friday from 1:00 pm to 4:45 pm and 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The hours on Saturday and Sunday are 1:00 pm to 4:45 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Newington residents can purchase an individual pool pass for \$75.00 or a household pool pass for \$100.00. Pool passes can be purchased at the Newington Parks and Recreation Department, located at 200 Garfield Street. The office hours are Monday – Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. For families who do not purchase a pool pass, they can pay the daily rate at the pool entrance. Daily rates are to be paid in cash: \$5.00 for adults (18+), \$3.00 for children (under 18), and \$3.00 for seniors (62+).

• **Swim Lessons at Churchill Park Pool and Mill Pond Park Pool:**

The Newington Parks and Recreation Department offers swim lessons at both Churchill Park Pool and Mill Pond Park Pool. While the private and semi-private swim lessons are full for the summer season,

group lessons are still available for children and adults. The youngest swimmers can begin in the Waterbabies class for children ages 6 months – 2 years, with a parent. Our preschool swim lessons allow children ages 3-5 to participate in swim lessons independently. The American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program Levels 1-6 provide swim instruction for children ages 5-17. The Newington Parks and Recreation Department also offers adult swim lessons at Mill Pond Pool, for adults who would like to learn to swim in an age-appropriate and comfortable environment.

• **Summer Concert Series at Mill Pond Park:**

The Newington Parks and Recreation Department presents The Edythe and Harry Mandell 2021 Concert Series at The Data Mail Inc. Pavilion at Mill Pond Park. The dates remaining in the Summer Concert Series are as follows:

Thursday, June 24th @ 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm: Rock Solid Alibi

Thursday, July 1st @ 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm: Locomotion

Thursday, July 8th @ 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm: Shaded Soul

Wednesday, July 14th @ 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm: Nightshift *Sundaes on Wednesday event

Thursday, July 15th @ 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm: Ball in the House *Bring Your Own Cheese (BYOC) event

Friday, July 16th @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Savage Brothers *Craft Beer Tasting

Saturday, July 17th @ 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Dually Noted*Life. Be in it. Extravaganza

Saturday, July 17th @ 6:00 pm – 9:15 pm: Mass-Conn-Fusion *Life. Be in it. Extravaganza

Thursday, July 22nd @ 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm: The Daily Planet *ADA Celebration

* ADA Celebration - FREE ice cream for the first 150 people! Thursday, July 29th @ 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm: Cody Bondra and the Contraband

• **Mill Pond Park Concession Stand:** The Mill Pond Park Concession Stand is open seven days a week from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. It will also be open during the Summer Concert Series on Thursday evenings and special events at Mill Pond Park. Prices for items sold at the concession stand range from \$1.00 to \$8.00.

• **Free Miniature Golf:** Enjoy some fun, for FREE, playing miniature golf at Mill Pond Park! Visit the Mill Pond Park Concession Stand, open daily from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm, to get golf clubs and golf balls to play some FREE miniature golf at the Mill Pond Park 9-hole course. It's fun for all ages!

• **Life. Be in it. Extravaganza:** See the following page for all of the Life. Be in it. Extravaganza events for Wednesday, July 14th – Saturday, July 17th. Here are a few additional events for the Life. Be in it. Extravaganza:

• **Wednesday, July 14th – FREE trackless train rides from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

• **Thursday, July 15th – Monster Mural @ 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm *Giant mural for children to color in! Markers will be provided. Sponsored by: The Republican Town Committee**

• **Friday, July 16th – Skydivers at 8:00 pm**

• **Friday, July 16th – Craft Beer Tasting @ 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Over 35 craft beers! Sponsored by: Century 21 Northeast. Purchase tickets in advance for \$25.00. Purchase tickets at the event for \$40.00.**

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 3rd 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.

Mill Pond Pool Temporarily Closed

The Newington Parks and Recreation Department regrets to announce that the Mill Pond Pool has been closed until further notice. The pool's chemical control system and the filtration flow rate have failed due to aging systems. Swim lessons will be moved to Churchill Pool beginning this evening. All other swim lessons during the day will also be moved to Churchill Pool. Arrangements are being made for the Summer Camp RECreate participants at the Mortensen Community Center site to be bused to either Churchill Pool and/or the Newington High School Pool for recreational swim during the day. Pool passes are still being accepted at Churchill Pool. The Department is in search of replacement parts that are on back order. The Department will keep everyone notified when more news is available. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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Councilors Discuss Obstacles to Returning In-Person

by Mark DiPaola

Local officials are eyeing a return to in-person government meetings, but new state FOI requirements has left some complications to sort through, they say.

The rules – laid out in House Bill 6448 – reflect a desire to retain the kind of electronic access that enabled municipal governments to hold virtual meetings and the public to attend them, but it comes with a host of new mandates the town is awaiting clearer guidance on, said Town Clerk James Krupienski.

“It’s going to be a bumpy ride the next two months getting this all worked out,” Krupienski said at the Town Council’s June 22 regular meeting.

Under the Bill, municipal governments retain the option to hold virtual – as well as hybrid – meetings until April 22 of next year.

Perhaps the most significant challenge, Krupienski says, is a requirement that municipalities provide devices – and a location from which to livestream local government meetings – to residents that request it, though federal COVID relief should help cover related costs, at least for now.

He says they’re still sifting through the details, but House Bill 664’s 21-page analysis indicates that the mandate would only apply if the Town chooses to continue with meetings that are virtual-only.

“If a public agency holds a meeting (other than an executive session or emergency special meeting) solely by electronic equipment, then it must provide any member of the public with (1) a physical location and electronic equipment needed to attend the meeting in real-time, if requested in writing at least 24 hours before the meeting, and (2) the same opportunities to comment, testify, or otherwise participate that he or she would have for an in-person meeting. However, the bill specifies that it does not require public agencies to offer any of these participation opportunities to members of the public attending electronically if they are not legally required to do so for members of the public attending in person

The evening of June 22, local leaders celebrated the Central Connecticut Health District’s 25th anniversary, while praising them for the vaccination effort that has helped knock Newington’s COVID infection rates down to the lowest they’ve been in over a year.

And, with Town Hall reopened and departments returning to full-fledged in-person staff meetings, Councilor Chris Miner, as he has for the past several months, asked when the full Council might be able to reconvene in its traditional venue.

That depends on how quickly they can work out the logistics, said Town Manager Keith Chapman.

“It is a monster of a project,” Chapman said.

For Councilor and Newington Community Television (NCTV) President John Donahue, the lion’s share will be obtaining new equipment for a better meeting night livestream – NCTV has been broadcasting the Council’s Zoom-only meetings via YouTube throughout the pandemic, but must now adapt for delivering a hybrid experience.

That hit some complications more recently, when an equipment order was delayed 10 weeks, Donahue told his fellow Councilors.

“I’m hoping it’s not 10 weeks,” he said. “If we really need to get back into the Chamber, we’ll go old school – throw a camera in the back of the room and record it that way.”

For all its convenience, Zoom can get challenging when one’s internet connection doesn’t cooperate – something Miner himself has been able to attest on more than one occasion.

Under the new FOI legislation, a dropped virtual participant can derail an entire meeting – for 30 minutes, if the individual is the difference between having a quorum and not, according to Krupienski.

“Even if you brought them back on two minutes later, you have to wait 30 minutes. And if the quorum isn’t reached within 2 hours, you have to adjourn,” Krupienski

said. “If we lose that connectivity, we’re losing our meetings.”

For all its stated complications, area municipal governments have been returning to their respective Council Chambers – both Rocky Hill and Wethersfield held their first in-person government meetings the week prior.

The device and livestreaming location requirement should be a permitted use under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), allowing Newington to fulfill that obligation outside of its operating budget – for the grant’s two-year lifespan, at least – according to Town Finance Director Janet Murphy.

“This is a funded mandate,” Miner said. “We have the funds to do this. We need to just do it.”

Town resident Rose Lyons, a longtime regular at meetings – in-person or otherwise – agreed.

While she doesn’t have a laptop device, she usually calls in.

“It’s been over a year since we’ve been together in the room,” Lyons said during last Tuesday’s public comments segment. “They’re going to be talking about changes to Newington Junction, and there’s got to be a way to bring that to the public. I’m asking that you please, please give it top priority to get us back up and running.”

Newington Upcycling Contest Winners Announced

The winners of the Newington 2021 Upcycling Contest were announced Monday night at an awards ceremony held at the Newington Town Hall. Fourteen projects were submitted ranging from a sewn denim handbag to a desk converted into a sewing station. Each person who entered a project received a certificate acknowledging their contribution. Joyce Boncal, the Chairperson of the Upcycling Committee said, “Because of your entries, Newington is a better place to live. Newington thanks you, the State thanks you and the World thanks you because you have reduced your carbon footprint.”

In the Individual/Family Contest Division, Jennifer and Travis Ahern received a winner certificate and a \$100 gift card for their entry of an outdoor play mud kitchen made from wood pallets and old kitchen utensils. Jennifer said, “We used wood that would otherwise be discarded as well as old household items.”

In the Non-profit/Business Contest Division, Carolynn Kowalsky of Cherry Pie Decor received a winner certificate and a \$100 gift card for a floral bouquet made out of fast food wrappers. Carolyn said, “My project will help the environment by showing that even garbage can be made beautiful. With creativity, all things can be reused and recycled.”



In Newington’s Upcycling Contest, children’s play kitchen was made from a pallet and a floral bouquet was made from fast food wrappers. The gift cards were donated by Mil-Aero Solutions, Inc. of Newington.

Free Train Rides for Kids Sponsored by CedarRidge Construction LLC

The Newington Parks and Recreation Department announces today that CedarRidge Construction LLC, owned by Mark Swiatowiec Jr., has become the newest public/private partner of the Department. CedarRidge Construction LLC wished to help children in Newington in an exciting way this summer. Mark has generously provided the funding for free children’s train rides at two of the Department’s special events. The first event was the Food Truck Festival that was held on Friday, June 11th at Mill Pond Park and coming up on Wednesday, July 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. as part of the Sundaes on Wednesdays and Family Tie Dye Party during the week of the Life. Be in it. Extravaganza. Train rides are normally offered to both children and adults for \$3.00

per person, but thanks to CedarRidge Construction’s contribution, train rides will be offered for free! Join us on Wednesday, July 14th for a night of good old-fashioned family fun and free train rides! But wait there’s more... Church of Christ Congregational stepped forward to sponsor free ice cream sundaes at the Sundaes on Wednesdays and Family Tie Dye Party. Free ice cream sundaes will be offered to the first 150 people! You won’t want to miss out on these delectable sweet treats including 20 different toppings! For more information, please contact the Newington Parks and Recreation office at 860-665-8666 or visit our website at www.newingtonct.gov/parksandrec. Remember, with Newington Parks and Recreation we are “Building a Strong Community!”



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Consultants Present Possible School Facilities Upgrade Plan

by Mark DiPaola

A recommended plan for upgrading school facilities would close Charles Wright, while renovating – or reconstructing – the district's four other elementary buildings.

The scenario – presented by consultants from Colliers International and SLR Consulting as the frontrunner among 4 tentative approaches – would involve constructing a new, larger Highcrest, as well as Hamner.

Emerson Williams and Webb would undergo renovations.

"Our schools are in good shape. They're safe, but they're behind and not in line with the learning needs of right now," said Board of Education (BOE) member John Cascio.

As chair of the Board's facilities committee, Cascio has been part of this conversation for quite some time. The district had SLR conduct an enrollment study two years ago as part of a broader needs assessment – back when consultants projected a \$31 million cost just to maintain the buildings at status quo.

If the BOE takes Colliers' and SLR's advice, work at all four buildings would be done, in phases, over the course of an estimated 10-year timeframe – to the tune of between \$81 million and \$84 million, after state aid is factored in, Chuck Warrington of Colliers told the Board last Tuesday.

"It's a lot, but it's not gonna happen tomorrow," Cascio said. "We're planning for the future, and we want to make this a community project."

Whichever path the Board decides to take, the community will have the final say – the plan needs referendum ap-

proval before shovels can hit the ground.

It'll take a year of work just to prepare for a school construction reimbursement application – due to the State Department of Education (SDE) by June 30 of 2022.

That means the drafting education specifications – a detailed needs overview that will help the project team fine tune the budget and apply for the grants – as well as conducting onsite geotechnical work to root out any environmental cost multipliers.

"This is due diligence stuff," Warrington said. "Making sure there's no budget busters – like high rock or groundwater under there."

But the larger part of the community project Cascio described will likely be introducing the idea of redistricting – a touchy topic, given the anticipated disruption.

"This doesn't necessarily mean only kids at Charles Wright are impacted," said Patrick Gallagher of SLR. "There'd need to be other moves at other schools to make sure [the enrollment distribution] is balanced."

When SLR last ran enrollment projections for Wethersfield, they forecast stability. By their latest estimate, the town will see slight growth by the late 2020's – to just under 2,000 elementary level students.

In an alternative version of the Charles Wright elimination scheme – devised for 473-525 students per school – the district loses between 150 and 175 seats of capacity.

It's a plan consultants laid out with a word of caution.

"It'd be very tight over the ten-year period, especially with that slow growth," Gallagher said. "We have some concerns this scenario may have some risks associated with it

from a capacity stand-point."

Under the recommended plan, Charles Wright would grow to be able to accommodate between 630 to 700 students, while the other elementary buildings would hit the 473-525 capacity.

Another scenario involves retaining Charles Wright and overhauling all 5 schools – specifically, renovating Wright, Webb, and Williams, while reconstructing Hamner and Highcrest.

It's also the most expensive scheme, according to Gallagher.

Another draw to the recommended plan is swing space, consultants and district leaders say.

Taking Highcrest offline – and constructing a new building on the largest school parcel in town – allows the district to use the existing facility as swing space for when Emerson Williams is renovated, Gallagher said.

It would also, in a subsequent phase, accommodate Webb students, when that building gets renovated.

Superintendent of Schools Michael Emmett says the approach was informed by the district's experience with the Wethersfield High School (WHS) renovation project, which was done in phases.

He also says he'd like to avoid a portable classroom scenario.

"Phases never finished on time. We found a significant amount of hazardous material that could only be abated when students weren't in the building, and we had a lot of disruption," Emmett said. "This plan looks to minimize that."

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.

"CCHD really stepped up," said Deputy Mayor Gail Budrejko. "After 25 years of service, this past year and a half has been the most unique and memorable. [But] you can't

characterize your service with just this one event, so I'd like to thank you and congratulate you on 25 years, and here's to 25 more."

The CCHD serves Newington, Wethersfield, Rocky Hill, and Berlin.

It was first launched in 1996 as a joint endeavor between Rocky Hill and Wethersfield. Berlin joined two years later, and the CCHD got its official name.

Newington came aboard in 2006.

"Thank you for allowing us to be able to serve the town," said CCHD Executive Director Charles Brown. "It's been our honor and privilege to serve all 4 of our communities the past 25 years, and I look forward to the next 25."

The CCHD fulfills a sprawling list of public health roles that includes clean drinking water, restaurant inspections, mental health support, asthma prevention, and opioid epidemic response organizing.

But the past year and a half's battle with COVID-19 shifted CCHD's focus to vaccinations – both obtaining them from the state, and working with local level partners to run the near-40 clinics held across all 4 District towns in 2021.

"We've always known what a great partner you are to us – the lead, asthma, and community awareness you do," said Mayor Beth DelBuono. "This past year, while challenging, really drew our attention to the

strength of your organization and the collaboration with our town on such a regular basis. This is a really fitting tribute."

Brown said that CCHD is keeping up the vaccination effort by getting shots to hard-to-reach homebound residents.

Newington Councilor Tim Manke, who volunteered at the CCHD's clinics, says he witnessed the District's work firsthand.

"I was impressed with the professionalism and the caring and compassion they showed their clients," Manke said. "I wish you success for another 25 years, but hopefully things can calm down."

Wethersfield Library Events & Programs

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

Legal Notice Town Of Wethersfield Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that at a virtual meeting of the Wethersfield Zoning Board of Appeals held on Monday, June 28, 2021 in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, the following actions were taken:

- 1. Application No. 6247-21** James Campbell, seeking a variance to allow side yard of 12 feet as against 15 feet minimum required to facilitate the installation of a a/c condenser to the eastern side of the building. (Residential Zone AA05). Location: **75 Wildwood Road. APPROVED AS SUBMITTED**
- 2. Application No. 6248-21** Marissa Van Galen & Kevin Ferguson, seeking a variance to allow side yard of 2 feet (for extension of deck on southern side), as against 10 feet minimum required; 2) To allow aggregate side yard of 21 feet as against 23 feet required. (Residential Zone A). Location: **47 Harold Street. APPROVED AS SUBMITTED**

Zoning Board of Appeals
John D. Gustafson, Chairman

By Charles F. Morrison, Duly Authorized

Dated at Wethersfield Connecticut, this 29th day of January, 2021

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Legal Notice Town of Wethersfield Historic District Commission

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7:30pm on the following applications seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness:

- Application #6061-21** Karen Carney and William J. Pilkington, seeking to remove existing shed and install 12'x16' Victorian Cottage shed in rear yard with cupola and window box at 15 Foote Path Lane.
- Application #6062-21** Julie Costello, seeking to install 12'x24' Garden Special Cape shed in rear yard at 341 Main Street.
- Application #6063-21** JPCL Associates LLC, seeking to construct 24'x24' detached wood garage with two shaker-style steel garage doors on left side of house at 210 Broad Street.
- Application #6064-21** DiGiorgi Roofing and Siding, seeking to remove existing aluminum siding and install CertainTeed Monogram double 4" vinyl siding in Natural Clay color at 3 Meggat Park.

If you wish to review the applications on file, you may request a copy by contacting HDCcomments@wethersfieldct.gov or by calling 860-721-2836. Live participation is available by audio format. Any residents interested in speaking on an application or wishing to listen to the meeting should email HDCcomments@wethersfieldct.gov or call 860-721-2836 by 6:00pm on the night of the meeting to be sent a phone number for audio access. Please include your name, phone number, and address in the email.

Town of Wethersfield, Historic District Commission

Kim Wolf
Duly Authorized
Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut, this 28th day of June 2021

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We want to know what's going on in Wethersfield. Email any news, announcements or upcoming events to editor@rarereminder.com or call 860-563-9386.

Board of Education Discusses Fall Re-Opening Plan

by Mark DiPaola

It's summer in Wethersfield, but school district officials are already thinking about fall reopening plans – and Superintendent Michael Emmett says he expects it to be a moving target once again.

“This will absolutely, positively change. I guarantee it,” Emmett told the Board of Education (BOE) at its June 22 regular meeting.

For now, the district is sticking with 6-foot social distancing – wherever feasible – as well as the classroom cohorts that got them through the 2020-2021 school year.

Measures such as handwashing and

sanitation, presumably, will remain best practice in September, Emmett said.

Mask-on policies remain in place – per Governor Lamont's executive orders for schools. That expires July 20, after which COVID safety protocols are anyone's guess, Emmett says.

“We're waiting on the CDC, as to what the mitigation strategy will look like,” he said.

He expects it to include responsibility for contact tracing, as was the case this past year – but Emmett sees cutting the isolation time from 10 days to 7, with a chance to test out after Day 5.

“Right now, the tests are very easy to

come by, and we don't want to see our kids quarantine any longer than they have to,” he said.

Those that have been fully vaccinated will not be required to quarantine upon potential exposure, Emmett said.

As of his update to the Board, 91 percent of Wethersfield residents 65 and over had been fully vaccinated, and the town, like almost all Connecticut communities, was well out of the State DPH's red alert infection tier.

The district saw 332 cases this past year, between students and staff, but the infection origins were largely found to have been out of school.

Students ages 12-17 joined those eligible for the vaccine back in May.

“We've also seen that the impact of the vaccination has been profound,” Emmett said. “The last date we had a staff member test positive was April 26, and we saw a significant reduction among students.”

State and local officials hope to see Pfizer and Moderna vaccines approved for the youngest age groups by sometime in September.

“We've certainly seen a robust number of students get the vaccine, so we think we're in a good position to make changes to this document as we move through the summer,” Emmett said.

Upcoming Events at Wethersfield Academy for the Arts

Wethersfield Academy for the Arts has re-opened for in studio Youth and Adult Programs.

Adult Workshops

Portrait Drawing Workshops – In studio

Instructor: Kathryn Engberg
One Day Workshops, 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 in Graphite - In studio

Instructor: Chelsea Bard
July 26th, 28th; Aug. 2nd, 4th - 5:30 - 8:30 pm

This is one long pose with a female model. Instructor guides the students through the drawing process with demonstrations and individual critiques. Includes Comparative measurement, structural anatomy, materials, light and form. Artists of all skill levels are encouraged to join. Model fee included.

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 - Students select their own 2 or 3 hour session during 3:00 - 8:00 pm - In studio

Memory to Memoir Writing Class - Wednesdays - 3:00 - 4:30 pm - Virtual

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

New Summer Entertainment at WDS Museum

The Webb-Deane-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.

A diverse music series in the museum's new courtyard 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 Latin guitar stylings of Dave Giardina, accompanied by violinist and vocalist Karina Hernandez.

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

July 23 - Vocalist, arranger, 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-flavored jazz.

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 rock hits.

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 Babbitt. (Rain dates are Thursday, July 22, and Thursday August 5). For ages 8 and older, this young-audience version will run approximately 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,



Nelson Bello performs Aug. 13.

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 sur-

rounding 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.

State Rep. Morrin Bello Touts Biennial State Budget

State Representative Amy Morrin Bello (D-Wethersfield) last month touted the \$46.4 billion biennial state budget with a \$2.3 billion surplus approved by the House of Representatives and the State Senate that is expected to help jumpstart the economy, provide support for nonprofits, protect working families and invest in cities and towns, without new taxes.

“As a freshman legislator, I have listened to my constituents about their priorities including, strengthening our economy and protecting our working families,” said Rep. Morrin Bello. “I am grateful to my colleagues on the Finance and Appropriations Committees who worked tirelessly to bring forward a bill that helps our residents and supports our municipalities.”

Beginning July 1, 2022, for FY 2022 under the Edu-

cation Cost Sharing formula, Wethersfield will receive \$11,540,764, and in FY 2023 \$12,196,352.

In addition, Wethersfield will receive \$266,038 in “PILOT” funds in both fiscal years, as well grants under the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund, Non-Education Aid and Adult Education aid for a total town aid of \$11,989,603 in FY 22 and \$12,645,429 in FY 23.

Morrin Bello said, “Our communities, including small businesses, families, students, frontline workers, essential and non-essential employees all have felt the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in different ways. I am proud of the work we put into this budget that delivers the resources needed to turn the corner and move toward a much brighter future for all.”

Rep. Morrin Bello also highlighted provisions in the

budget bill that include:

Tax relief for restaurants and allowing certain businesses to keep 13.6% of the 7.35% sales tax they collect on sales of meals and beverages for FY 22

An increase in the state's earned income tax credit to 30.5% of the federal credit

Expanding workforce training to get people back to work

Fully funding debt-free community college

Relief for arts, culture and tourism

Amy Morrin Bello is a first-term legislator representing Wethersfield 28th District. She serves on the Government, Administration and Elections, the Internship and Transportation Committees.

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Ice Cream Pie Fundraiser

GFWC Newington/Wethersfield Woman's Club is pleased to once again offer an opportunity to purchase delicious ice cream pies at Main Street Creamery & Café while supporting this volunteer community service nonprofit organization.

Choose your pies from the FB ordering direct link below, or call in your order to 860-529-0509. Pies can be picked up on Saturday, July 10 or Sunday, July 11 from 11:00am - 10:00pm at 271 Main Street, Old Wethersfield. There will be a selection of premade pies available if you do not reserve ahead of time. Pies listed on the link are \$20 (including tax). For custom pies, please call the Creamery to order. Cash or Venmo is accepted at pick-up.

Link to FB event:
<https://fb.me/e/41GUHfnlr> (Note: updated 6/25)

Direct link to order form:
<https://forms.gle/thFLzSNHeKBR8gZ6>

Funds raised will go toward purchasing prizes for Lucy Robbins Welles Library summer reading program and toward fall programming for Wethersfield Library. As always, your support is greatly appreciated! 7/1/21

Rocky Hill Farmers Market

The Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation Department is now accepting vendor applications for the 2021 season! Market dates are: 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

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

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.

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/> <https://conniedrake.amtamembers.com/> Our non-profits: The Kitchen at Futures Great Meadows Conservation Trust.

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.

www.rarereminder.com

Cars Helping the Blind

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

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. 6/31/21

GMMM Military Vehicle and Autos of the War Era Concours

Greater Middletown Military Museum is hosting its inaugural GMMM Military Vehicle and Autos of the War Era Concours on July 24 (9am-3pm). Info available on: www.gmvmm.com event page. To show your vehicle, contact museum at gmvmm-info@comcast.net for an application for review. Public welcome to see the event. This show is located in Veterans Park, 200 Walnut Grove Rd, Middletown, CT. This is a very special setting that honors our veterans and current military. The show is adjacent to the museum and the CT Trees of Honor that memorializes the 65 CT military KIA since 9/11. For info: email gmvmm-info@comcast.com or call 860-788-7215. 7/1/21

Coaches Wanted

Rocky Hill Youth Football & Cheer is looking for coaches for football and cheer. Please contact Joe Morfea for info: 819-7291 or jmorfea@inlandbank.com. 6/31/21

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

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 jmorfea@inlandbank.com. 6/31/21

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
- 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 @GuitarSquadCT. Rain Date: Sunday July 18. 5/27/21

Mx Hospital Vocal Chords

The Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords will present a 20th Anniversary 9/11 Patriotic Tribute at The Bushnell Mortenson Hall Stage on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 2p.m.

We are preparing for a spectacular patriotic musical journey along with our special guests: Todd Allen Herendeen, triple platinum country and gospel star, Middletown and Portland High School Advanced Choirs under the direction of Stephanie Zac, Middletown High School Choral Director and Samuel Tucker, Portland Secondary Schools Choral Director respectively and the Middletown Police Benefit Association Pipes and Drums. The event will begin with our Firefighter's and State Police Honor Guards leading our Firefighters/EMS, Police Departments, Armed Forces and Veterans in procession. LT Governor Susan Bysiewicz along with many state and local dignitaries will be in attendance.

Proceeds from this tribute will be given to the Middlesex Health COVID19 Emergency Relief Fund and the CT Firefighters/EMS and Police Benevolent Fund. Tickets for the Mortenson (\$30 plus handling fee) will be available on June 28th and can be obtained by contacting The Bushnell. Please order your tickets early as it is expected to be a sell-out.

The Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords, a 90 member chorus, recently celebrated their 30th anniversary of relieving stress, lifting spirits and healing souls with music. Let us all reflect and honor those brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice and show our appreciation and gratitude to those who serve us every day. They are our true heroes! www.vocalchords20.org

Chamber Golf Tournament

The Newington Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 2021 Golf Tournament! Tuesday, August 17, 8am Registration, 9 am Shotgun Start. Indian Hill Country Club, 111 Golf Road, Newington. Foursomes and Sponsorships are now available. No Chamber membership is required. Foursomes include: Breakfast, Golf Carts, 18 Holes and BBQ luncheon. Sponsorships and registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be confirmed with payment. Any and all proceeds will be used to benefit the Newington Chamber of Commerce's Community Programs and the High School Scholarship fund. To participate in this great community event please visit: www.newingtonchamber.com. 7/1/21

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

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 well-being, 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 6/31/21

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



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Ice Cream Pie Fundraiser

GFWC Newington/Wethersfield Woman's Club is pleased to once again offer an opportunity to purchase delicious ice cream pies at Main Street Creamery & Café while supporting this volunteer community service nonprofit organization.

Choose your pies from the FB link below, then either go to the direct ordering link below or call in your order to 860-529-0509. Pies can be picked up on Saturday, July 10 or Sunday, July 11, from 11 am - 10 pm at 271 Main Street, Old Wethersfield. There will be a selection of premade pies available if you do not reserve ahead of time. Pies listed on the link are \$20 (including tax); for custom pies, please call the Creamery to order. Cash or Venmo is accepted at pick-up.

Link to FB event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/347075827028907/>

Direct link to order form:

<https://forms.gle/thFLzSNHeKBR8gZ6>

Funds raised will go toward purchasing prizes for Lucy Robbins Welles Library summer reading program and toward fall programming for Wethersfield Library. As always, your support is greatly appreciated! ^{6/24/21}

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. ^{7/1/21}

Notre Dame Church Tag Sale

Saturday, July 3, at 272 Main St., Durham from 8 AM to 1 PM, rain or shine! Outside you will find furniture, records, tapes, CD's, books, pictures and frames, baskets, stuffed animals, electronics, sporting equipment, religious items and a full range of miscellaneous tag sale items. Inside our Church Hall we will have a huge assortment of clothing, toys, jewelry, china, a variety of linens, kitchen supplies, craft supplies, and more. A few minor changes: We will not be having outside vendors, masks are required, coffee and donuts will be available for sale in the Church Hall. Future Saturday Tag Sales: August 7, September 4. ^{6/24/21}

Cromwell Outboard Association

The Cromwell Outboard Association, Inc. invites any Cromwell resident who enjoys boating to contact them regarding membership. Be a part of a club that is part of Cromwell history and has been cruising the river for over 50 years. Email COA. membership2020@gmail.com or call 860-930-7812 for an application or visit www.cromwelloutboard.org. ^{6/7/18}

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.

K of C Memorial Family Gatherings

Memorial Family Gatherings at Newington Knights of Columbus, 171 Pascone Place, Newington, CT

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 members of their family.

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}

Newington Adult Education

Interested in Attaining a High School Diploma?

The Newington Credit Diploma Program will be registering students aged 17 years old and older, on Sept. 8 and 9.

Registration will take place in Room 124 at Newington High School from 5 - 7:30 pm. Please bring a copy of your transcript from the last school you attended, as well as a current photo ID. For further information, please call the Newington Adult Education office at (860) 667 - 5850. ^{6/24/21}

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}

Thomas Deming Farmhouse

Join us on Saturday, July 10 from 10am - 3pm at the Thomas Deming Farmhouse, 282 Church Street, Newington. House and garden tours will be conducted from 10am - 1pm and 2-3pm and will include a special presentation by Revolutionary War reenactor George Crede. Tours are \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for seniors, children 12 and under free. At 1pm, there will be a special celebration of the 150th anniversary of Newington with refreshments, readings, displays, and "Newington History Bingo." All proceeds aid in the restoration and preservation of the farmhouse. ^{6/24/21}

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}

AOH July Food Drive

The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hartford Division 2 is sponsoring a Food Drive on Sunday, July 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Collection will take place at Christ the King Parish at 601 Silas Deane Highway in Wethersfield in the parking lot that is between the church and the middle schools. The food will be given to the pantry at Saint Augustine Church in Hartford. Please bring non-perishable items with canned meats and soup in the greatest need in addition to pinto and pink beans. We are also looking to collect cooking oils, spices and condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, etc.). ^{7/1/21}

Community Breakfast/Newington

The Newington Masons have a community breakfast the first Sunday of every month! Come join us. Next one is Sunday, July 4! Price is \$10 and includes eggs, toast, bacon sausage, pancakes, homefries, coffee, juice and the Surprise Special. Come eat breakfast with your neighbors! The Mason hall is located at 80 Walsh Ave. Breakfast is held from 7:30-11am. ^{6/24/21}



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The menu features barbecued ribs, bratwurst, hamburgers, Cole slaw, country-style baked beans, fruit salad, dessert and coffee. Sea Breeze is the drink special and several German beers will be available on tap.

Reservations are required and the deadline is July 6. Call 860-985-3033 or email hartfordsaengerbund@gmail.com.

This event will be held rain or shine. For additional information call 860-953-8967, visit hartfordsaengerbund.org, or email hartfordsaengerbund@gmail.com.

The Hartford Saengerbund was established in 1858 as a singing society and social club and is the oldest German-American club in New England. Its motto is "Treu dem deutschen Lied" or "True to the German Song." 7/1/21

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.

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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

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Below are a few select remote programs for June...

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TUESDAY, JULY 6 AT 6:30PM

HISTORY OF THE PICNIC: FOOD HISTORIAN LECTURE, Presented by AARP

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 AT 1PM: BALANCE EDUCATION & TRAINING

Presenter, Dr. Suzanne Osborne, Co-Sponsor: The West Hartford Senior Center- Focus on managing concerns about falls for the aging adult. Discuss fear of falling, fall risks and small changes that can be made at home. Learn exercises designed to improve strength, stability and coordination.

THURSDAY, JULY 8 AT 1PM

BLUE ZONES: 9 LESSONS FOR LIVING LONGER, Presented by Hartford Healthcare

THURSDAY, JULY 8 AT 2PM

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TUESDAY, JULY 13 AT 3PM

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL: CONNECTICUT

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 14 AT 6:30PM

THE SCIENCE OF SLEEP & STRESS, Presented by AARP

FRIDAY, JULY 16 AT 8PM

MOVIES FOR GROWN-UPS SCREENING, Presented by AARP

"ALL THE STREETS ARE SILENT" A documentary detailing the convergence of Hip Hop and Skateboarding in 1980s New York, examining race, society, fashion, and street culture.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 AT 1PM

P.T. BARNUM: MAN, MYTH & LEGEND

Presented by Barnum Museum's docent, Marian O'Keefe, Co-Sponsor: The West Hartford Senior Center-

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 21 AT 7PM

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, Presented by Connecticut Beardsley Zoo and AARP

FRIDAY, JULY 23 AT 10AM

FRAUD FIGHTING: A MISSION OF PROTECTING OLDER ADULTS, Presented by AARP

THURSDAY, JULY 29 AT 1:30PM

MANAGING CHRONIC BACK PAIN, Presented by Hartford Healthcare

THURSDAY, JULY 29 AT 7PM

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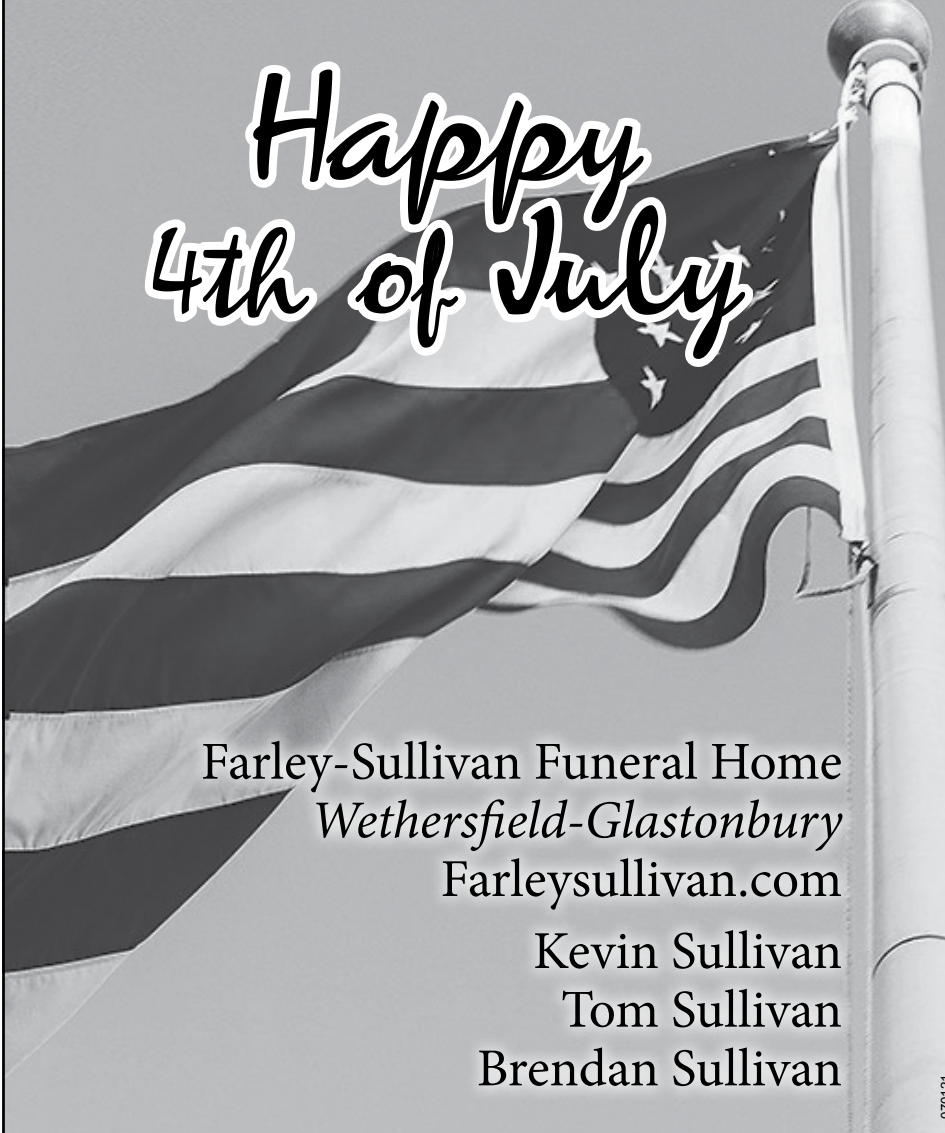
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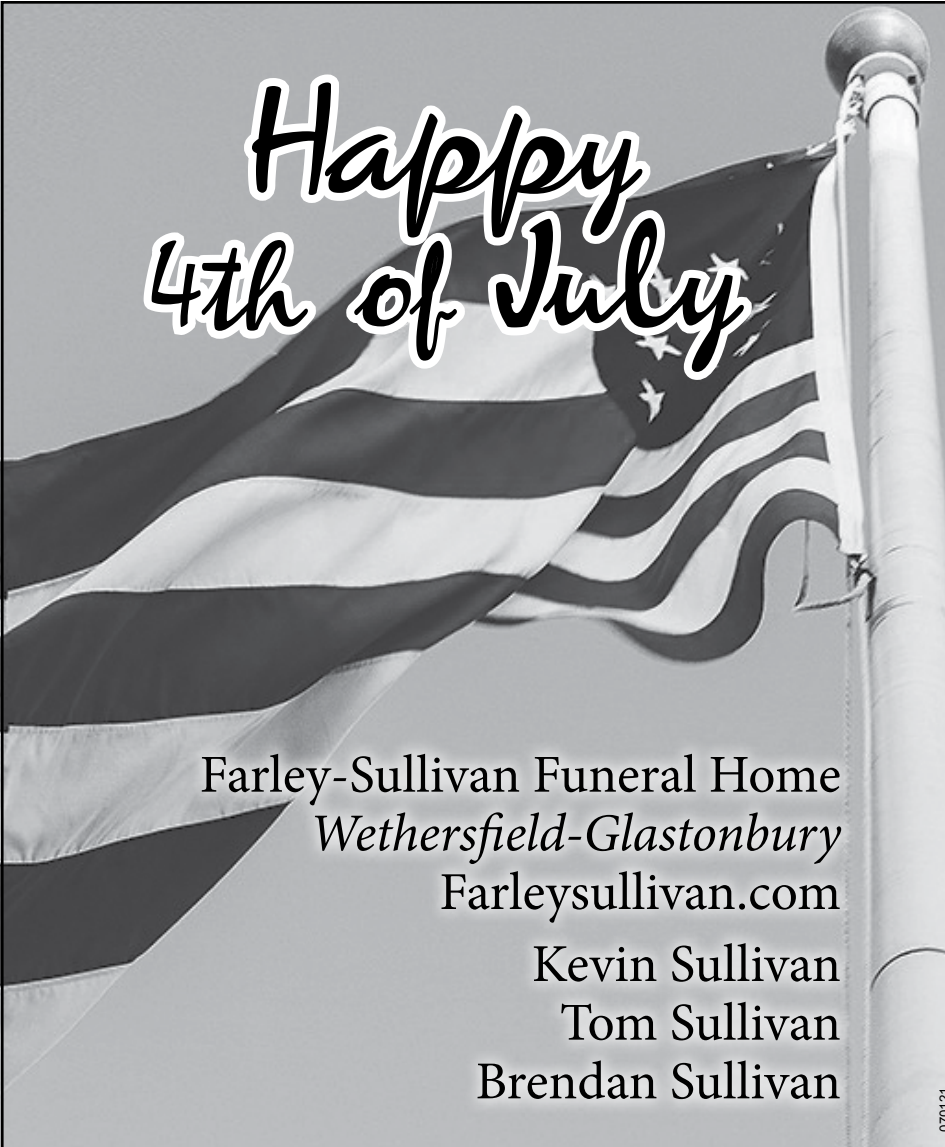
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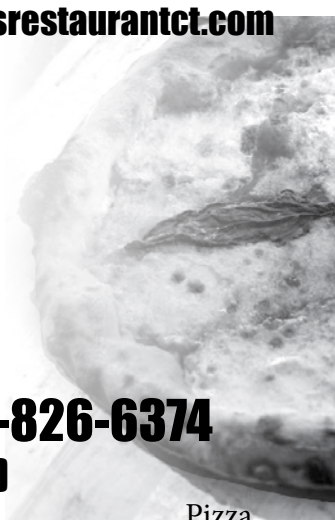
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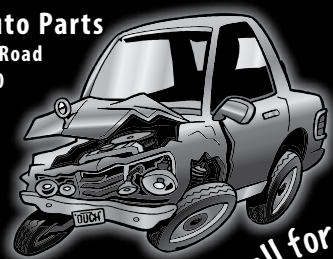
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	To Muravnick, Daniel A; Jason, Amber D	\$356,000
06/07/2021	20 Grove Rd	
	Champion Mortgage Co	
	To Becker, Russell	\$174,000
06/07/2021	103 Skyview Dr	
	Farrington, David F	
	To Mojica, Jacqueline; Mojica, Ronald	\$225,000
Middletown		
06/09/2021	18 Abbey Ln	
	Kinney, Bruce M; Kinney, Karia A	
	To Sarmiento, John; Iento, Jessica S	\$325,000
06/09/2021	583 Ballfall Rd	
	Pete&Deb Kurtz LLC	
	To Villar, Richard D	\$209,000
06/10/2021	50 Braeburn Ln	
	Cesarini, Maria	
	To Rueangrung, Natthawimon	\$160,000
06/11/2021	327 Congdon St	
	Fillion, Richard J; Fillion, Maria A	
	To Corso, Anthony; Pieper, Cassandra	\$370,000
06/11/2021	163 Cynthia Ln #D2	
	Matthews Jessie K Est; Matthews, Kenneth	
	To Matthews, Kenneth L	\$115,000
06/10/2021	1004 East St	
	Jacek, Glenn R; Jacek, Stephanie	
	To Smith, Terrence; Smith, Tamisha	\$305,000

06/11/2021	171 Eastern Dr	
	Judson, Marsha J; Judson, Thomas R	
	To Okeene, Abigail	\$243,000
06/08/2021	Eastern Dr	
	131 New Park Drive LLC	
	To Berger, David E	\$150,000
06/10/2021	151 Front St	
	Daquila, Thomas C; Daquila, Margaret S	
	To Erdman, Matthew A	\$199,000
06/10/2021	39 Grand St	
	Coyote Engineering LLC	
	To Paulsen, Wayne	\$244,000
06/10/2021	184 Highland Ave	
	Norige, Kristen L; Norige, Paul B	
	To Egozcue, Kenla; Egozcue, Alejandro	\$395,000
06/08/2021	795 Long Hill Rd #A	
	Bouchard, Renee L	
	To Kernen, Lee; Kernen, Janet	\$215,000
06/07/2021	560 Main St	
	Hotict LLC	
	To MD CT Properties LLC	\$600,000
06/11/2021	605 N Stantack Rd	
	Clement, David E; Clement, Patricia G	
	To Hart, Richard A; Hart, Sheryl L	\$450,000
06/07/2021	48 Schuyler Ave	
	Lopes, Brenda A; Lopes, Joseph P	
	Carigliano, Louis R; Carigliano, Diane M	\$270,900
06/08/2021	5 Sunnyslope Dr	
	Hawley, Timothy C	
	To Garcia, Mauricio E	\$225,000

06/09/2021	1221 Washington St #2	
	Ludecke, Zachary D	
	To Webster, David	\$134,000
06/07/2021	1261 Washington St #8	
	Cantone, Alisha A; Konecny, Frank W	
	To; Cotter, Jeffrey	\$125,000
06/09/2021	West St	
	Tushe, Jonel	
	To Cocomo 2 LLC	\$60,000
Newington		
06/07/2021	8 Broadview St	
	Jane B Siviski RET; Siviski, David J	
	To David J Siviski RET; Peterson, Kristin A	\$360,000
06/08/2021	11 Cobblestone Ct	
	Meucci, Thomas J; Meucci, Joanne H	
	To Egbuna, Francisca	\$335,000
06/08/2021	44 Harvest Ct	
	Diane L Richard RET; Richland, Diane L	
	To Tin, Nyan P; Khaing, Lwin Y	\$424,900
06/09/2021	78 Harvest Ct	
	G3 Properties LLC	
	To Miler, Deborah L; Miller, Wayne	\$335,000
06/10/2021	19 Miles Ave	
	Lindsley, Kenneth E; Lindsley, Jennie	
	To Seguro, Antonio; Seguro, Olinda	\$255,000
06/07/2021	519 New Britain Ave	
	Mcadams, Matthew T; Mcadams, Janele E	
	To Santiago, Xavier	\$265,000
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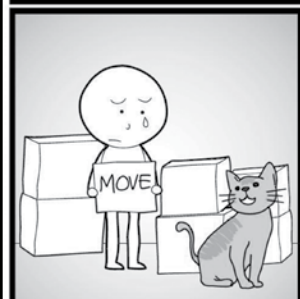
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To Geiger Bylek Helen Est; Geiger, Jeffrey A \$218,340

06/09/2021 10 Webster Ct
Cifarelli, Carla L
To Wall, Richard F \$170,000

06/08/2021 46 Woodland St
Gochee, Anthony R
To Contois, Jonathan A; Contois, Kimberly A \$205,000

06/09/2021 25 Woodsedge Dr #6A
StLaurent, Daniel J; StLaurent, Nancy F
To Bush, Kyle E \$129,000

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06/08/2021 156 Bailey Rd
Bul, Lina T
To American Intl Solutions \$276,500

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American Intl Sol LLC
To Bendel, Brittany A \$292,500

06/07/2021 17 Brookwood Dr #B
Asplund, Joshua
To Weiner, Robert \$135,000

06/09/2021 13 Danforth Ln
Acharya, Ranadip
To Shaikh, Maisah \$249,900

06/11/2021 69 Gillett St
Solter, Vitaliy
To Daladier, Christopher M \$185,000

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To Payne, Camille A \$550,000

06/07/2021 6 Locust Cir
Krzeminski, Zenon
To Maple Homes LLC \$152,500

06/11/2021 63 Orchard St
Wheeler, Robert A; Harding, Kathleen M
To Outram, Krishna; Persaud, Omawattie \$270,000

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To Stephens, Timothy; Negron, Jessica \$250,000

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Scott, Carol A
To O'Brien, Tess \$200,000

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Narciss, Bryan P
To Scarpantonio, Joseph \$245,000

06/07/2021 375 Griswold Rd
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To Kellier, Jermaine M; Kellier, Dana M \$315,000

06/10/2021 20 Liberty HI
Fabrizi, Robert E; Fabrizi, Patricia A
To Marzano, Tony; Burdge, Gwendolyn \$451,000

06/07/2021 10-12 Livingston St
Zaino, Redente D; Zaino, Lisa M
To Bowen, Marlon T \$320,000

06/08/2021 220 Maple St
Schilke, Donna D; Schilke, Raymond F
To Wilson, Everett; Spear, Taylor \$325,000

06/10/2021 45 Onlook Rd
Dolan, James; Hamilton, Lynn
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Selection A \$39.80

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT Holy Spirit, you who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal, You, who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me, and You who are in all instances of my life with me, I in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory, Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish. After third day, wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted.

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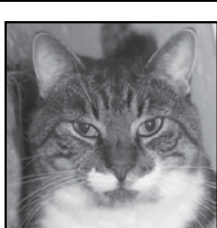
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PET OF THE WEEK

Mya is a 3 year old Beagle/Foxhound mix and weighs 28lbs. Mya is sweet as pie and greets every new person she meets like a long-lost friend! She is the life of the party and is full of love, wags, and kisses! She gets along very well with other dogs and would LOVE a canine playmate in her home (or at the very least, doggy playdates or visits to doggy daycare!). Her bouncy, exuberant play-style overwhelms smaller dogs, so medium-sized pups or larger would be the best match for her. Homes with very dog-savvy cats will be considered.

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Stella is a pretty brown tabby that was left at our door with her 3 kittens. They have all found homes and now Stella would like her own home. She is friendly but not a fan of being held for too long. Dumplin is a black & white boy who was rescued at 2 weeks old from a dumpster. He was bottle fed by his owner who recently passed away. He is now 10 years old and very friendly.

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Ollie

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PET OF THE WEEK



My Name Is
Sadie

My People Are
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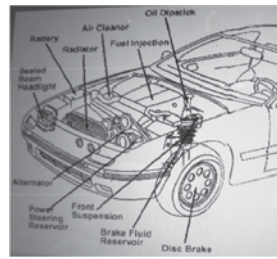
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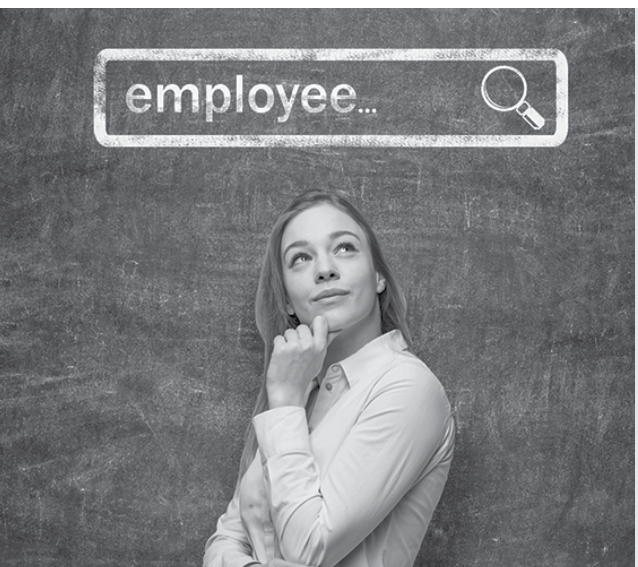
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 Great employees are the backbone of successful businesses. Savvy business owners recognize the important role workers play in helping a business meet its goals, and recruiting and retaining such employees is a high priority for the world's most successful firms.

According to the recruitment resource Betterteam, 68 percent of human resources professionals report problems filling positions — an increase of 50 percent since 2013. Forbes magazine puts the potential cost of a single bad hire between \$25,000 and \$50,000. New employees are investments and due diligence should be used to find the right ones. Recruiting top talent may require thinking creatively, and it almost always requires significant effort on the part of the business doing the hiring.

Write a well-crafted job ad
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Establish a list of traits you want new employees to possess. An applicant's skills, education and experience are important. However, this should not be the only factor to consider when mulling a potential hire. Seek employees who have the potential for growth and can get along with colleagues and existing and new clients.

Use various job boards to advertise
 Many popular job boards, such as Indeed, Monster, LinkedIn, and Glassdoor, offer free advertising for job posters. They are good places to start because they generate lots of traffic. Social media also can work much in the same way as free job boards, according to Workable, a recruitment software company. If you don't find success with free job boards, you may need to go elsewhere.

Attend job fairs and utilize interns
 Building a community connection through local job fairs, networking with alumni organizations, and relationships with universities, trade schools and colleges can provide constant resources for new talent. Plus, applicants may feel more comfortable working for a company that has outreach in the local area.

Follow up on references
 It may take time, but it's important that references are contacted and previous employment is confirmed. Due diligence with a candidate's references ensures companies get a bigger picture of potential hires, according to Indeed. Ask questions like "What is it like to work with the candidate?" or "What are their biggest strengths and weaknesses?"
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SPORTS CORNER

Wethersfield's Darrell Headed to Boston

by Josh Howard

R.J. Darrell, a 2021 graduate of Wethersfield High School, will continue his soccer career at Emmanuel College in Boston, Massachusetts next fall.

"The coached reached out to me and I went on a tour in February. They were awesome," Darrell said of his collegiate decision, "It just looked like a really good fit academically, they have a strong business program, and I can play on the soccer team and live in Boston. It was an overall good fit for me."

Darrell played a variety of sports as a kid, eventually finding his passion on the soccer fields.

"Growing up I played a lot of sports, my parents got me into them. I played baseball and basketball through the town and I was always diversifying but then as I got into middle school and high school I noticed that soccer was my top sports, so I started focusing on soccer," recalled Darrell, "I realized how much I loved it and I was getting better every year."

His older sister, Megan, played soccer at Wheaton College in Massachusetts after graduating from WHS and his younger sister, Lauren, plays soccer and just finished her freshman year at the high school.

Darrell called his fam-



Recent WHS grad R.J. Darrell, pictured with parents Rick and Jill, along with coach Rob Jachym during his commitment signing to play soccer at Emmanuel College.

ily a "soccer family" and recalled Megan "schooling" him in the backyard, teaching him lessons he would later use in high school.

Once at WHS, he shined as a four-year member of Eagles soccer, starting on varsity each of the past two seasons.

As a junior, he helped lead the Eagles to a confer-

ence championship and a berth in the state tourney. After a pair of tourney wins, he scored the team's only goal in an overtime loss to Wilton in the semifinal round.

The Eagles used that loss to Wilton as motivation this last fall, winning conference again and finishing undefeated behind a strong

senior class.

Darrell, who was a team captain, earned All-State honors.

"This year meant a lot because going into the year nobody knew if we'd even have a season. It wasn't a normal season by any means but at the same time we were lucky to have a season," said Darrell, who used quaran-

tine to improve his skills, "This past summer I worked the hardest I've ever worked. I wanted these seniors to be celebrated and carry on that tradition. There's a lot of pressure at Wethersfield to deliver a good team, so we wanted to continue that."

Darrell shined off the field as well, earning both CCC All-Academic and

CHSCA All-State Academic distinctions. He was also an active member of the JETS Design team, an engineering team that designs and builds devices to help disabled persons in the workplace.

He departs WHS with a ton of accolades and even more fond memories.

"I'll definitely miss the under the light games in front of student section. I'll miss the comradery with my teammates and I'll miss everything about the state tournament," said Darrell, who added that this year's graduating class was battled tested because of the obstacles they faced over the past 15 months, "We all helped each other through it. It was the toughest time in our lives and now I don't take anything for granted. You have to treat every game like it could be your last."

Next fall, he will join a Saints team in Beantown that will be eager to play following an unfulfilled 2020 season because of COVID.

"I'm super excited to hopefully elevate my game and work even harder to improve myself," said Darrell, who will major in Business, "The next step is going to be a challenge and I just want to me the best soccer player I can be."

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Latina's Hoop Dreams Live On

by Josh Howard

Recent Wethersfield High School graduate Luke Latina has some unfinished business left on the basketball courts.

Latina, who starred on the Eagles basketball team, will be taking a post-graduate year at St. Thomas More Prep to showcase and improve his game.

"It's a great program," Latina said of the Oakdale-based school, "I'm going to play against guys that are a lot better than me and I'll get my butt whooped, but that's what you need to get better."

Basketball is in Latina's blood. His dad, Anthony Latina, is the longtime basketball coach at Sacred Heart University and he has two godfathers coaching, one at Wesleyan and another at East Catholic.

The game has literally become a way of life for the Latina family.

"When you've seen as many basketball games as I have, thousands of basketball games at every level, you just fall in love," stated Latina, "When I watch film with my dad or watch my dad's team you just learn so much about the game. I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world."

Unfortunately, the game he loves so much was cut short in each of his last two seasons at WHS.

The COVID-19 pandemic hit the United States, causing the cancellation of winter sports activities shortly before Latina and his teammates were schedule to take on Middletown in the Division II tournament in March of 2020.

The Eagles season was once again abruptly ended this year when COVID-related precautions caused the team to cancel the last two regular season games and miss

the conference tourney.

"It's a huge mental battle and we leaned on each other. The first time was a little different because everybody was going through it, but this year was so tough to take because we were feeling really good about ourselves," said Latina, who averaged 17 points per game this winter, "This is why I came here, my two high school decision were between East Catholic and here, and I wanted to stay home. I wanted to try and win something for the school and not getting a chance to deliver on what I wanted to do stinks, but it's something that you have to deal with. It's really taught us to deal with everything that's thrown at us and make the best out of the situation."

Despite the setbacks, Latina did have some epic moments at WHS, including two standouts during the 2019-2020 season.

In the 2020 regular season finale against Newington, the then-junior made an acrobatic lay-up off glass to beat the buzzer, sending the game into overtime. The Eagles ended up losing the finale, but their confidence was sky-high heading into the state tourney after knocking off #1-seed Tolland in the CCC tournament.

"It felt like everything was cooking for us," Latina recalled, "We had a belief in our locker room that we were good, and we knew we were better than what we had played like earlier in the year. We were peaking at the right time."

When he wasn't playing basketball, Latina was a hurdler on the outdoor track and field of the track team, and also helped manage the girls' soccer team.

The Wethersfield native, who is turning 18 this month, will now use his post-grad year to attract basketball scouts that were



2021 WHS grad Luke Latina will be playing at post-grad season at St. Thomas More. Photo: Jo-Ann Campbell.

dormant during a recruiting dead period caused by COVID.

"I want them to believe in me and I want to believe in the program. I don't care at what level, I just want to play," said Latina, who will pursue a degree in education

with the hopes of becoming a teacher and basketball coach, "I've dreamed of winning a championship my entire life. I want to go to college and win a championship, that's the goal."

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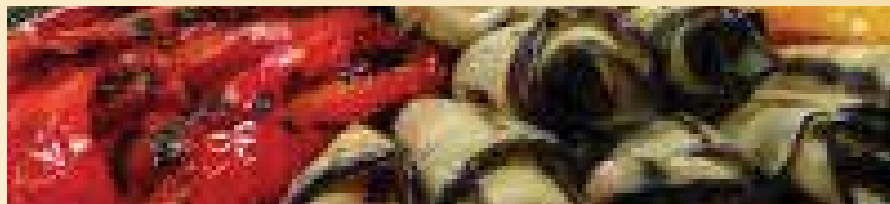
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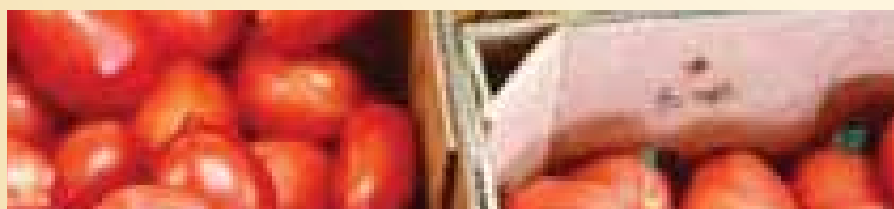
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