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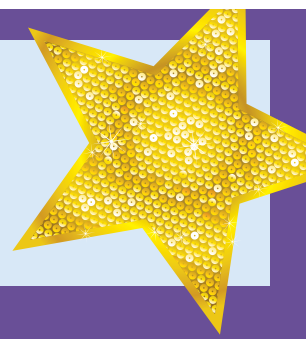
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Born in Uruguay, S. America, came to the USA at the age of 5 and began professional dance training at the age of 7. Adriana has been professionally trained by the founder of the Hartford Ballet and Albano Ballet Company, Joseph Albano and Julia Fredrick, and had performed with the Albano Ballet Company as a soloist performer for over 35 years. She augmented her dancing at Broadway Dance Center, Steps in New York City, Martha Graham modern and Russian ballet. Her

training includes Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Tap, Modern, Drama, and Music. Adriana has performed all over the state of CT, NY, FL and Mexico with the Albano Ballet Company, various professional dance teams and as a backup dancer for upcoming artists. Professional dance teams, include CBA basketball team owned and operated by Miami Dolphins. Arena football teams owned and operated by Madison Square Garden. Some of her credits include performances at Mohegan Sun Arena, Cabaret Theater, Bushnell, Music videos, Sergio Franchie's Cancer Festival and touring with Sweet Sensation freestyle artist, under United Rhythms Dance and Entertainment which recently performed for MTV in Cancun, Mexico. She has also been involved on an international level, representing the USA for International Dance Open in Zegrab, Croatia, Hungary, Panama and Austria as an international judge. Adriana is the owner, director and choreographer for New England's Nutcracker. Adriana is currently instructing, modeling, and acting for John Casablanca Modeling and Acting Agency- Rocky Hill, CT.

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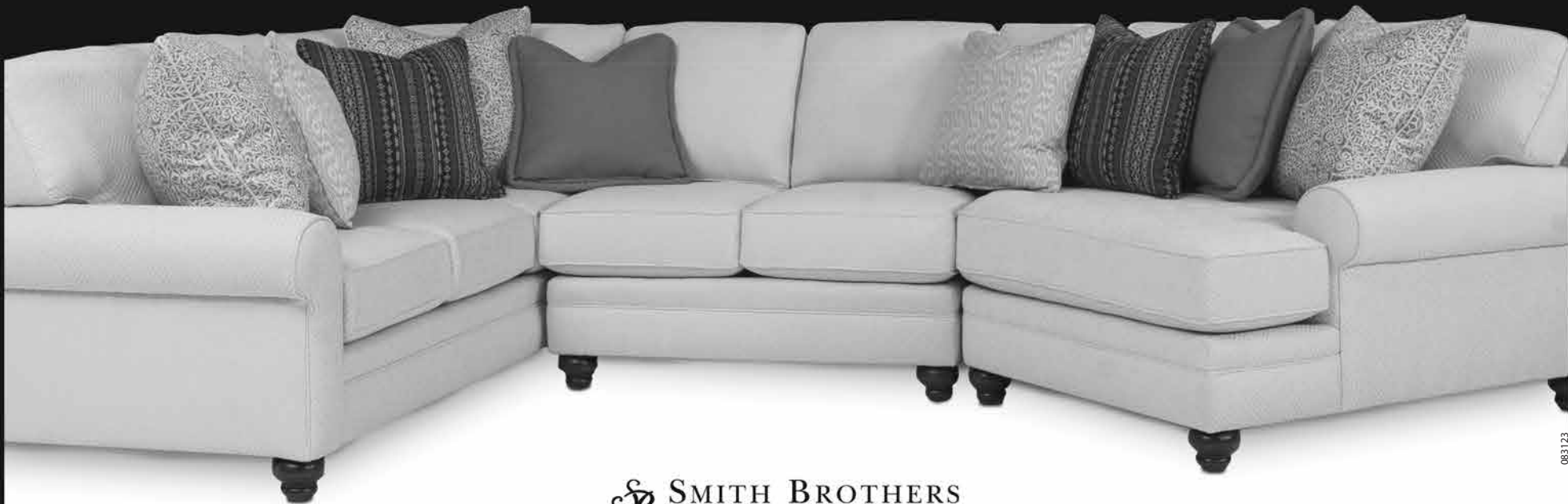
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Many Projects At Town Schools On Track For First Day Of School

By Joan Hunt
Staff Writer

ROCKY HILL - Local students are returning today to school buildings and grounds that are clean, safe, and welcoming, thanks in a large part to Director of Facilities Ron Lamontagne and his crew.

In his report to the Board of Education last week, Lamontagne outlined the work that has been accomplished during the summer, sharing photos of the projects in progress and the workers who made it all possible. This included emptying every office and classroom into the hallways, top-to-bottom cleaning, and moving everything back in. "We have a dedicated bunch of custodians, and they take pride in their work," he said.

Returning students at Stevens Elementary School will find a refinished gym floor with an updated Husky pawprint in the center and new flooring in several classrooms. The first phase of an HVAC update has been completed in the front

wing, and awaits the electrical component, which is soon to be delivered.

At West Hill Elementary, with the help of the town's engineering and parks and recreations departments, the parking lot has been reconfigured and paving added. "We are finishing the line striping now," said Lamontagne. The flagpole island was made larger, he explained, and a green was added, so that only buses will be able to park in front of the building.

Griswold Middle School sports a new roof, with skylights and a new gutter system. Trimming and flashing must be added, but Lamontagne said that will not interfere with normal operations at the school. Two new rooms that will serve as science classrooms have been completed, including cabinetry, lighting, and other features.

The softball field at Rocky Hill High School, which was built a few years ago, has experienced

drainage issues, so with oversight by the town's parks and recreation department, a contractor installed a new drainage system this summer. "It has been bone-dry ever since," Lamontagne reported.

And the Dream Café at the high school is under construction.

Later in the meeting, the district's assistant superintendent for personnel and human services, Amy Stevenson, gave an update on plans for the Dream Café. She reported on her visit to owner Kim Morrison at BeanZ & Company in Avon, a coffee café that employs an inclusive workforce of individuals with and without IDD.

Stevenson said she was particularly drawn to the message of the café's trademarked motto "Where Everyone Belongs", and much of its signage that touts equality, acceptance, and inclusion.

Stevenson also reported that Rocky Hill public schools are opening with 25 new staff mem-

bers, including 10 certified positions; nine teachers and a school psychologist. She said there were multiple applicants for all positions and that, although some area districts were opening with staff shortages, that will not be the case here.

Passing the Gavel

At the end of the Aug. 24 Board of Education meeting, longtime Chairman Brian Dillon stepped down.

Dillon thanked the community, fellow board members from this and the previous 14 years of his service, and administrators he has worked with, especially current Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Zito, who he described as his best hire of all.

After glowing words of respect and gratitude for Dillon's leadership, the board voted unanimously to appoint Vice Chair Steve Slattery as the new chairman, and Amber Tucker to replace him as vice chair.

Multi-Car Incident Shuts Down CT-91

Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

ROCKY HILL - Rocky Hill Fire Department Chief Michael P. Garrahy reported a multi-car motor vehicle accident with injuries on Monday, Aug. 14.

Garrahy released a statement about the accident on I-91 Southbound past exit 23.

According to Garrahy, the department was dispatched to the accident at 12:31 a.m. "Prior to our arrival, and due to the magnitude of the incident, the Connecticut State Police shut down the highway," he said.

Garrahy said responding units included three police cars, two fire units, a rescue vehicle and the fire police. "Additional support for the incident was provided by Rocky Hill Police Department, Connecticut State Police Department, Rocky Hill Volunteer Ambulance, and

Connecticut Department of Transportation," he said.

According to Garrahy, four vehicles, including a towed boat, were involved in the incident. "One driver was extricated by emergency personnel and was taken by Emergency Medical Services to a local hospital," he said.

Garrahy said a car was found rolled over in the median, and all occupants got out of the vehicle themselves. "Only one occupant was transported to the local hospital for non-life threatening injuries," he said.

According to Garrahy, fire crews were on the scene to help with traffic movement and hazmat evaluation and to provide scene blocking and lighting. "No additional motorists nor emergency responders were injured," he said.

For questions on the accident, call the department at 860-258-7603.

Letters to the Editor

A Farewell and Thank You to Brian Dillon

Dear Brian Dillon,

We were disheartened to hear of your resignation as Chair of the Board of Ed, and we would like to express our deepest appreciation for your years of exceptional service.

Your leadership, resilience, and unwavering dedication have been instrumental in guiding the Board through the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The past few years have been particularly tumultuous for boards of education across the nation. The COVID-19 pandemic brought forth an array of complex issues that required swift and decisive action. Amidst the chaos and uncertainty, you ensured that our meetings were conducted with civility, respect, and a shared commitment to the well-being of our students and educators.

Your ability to maintain a sense of unity and collaboration, transcending party lines, has been truly remarkable. You have fostered an environment where diverse perspectives are valued, and where the focus remains firmly on the common goal of providing the best possible education for our students.

Even though the results of this budget process weren't in our favor, we thank you for the valiant fight you gave to avoid cuts.

Beyond your role as Chair of the Board, you have been a source of inspiration and support for the community. Your passion for education, coupled with your genuine care, has been evident in every decision and action you have taken. Your tireless efforts to advocate for the needs of our students and educators have left an indelible mark on our educational institutions.

On behalf of the Democrat board members and our families, we extend our gratitude for your invaluable contributions as you step down from the Board. Your legacy as Chair will forever be remembered and cherished.

Wishing you continued success, fulfillment, and happiness in all your future endeavors.

With utmost respect and gratitude,

Maria Mennella, Jennifer Baron-Morfea,
Jessica Loffredo, and
Nancy Rolfe

As well as the entire
RH Democratic Town Committee

Steve Wygonowski for Board of Finance (Cromwell)

To the editor:

On Tuesday, Nov 7th, we will be electing new Board of Finance members, and I would like to express my endorsement for Steve Wygonowski.

I have known Steve for more than 15 years, through the Cromwell scouting program, with Boy Scout Troop 26 and its sponsoring organization, the Group of Citizens. Steve has provided critical leadership for managing and keeping the scouting program strong, financially sound and a key part of the Cromwell community. Steve also works closely with the Cub Scout Pack 36 and is a strong proponent for all of scouting in Cromwell.

Steve has volunteered his time with Scouts for over 20 years, serving in a variety of leadership roles for Troop 26, the adult leader Troop Committee and the Group of Citizens non-profit organization. I have witnessed Steve's dedication to the scouting organization as well as his commitment to keeping all scouting organizations healthy and focused on the Cromwell community, while working to ensure their sustainability for the future. Many Eagle scout projects have been shepherded and supported by Steve and have resulted in significant improvements to the town of Cromwell.

Steve has successfully served a 6-year term on the Board of Finance, since 2017, and is known to be thoughtful while consistently seeking to balance the level of spending to the affordability of the people of Cromwell. In a 2nd term, I know Steve will continue the work to improve the budgeting process and the long-term planning for Cromwell.

Sincerely,
Tom Kelleher
Cromwell



Young Residents Raise Funds For Local Animal Shelter

Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

CROMWELL - Two town residents had a lemonade stand and raised \$176 for their local animal shelter this month.

Carolyn Moody, mother of Savannah Moon, 10, said her daughter and her best friend, Alyssa LaTerra, 10, wanted to give back to their community. "Alyssa's mom's an EMT, and I always donate whatever I can to a cause, so I've always been very giving in my life," Moody said. "We've taught our daughters to give back and how it's a really good thing to do."

The lemonade stand was on Aug. 2, and Moon and LaTerra donated their funds to the shelter on Aug. 8.

According to Moody, Moon and LaTerra initially planned to donate some of their proceeds. "When we were at the lemonade stand, the girls came up to me and said they were going to donate 100 percent of what they made," she said. "I was very shocked that they both came up to me, and I didn't say one word."

Moody described Moon and LaTerra as selfless with beautiful souls. She also said they made \$176 in three hours. "The girls are just awesome, and they rocked it," she said. "They have such

amazing personalities, and like real lights, you're attracted to them."

Moody said Moon and LaTerra have known each other since they were babies, and now they are going into sixth grade. "They are great as friends and do so many nice things," she said. "I'm just so proud of them, and they're gonna continue to find ways to give back."

According to Moody, Moon may start an after-school community program about giving back to organizations. "I'm really going to work on that to see if Savannah will start her own group in middle school and have other children get together and help fundraise for the local community," she said. "My daughter is only going to get better and better, and I'm really excited about it."

Moody said Moon and LaTerra donated to the shelter to honor their love for animals. "They both have a really big passion for animals," she said. "We're not just going to stop there; there are other places we can donate to, and we are going to in the future."

According to Moody, she's excited for Moon and LaTerra's futures. "I just love them both, and I'm just amazed to see what will happen in the future," she said. "We might do a hot cocoa stand in the fall, which I think is pretty cool."

Essex Steam Train and Riverboat

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Get To Know Your Neighbors At Free Community Walk Event



Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

ROCKY HILL - The town's Commission on Inclusion and Innovation will host its second annual "A Mile in My Shoes" event this September.

Chairperson Thomas Cosker said the event unites the community. "People can talk, share, and get to know one another," Cosker said. "Too often in our world today, we don't know and interact with our neighbors around town or even next door."

The free event is on Saturday, Sept. 9, at the pavilion at Elm Ridge Park from 9 to 11 a.m.

Cosker said he hopes that town residents take the opportunity to get to know each other. He also said commissioners Maria Libro Judge and Bec Markowitz helped him plan the walk. "The event is designed to bring together diverse members of our community to get to know one another, learn from one another, have fun, and get a little exercise," he said. "Walkers will be paired off with someone they don't already know and have some time to walk around the park or simply sit and relax to get to know each other."

According to Cosker, the event is family-friendly, and all community members are welcome. "There will be people at the event to watch and play games with young children while parents walk and talk," he said.

Cosker said the event was created by a commissioner who had a positive experience meeting different town citizens. "Our first 'Walk A Mile in My Shoes' event had around 50 community members come together," he said. "We are looking to build on the first year's success and grow the event."

According to Cosker, the commission prides itself on inclusion. "We had very positive reactions to the event in 2022," he said. "People expressed their thanks for holding the event, and for being able to meet new people and strengthen and deepen connections with people they already knew."

Cosker said people are excited to attend this year's event, and registration has increased.

"We hope that people come away from the walk with a renewed sense of community and belonging," he said. "We hope the event will encourage people to continue to reach out to their neighbors throughout the year so that every day becomes an opportunity to meet and get to know others in the Rocky Hill community."

To register for the event, visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFOW4J2qdwGs0IHnEJoThiTkz1b5n6nDnFqvU3rX7m3P1RYg/viewform>.

Middlesex County Historical Society's 37th Annual Antique Car Show and Flea Market

All eyes at the Middlesex County Historical Society's 37th Annual Antique Car Show and Flea Market will gravitate to this year's featured car, a 1962 American Motors Rambler Classic. It will motor to the show located at Palmer Field adjacent to Washington Street, Route 66 in Middletown on Sunday, October 1. Car registration begins at 9:30 am and judging starts at 11:30 am with trophies awarded to the top vehicles at 1:30 pm. General admission is \$3.00 and children 12 and under are free. Car registration is \$10.00. Although cars registered for judging must be dated 1998 or older, there is no cut-off date for cars being placed in the car corral. In case of rain, the show will be held Sunday, October 8.

The 1962 Rambler Classic, costing \$1972.58, has an overhead-valve engine and is equipped

with dual-circuit cylinder brakes, leading the industry in this safety feature. This car, owned by Jim Caruso, is 100% original and untouched with zero rust, and retains its original ceramic coated exhaust system, Elmhurst green metallic color, and fiberglass headliner. Its original bias ply tires look like new as the car has been driven only 5858 documented miles. The first owner's widow kept the car in her garage, not driven for 40 years in memory of her husband!

Trophies, hand-made by the committee, will be awarded to the top vehicles. Flea market spaces are \$15.00 and the market opens at 7:00 am. For more information, call Deborah Shapiro at 860-344-0033. Rain cancellation information will be available at 860-346-0746.

Rocky Hill Student Recognized as Winner in the 18th eesmarts™ Student Contest

ROCKY HILL, Conn., Aug. 10, 2023 – Rocky Hill student Avery Mirando was recently honored as a winner in the 18th Annual eesmarts™ Student Contest.

Presented by Energize Connecticut Sponsors Eversource and Avangrid, Inc. subsidiaries, United Illuminating, Southern Connecticut Gas and Connecticut Natural Gas, the eesmarts Student Contest invites Connecticut students in grades K-12 to showcase their energy smarts.

Participants were able to choose from a variety of project formats, based on their grade level, including poems, essays, news articles, book reviews, posters, photographs, speeches, public service announcements, community-oriented projects, and more.

Avery, a 2nd-grade student at Myrtle H. Stevens Elementary School, won 1st place for her

energy-saving poster. In her poster, Avery illustrated five ways to save energy at home and stated that saving energy saves money, helps you stay healthy, conserves resources and helps the environment.

Students from 18 schools in 15 Connecticut communities submitted their work for consideration. Twenty-five entries were selected as this year's winners and each finalist received a prize box with a gift card and certificate.

For more information on the student contest and the eesmarts program, please visit EnergizeCT.com/eesmarts.

Thank you for reading
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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCKY HILL

Please take notice that the Town Council of the Town of Rocky Hill amended the Code of Ordinances by adopting the following ordinance on August 21, 2023:

Uniform Valuation of Personal Property

CHAPTER 223: TAXATION

Article__ **Uniform Valuation of Personal Property.**
Section 223-37 Uniform means of determining the true and actual value

In order to establish equity in the assessment of tangible personal property, other than motor vehicles, the Town of Rocky Hill does hereby adopt the provisions of Connecticut General Statute §12-63(b).

The provisions of this article shall be effective for the October 1, 2023 Grand List and thereafter.

Dated at Rocky Hill, Connecticut, this 25th day of August, 2023

Sandra Merrill Wieleba, Town Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCKY HILL

Please take notice that the Town Council of the Town of Rocky Hill amended the Code of Ordinances by adopting the following ordinance on August 21, 2023:

Municipal Option for Property Tax Exemption for 100% Disabled Veterans

CHAPTER 223 TAXATION

Article XII **Municipal Option for Property Tax Exemption for 100% Disabled Veterans**

The provisions of CGS 12-81g "Municipal Option for Property Tax Exemption for 100% Disabled Veterans" be and are hereby adopted for those veterans who are 100% disabled and meet the income guidelines in this statute.

The provisions of this article shall be effective for the October 1, 2023 Grand List and thereafter.

Dated at Rocky Hill, Connecticut, this 25th day of August, 2023.

Sandra Merrill Wieleba, Town Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCKY HILL

Please take notice that the Town Council of the Town of Rocky Hill amended the Code of Ordinances by adopting the following ordinance on August 21, 2023:

Affordable Housing Committee

Section ____ 1. Creation; Purpose; duties.

A. There is hereby created a committee to be known as the Affordable Housing Committee.

B. The Committee's role is to work with the Town Council, other Town and quasi –Town Boards and Commissions with the following purpose:

1. To advocate and oversee affordable housing efforts;
2. To educate the community about affordable housing;
3. To raise awareness of what the Town is required to do;
4. To assist in managing the Special Housing Fund, if established
5. To maintain and update the Affordable Housing Plan every five (5) years as required by law.

C. The Committee will accomplish its purposes (Section ____ 1) by performing the following duties:

1. Plan and facilitate educational presentations on the Affordable Housing Plan and affordable housing in general;
2. Actively participate in workshops and training sessions for their roles with a focus on best practices on navigating difficult conversations; promoting partnerships across groups of different cultures, socioeconomic circumstances, abilities to educate others about affordable housing;
3. The Committee shall assist in implantation of the Rocky Hill 2022-2027 Affordable Housing Plan and oversee the updates thereof every five (5) years;
4. The Committee shall promote and further the goals of the Fair Housing Act with choice and opportunities for all;
5. The Committee shall establish bylaws following Roberts Rules;
6. The Committee shall research relevant data to be utilized in education of municipal entities and the public;
7. The Committee shall seek guidance from and work with appropriate Town Departments, Boards, Commissions, etc. when necessary
8. The Committee shall report annually on their activity to the Town Council, or more frequently if the Council shall so request, or the Committee so desires,

Section ____ 2. Membership; appointments; terms of office; alternates.

A. Committee members shall be selected from a broad cross section of Town residents and local business representatives, of diverse income levels, cultural and social backgrounds and abilities, including those residing in affordable housing communities. Committee members will receive no remuneration for their work.

B. The Committee shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the Town Council through recommendation of the Town Council Majority Leader in the amount of four members, and Minority Leader in the amount of three members. At its initial meeting, and at its first meeting on or after January 1 of 2024, the Commission shall elect from its members three officers: 1) a Chair; 2) a Vice Chair; and 3) a Secretary.

C. To ensure continuity of functions and objectives, appointment terms will be staggered. Of the seven members first appointed in the Commission's inaugural year:

- 1) Three appointments (the Secretary, and two regular members) shall expire January 1 two years after initial appointment;
- 2) Three appointments (the Vice Chair and two regular members) shall expire January 1, 2026; and
- 3) One appointment (the Chair) shall expire January 1, 2027.

Subsequent appointments by the Town Council of successors to members whose terms have expired shall be for three-year terms and shall commence on the first day of January of the appropriate year.

D. The Town Council Majority Leader and Minority Leader may each appoint one alternate member; one of whom, on a rotational basis, may serve when a regular member is unable to attend a meeting. Each alternate member shall serve a three-year term.

Section ____ 3. Vacancies; resignations; removal.

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Section ____ 4. Meetings; quorum.

The Committee shall hold a minimum of six meetings each year at such regular intervals as it may designate. The Chair of the Committee may at any time call for a special meeting when tasks warrant such. The Committee shall post meeting agendas, meeting minutes and actions. A quorum at any meeting shall consist of three members, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the seated members in attendance shall be required to take any action.

Section ____ 5. Auxiliary services.

The facilities and services of various agencies and departments of the Town shall be made reasonably available to the Committee at its request.

Dated at Rocky Hill, Connecticut, this 25th day of August, 2023.

Sandra Merrill Wieleba, Town Clerk

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12th Annual Rotary Golf Event To Aid Alex's Lemonade Stand



**Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer**

NEWINGTON - The Rotary Club of Newington will hold its 12th Annual Alex's Lemonade Stand Golf Tournament this September.

Tournament chairmen and club member Mike Turgeon said the Rotarians started raising money for the charity in 2012.

"The foundation helps raise funds for children with cancer, and that clearly motivates you," Turgeon said. "When you see the energy and the love that Liz and Jay Scott put into helping people despite the loss of their daughter, it's just inspiring."

The event is at the Indian Hill Country Club on Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event's begins with registration, practice, lunch, shotgun start, the tournament, dinner, and awards.

According to Turgeon, the first 11 tournaments raised \$250,000 for the foundation.

"At four years old, Alex told her mom she

wanted to do a lemonade stand," he said. "With the help of family and friends, they ended up raising more than \$2,000."

Turgeon said he's family friends with the Scott's and described them as generous. "When she [Alex] passed away at eight years old, her mother and father took the reins and turned her passing into a positive energy and have been raising money for children with cancer since," he said.

According to Turgeon, the club has assisted local, national, and worldwide communities.

"Our club is especially involved when it comes to helping with children," he said. "Please join us in this fight against children's cancer by playing golf, becoming a sponsor, advertiser, or donating a raffle prize."

Turgeon said the proceeds go towards the foundation and Newington Rotary Charities.

For more information or to get involved in the tournament, visit <https://birdease.com/newingtonrotarygolf>.

Wakeup Wednesdays Networking Meetings

The Newington Chamber of Commerce is inviting local businesses to connect.

The Chamber will be holding two networking meetings this month – the first Wednesday via Zoom, and the third Wednesday in-person.

The In-Person meeting location may change each month, so be sure to check <https://newingtonchamber.com/events/> for

the latest details!

Reminder: Non-Members are welcome to attend for free – three(3) times! Members in good standing are invited to give a 10-minute presentation at the close of our networking sessions.

Register for the Zoom meeting at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtfu-rqTtEt3JLHhfOm_FolLuc_Pc-mFU](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtfu-rqTtEt3JLHhfOm_FolLuc_Pc-mFU)

Newington Senior & Disabled Center Presents... Bus Trips for Our Community

- Wednesday, September 20 - Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH
- Lunch at Woodbound Inn. \$104 per person.
- Sunday, October 8 - Encore Boston Harbor Casino, Boston, MA
- Lunch at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant. \$102 per person.
- Tuesday, November 14 - All-American Variety Show. Waterbury, CT

- Mediterranean Table and Family Style meal. \$116 per person.
 - Sunday, December 3 - Thomaston Opera House: Nuncrackers
 - Lunch at Black Rock Tavern. \$112 per person.
- Reservations in person only. Checks payments accepted.
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Wethersfield Town Council established the town Veterans Commission to "assist and advise the Town and its residents on veterans' issues." In addition to supporting the Town's Memorial Day Parade and Veterans Day Ceremony, commission members work with the Wethersfield Public Schools to foster student involvement with Veterans, distribute a semi-annual Veterans newsletter called "At Your Service", and have established a Veterans Information portal at: <https://wethersfieldct.gov/social/veterans>.

Newington Parks and Rec Seeks Community-Minded Sponsors for the 2023 Night of Lights

The Newington Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce the opportunity for local businesses and community groups to become sponsors for the highly anticipated 2023 Night of Lights special event, scheduled for Friday, December 1, 2023 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. This beloved event draws in thousands of attendees to downtown Newington, offering an enchanting array of activities that capture the magic of the holiday season.

The Night of Lights event boasts a plethora of attractions, including hay and train rides, jubilant carolers, an exhilarating videogame trailer, toasty s'mores, a grand tree lighting ceremony, a captivating ice sculptor, and the one and only Santa Claus, who will be escorted through the streets by a lively parade of firetrucks.

The Newington Parks and Recreation Department invites community-minded businesses and groups to partake in this festive occasion through sponsorship packages. With a modest starting investment of \$500.00, sponsors can join in the holiday spirit while gaining substantial exposure for their brand. This public/private partnership offers exceptional value, delivering media advertising estimated at tens of thousands of dollars.

1. S'mores: \$500.00

Sponsor the creation of s'mores around a crackling firepit, providing warmth and delight to attendees on a chilly December night.

2. Inflatable Clown Ball Toss: \$500.00

Test your aim with this interactive inflatable game for all ages. Score points by throwing as many balls into the clown themed inflatable structure targets in thirty seconds.

3. Ice Sculptor \$600.00

Witness a sculptor use a chainsaw to expertly carve massive blocks of sparkling ice into an extravagant ornament.

4. Chicken Flinger Game: \$700.00

Sponsor this new and fun interactive game for people of all ages. Simply use your foot to launch a rubber chicken off of a seesaw mechanism into a 6-foot by 6-foot canvas that features a comical image of a chef with his pot as the target.

5. Family Train or Hay Wagon Rides: \$800.00 for one or \$1,400.00 for both.

Sponsor our family train or hay wagon rides that will take place at Market Square for everyone to enjoy a festive ride through downtown Newington.

6. Monster Mural: \$900.00

Gain prominent visibility by showcasing your company's logo on a colossal, holiday-themed coloring mural, enjoyed by hundreds of families.

7. Videogame Trailer: \$1,000.00.

Align your brand with entertainment by sponsoring the popular videogame trailer, offering electronic games and activities within a spacious, cozy trailer.

8. Big Daddy's Racing: \$1,200.00.

Sponsor the massive portable race track for families to compete against each other with remote-controlled race cars.

Sponsorship for any of these activities will include the sponsor's logo featured in the 2024 winter program guide which is currently mailed as an insert in the Rare Reminder to all 13,500 Newington households, as well as a Facebook live video which will reach tens of thousands of people in the Greater Hartford area.

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation office at 860-665-8666 or check us out on Facebook and/or our website: www.newingtonct.gov/parksandrec. Remember, with the Newington Parks and Recreation Department we are building a strong community!

Newly Retired Newington Women's Meetup

Meet Up Schedule

- Sept. 1--NB Museum--5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 16--Oktoberfest--6 p.m.
- Sept. 20-22--Newport--8 a.m.
- Nov. 8--Elvis/Aquaturf--11 a.m.

Please visit us online, at the NEWLY-RETIRED NEWINGTON WOMEN meetup group. You don't have to be from Newington to join!

Newington Children's Theatre Company Announces Season 61 Lineup

The Newington Children's Theatre Company, Connecticut's longest-running nonprofit children's theatre, announces the following school-year musicals for its 61st season:

- "Disney's Frozen Jr.," for ages 8 and up, is scheduled to rehearse from Sept. 11 through Nov. 30 and perform Dec. 1-10.

- "Mean Girls Jr.," for ages 13 and up, is scheduled to rehearse from Sept. 13 to Nov. 2 and perform Nov. 3-5.

- "Disney's Descendants: The Musical," for ages 8 and up, is scheduled to rehearse from Jan. 8 to March 14 and perform March 15-24.

- "Disney's The Lion King Jr.," for ages 8 and up, is scheduled to rehearse from March 26 to June 20 and perform June 21-30.

Registration for the school-year musicals is now open at nctcarts.org. Participation fee is \$375, with a \$50 sibling discount. "Disney's Frozen Jr.," "Disney's Descendants," and "Disney's Lion King Jr." also will have "In Performance," a concurrent program for children aged 5 to 8 to

join the ensemble cast. Rehearsals will be at 136 Day St., Newington, and performances are tentatively scheduled to take place at John Wallace Middle School, 71 Halleran Drive, Newington.

Beyond the school-year musicals, NCTC will offer a range of programs and performance opportunities throughout the year for all ages, experience levels, and commitment levels.

Additionally, the Kids Zone at the Newington Waterfall Festival, Sept. 23 on Market Square, will feature NCTC scenes, songs, and short stories.

NCTC welcomes the support of community organizations and businesses. Season 61 sponsorship information is available at nctcarts.org/ sponsorship.

More information about the Newington Children's Theatre Company, including tickets, available programs and how to support the theatre financially or by volunteering, is available at nctcarts.org, with regular updates on NCTC's Facebook page, @NCTCarts, and Instagram page, @nctcarts.

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Local Students Graduate From Eastern Connecticut State University

WILLIMANTIC, CT -- More than 850 Eastern Connecticut State University students graduated in the 2022-23 academic year, which culminated with two commencement ceremonies at the conclusion of the spring 2023 semester.

The University's undergraduate ceremony occurred May 16 at the XL Center in Hartford, CT, and the graduate-level ceremony occurred May 13 on Eastern's campus.

Erika Person of Cromwell graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and English.

Aijha Caccio of Cromwell graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences.

Ryan Carroll of Cromwell graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.

John Dooley of Cromwell graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sport & Leisure Management.

Bennett Gannuscio of Cromwell graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music.

Talya Pitruzzello of Cromwell graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication.

Jenna Serrantino of Cromwell graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication.

Janina Timbro of Cromwell graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication.

Jada Dove of Middletown graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work.

Mackenzie Dunn of Middletown graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

Carley Gessaro of Middletown graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences.

Jacob Hartman of Middletown graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.

Jason Mortensen of Middletown graduated with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in General Studies.

Kerry Noetzel of Middletown graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

Scholastica Adzamli of Newington graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences.

Peter Gionfriddo of Newington graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.

Lauren Johnson of Newington graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.

Sophia Maselli of Newington graduated with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in General Studies.

Dante Mirabello of Newington graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting.

Nicholas Casiano of Rocky Hill graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology.

Sabrina Sokaitis of Rocky Hill graduated with a Master of Science degree in Accounting.

Taylor Tardif of Rocky Hill graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology.

Conor Thompson of Rocky Hill graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

Mark Bagdasarian of Wethersfield graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences.

Lauren Christie of Wethersfield graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication.

Rebecca La of Wethersfield graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences.

Brianna Lester of Wethersfield graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art.

Patrick Martin of Wethersfield graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.

Julia McNally of Wethersfield graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication.

Michael Warren of Wethersfield graduated with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in General Studies.

The graduates went through the University's School of Arts and Sciences, School of Education and Professional Studies, and Graduate Division. The graduates hail from nearly all of Connecticut's 169 towns, 18 other states/territories and 31 foreign countries. Almost 30 percent are the first in their families to earn a bachelor's degree, and approximately 33 percent are students of color.

The undergraduate commencement speaker was Thomas Gibson '96, chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The graduate commencement speaker was Jeffrey Brown '79, chief executive officer of the Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum of Art.

In her remarks to graduates, Eastern President Elsa Nunez pointed to study after study that show higher earning potential and career satisfaction for those who are college educated. Furthermore, "You are more likely to vote, more likely to serve in government, more likely to volunteer," she said. "Yes, because of your Eastern liberal arts education, you are more likely to engage in acts of civic responsibility."

In her charge to graduates, she said, "If you remember nothing else I say, remember this: Use your Eastern education to do good; embrace the differences you find in others; create opportunity; stand against hate; and lift each other higher. These are truly American values!"

Library To Host Workshop On School Lunch Prep

Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

NEWINGTON - The Lucy Robbins Welles Library is hosting its first "Back to School Lunchbox 101" event with social media influencer Jenn Lafreniere.

Head of library children's services Bailey Francis said Lafreniere is known for sharing easy recipes on Instagram and TikTok. "She specializes in kids lunches, mom life, and lifestyle," Francis said.

The free event is at 100 Garfield St. on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m.

According to Francis, Lafreniere is from Connecticut, so she was inspired to contact her. "I reached out to see if she would do a special program for us because it's back to school time, and parents are going to be packing lunch boxes," she said. "I wanted to see if she could share some tips and tricks on lunchbox ideas, maybe some different products she uses."

Francis said she's excited to have Lafreniere at the event, which people attend in person or virtually. "She will physically be here at the library," she said. "I am also going to have an online component so that people can tune in from home on

Zoom so that way, if there's no childcare, they can still participate if they want."

According to Francis, this is the first time the library has invited a social media influencer and Lafreniere's first time hosting an in-person event. "I wanted to start having some programs that are just for parents that will feature different topics and some light hearts and some a bit more heavy," she said. "This is kind of our kickstart, and we're so excited."

Francis said she wants to invite guests to host various parenting programs. "I want to cover a whole range of all the different aspects of what being a parent is like," she said.

Francis said she's thrilled that Lafreniere will teach parents recipe ideas. "We're really hoping that parents get a little bit of help with the ideas because packing lunch can be a little tedious sometimes," she said. "It'll just be a good resource for parents down the line."

To register for the event, call the library at 860-665-8700. For more information on Lafreniere, visit [@_thatparticularmom](https://www.instagram.com/_thatparticularmom) on Instagram and TikTok.

Newington Students Earn Spring 2023 Dean's List Honors

MONTCLAIR, NJ -- Montclair State University congratulates Red Hawks named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List.

The Dean's List, issued after the close of the Fall and Spring semesters by the academic deans, gives recognition to students with a 3.50 or higher semester GPA if a minimum of 12 credits is earned in courses that contribute to the GPA and if there are no incomplete grades for that semester.

The following students who call your publication area home were named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List and we wish them all the best in the upcoming semester:

- Toryn Pulling of Cromwell (06416)
- Sophia Solecki of Middletown (06457)
- Kelsey Tinker-palaia of Newington (06111)
- Amber Rocheleau of Newington (06111)

Letters to the Editor

Westchester Condo Car Break-Ins

To the Editor,

My name is Edward Noivo and I am on the board for the Westchester Condos. Recently our complex was the site of a rash of car break-ins in the middle of the night where the same group of criminals returned for a second time in the same night! Having had discussions with local law enforcement, it is clear that the town should be doing more to give them the resources they need to keep our town safe.

Condos in this community are always going to be targets of crime like this. It is critical that our police department is funded and staffed appropriately so they can perform the patrols necessary to deter this kind of crime. The current leadership in town simply hasn't done enough to address this and it is time for a change. It's time we have leaders that back the blue with some green.

Sincerely,
Edward Noivo

Democratic Mayoral candidate Jon Trister is committed to working with the police department to get them the resources they need. I hope you will join me in supporting Jon and the Democratic slate on November 7th.

Amy Perrotti for BOE

To the Editor:

I have known Amy Perrotti for just about 10 years now, our oldest daughters met in preschool and have been inseparable since. In 2016 upon entering NPS when the girls started Kindergarten Amy was excited to join the PTO and be involved with the school.

In 2020 it was no surprise that Amy became the Anna Reynolds Renovation Advocate for the PTO. She was passionate about leading the charge and had many ideas about how to spread the word about the importance of the project! Amy was diligent about sharing facts about the renovation and why it was needed.

Fast forward to another school in town needing renovations and Amy is again passionate about helping the town and its people regardless of the district. She understands the importance of this renovation and the importance for the students of John Wallace and its Community.

Amy can always be met with a smile and is always ready to listen. I love having conversations with her about NPS because I can see her passion for the NPS Community. She has helped so many parents better understand policies that impact students and the BOE, myself included. Amy has our NPS community's best interests at heart and she has heart and passion for our students. She works hard to be sure we have a safe and happy environment for our students to learn and enjoy their educational experience here at NPS.

Please join me in voting for Amy and her team this November!

Nicole Ribeiro
Newington

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NEWINGTON TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing
September 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Notice is hereby given that the Newington Town Plan and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers, Room 103 at Town Hall, 200 Garfield Street, Newington, CT on Wednesday, **September 13, 2023** to consider the following petitions:

Petition 15-23: Special Permit (sec.6.2.5) for free-standing sign at 300 Hartford Avenue, Applicant/Contact: Shaddy Kessing, Owner: 300 Hartford Avenue LLC.

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

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

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

Submitted,

Paul Dickson
Town Planner

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NEWINGTON TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF DECISION

At its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, **August 23, 2023** the Newington Town Plan and Zoning Commission met and took the following actions:

APPROVED:

Petition 11-23: Zoning Regulation Text Amendment Pertaining to (Sec. 3.15) Special Permits allowed in B-BT Zone to add section 3.15.17 Banquet Hall, (Section 9.2) to add definition for Banquet Hall, Applicant: Newington TPZ, Contact: Paul Dickson. Effective date September 6, 2023.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS:

Petition 13-23: Special Permit (sec. 3.2.8) for a child care facility at the Temple Sinai at 41 West Hartford Road, Applicant: Tiffany West/Around the Clock 4 Tots, LLC, Owner/Contact: Tiffany West.

Petition 14-23: Special Permit (sec 6.13) for an accessory apartment at 83 Summit St., Applicant, Owner & Contact: Jerry Choinski.

Submitted,
Paul Dickson
Town Planner

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Council Approves Concept Plan For Development Of Kycia Farm

By Joan Hunt
Staff Writer

WETHERSFIELD - It can never be said that there wasn't enough discussion about how to use the Kycia Farm property purchased by the town in 2018. When the Town Council finally voted to approve the Kycia Farm Concept Plan last week, it felt less like slamming a book shut than it did a page turning, to many in the audience and on the dais.

The sticking point has always been the addition of a full-sized and a half-sized synthetic turf athletic field on the property. Most residents agree that sports fields are sorely needed in town. But the benefits and disadvantages of natural soil versus artificial turf became a major stumbling block, as did where best to put additional fields at this time.

While these arguments are likely to continue, the plan's approval paves the way for information gathering and expert input from landscape architects, traffic planners and others to work with town engineering and staff to implement the final design.

The referendum approved by voters in 2018 called for the Kycia Farm purchase to be used for open space, recreational use, and other municipal purposes. This wording was intended to be inclusive as possible. The Kycia Farm Concept Plan splits the roughly 30-acre property in a way that the council believes gives equal attention to open

space and trails, farming, and active recreation.

"Five acres of the Kycia Farm property, including the barn and greenhouses, will continue to be used for farming," said Mayor Michael Rell.

According to the plan, "the area north of Highland Street on the western side of the property, including the property with the house and large farm field north of the house is proposed to remain as farming use." This could include community gardens or a community supported agriculture operation. The hay field located between proposed parking areas would also remain in farm use.

Recreational trails would be located throughout the property and through the wetland forest to the north. The mayor noted that some of the evening's speakers had mentioned cross-country skiing, which might also be a good thing to include in the trails section.

A multi-use athletic field and a smaller half-sized one is slated to go in the center of the property. This was an attempt to buffer it from the surrounding residential neighborhood.

"The large field, similar to Cottone [at Wethersfield High School] is 460-feet by 255-feet, and the other is 250-feet by 250-feet," said Rell, "which comes to 3.46 acres of the property - about 10 percent of the total acreage."

The plan also provides for parking and an

access point on Highland Street, adjacent to the Highest Elementary School property.

Many of the plan's detractors pointed out that it would be quicker and cost less money to put new athletic fields at Mill Woods Park, which is already set up for them. But Rell pointed out prior to the vote that the council was voting on proposed use of the Kycia Farms property, which had nothing to do with what might or might not go on at Mill Woods.

Councilman Dan O'Connor(D) moved the vote, after an impassioned speech about why he sponsored the resolution along with Councilmen Hill (R) and Pentelow (D). First, he pointed out that this was a bi-partisan agenda. Then he explained why he took personally the comments that some speakers from the community were making about youth sports supporters not being courted to help pass the referendum to buy Kycia farm in the first place.

"I was sitting on my front porch, and a member of the Democratic Town Committee, who sits on the Kycia Farm Committee, came up and asked me if I could help to get the referendum

passed" O'Connor recalled. "I said OK, if we put in a field, and she said 'yes.'"

O'Connor said he talked to many people involved in youth athletics at the time to garner their support for the purchase. He also read comments placed on social media and in various letters to the editor in which added playing fields were listed as an incentive to get out a positive vote. Some of those people currently oppose the Kycia Farm Concept Plan because it includes athletic fields, he said.

"The question to me is, do you want to support the vote of the voters, or play politics and not?" O'Connor asked.

The vote was not unanimous. Councilwoman Cynthia Clancy voted against the plan because she believes artificial turf fields are unhealthy and unsafe. Councilor Ken Lesser voted nay, citing his concern about the use of synthetic turf fields and his belief that a two-way conversation about the project should take place before a vote.

Councilman Matt Forrest was absent and did not vote.

From The Town of Wethersfield Revaluation Has Begun

The Town of Wethersfield has started the 2024 Town-wide revaluation of all property in the Town.

As part of this process the revaluation company, Tyler Technologies, will be taking photos all properties. Representatives of Tyler will be taking photos from the street. Their personal, as

well as, their vehicle information will be given to the Town Police Department each day they are out taking pictures. Each person working on the project will have a photo ID.

If you have any questions, please contact the Assessors Office at assessor@wethersfieldct.gov or 860-721-2810.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Sept. 5
Town Council - 7 PM
- Sept. 6
Planning & Zoning - 7 PM
- Sept. 7
Youth Advisory Board - 6 PM
- Visit www.wethersfieldct.gov for details.

Emma Costello of Wethersfield Enrolls At James Madison University

HARRISONBURG, VA (08/23/2023)-- Wethersfield, CT resident, Emma Costello, has enrolled at James Madison University for the fall 2023 semester. Costello has selected Biology - BS as a major.

Letters to the Editor

Fall Elections

A letter to new voters or those on the fence in Wethersfield:

When I go to the polls in a municipal election, I vote for candidates who will make decisions in line with the vision I have for this beautiful town I've called home for the last 8+ years. I'm looking for leaders who want to improve bike and pedestrian safety in every neighborhood. I want elected leaders who listen to the will of the people when it comes to making decisions on how to use precious open green space. To keep my property values high and my children educated, I need elected officials who place high priority on improving all of our aging elementary schools. I'm looking for innovative thinkers who are excited about bringing green energy alternatives to town. We deserve representation of all voices, to make sure we're being heard and welcome, the leadership I vote for waves the flag (literally and figuratively) of acceptance. When I look at the sheer brains, empathy, compassion and experience of all ten candidates on the Democratic ticket, I see a very bright immediate future for our town. On November 7th I look forward to walking into my polling place and casting my ballot for row A. If you value anything similar, I implore you to join me.

An optimistic realist,
Jessica K Martin
Wethersfield

The Curious Case Of Silas Deane Aims To Unravel 250-Year-Old Hidden Story Of Politics And Intrigue

WETHERSFIELD, CT - August 24, 2023 - You've heard the story of the Founding Fathers and the American Revolution time and again, but what do you know about Wethersfield's Silas Deane? For more than two centuries, Deane's reputation has been clouded by allegations of malfeasance and profiteering at the expense of the Continental Congress. Many called him a traitor. But what if everything you think you know about Silas Deane is wrong?

The Webb Deane Stevens Museum in Wethersfield, Connecticut, is mounting a campaign to correct the record with the help of Dr. Susan Holly, Senior Historian at the U.S. Department of State. As part of a two-day residency, Dr. Holly will deliver a public lecture on Thursday, September 21, from 6 to 8 p.m., entitled *The Curious Case of Silas Deane*. It promises to unravel a 250-year-old hidden story of politics and intrigue, followed by an open discussion moderated by State Historian Emeritus and Webb Deane Stevens Museum Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Walter W. Woodward.

Deane's case is a startlingly modern story of congressional dysfunction and politicized media. He was among the most talented and trusted of the Founding Fathers, deployed to France in January 1776 alongside Benjamin Franklin to negotiate King Louis XVI's critical support the American cause. Then, wrongly accused of financial impropriety, he became a political scapegoat. Congress was so gridlocked that his case was never heard. The very same month that Washington and Rochambeau famously met in the Webb House, next door to Deane's home in Wethersfield, to plot the campaign that ended the war in Yorktown, Deane was writing back to friends in America questioning whether democracy could be a viable system here after all.

The Webb Deane Stevens Museum has dedicated its observance of the USA 250 celebration in 2026 to fostering civil discourse through thoughtful examination of the past. Deane's ordeal shows how individuals' personal experiences with the American democratic system can lead to legitimate political differences. It also shows the resilience of that system. Congress finally cleared Deane's name in 1841 and repaid his descendants what was owed to him, but the State Department

and generations of historians continued to perpetuate myths about his character and service. Dr. Holly is challenging others in her profession to straighten out the record.

About the Presenter

Dr. Susan Holly is a senior historian with the United States Department of State's Office of the Historian and has been researching the origins of early American diplomacy for a new documentary compilation scheduled for release in 2026. She previously served as executive producer for a DVD and curriculum series on various topics in diplomacy for high school audiences, wrote a short history of U.S.-China relations and other materials for the opening of the new U.S. Embassy in Beijing, compiled volumes on Global Issues and a retrospective history on the Eisenhower era coup in Guatemala for the Foreign Relations of the United States. Before joining the office, she served in the Bureau of Public Affairs as an editor, speechwriter, and Department spokesperson for several international delegations.

Dr. Holly earned degrees in history and journalism from Marquette University, followed by a M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Essex in the United Kingdom. Other publications include a book on the Iran-Iraq War for Lloyd's of London Press, as well as numerous newspaper articles. Her resume also includes participation in an elephant race, where she learned elephants could run fast.

Admission

Tickets for *The Curious Case of Silas Deane* may be purchased on the Museum's website at wdsmuseum.org/event/the-curious-case-of-silas-deane/. The 6 p.m. lecture will be preceded by a reception at 5:30 p.m. Members: \$15 / General Public \$20. This program is underwritten by the U.S. Department of State and The Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Connecticut.

The Webb Deane Stevens Museum is located at 211 Main Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut. Free parking is available behind the Webb Barn on the Museum campus, on-street, and at the Keeney Memorial Cultural Center, 200 Main Street, Wethersfield.

Visit wdsmuseum.org/upcoming-events/ to learn more about our upcoming programs.

Reminders from WECC...

Important Back to School Dates

Open House Dates	Sept 20: Wethersfield Elementary Grades
Sept 14: Wethersfield High School, 6:30 PM	4-6, 6:30 PM
Sept 19: Wethersfield Elementary Grades	Sept 21: SDMS, Grade 7- 5:30 PM, Grade
K-3, 6:30 PM	8- 7:15 PM

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Walking Tour To Spotlight Unique History Of Trees

Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

WETHERSFIELD The Wethersfield Village Improvement Association will host its first "Broad Street Green Tree Tour" this October.

Betty Standish, the association's president, said attendees will tour Broad Street Green and discuss the trees' significance. "There is interesting Wethersfield history that happened on this green, and Martha Smart, a member of the Wethersfield Historical Society, will talk about that," Standish said.

The free tour is at Broad Street Green on Sunday, Oct. 8, at 1 p.m. Donations will be accepted for the association.

According to Standish, the association is a historic group that embraces streetscapes. "It now takes on the essential cause of renewing, preserving, and restoring the public tree stock in town," she said.

Standish said the environment has negatively impacted trees. "Street trees should be the preferred design," she said. "It should not be considered a luxury item—tolerated by traffic engineers

and city administrators."

According to Standish, the tour will use a map from 2012, but the group hopes to update it. "We had a tree tour in the spring as part of the Earth Day celebration called 'Ancient Trees in Plain Sight,'" she said. "We walked down Main Street and Hartford Avenue, explaining specific trees and interesting facts about them."

Standish said the success of the tree tour this spring inspired her to create this event. "The spring walking tour attracted 60 people," she said. "They did not all make it to the end, but obviously, there is nature, and walking and learning is so healthy for your body and mind as an alternative to sitting in front of a screen."

According to Standish, the tour is for all ages. She also said it's important for people to enjoy nature. "I hope people take away the appreciation of trees, nature, history, the town, people's stories, and lore from this event," she said.

For more information on the event, visit <https://wethersfieldct.gov/content/4560/4564/5022/default.aspx>.



Library To Host Workshop On School Lunch Prep

Alexis Dascher
Staff Writer

WETHERSFIELD - The Lucy Robbins Welles Library is hosting its first "Back to School Lunchbox 101" event with social media influencer Jenn Lafreniere.

Head of library children's services Bailey Francis said Lafraniere is known for sharing easy recipes on Instagram and TikTok. "She specializes in kids lunches, mom life, and life-style," Francis said.

The free event is at 100 Garfield St. on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m.

According to Francis, Lafreniere is from Connecticut, so she was inspired to contact her. "I reached out to see if she would do a special program for us because it's back to school time, and parents are going to be packing lunch boxes," she said. "I wanted to see if she could share some tips and tricks on lunchbox ideas, maybe some different products she uses."

Francis said she's excited to have Lafreniere at the event, which people attend in person or virtually. "She will physically be here at the library," she said. "I am also going to have an online component so that people can tune in from home on Zoom so that way, if there's

no childcare, they can still participate if they want."

According to Francis, this is the first time the library has invited a social media influencer and Lafreniere's first time hosting an in-person event. "I wanted to start having some programs that are just for parents that will feature different topics and some light hearts and some a bit more heavy," she said. "This is kind of our kick-start, and we're so excited."

Francis said she wants to invite guests to host various parenting programs. "I want to cover a whole range of all the different aspects of what being a parent is like," she said.

Francis said she's thrilled that Lafreniere will teach parents recipe ideas. "We're really hoping that parents get a little bit of help with the ideas because packing lunch can be a little tedious sometimes," she said. "It'll just be a good resource for parents down the line."

To register for the event, call the library at 860-665-8700. For more information on Lafreniere, visit @_thatparticularmom on Instagram and TikTok.

From The Wethersfield Library Announcements and Upcoming Offerings

Art Exhibit at Wethersfield Library

Wethersfield resident Leslie Civitello will be the featured Artist of the Month in September. She paints landscapes and still lifes, and enjoys working in both watercolor and oil. Leslie received a Special Studies Degree in Graphic Design from CCSU, and has participated in classes with both the Wethersfield and West Hartford Art Leagues.

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

THE LONE VIOLIN BY BRUNILDA MYF-TARAJ

Albanian-American violinist Brunilda Myftaraj has drawn enthusiastic accolades from audiences as well as critical acclaim for her masterful musicianship in Albania, Italy, Greece, France, Morocco, Austria, Switzerland, Poland, Israel, and in the United States.

Ms. Myftaraj held the position of Concertmaster for the Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, Connecticut Lyric Opera and Greve opera festival in Italy for 15 years. Currently she is an active teacher, chamber musician and concert violinist. This event will take place in the Town Hall Council Chambers on Saturday September 16th at 2:00 PM. Register online, in person at the Wethersfield Library, by emailing library@wethersfieldlibrary.org, or by calling (860) 721-2163.

TIPS FOR MEMORY

Did you know that the techniques used by memory athletes can be taught, learned, and create changes in the brain that enhance memory skill? Come learn about the tips and techniques used by memory athletes. Join Dr. Wendy Hurwitz via zoom from the library or at your home!

*(Memory athletes are Olympic-level memorizers who compete to see who can memorize large amounts of information). This event will take place over zoom on Monday September 18th at 6:30 PM. Register online through our events calendar at Wethersfieldlibrary.org.

A YEAR IN KIMONO: A HISTORY AND DEMONSTRATION

Join us Tuesday September 19th at 6:30 pm to hear about the history of the kimono, the Japanese traditional robe which is instantly recognizable around the world. Learn how the garment has evolved over centuries, its cultural significance in Japan, and the variety of kimonos for different occasions & formalities. Attendees will have the opportunity to try on vintage kimonos during a dressing demonstration. This program is presented by Robyn Mortiboys of the Japan Society of Fairfield County.

Register in person at the Wethersfield Library, by emailing library@wethersfieldlibrary.org, or by calling (860) 721-2163.

VIRTUAL PROGRAM

WILDLIFE TALK: THERE ARE MOOSE IN THEM THAR WOODS!

Focusing on the history of moose in Connecticut, Ginny Apple, Master Wildlife Conservationist with CT DEEP, will discuss this majestic animals' lifecycle and habitat, share photos and artifacts, and answer questions on Thursday September 21st at 6:30 pm. Although moose sightings in the Nutmeg State are sporadic, they have been spotted since the early 1900s. The moose population in Connecticut is estimated to be 100 animals. Please register through our events calendar at Wethersfieldlibrary.org to receive the zoom link.

THE PERFECT APPLE PIE WITH KING ARTHUR BAKING

Join expert bakers from King Arthur Baking for a guided class on how to make the classic all-American dessert. From their flaky pie crust to the perfect apple filling, King Arthur Baking will teach you the techniques to make sure your apple pies turn out perfect - every time!

This program will take place over Zoom on Monday September 26th at 6:30 PM, and is presented through a partnership between the Wethersfield Library, the Cora J. Belden Library, the Lucy Robbins Welles Library, and the Berlin-Peck Library. Please register through our events calendar at Wethersfieldlibrary.org.

Legal Notice Town of Wethersfield Historic District Commission

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:30pm at the Wethersfield Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT, Conference Room #3, on the following applications seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness:

- 1. Application #8134-23** Heald's Cabinetry and Millwork LLC, seeking to remove small first-floor window on driveway side of home at 231 Garden Street.
- 2. Application #8135-23** Renewal by Andersen, seeking to replace entry door with Legacy steel door, replace patio door with 400-Series door with grilles-between-glass, replace 17 windows in home with white windows with grilles-between-glass at 61 Harmund Place.
- 3. Application #8136-23** Sean Gunning, seeking to replace windows with Crystal Series 100 white vinyl windows, install raised panel black polymer shutters, install flush-mount porch light, replace aluminum siding with Alside vinyl siding in Sterling Gray color, widen driveway to 22 feet at 455 Middletown Avenue.
- 4. Application #8137-23** Amy Romano, seeking to install twelve rooftop solar panels on rear roof of home at 266 Middletown Avenue.
- 5. Application #8138-23** James and Susan Curnias, seeking to replace existing white garage window with Endure 600-Series black vinyl window with grilles-between-glass at 37 Summerfield Drive.

Town of Wethersfield
Historic District Commission

Kim Wolf
Duly Authorized
Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut,
this 28th day of August 2023

Bocce Palooza Tournament Set for Sept 17

The 16th Annual Bocce Palooza tournament will be held on Sunday, September 17th, 2023, at Millwoods Park, 166 Prospect St. Wethersfield from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Registration is \$25 pp/\$100 per team of four.

Rain date is Sunday, September 24.

Contact Michael Fortunato at 860-227-4256 or Fortunato@aol.com to register or for sponsorship opportunities for the tournament. Net proceeds go towards UNICO Foundation causes such as Cancer Research and Prevention.

LEGAL NOTICE Town of Wethersfield PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Wethersfield Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **WEDNESDAY**, September 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut for the following:

Application No. 2157-23-Z Joe Sullo seeking a Zoning Text Amendment to amend Section 5.2.F.3 (Permitted Principal Uses) to allow restaurant with drive-thru or drive-up window as a conditional use permitted only after Special Permit approval by the Commission in the BP (Business Park) District.

Planning and Zoning Commission
Denise Bradley, Town Planner
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Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut,
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Take an Essex Stream Train and Riverboat Excursion on Thursday, October 12. Check in: 11:30 a.m. Board train at: 12:15 p.m. Excursion is from 12:30 p.m. -3 p.m.

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

Music and Movement

Mondays in September at 6:30 pm. at the Rocky Hill Library. Fun for families with children 2 to 5 years (siblings welcome).

Bring a Friend to the Symphony

Join the New Britain Symphony Orchestra for a free September 1 concert to celebrate Labor Day. The outdoor show is at 7 p.m. at Walnut Street Park in New Britain.

Toddler Tales (Rocky Hill Library)

Mondays in September at 10:30 a.m. Join us for a fun, participatory story time for toddlers that includes songs, stories and movement activities. Each week we'll finish with a fun craft or activity too. Recommended for ages 2-4.

Friends of Kycia Farm Meetings

Friends of Kycia Farm meets the last Thursday of every month in Wethersfield Town Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming dates are August 31, September 28, and October 26.

Monthly First Friday Breakfasts

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

Food Pantry

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

Help Rocky Hill

Center Cemetery

Volunteer to help this historic cemetery by cleaning gravestones on Sat., Sept. 9, from 9-11 a.m. No registration necessary. This will be the final cleaning for the year.

Trinity Church

Crafts Fair

Fair is at Trinity Church, (345 Main St Portland CT) on Sept 17 from 12-4 p.m., rain or shine. Craft vendors can buy space for \$20.00. All crafters welcome. Email trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com to register.

Cats in the Castle

Cats in the Castle, the premier annual fundraising event for Cat Tales, is taking place on Saturday, September 16, 2023, 6PM until 10PM at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville, CT. The proceeds from this event directly benefit the abused, homeless, and abandoned cats/kittens under Cat Tales' care and help pay for food, shelter, and veterinary care which over a year's time is over \$150,000. Appetizers ~ Dinner ~ Beer & Wine ~ Desserts ~ Silent auctions ~ Raffles. Tickets are available at <https://cat-talesct.org/citc/>. To order tickets by phone, call (860)344-9043. Leave your full name, phone number, and how many tickets you'd like to purchase on our voicemail. A volunteer will call you to confirm your address and with payment instructions. For email orders, send your full name, address, and how many tickets you'd like to purchase to Info@CatTalesCT.org and a volunteer will reply with payment instructions.

Join Wethersfield Dollars for Scholars

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

Middlesex Chamber Seeks

Veteran Award Nominees

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce's Support the Troops Committee is now accepting nominations for its annual William J. Pomfret Veteran Community Service Award to be presented at the 2023 Support the Troops and Honor the Veterans Breakfast Meeting on Monday, November 6, 2023, at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel in Rocky Hill. The William J. Pomfret Veteran Community Service Award is presented to a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces in recognition of his or her distinguished service to the citizens of Connecticut, and selfless commitment to public service. The recipient of this Award is decided by a committee of its previous winners. Nominations must be received by September 1 at 4:30 p.m. To download nomination form, visit: middlesexchamber.com/awards-and-scholarships/ Questions or concerns can be directed to Sara Mendillo at 860-347-6924 or sara@middlesexchamber.com.

Deming-Young Farm Foundation

Fall Tag Sale

The Deming-Young Farm Foundation will be holding its fall tag sale on Saturday, September 9, from 9am to 2pm. The tag sale will be held at 282 Church Street in Newington. All proceeds from the tag sale will go toward the restoration and preservation of the Thomas Deming farmhouse. Items for sale will include household items, knick-knacks, pocketbooks, pottery, antiques, jewelry, and more. If you have any items to donate for the tag sale, please call David or Mary at 860-666-1016. Rain date September 16

Tax Savings for Newington Vets

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

Middlesex County Acts of Kindness

Volunteers can provide free home-based assistance to Middlesex County residents in need. Volunteers help neighbors with household chores, yard work, companionship or transportation at their convenience. Even just one hour a week or month will make a difference to help keep people living safely and independently in their homes. Contact Michelle Puzzo, President and Co-founder UR Community Cares at info@urcommunitycares.org.

Cromwell Arts Alliance

Fall Poetry Event

CAA, in partnership with Cromwell Belden Library, will hold a Poetry reading event to spotlight local artists and their written work. The event will take place at Cromwell Belden Library, at 11:00 the morning of Saturday September 23, 2023. The artists will read their submissions and will participate in a "talk back" after the readings. There will be light refreshments and we invite all to attend and enjoy this event. Artists will need to submit their original work and registration/release form to cromwellartsalliance@gmail.com and include "2023 Poetry" in the subject line by September 23, 2023. The registration/release form can be found on our website Cromwellartsalliance.org/Events, copies of the registration/release form will also be available at Cromwell Belden Library.

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The Wethersfield -UNICO Bocce League starts Thursday, June 15, 2023. League play is every Thursday, from 6 - 8pm, at Millwoods Park, 166 Prospect Street in Wethersfield. All ages and residents of any town are welcome. Registration is \$25 per person, or \$100 per Team of 4. The season culminates in our Tournament in September. All equipment is provided. Register onsite or for more info please contact the Commissioner of Bocce, Michael Fortunato, at Fortunatom@aol.com. See us on our Meet-up site.

Mason Community Breakfast

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

CT DoAg Website for Farmers

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) announces the launch of a new website, CTFarmStressRelief.com, a compilation of mental health resources for those who make Connecticut's agriculture industry work, including a free and confidential 24/7 crisis and support line through AgriStress Helpline Connecticut. The line is staffed by agricultural specialists who can be reached by calling or texting 833-897-2474.

Social Justice Coalition

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

Retiree's Group Monthly Meeting

Pratt & Whitney and UTRC Retirees are invited to the "September" meeting. It will be held at the PWA Club Inc., 200 Clement Rd (off Silver Lane) East Hartford, on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Join us for conversation, coffee and doughnuts at 9:30 AM. Our program begins at 10:00 AM. This month's program will be Chris Marolda "Singer". For further information contact the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Club at (860) 565-6236.

Suicide Prevention Panel Discussion

The Rocky Hill Elks Lodge, Human Services, Youth Services, and Senior Services will hold a panel discussion on suicide prevention Sept. 25 from 7 PM to 9 PM at Rocky Hill Town Hall. The educational forum is free, and will focus on the prevalence of suicide in our community as well as prevention efforts and resources. Call Rich Pawlich-Paglicio at 860-257-8177 for more information.

Notre Dame Church Tag Sales

Our September 2 is at 272 Main St., Durham from 8 AM to 1 PM RAIN OR SHINE! OUTSIDE you will find records, tapes, cd's, books, pictures and frames, baskets, electronics, sporting equipment, and a full range of miscellaneous tag sale items. INSIDE our Church Hall we have a huge assortment of clothing, toys, jewelry, china, a variety of linens, kitchen supplies, craft supplies and much more! The kitchen will be offering breakfast sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages, and snacks. Then, join us for a Saturday TAG SALE on October 7. Thank you so much for your support. We will be returning in the Spring of 2024.

Free Men's Garden Club Lecture

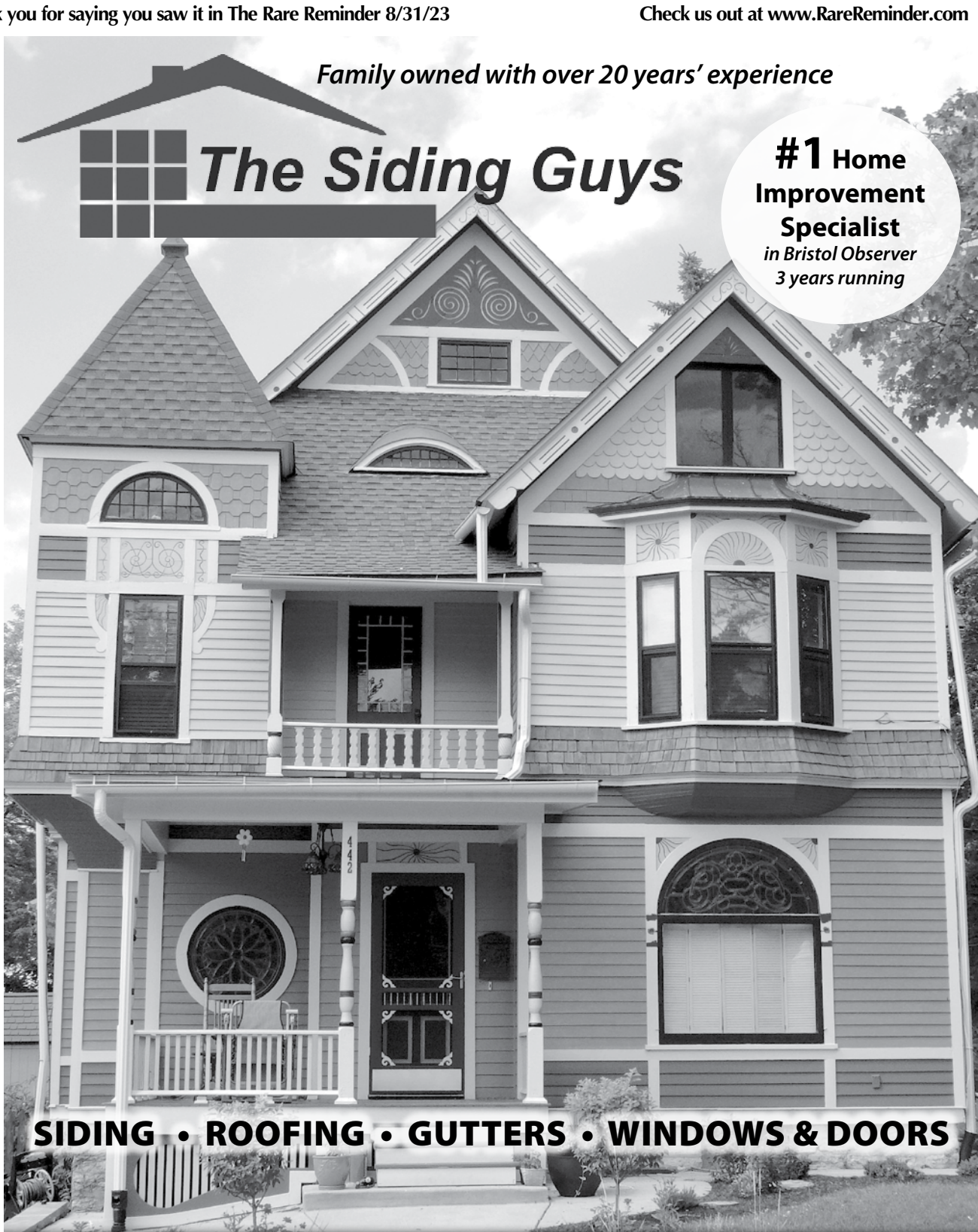
The Wethersfield Men's Garden Club will host a free public lecture on Sept 25 at 7pm in the Pitkin Community Center (30 Greenfield St.) by Beverly Lucas: Discover Cedar Hill Cemetery. Established in 1864, Hartford's Cedar Hill Cemetery serves as a sanctuary for Connecticut history, impressive funerary art, and natural beauty. Beverly Lucas, Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation Director, will provide a digital tour highlighting some of Cedar Hill's most celebrated residents, renowned monuments, and notable trees.

Blankets for Youth Donation Drive

DCF CT is looking for volunteers to purchase and complete fleece blanket kits for the youth at Albert J. Solnit Children's Center, South Campus in Middletown. OThe fleece blanket kits are 72-inch blankets. The kits can be purchased at Joann Fabrics (on sale). The finished blankets would need to be delivered or scheduled for pickup anytime. Our address is: 915 River Road, Middletown, CT 06457. Contact Elaine Jackson 860-704-4386 or elaine.jackson@ct.gov or Becca Brown Johnsky 860-704-4255 or rebecca.brown-johnsky@ct.gov.

Deming-Young Farm Seeking Tag Sale Donations

The Deming-Young Farm Foundation is seeking donations for its September 9th fundraising tag sale. We are seeking household items, knick-knacks, record albums, hand tools, jewelry, pottery, vintage items, antiques, and small furniture pieces. We are sorry but we cannot accept books, clothes, shoes, linens, mugs, glassware, picture frames, toys, Christmas items or large furniture pieces. If you have question about a donation please call 860-666-1016. We can arrange for pickup. Thank you!



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New Support Group Begins Sept 18

Understanding Your Grief is designed to lead participants towards hope and healing. When grieving the death of a loved one, it can be hard to understand the complex - painful-thoughts and feelings. The materials presented are written by one of North America's leading grief educators, Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D. This program will help you understand the normal and necessary journey of grief. This cohort will meet on the first and third Mondays of the month beginning September 18th from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. at First Church of Christ, 250 Main Street, Wethersfield, CT. Seating is limited to register or for questions please call Caring Ministries at 860.529.1575 ext. 117. Printed materials are \$15 and will be available at the class.

Free Household Waste Collection

The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, September 16, from 9:00 - 1:00 at Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Rd., Middletown. The collection is open to residents of the RiverCOG region which includes Middletown & Cromwell. No commercial or business waste allowed. Please visit <https://rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste/> to learn more.

Grace Episcopal Church Tag Sale

On Saturday, September 30, 2023, Grace Episcopal Church, 124 Maple Hill Avenue, Newington, invites all tag sale vendors to participate in our Community Tag Sale. The hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with set-up starting at 7:00 am. Rain date is Saturday, October 7, 2023. Rent a space for \$15. A space is two parking spaces in our parking lot in the designated areas in front of the church or on the front lawn. Bring your own table and chair. No reservations are needed. For additional information please call Lynn Page at 860-841-2539. Calls may also be made to the church office at 860-666-3331. Please leave a message and someone will call you back.

Cromwell Creative District

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

AOH Food/School Supply Drive

The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hartford Division 2 is sponsoring a Food/School Supply Drive on Sunday, September 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Collection will take place at Christ the King Parish at 601 Silas Deane Highway in Wethersfield in the parking lot that is between the church and the middle school. The food and school supplies 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. With the school year started, we will be collecting items such as pencils, pens, notebooks, etc.

CPD Food Pantry is Open

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

Regional Veterans Seminar

Are you a Veteran or family member of a Veteran? Do you have questions about the benefits or services available to you? Stop by the Pitkin Community Center in Wethersfield from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, October 19, 2023, for a special Regional Veterans Seminar. Learn about Veterans programs & benefits, talk with Veterans service representatives, fellow Vets and more. The seminar is free, and no advanced registration is required. For more info, contact the Town of Wethersfield Veterans Services Coordinator at (860) 721-2880 or veterans.commission@wethersfieldct.gov.

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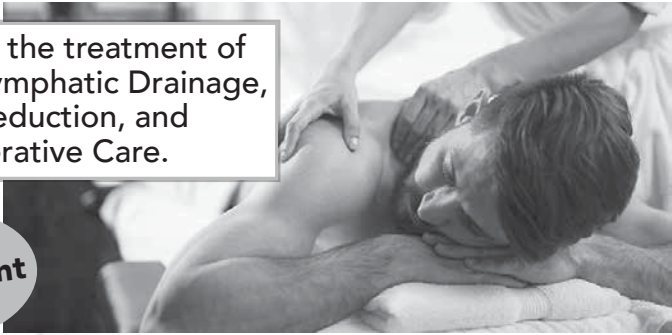
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Behaviors That Can Affect Liver Health

The liver performs many important functions for the body. In fact, Johns Hopkins Medicine says more than 500 different vital functions have been identified with the liver, which underscores how important it is to protect the liver from possible damage. This begins with a recognition of behaviors that have the potential to jeopardize liver health.

Liver disease can be genetic, but various lifestyle choices can increase anyone's risk for liver disease. The following are some behaviors that adversely affect liver health.

- Excessive alcohol consumption: The liver can withstand a lot, including moderate alcohol consumption. However, drinking to excess can contribute to liver disease. According to the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, alcoholic liver disease accounts for a significant percentage of morbidity among heavy drinkers.
- Unhealthy diet: The USA Oncology Centers indicates a diet high in processed foods, saturated fats and sugars adversely affects weight and overall health. It's also a threat to the liver. Poor diet can contribute to obesity and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, which can progress to more severe conditions.
- Infection: Infection with certain viruses can cause liver damage. Some such viruses are spread through blood or semen. The most common types of liver infection are from hepatitis viruses, including Hepatitis A, B and C. Engaging in risky sexual behaviors and drug use may increase the chances of contracting hepatitis.
- Overuse of medications: Certain medications, when taken excessively or without the guidance of a doctor, can harm the liver. Even prescription medications, including certain antibiotics and cholesterol-lowering drugs, may have adverse effects on the liver.
- Nighttime eating: Nighttime eating, or Night Eating Syndrome, is characterized by excessive caloric intake when eating after dinner. A study of NES among shift workers identified that the condition could lead to diabetes and obesity, which could potentially contribute to fatty liver disease. Certain behaviors can be harmful to the liver. It's important to discuss eating and drinking habits, as well as other lifestyle choices with a doctor to see what can be done to improve liver health.



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Artist Lorraine Ficara in Newington

The Newington Art League will conduct its general membership meeting on Wednesday Sept. 13, at 6:30 PM, in the Ceramics Room at the Newington Senior and Disabled Center. Address is 120 Cedar St, Newington, CT 06111. Following this short meeting Lorraine Ficara will conduct a demonstration on "Water Color and Ink Techniques on Gesso". The meeting and demonstration are free and open to the public.

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Crafters: Join Bolton Church Fair

St. George's Episcopal Church is inviting crafters to rent a booth at the church's 47th Annual Craft and Harvest Fair. The event will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 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.

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The car show will be held September 24, 2023, from 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Third Congregational Church (94 Miner Street Middletown CT 0645). Rain Date is Oct 1, 2023. Cost is \$1 per Car. Good food will be available all day, along with music. Trophies will be awarded. Come and enjoy family fun and raffles, 50/50. For more information please call: Steve (860) 301 - 8139.

Newington Human Services

Backpack Program

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South Catholic Class '73 Reunion

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Calling Crafters and Vendors

Wethersfield United Methodist Church is seeking crafters and vendors for its 3rd Annual Arts & Vendor Fair. The fair will be held rain or shine on October 14th at 150 Prospect Street in Wethersfield. The hours are 10am to 3pm. Booth space is \$25 per spot. Please call the church office at 860-529-2025 or email bristolgary1@gmail.com.

Art Exhibit at Wethersfield Library

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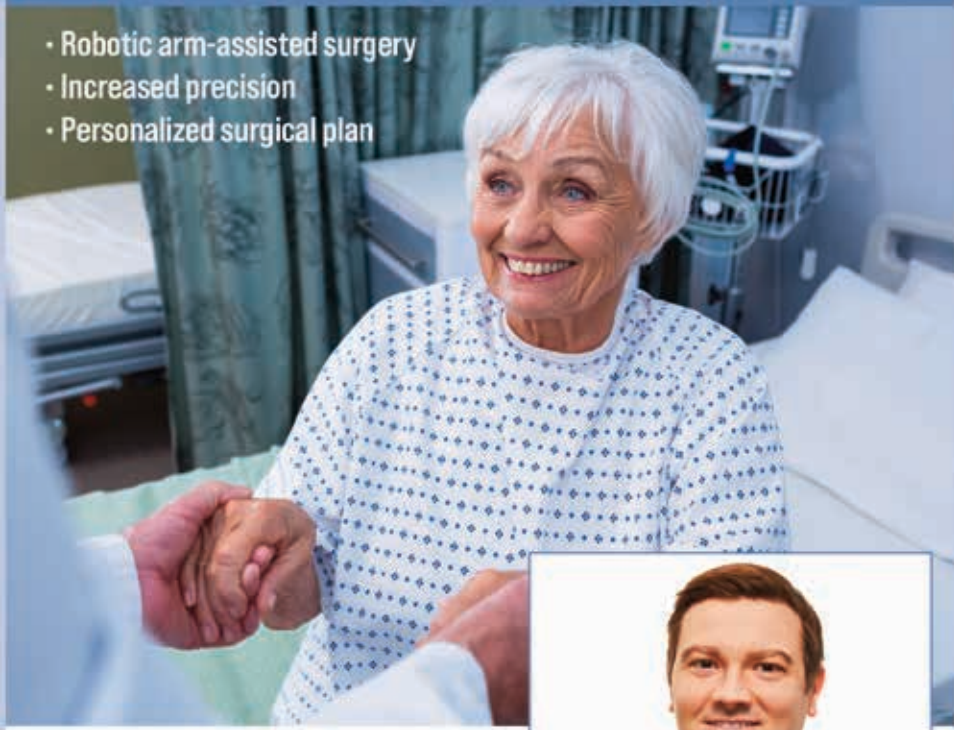
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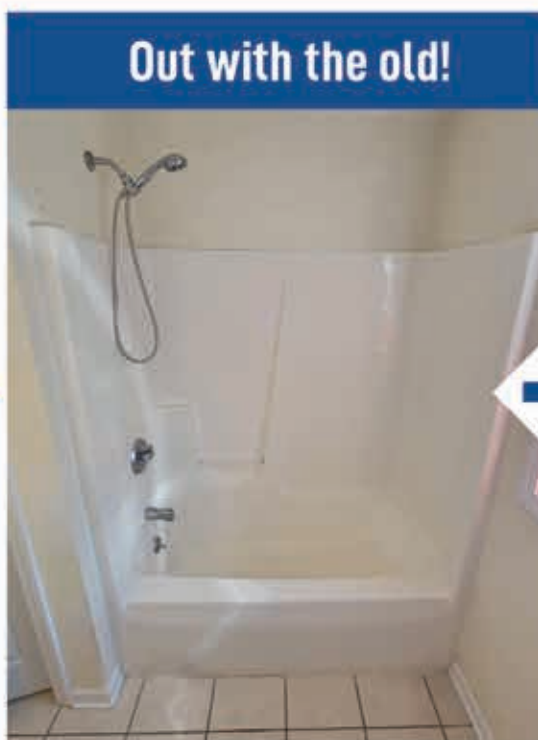
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Unique Map of RH Farms

Rocky Hill Historical Society volunteer Tim Honan located a 1934 aerial map of the town online and overlaid it with farm owner names and street names. The resulting unique map of Rocky Hill farms is displayed at the Society's museum at 785 Old Main Street and was the Society's most popular non-sale item at the Farmer's Market for the last two years. This year at the Market, additional photos were made available of historic buildings and events in Rocky Hill. For maps showing Rocky Hill farms in 1945, 1960, and 1988, visit www.RHhistory.org/farms.html.

Wethersfield Chamber Cornfest

The Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the return of the highly anticipated Cornfest! This event is a wonderful community tradition held September 23rd, 10-4 on the Broad Street Green in Historic Old Wethersfield. Attractions include Local School Performers, Music, a DJ, Wagon Rides, Games and much more. Make sure you come hungry, as there will be fantastic food options and of course fresh local corn. There are ample opportunities for business vendors, crafters and sponsorships. For questions or more information, please contact the chamber at office@wethersfield-chamber.com.

Cromwell Farmer's Market

The Cromwell Farmer's Market will be held all summer at scenic Riverport Park. The town square-style Market runs from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Friday from June 2 through September 1 and draws 850+ people each week. This community favorite features farm-fresh vegetables, locally sourced products, artisans, food trucks, vendors, and live music. Becoming a sponsor is a great way to build your brand and connect with the local community. Reach out to Recreation Director Scott Kieras at 860-632-3467 for details.

Congenital Heart Disease Walk

On Saturday September 9, a walk will be held for all those affected by congenital heart disease. Patients, family and friends, and medical staff are welcome to join the 1 mile walk at West Hartford Town Hall. This walk will provide an opportunity for patients to meet staff from CCMC, Yale and Hartford Hospital and fellow families affected by CHD. Walk events will include games, face painting, balloon animals, bidding on auction items and entering free door prizes. Registration begins at 8 AM, the walk opening starts at 9 AM. Information about the walk can be found on www.acha.org.

Support for the Visually Impaired

The National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut (NFB of CT) will begin holding in-person monthly chapter meetings at the Hartford Room on March 18 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Subsequent meetings will be held on the third Saturday of each month. At chapter meetings, we gather and exchange ideas, share and discuss concerns and aspirations, raise and promote awareness of the capabilities of blind people, and make plans for outings and events. For more information, contact Melissa Thompson at 860-922-4949 or email her at lady1mnt@yahoo.com.

Help Newington Human Services

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

Church of the Holy Trinity Fair/Silent Auction

Church of Holy Trinity will hold its Annual Fair and Silent Auction December 2, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 381 Main Street in Middletown. We're seeking crafters for the event, which features 2 floors of 30+ crafters, handmade goods, gift baskets, baked goods, Vermont cheeses, homemade cookies, tag sale, and a LARGE Silent Auction. Call 860-347-2591 with questions.

Cromwell Seasonal Vaccine Clinics

Clinics are for influenza vaccine and COVID 19 boosters. They run September 13, October 11, and November 8 at Cromwell Town Hall (41 West St.) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You must be at least 9 years old and in good health. Flu vaccine is free with most insurance plans (bring your insurance card). Insurance is required for pneumonia, shingles, T-Dap, and COVID 19 vaccine. No appointments - first come, first serve. You do not have to be a Cromwell resident. Please bring pre-filled forms found at www.cromwellct.com/health-department.

Wethersfield Art League Invites You to Join!

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Craft and Vendor Fair in Rocky Hill

BPOE Lodge 2308 (825 C Cromwell Ave, Rocky Hill) will host a September 10 craft and vendor fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$30/booth. Call Lori at 860-539-0065, Beve at 860-944-1417, or Brenda at 860-539-9137 for more info.

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Women's Guild Tag Sale

The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild is hosting its annual Tag Sale on Saturday September 9, 2023, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church Hall, 183 Church St, Newington. The Preview date is Friday September 8 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Admission to the Preview is \$5. Rain or Shine.

NHS Class '78 Reunion

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Movies at the Cromwell Senior Center

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Rocky Hill Food Share Fridays

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The Newington Knights of Columbus is having a golf tournament on Sept 8, 2023 and looking for players. Time: 1:00 p.m. with a shotgun start. The cost is \$150 per golfer and includes cart, green fees, lunch, prizes and more. Dinner & Drinks at 6:00 PM back at the Knights of Columbus. Foursomes are encouraged but singles are welcome and will be teamed up with other golfers. To register and/or more info please call Tom McBride at 860-983-0846 or email him at tom@mcbridecarpet.com.

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But no matter how simple popular home renovation television shows make remodeling projects appear, homeowners should know that such undertakings are far more difficult than they appear on television. Homeowners who overestimate their abilities and the time they have to complete projects can cost themselves substantial amounts of money. In fact, there are a variety of reasons homeowners might want to work with professional contractors when tackling home improvement projects.

Experience

A trial and error approach can work with various projects and problems. But applying such an approach to home improvement projects is risky and potentially dangerous, not to mention costly. Experienced professional contractors with strong track records (seek recommendations from friends or neighbors) won't have to go through trial and error and are therefore more likely than DIYers to complete a project on time and on budget.

Inspiration

One oft-overlooked benefit of working with professional contractors is the likelihood that they can draw up ideas for projects that homeowners might otherwise never have thought up on their own. Homeowners without specific ideas in mind can ask contractors to come up with various scenarios before committing to a particular

one. Veteran contractors can draw on years of experience to create designs that DIYers might be incapable of coming up with and/or incapable of seeing through to completion.

Cost

Conventional wisdom suggests it's less expensive to do something yourself than to hire someone else to do it for you, but that's not necessarily true of home improvement projects. Labor costs typically account for a substantial amount of professionally contracted projects, but homeowners can cut those costs by volunteering to do some of the simpler tasks themselves. In addition, contractors often purchase materials at a much lower cost than individual homeowners because contractors buy in bulk. So while labor costs might be lower on DIY projects, the cost of materials can offset those savings.

Resale value

Many homeowners renovate their homes with eyes on improving the resale value of those homes. But if homeowners want to showcase a newly remodeled kitchen when selling their homes, they should be prepared for prospective buyers to ask who worked on the project. Fearing potential problems down the road, some buyers might be put off by homes that were remodeled by DIYers and not professional contractors.

Renovating a home on your own can be a rewarding project for homeowners. But it's important that homeowners recognize the many benefits of working with professional contractors before making any final decisions with regard to who will tackle their next project.

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Amenities

The proximity of amenities such as shopping, restaurants and parks is attractive to many buyers, and that's something all buyers should consider before buying a home. Even if you prefer a home in a remote location, that could limit your market of buyers when you want to sell the home down the road. While your own comfort and preferences should ultimately prevail over potential resale value, it's important that you at least consider access to amenities before making a decision. You might be able to find a compromise in a home that is a short drive away from a town center, but still remote enough that you are not in the middle of the hustle and bustle.

Commute

Quality of life is heavily influenced by commute time. Many men and women feel their quality of life improves dramatically the shorter their daily commute is. When considering a particular neighborhood, do a test run before making an offer on a home. Wake up early and drive to the area where you are thinking of buying, and then commute from there during rush hour. Also, do the reverse commute come quitting time. You might be able to get an estimated commute time online, but a test run can give you a more accurate idea of what your daily trips to and from the office will be like. Choosing a neighborhood where you will enjoy living requires some forethought and research.

Factors to consider when choosing a neighborhood

When shopping for a home, it's easy for buyers to fall in love with a property. A well-maintained home with updated features can be hard to resist, but buyers must consider more than just a home's appearance before submitting an offer.

One variable prospective home buyers tend to value more highly than others is the neighborhood where they will ultimately choose to live. Many buyers even value neighborhoods more than homes, feeling they can always fix a home but cannot necessarily fix an undesirable neighborhood. When considering which neighborhood to begin a home search, buyers should re-search a host of factors.

Crime

Crime statistics are public domain, meaning buyers can examine crime figures for any neighborhood where they are considering buying a home. Some real estate websites

list neighborhood crime ratings among the information they offer about a given property. In addition, buyers interested in learning about crime in a given neighborhood can visit a site such as CrimeReports.com to access data on crimes committed near a particular address.

Home values

Home values are another factor to consider when choosing a neighborhood in which to buy a home. Buyers can work with a local realtor to find a neighborhood or area where real estate prices are trending upwards. While buyers might be able to find a great deal on a home in a neighborhood where home prices are dropping, it's important to remember those home prices are dropping for a reason. Work with your realtor to find a neighborhood where you can afford a home and where property values are not in decline. Realtors will have ac-

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Keen, Julie A		
To Kumbhar, Swati; Kumbhar, Pankaj		\$320,000
08/09/2023	32 Robbins Ln #B	
Morrissey, Brian T		
To K Greenfield LLC		\$115,000
08/07/2023	602 Watercourse Row	
Sposito, Paul M; Sposito, Rebecca C		
To Parikh, Harshil; Parikh, Drabhti H		\$360,000
Wethersfield		
08/07/2023	25 Deerfield Rd	
Wilcox Isabel R Est; Still, Jill W		
To Amato, Joey L		\$310,000

08/09/2023	170 Dix Rd	
Repaci, John R; Repaci, James		
To Felix, Ritchy B		\$265,000
08/10/2023	43 Hart St	
Purinton Anna L Est; Purinton, Daniel S		
To Baronki, Andrew		\$280,000
08/08/2023	31 Midwell Rd	
Procyk, Mary E		
To Yackel, Jonathan W; Yackel, Hayley D		\$455,000
08/09/2023	84 Robbins Dr	
French, Jacob A		
To Aboumrad Jr, Michael; Sigan, Corie		\$355,000
08/09/2023	148 Rutledge Rd	
Zytka Children T		
To Zytka, Irene; Zytka, Fryda		\$360,000
08/08/2023	86 Waters View Dr	
Adamian John A Est; Adamian, Donald J		
To Wright, Sarah		\$352,000
08/08/2023	19 Willard St	
Wasy, Erikson		
Rogers, Michael; Rogers, Hannah		\$339,000
08/08/2023	42 Wright Rd	
Garbacik, Roman E		
Lentini, Joseph R; Hansen, Amanda		\$305,000



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COMMUNITY CENTER/SENIOR CENTER CLOSED SEPTEMBER 4

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 at 10:00am

COFFEE & CONVERSATION WITH MAYOR MICHAEL RELL

Stop in for a cup of coffee, pastry and an open conversation with Mayor Rell. We will be discussing issues brought to the town council and

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 at 5:00pm-7:00pm

PAINT NIGHT-SUNFLOWERS & DRAGONFLIES

Enjoy a guided paint class, similar to Paint Nights hosted at local bars, restaurants or studios, at a fraction of the cost! Our talented instructor, Joann, will help you create beautiful seasonal paintings...you don't need to be an "artist" to have a fun experience and create something amazing in one night! All abilities welcome. \$20 Fee includes materials and refreshments and a bite to eat while you paint. Call or register online.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 at 1:00PM – LUNCH AT 12:30PM

COCONUTS – THE BOOMER COMEDY ROCKS BAND

Co-sponsor: Maple View Health & Rehabilitation Center

\$7 for WSC members/ \$12 non- members

includes admission, pizza, ice cream & coffee truck, giveaways & raffle prizes.

An afternoon of entertainment not to be missed! Hilarious parodies, singalongs, and good ol' rock and roll! Celebrating over 40 years of entertaining audiences from Cape Cod to Key West with a high-energy blend of comedy and music from the 50s to the 70s. Comments frequently heard after a COCONUTS show: "I haven't laughed this much in years!" What better way to spend your day than with good food, friends, laughter, upbeat music and dancing. Ice Cream and Coffee truck provided by Maple View Health & Rehab.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 at 12 noon

THE PRICE IS RIGHT FOR YOUR HEALTH : LUNCH & LEARN

Who would like to save money on groceries and still eat a healthy diet? Healthy eating does not have to be expensive! The discussion will include. Low-cost protein options along with tips on maintaining a budget while still including healthy low-cost foods. Take home a recipe or two to try yourself. Limited seating. Lunch provided by Community renewal Team. Space limited. RSVP required, no later than Friday, 9/22/23.

Discover, Dine, and Decode Medicare

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 at 6:00PM

An exclusive seminar and dinner co-sponsored by: MapleView Center for Health & Rehabilitation

Join us for an evening of enlightenment and exquisite dining at our Medicare Education Seminar Dinner. Say goodbye to confusion and hello to clarity! Michael Andrews of Wethersfield will unravel the complexities of Medicare, guiding you through the maze of plans, options, and coverage. Leave with confidence in your understanding and indulge in a delectable dinner while soaking in essential insights. Connect with fellow learners, share stories, and empower yourself with knowledge. Medicare Open enrollment: Oct 15- Dec 7. **Limited seating. RSVP required.** RSVP: call or email the Senior Center, or RSVP to Michael Andrews phone: 860.706.6735 or email: seniorinsurancect@outlook.com

8-WEEK 2023 SENIOR CENTER WALKING COMPETITION: SEPTEMBER 11- OCTOBER 30

Join us as we compete with the Rocky Hill, West Hartford, East Hartford, and Newington Senior Centers. 20 participants from each Center will track their weekly walking: every minute walking will be converted into 1 mile. We will join your fellow competitors for an Awards Luncheon at the Heights at Avery Heights at the end of the competition. Contact the Senior Center for more information and to register.

WETHERSFIELD TECH HELP FOR SENIORS offers individual and small group instruction to help meet all your technology needs. Schedule one-to-one assistance with iPads, iPhones, Windows 10 computers, Android tablets and phones. Classes are also offered in person and via Zoom throughout the year.

TECH HELP FOR SENIORS: ZOOM CLASSES - TUESDAYS at 3:00PM

SEPTEMBER 12: iPad 101: Using the App Store and iTunes

SEPTEMBER 19: Tips, Tricks and Q&A

For more information, to register for classes or inquire about one on one assistance, please email techhelpforseniorswethersfield@gmail.com or call the Senior Center at (860) 721-2770.

AFTERNOON MOVIES at 1 PM: NEW RELEASES, ACTION/WESTERNS, CLASSICS

For more information/movie titles, visit the senior center or our website.

MONDAYS - SEPTEMBER 11, 25; WEDNESDAYS - SEPTEMBER 6, 20;

THURSDAYS: SEPTEMBER 7, 14

BUS TRIPS: OUR FALL/EARLY WINTER TRIPS ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY

SEATS RESERVED UPON PAYMENT. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED. TRIPS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. HOWEVER, WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FIND A REPLACEMENT IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL.. CONTACT THE SENIOR CENTER OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION..

- **September 21: Providence Italian Style- *only a few seats left- call today!** Includes delicious lunch in Providence's Little Italy, a guided tour of Federal Hill, Venitian Gondola ride & live entertainment - \$177
- **September 27-29: Sight & Sound Theatre: "Moses"** and Dutch Apple Theatre: 2 shows, plus Amish Country Tour and Hershey Town Tour - \$615 pp/dble (2 seats left)
- **October 12: Culinary Institute of America;** Catarina de Medici Restaurant \$142
- **November 28: Radio City Music Hall: The Rockettes Christmas Spectacular & lunch** - \$207
- **December 5, Silver Bells & Diamonds at The Aqua Turf** \$116 The best of the Diamonds for a great holiday show & luncheon!
- **December 14, Holiday Tea & Concert at Caramoor Center for Music & the Arts** \$152 Tour the historic Rosen House, decorated for the holidays. Next, sit back and relax in the majestic Music Room for a wonderful concert followed by a lovely tea and sandwiches, scones and desserts

EXERCISE & ART CLASSES

Fall registration is open. Classes run September 11 until the end of December/early January. For detailed class descriptions and more information, please visit www.wethersfieldct.gov/senior-center and www.wethersfieldct.gov/recreation. Please note,

to register for exercise and art programs current senior center membership is required. Questions regarding membership or programs, please contact the Center. The Senior Center accepts Renew Active Members.

- **TAI CHI-BETTER HEALTH & IMPROVING BALANCE: WEDNESDAYS, 10:30-**

11:30AM; in person & remote.

- **CHAIR YOGA: MONDAYS & THURSDAYS 11:30AM-12:20PM** in person & remote. *new time on Thursdays
- **FIT & FABULOUS: TUESDAYS, 11:30AM-12:20PM;** in person & remote.
- **WALKING DVD: MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 10AM - FREE FOR SR. CTR. MEMBERS;** no registration required, drop-in.
- **SILVERSNEAKERS STRENGTH & BALANCE: TUESDAYS: 10-10:45AM; THURSDAYS: 10-10:45AM;** **Streamed live at Center and remote. (no in person instructor at this time)
- **SILVERSNEAKERS STABILITY: FRIDAYS: 10-10:45AM;** remote only.

ART INSTRUCTION IS FOR ALL ABILITIES, FROM BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED ARTISTS.

- **ARTISTS' JOURNEY: WEDNESDAYS, 10-11:30AM OR THURSDAYS, 10-11:30AM**
Our talented instructor is available to guide you on projects of your choice; skilled in all mediums. All ability levels welcome.
- **SCULPTING – CLAY & NEEDLE-FELTING: WEDNESDAYS, 10-11:30AM OR THURSDAYS, 10-11:30AM**
Sculpt amazing figurines using clay, traditional sculpting materials, or learn a new technique: needle felting using wool.
- **PAINT NIGHTS: TUESDAYS, SEPT 12, OCT 10, NOV 14, DEC 12; 5:00-7:00PM**
Guided painting fun with step by step instruction. All materials & refreshments included.

ALL SERVICES ARE FOR SENIOR CENTER MEMBERS ONLY AND REQUIRE APPOINTMENTS/NO WALK-INS.

APPOINTMENTS FILL UP QUICKLY; PLEASE CALL 860-721-2770 TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS.

FREE HEARING SCREENINGS/AUDITORY CONSULTATIONS: 1ST THURSDAY EVERY OTHER MONTH; Now scheduling 10/5, 12/7. Auditory consultations using the newest technologies include computerized hearing assessments, video camera ear wax/canal exams & free hearing aid checks, cleanings and battery samples. No walk-ins.

FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION: 3RD TUESDAY EACH MONTH: 10AM-12PM; Now scheduling September - December, FREE FOR WSC MEMBERS. Half-hour consultations available with Atty. Joan Wilson from Wilson, Pinder & Snow LLC. No walk-ins.

\$4 HAIRCUTS FOR WETHERSFIELD RESIDENTS/CENTER MEMBERS; *APPOINTMENTS MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE SENIOR CENTER BY CALLING 860.721.2770 Limited availability. Haircuts are given at the International Institute of Cosmetology, 632 Silas Deane Highway. No walk-ins.

FOOTCARE CLINICS – : 1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY: Now scheduling through December. Certified APRN. Cleaning, filing, trimming toenails, reducing corns & calluses for seniors. No Diabetics. Fee \$30. No walk-ins.

MASSAGE with CONNIE: 2nd & 4th WEDNESDAY & 4TH FRIDAY – Please call for appointments.

Licensed massage therapist offers chair and full table massages. . 15-minute chair massage-\$10, 30-minute table massage-\$25, 60-minute table massage-\$50.

MASSAGE with HOLLY: 1st & 3rd MONDAYS - Please call for appointments.

Licensed massage therapist offers 60-minute full table massages for \$50.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS with Infinity Home Care: contact Senior Center for schedule.

AARP SAFE DRIVE COURSE: SEPTEMBER 27, 9AM-1PM – CALL TO REGISTER

SENIOR COMMUNITY CAFÉ: #860-721-2773. Lunch is served Monday-Friday at 12PM to persons 60 years or older and their spouses or caregivers. The suggested donation is **\$3.00** for seniors/caregivers. *To reserve your lunch, please call the Cafe at **860-721-2773** minimum one work day notice (Mon-Fri).

WETHERSFIELD SOCIAL & YOUTH SERVICES: 860-721-2880 WS&YS is available to provide assistance and services if you are experiencing financial difficulties or need access to food, basic needs, or transportation. Call for information on Energy Assistance, Renters Rebate, Dial-a-Ride and CHOICES. **WETHERSFIELD ELDERLY SERVICES:** Daniel Rosario, social worker and Elderly Services Coordinator can assist with federal, state and local assistance programs such as energy assistance, SNAP vouchers, housing resources, and more. For more information and to set up an appointment, please call 860-721-2880 or email daniel.rosario@wethersfieldct.gov.

GAMES, ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

BINGO: WEDNESDAYS- 12:15PM – Always a fun day! Players are asked to be seated and ready to play by 12:15pm. \$2 admission includes 2 bingo cards.

SET BACK: FRIDAYS- 12:15PM-3PM - Join our friendly group; everyone welcome: singles, partners, beginners, experienced players. Easy to learn. Please arrive before 12pm to register/receive scorecard. Players must be seated and ready to play by 12:15pm. \$2 members/\$3 non-members.

MAH JONGG PLAY: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 9:30AM-1:00PM – Room F1. A fun way to exercise your brain; come for one day or both. Beginners welcome.

WII BOWLING: TUESDAYS AT 1PM ... the fun of bowling without the heavy ball. New players welcome, no experience necessary. Classroom S3.

RED ONION SENIOR QUILTERS; SEPTEMBER 18: 3rd MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10AM:

THE SENIOR CENTER ROOM: Members encouraged to use the room to play games, pick up a new book, read, work on puzzles, watch TV or just to get together with friends. The room is available Monday-Friday 9:00AM- 4:00PM when not scheduled for other Center programs. Please call the Center for more information and to check room availability.

SENIOR CENTER OFFICE: any questions, or you want to know more about our programs and services, please call 860.721-2770 to make an appointment with Amy, Senior Center Coordinator, Monday-Thursday 9:30am-4:00pm.



OUR PET PAGE

WHISKERS PET RESCUE: Is a no-kill animal welfare organization with an adoption center located in Bennett Square in Southbury. We are a non-profit charity made up entirely of volunteers committed to caring for animals who have been abandoned, injured, abused or neglected. Should you wish to adopt a whiskered kitty or make a donation to our animal shelter to be utilized towards our spay-neuter program, please mail to Whiskers Pet Rescue, 134 Main St., South Southbury, CT 06488. Please ask our volunteer staff about our senior to senior kitty adoption program where our kitties are adopted by senior citizens and veteran. Our staff at our animal shelter can be reached at 203-586-1666. Thank you for assisting our homeless whiskered friends!



Pierre is a 2-3 year old Chihuahua, male, tan in color. He can be scared easily, so no children in the household would be ideal. He was vetted, vaccinated and is heartworm negative. He does want to be very friendly but nervous and cautious too.

ANIMAL LOVERS: Financial help needed. Any donation is greatly appreciated and tax deductible. Out to Pasture Farm & Rescue, P.O. Box 310174, Newington, CT. 06131. www.outtopasture.org.



Mittens is an outgoing little doll! She is one of Lulu's kittens. Lulu was lucky that she was rescued and able to have her kittens in a caring, loving home. Mittens has lots of energy so it would be best for her to have another cat in the house to play with her. Please fill out an application on our website at www.hucatreue.org.

9 WEEK OLD PUPPIES: 2 male 1 female Bracco Italiano. Please contact the owner Sal at 860-836-1972 for pics & more information. Puppies are located in Rocky Hill, CT.



A FUNDRAISING EVENT BENEFITTING HOMELESS CATS & KITTENS

Cats in the Castle is the premier, annual fundraising event for Cat Tales. Taking place on **Saturday, September 16, 2023, 6PM until 10PM at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville, CT.** The proceeds from this event directly benefit the abused, homeless, and abandoned cats/kittens under Cat Tales' care and help pay for food, shelter, and veterinary care which over a year's time is over \$150,000. **Appetizers ~ Dinner ~ Beer & Wine ~ Desserts ~ Silent auctions ~ Raffles.** Tickets are available at <https://cattalesct.org/citc/>. To order tickets by phone, call **(860)344-9043**. Leave your full name, phone number, and how many tickets you'd like to purchase on our voicemail. A volunteer will call you to confirm your address and with payment instructions. For email orders, send your full name, address, and how many tickets you'd like to purchase to Info@CatTalesCT.org and a volunteer will reply with payment instructions.

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ADOPT ARCHIE. Archie is a handsome, 12 week old kitten. He just loves to play and play. He has a big imagination and is independent. Archie loves other cats and will make friends easily. His forever home must have another cat. Please fill out an application on our website at www.hucatreue.org.

Adopt Me!



Lulu is a beautiful, young, mostly black tuxedo. She has a wonderful, sweet personality. She is quiet and soft-spoken and really enjoys attention. She is also loving and affectionate. Lulu was a wonderful mom to her five kittens. She is a princess in waiting. Lulu is good with other cats.

Please fill out an application on our website at www.hucatreue.org.

ADOPT TOMMY. Tommy is a handsome, large gray and white boy. We do believe that he and Garfield might be brothers. They were rescued from the same area and were often seen together. Tommy is very sweet and affectionate. Like Garfield, he also tested positive for the FIV retrovirus. They can be with other cats because they both do not fight with other cats. Please fill out an application on our website at www.hucatreue.org.



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PET OF THE WEEK



This handsome boy is 4 month old Cole. He had a rough start with his 4 siblings as a stray on the streets of Hartford. But after spending time with his foster family, Cole now likes looking out windows, he greets you at the door and he's playful and outgoing. Cole is a big sweetheart who loves to cuddle and talk to you. Cole should live with a fellow kitty buddy!

Visit www.POAinc.org, or call 860-569-0722

Adopt A Pet or two



Dozer, Delilah, & are 4 siblings rescued by a very nice resident. They are vaccinated & tested negative for FELV/FIV. Consider adopting as a pair. Brothers & sisters make great family pets! Online adoption form at www.fobac.org and you can email fobacadoptions@gmail.com or call the shelter, 860-828-7055

I want to go home



Tigger is an adorable 12 week old kitten. Tigger was born with an injured paw. The exposed bone does cause Tigger discomfort on hard floors but, don't worry because his foster room has carpet and he keeps up just fine with his siblings. Now that his paw is bigger, we can try a finder glove to see if Tigger will wear it. If he does not adjust, the bottom part of his leg will be amputated when he is neutered. Tigger can still go home to his forever home while we work on his paw issue. He is a lovebug! Please fill out an application on our website at www.hucatreue.org. Thank you!



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ANIMAL ALLIANCE WELFARE LEAGUE: Is an all volunteer animal welfare organization devoted to preventing the suffering of homeless animals in our community. Our animal welfare organization provides TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) of community cats in the central Connecticut area. Should you wish to adopt a cat or kitten; volunteer to feed community cat colonies in the City of New Britain; donate to our special needs cats and kitten, please contact Marie at 860-632-0863. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 1775, New Britain, Connecticut 06050. Thank you for your compassion for the animals.



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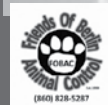
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Job hunting tips for men and women over 50

Though the job market has improved in recent years, many men and women are still out of work. Perhaps most troubling, many of those people are age 55 and older who are fearful of an uncertain future and a job market where they are seemingly overlooked. According to a 2012 study from the Government Accountability Office, the number of long-term unemployed people age 55 and older has more than doubled since the onset of the recession.

For many unemployed men and women over the age of 50, the harsh reality of a job market that does not value their experience or skill set is deeply disconcerting. But as difficult as the job market can be for older men and women, it's not impossible to find a job, though it might take some ingenuity and perseverance.

* Don't limit yourself. Those who were victimized by layoffs should expand their job searches to more than just their previous fields. While it's definitely a good idea to maintain contacts in your old field and routinely look for openings in that field, it's also a good idea to examine your skill set and experience and find a new field where these things apply. Chances are your years of experience are transferable to many fields, and redirecting your job hunting efforts to a new line of work might yield opportunities you are not even aware existed.

* Embrace the 21st century. Many companies or organizations mistakenly assume that the digital age has passed older workers by. Workers in their 50s might be unfairly categorized as dinosaurs with no grasp of mobile technology or the latest software programs. But those applicants who can demonstrate their proficiency in the latest technologies, including mobile technologies like smartphones, tablets and social media, can put themselves above fellow applicants.

* Start working. If you are mired in long-term unemployment and spend every day at home, get out and start working. Volunteering is a great way to lift your spirits, network with other professionals and maybe even learn of employment opportunities you won't hear about on the couch at home. And volunteering, be it with a charity or a professional organization, is a great way to revive your resume and continue to add accomplishments despite your unemployment.

* Emphasize your age. Many unemployed men and women over 50 tend to look at their age as a hindrance that is preventing them from finding gainful employment. But your age can be an advantage, as many organizations find older applicants are more reliable and need less time to adapt than younger applicants with less experience. When emphasizing your age as a positive, don't focus on job titles, which many other unemployed men and women your age likely highlight on their resumes. Instead, focus on specific achievements and accomplishments and reduce the emphasis you place on job titles. Achievements tend to stand out above titles, and men and women over 50 likely have achieved more than younger, less experienced applicants.

* Think small. Smaller companies wherein employees tend to wear many hats are more likely to value experience than a larger company. By the age of 50, many professionals have vast experience in a host of different positions, and that versatility is likely to appeal to a small company looking for employees who can multitask.

Finding a job after the age of 50 isn't easy. But taking a broad approach and emphasizing as opposed to downplaying your experience might help you stand out among a crowded pool of applicants.

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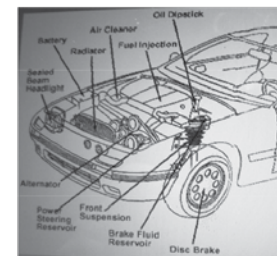


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Panthers Versatile Defender Prowls to Post

By Josh Howard

After transferring back to Cromwell High School last fall, David Weston patiently waited to make his debut back onto the football fields for the Panthers' red and black.

And once he did, he made an immediate impact.

Weston filled a team need by switching from his natural position of cornerback to defensive end and posted a sack and a tackle for loss in the team's Shunpike Showdown victory over Rocky Hill in the regular season finale.

Now, despite only playing in only a few games last fall, Weston has more football in his future.

"I am happy to announce my commitment to Post University and join their Division II football program," Weston posted on social media in February. "I am thankful for everyone who has led me to this opportunity. I'd like to thank my family, friends, coaches, and teammates for all of their support."

After playing youth football locally, Weston played for the Panthers as a freshman in high school before spending his sophomore and junior year at Xavier High School playing football and basketball for the Falcons in Middletown.

Prior to his senior year, Weston transferred back to his hometown and missed the first half of the season before making his triumphant return to his childhood stomping grounds.

Weston referred his return to the gridiron in Cromwell as "relieving."

"I felt at peace. I just love the sport so much," added Weston. "I was looking forward to it the entire time I was out."

Cromwell/Portland football coach Randell Bennett credited Weston for making a smooth transition to defensive end, using his natural athletic ability to mark his mark as a defensive end for a team that already have four seniors starting in the defensive backfield.

"He continued to impress me," added Bennett. "He never complained about the situations and he continued to work and was just happy to be

here."

Weston said being back with his childhood teammates felt exhilarating, adding, "It felt like the good old days -- we have so many photos from youth football and it was so reminiscent honestly."

After dabbling in other sports growing up, it was football that sparked a passion inside of Weston.

Even after suffering a series of migraines that kept him out of action, he refused to give up his football dream and always envisioned playing football at the next level.

"The game of football taught me to never give up, never back down," stated Weston. "You're going to get hurt and you're going to have setbacks, but it's about how much you love the sport and how much you want to keep going that motivates you."

Weston added that while awaiting his return to the field, he used the weight room as his way to prepare himself both physical and mentally, saying the time in the gym has made him into "the best version" of himself.

Once back on the field, he got the same joy playing with his high school teammates as he did after delivering his first hit at the age of seven while playing for youth football for the Cromwell Lions

He added that he is ready to prove himself all over again at the college level where he will join an upstart program led by head coach Adam Schultz, who has led the Eagles since their inaugural season in 2021.

His versatility, along with his experience and knowledge of playing multiple positions defensively should allow him to make an impact early for a team that is coming off a winless season last fall.

Weston will be joined by fellow 2023 CHS graduate and teammate Johnny Beltre, who is also entering his freshman season at Post, a private university based out of Waterbury.

The Eagles starts the season on the road this



2023 Cromwell High School graduate David Weston will play football at Post University in Waterbury. Weston is pictured with his mom, Olga, and dad, David, after signing his letter of intent.

Saturday (Sept. 2) before making their home debut on Saturday, Sept. 9, welcoming Lincoln University to Municipal Stadium for a 1 p.m. kickoff.

Weston said that balancing his time between his academics and football will take an adjust-

ment, yet is confident that he is ready for the next phase.

"It will be a good challenge, but I wanted a challenge," said Weston, who will major in finance and minor in marketing.

WHS Brush Set to Make UHart Debut

2023 Wethersfield graduate Kathleen Brush will take the field with her University of Hartford soccer team for the first time this Friday (Sept. 1) when the Hawks make the short trek to take on the University of St. Joseph in West Hartford at 4 p.m.

Brush announced her decision to go to UHart last September prior to captaining an Eagles squad to an undefeated regular season, scoring a team-high 23 goals as the team advanced to the state semifinals.

A varsity letter winner for four seasons, Brush helped the Eagles capture Central Connecticut Conference (CCC) divisional titles in 2019, 2021 and 2022.

This past fall Kathleen was recognized All-CCC, along with earning Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA) All-state, and All-New England. She also represented WHS in the CHSCA senior All-Star game.

After starting her soccer career in Wethersfield playing for the George D. Ritchie Soccer Club, she played for the Wethersfield Breakers. She also excelled in club soccer as a member of CFC where her squad won the 2022 Connecticut Junior Soccer Association (CJSA) Connecticut Cup.

Outside of soccer, Brush participated on the WHS gymnastics and outdoor track & field teams during her tenure at the high school, while also volunteering at both town youth soccer and CFC soccer clinics over the last four years.

In Hartford, she will join former teammate and 2022 WHS graduate Cameryn Wilkinson, who appeared in 10 games last fall as the Hawks team that went undefeated at home and won 10 total games.

Brush will major in physical therapy at the local university.



Kathleen Brush, a 2023 Wethersfield High School graduate, will play soccer at the University of Hartford.



College Bound Athletes.... Several 2023 Rocky Hill High School graduates are playing sports in college and above are four student-athletes that have started or will soon be starting their athletic and academic careers at the next level. Top left, Thea O'Connor will play lacrosse at Arcadia University in Pennsylvania. Top right, Alex Peruta will play football at The University of New England in Maine. Bottom left, Sarah Whelan will play lacrosse at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford. Bottom right, Brendan Whalen will play baseball at UConn Avery Point in Groton.

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Saturday (8:30am-6pm)
Sunday (8:30am-2pm)

Closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day - Have a Safe Holiday!

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Thank you for voting for us and shopping with us!

Sandwich of the Week:

Imported Prosciutto & Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato on a Hard Roll – \$6.99ea

We wish Everyone a Wonderful & Safe School Year



BUTCHER SHOP:

TAKING LABOR DAY ORDERS

When Comparing Price,

Be Sure to Compare the Same Grade for Quality.

Fresh Ground Chuck (5lb lots)	\$4.99 lb.
Fresh Ground Sirloin (5lb lots)	\$5.49 lb.
D&D Market's Meatball Mix (ground beef, pork & veal) (5lb lots)	\$5.49 lb.
Fresh Sirloin Patties (5lb lots)	\$5.49 lb.
Fresh Chuck Patties (5lb lots)	\$4.99 lb.
PRIME Black Angus N.Y. Strip Steaks	\$18.99 lb.
Bocce Balls (BBQ Meatballs with Cheddar wrapped in Bacon)	\$6.99 lb.
Seasoned Pork Tenderloins	\$3.99 lb.
Baby Back Ribs	\$3.99 lb.
D&D Market's Famous 1932 Recipe True Italian Pork Sausage - Hot or Sweet (5lb lots)	\$3.99 lb.
Our Lemon Pepper Marinated Chicken Breasts	\$4.99 lb.
Bell & Evans Boneless Chicken Thighs (5lb lots)	\$4.99 lb.
Our Seasoned Drumsticks	\$.99 lb.
Martin Rosol's Hot Dogs	\$5.99 lb.



GROCERY:

Filippo Berio Imported Pure or Extra Virgin Olive Oil (25.3oz)	\$7.99
Heinz Ketchup (38oz)	\$3.99
Wishbone Italian Salad Dressing (15oz)	\$2.49
Sweet Baby Rays Barbecue Sauce (28oz)	\$2.99
Sclafani Italian Style Breadcrumbs (18oz)	\$1.99

We believe in Quality and Service at All Times at D&D Market

Welcome to an amazing experience of quality and service, a place where the Customer matters. D&D Market is built on the same principles that it was founded on in 1932 with quality Cheeses, Meats, Deli, Olives and Groceries, many imported from Italy. Catering is also available. Come in and have our knowledgeable staff serve you.

-Danny D'Aprile



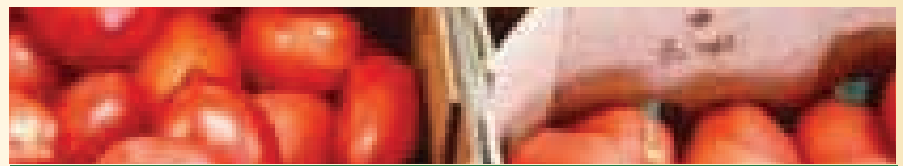
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TAKING LABOR DAY ORDERS!

BE SURE TO GIVE THE KIDS THE BEST FOR LUNCH!

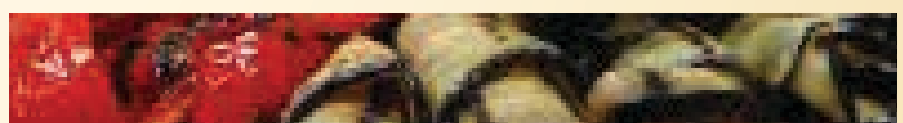
Margherita Pepperoni (whole stick)	\$6.99 lb.
Imported Regiano Parmigiano (1lb minimum, chunk)	\$14.99 lb.
Imported from Italy Italian Prosciutto	\$14.99 lb.
Land O' Lakes American Cheese	\$5.99 lb.

We Carry a Full Line of Boars Head Products



PRODUCE:

Iceberg Lettuce (cello head)	\$1.99 ea.
Vine-Ripened Tomatoes	\$1.99 lb.
Romaine Hearts (pkg)	\$3.49 ea.
Jumbo Lemons	2 for \$9.99
Jumbo Limes	3 for \$9.99



PREPARED FOODS:

TAKING LABOR DAY ORDERS

Jimmy's Special Roasted Butternut Squash w/Cranberries & Walnuts	\$9.99 lb.
D&D Famous Pasta Amatriciana	\$7.99 lb.
Hot Honey Kielbasa, Onions & Baked Beans Great for your Labor Day BBQ	\$7.99 lb.
D&D Market's Store Made Meat Sauce (quart)	\$10.99 qt.
Anthony's Philly Steak & Cheese Stuffed Breads	\$8.99 ea.

***TRY ALL OF OUR SALADS THIS SUMMER:**

Potato, Pasta, Tortellini, 3 Bean, Coleslaw, Chickpea and More...

STOP IN AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!



Sale Dates: August 31, 2023 - September 6, 2023