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Rocky Hill Lifts Indoor Mask Mandate for the Vaccinated

by Mark DiPaola

Rocky Hill is easing up on its mask mandate for indoor public places.

As of September 30, only unvaccinated people will be required to wear face coverings – when 6-foot social distancing is infeasible – in local restaurants, stores, churches, and other establishments, according to an update from the Office of Town Manager John Mehr.

The latest leaves other masking protocols to the discretion of individual businesses.

It also opens Town Hall to the public, while giving individual government boards and commissions the option to hold in-per-

son or virtual meetings.

The town's previous mask mandate – established on August 20 – required all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a face covering indoors when out in public.

But as of October 1, Rocky Hill – with 7.8 COVID cases per 100,000 people – sat in the second-lowest yellow infection threat tier.

Wethersfield, which imposed a similar mandate back in August, remained in red – or 15 cases per 100,000.

Governor Lamont signed Executive Order 13A back on August 5, giving municipalities discretion to create and enforce their own COVID safety measures – mask-on re-

quirements included.

That was renewed during the most recent legislative special session, extending the Governor's emergency powers till February 15 of next year – at least.

While the renewal prompted a partisan split among state lawmakers, local officials and public health experts have expressed a desire for the executive branch to tackle masking on a broader scale – for consistency.

Rocky Hill followed the most recent extension of executive powers with the new mandate, which requires vaccinated Town

Hall staffers to mask up only when interacting with members of the public while indoors.

All visitors to Town Hall and other municipal buildings will be required to wear a face covering.

“The term of this order shall remain in effect until the expiration of Governor Lamont's Emergency Declaration and Executive Order No. 13A on February 15, 2022, or may be extended from time to time by the Connecticut General Assembly, or as terminated by the Town of Rocky Hill,” Mehr's update reads.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It has been a privilege to be part of the Cromwell Board of Education (BOE) for the past six years and I would be honoured to continue supporting our schools and town through your continued support on November 2nd. My time on the BOE has been a positive and rewarding experience. In my role as a BOE member, I have been a voice of our community and have been able to provide feedback to our administration that has impacted our school district as well as voted on matters that affect school policy and practice. I have served on various committees including policy, hiring committees, reopening committees and I currently chair the Facilities and Technology committee. As secretary of the board, I have also had the opportunity to chair regular board meetings. This experience will be important for the continuity of our board as it transitions to the new board after elections.

I have resided in Cromwell for 18 years with my husband Brian and children Owen, Peyton and Dawson who are spread among three of our four schools currently. As a parent of three children, I am fully invested in our schools and have also served as past president of the parent teacher organization for Edna C. Stevens Elementary and Woodside Intermediate School. In this capacity, I have coordinated various school and community events. I am also a paraprofessional at a nearby school system, which helps provide insight to many of the challenges and needs of our education system. If elected, I would continue to dedicate my time to our town and always represent based on what is best for our students and community.

Thanks in advance for your vote!

Celina Kelleher

Dear Editor,

I am writing to urge Rocky Hill residents to vote for Laurie Boske for mayor. Laurie is focused on public health and safety, balanced growth and development, and accessible town government.

Equally important to Laurie, however, is protecting the environment and preserving open space in Rocky Hill. These are important to maintaining our scenic, small town feel. Laurie notes that the recently purchased Straska farm is providing the town an opportunity to work with local farmers and to introduce the community to the benefits of sustainable farming. In addition to the acres currently being farmed, Laurie emphasizes the benefits of the planned community garden, a learning facility and walking paths on the property.

Continuing the process that was first formulated by the Democrats several years ago, Laurie states, “We want future generations to appreciate Rocky Hill's farming history and have the opportunity to see it continue in the years ahead.”

Please support Laurie Boske for mayor, for fiscal responsibility and quality of life for Rocky Hill residents.

Sandi Kelly

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to express my continued support of Al Waters to serve the Cromwell Town Council.

I have known Al for many years, especially through our association with American Legion here in Cromwell. Al served as our Parade Marshal for a number of years, always giving 110% towards making our parade the best ever.

The one thing about Al is that once he decides to get involved, he does not quit till he gets it done. He works tirelessly for what he believes to be in the best interest of the people he represents, making our town a better place to live in.

Cromwell is fortunate to have Al as our dedicated public servant.

On Nov. 2, vote to re-elect Al Waters to the Town Council.

Lou Gagnon

Rocky Hill Senior/Community Center Fall Programming

Our new Rocky Hill Senior/Community Center is nearly completed. In preparation of our opening, we have scheduled a variety programs. Please keep in mind that any or all programs may need to be cancelled or modified to follow current Health District safety guidelines due to Covid-19. We have made a conscious effort to plan outdoor events, classes and virtual opportunities whenever possible. Many of the programs listed are in person and may be postponed or modified. You will be notified of changes when you register.

New fall programs begin next week with a focus on outdoor and virtual opportunities.

Bicycling 101

This class will introduce you to bicycling basics. Learn what type of bike you should purchase, proper footwear, clothing and accessories, as well as correct cycling terminology and road etiquette. Paul will also cover maintenance of your bike and how to complete equipment and road safety check lists. There will be time for questions and maybe even plans for developing a few group rides around Town. Feel free to bring your bike. Instructor: Paul Datillio, Elmridge Park Pavilion, Wednesday, September 29, 11:00am -12:30pm, Free for members, \$10 residents, \$15 non-residents

Conversational French-Virtual

This will be an informal French class. We will learn basic everyday expressions and words, read books, listen to music, sing songs, discuss French food and speak French! Rikki is a native speaker and has taught various levels of French for numerous years. Instructor: Rikki Alrutz, Mondays, September 20 – November 1 (NC 10/11), 10:00am – 10:45am, \$24 member, \$28 residents, \$30 non-residents

Men's and Women's Golf- Introduction

This program is designed for the new golfer or for golfers who have never played or have not played in a number of years. In five one-hour sessions, our coaches will cover everything you need to know to play your first round of golf. Classes will cover the basics of the golf swing, putting, short game techniques, rules and etiquette. There will be separate men's and women's classes. Men's Instructor: Jon Wilson PGA. Women's Instructor: Marissa Crow, LPGA and Andra Frappier,

Location: Lyman Orchard, Middlefield, Wednesdays, September 15 – October 20, 10:00am -11:15am, \$110 members, \$115 residents, \$120 non-residents

Silver Sneakers – Pilates and Stability – Virtual Pilates is a body conditioning routine that helps build flexibility and long, lean muscles. Focus is on strength and endurance in the legs, abdominals, arms, hips, and back. Instructor: Rikki Alrutz, Mondays, September 13 – November 1 (NC 10/11), 1:00pm – 1:45pm, \$21 member, \$31 residents, \$36 non-residents

Silver Sneakers – Stability – Virtual Stability is the newest class designed to help you become stronger and improve balance. The movements taught in class focus on specific exercises to improve strength and power around the ankle, knee and hip joints, while improving your reaction time. Chairs may be used for balance. Program is free to Silver Sneaker Members but registration is required. Instructor: Rikki Alrutz, Fridays, September 17 – October 29, 9:00am-9:45am, \$21 member, \$31 resident, \$36 non-resident

Silver Sneakers- Strength & Balance-Virtual Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement, and activities for daily living. Hand-held weights, elastic tubing, and an 8” ball are utilized, but not necessary, for resistance training. A chair can be used for seated or standing support. Program is free to Silver Sneakers members but registration is required. Instructor: Rikki Alrutz.

Session 1:

Dates: Tuesdays, 9/14– 11/2, 11:00-11:45am, \$24 member, \$34 resident, \$39 non-resident

Session 2:

Dates: Thursdays, 9/23 –10/28, 11:00-11:45am, \$18member, \$28 resident, \$33non-resident

Cardio Tennis

If you want a spirited session complete with music, then this class is definitely for you. Rikki will lead this engaging group fitness program, which features tennis drills and games to enhance skill development. This program delivers a full body and calorie burning aerobic and anaerobic workout. Make sure you bring your racket, plenty of water,

and the enthusiasm to do something good for yourself while having fun. Instructor: Rikki Alrutz, Location: RHHS Tennis Courts, Saturdays, September 18 – October 9, 2:00pm – 2:45pm, \$40 member, \$45 residents, \$48 non-residents

Tennis-Introduction

Explore the basics of tennis, “the sport for a lifetime.” Instructor will introduce groundstrokes, volleys, the serve, as well as some fun tips for strategy and doubles. The drills are low-impact, and the games are designed to help you quickly improve your skills, so you and your friends can take the court with confidence. All you need is a racket, comfortable sneakers, water bottle, and the desire to enjoy yourself. Rikki Alrutz is a certified member and instructor of the United States Professional Tennis Association. Held at the Rocky Hill High School Tennis Courts, Saturdays, September 18 – October 9, 1:00pm – 1:45pm, \$60 member, \$70 residents, \$75 non-residents

Zumba Gold-Outdoors- This class is designed for active older adults or those looking for a low impact workout .Instructor: Karen Chorney, Location: Amphitheater, Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 21 – November 4, 9:30am – 10:15am, \$35 member, \$40 residents, \$44 non-residents

Museum Tour: The House of the Seven Gables-VIRTUAL-Monday, September 27, 3:00pm, Free. Located in Salem, Mass. is a 17th century ship captain's home. The house was later made famous by Nathaniel Hawthorne, who used it as the setting for his gothic romance The House of the Seven Gables in 1851. This tour will discuss the home's architectural history, its connection to maritime history, and the importance of Nathaniel Hawthorne's work. Pre-register by emailing gmarino@rockyhillct.gov before 9/21 and the zoom link will be emailed to you on 9/24.

Membership-Are you 55years old and interested in staying active and connected to your community? Become a member of the Rocky Hill Senior Center located in a new state of the art facility. Membership is complimentary for Rocky Hill residents and \$20 per year for non-residents. Applications are located on the Town's website, may be picked up at the Senior Center or mailed if requested. Meet new people, experience a wide variety of recreational activities and enhance your quality of life!



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Demetriades Named Cromwell Democrat of the Year

by Mark DiPaola

Town Councilor James Demetriades has been named Cromwell's Democrat of the Year, and since it's a local election year, Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz and other state officials celebrated with a pep talk to candidates running for municipal office.

"The municipal elections are so important, and even more so than in previous years, because our state is going to receive \$7 billion in federal American Rescue funds," Bysiewicz told the crowd gathered at Café Fiore in Cromwell on September 24. "It is our municipal leaders, our Board of Finance, our Town Council, and our Board of Education that are going to make those critical decisions."

Demetriades, an attorney and Cromwell lifer, is seeking his third Council term. He's currently one of just two Democrats serving on the town's main governing body – Al Waters, a longtime Council Democrat, is also running for reelection.

"I know it's lonely sometimes, but James

has been fighting the good fight. I can't think of anyone more deserving," said State Senator Matt Lesser. "I think there were a number of years where James could have been Democrat of the Year."

Democrats, who have been in the minority for all 8 years of under Cromwell's mayoral government system, are looking to capitalize on the exit of popular GOP Mayor Enzo Faienza this fall, but face a slate led by longtime local volunteer and former Selectman Alan Spotts, the Republican mayoral nominee.

"People always ask me, 'what are the big races in your district?', and I will tell you there are a lot of eyes on Cromwell," Lesser said. "I feel very optimistic about Cromwell. I know how hard the folks in this room are working."

They're led by Democratic Mayoral hopeful Aigne Goldsby, an attorney who chairs the town's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee.

"The Governor and I are so proud to endorse you – so proud that you are run-

ning, because we know you'll be a very strong advocate for the people of Cromwell," Bysiewicz said to Goldsby.

Goldsby, a former President of the Black Bar Association of Connecticut, has listed building a new senior center, continued investment in the school system, low taxes, walkability and sidewalk infrastructure, and riverfront development among her top priorities.

Goldsby credited her introduction to local politics to Demetriades – one of the first people she reached out to when she first moved to Cromwell and was looking to get involved.

He directed her to the DEI that was just forming.

"He said, 'go for it,'" Goldsby says. "If it wasn't for James, I wouldn't be in that position and I wouldn't be running for Mayor."

J.C. Long, a member of the LGBTQ Committee Demetriades launched, had a similar story.

"He noticed my passion and helped me channel it," Long says. "He's definitely some-

one I look up to."

Demetriades was only 23 when he himself first ran for Council – while he was finishing up law school and beginning his career as a plaintiffs' workplace discrimination attorney.

"James, you have been such a role model for people for looking to be involved," Bysiewicz said. "You've set the standard for what an engaged citizen and an engaged Democrat should be."

But Demetriades says the decision, for him, was a no-brainer.

"It's all about giving back to a town I love so much, and I truly believe we can continue to build our town so that it's welcoming to everyone and that it's sustainable for the 21st century," he said. "We have such an energetic, smart, charismatic team ready to grab the bull by the horns. I'm excited Aigne's running and I'm ready to serve with her on the Council. I appreciate each and every one of you, and I look forward to building the future together."

Upcoming Programs at the Cora J. Belden Library

Virtual Storytime: via Zoom - Mondays and Wednesdays in October at 11:00 AM

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

One on One Tech Help: via Zoom - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in October at 2:00 PM

Sign up for a 1 hour time slot on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to go over any tech questions you may have with Mike Murphy. These sessions will be conducted on Zoom or via phone.

Downloading Free Ebooks: via Zoom - Mondays in October at 2:30 PM

Did you know you can download thousands of ebooks, audiobooks, magazines and more with your Cora J. Belden Library card? Come learn how to use Libby to read ebooks on your favorite device. Registration required.

Zen Art for Kids: via Zoom - Mondays in October at 4:30 PM

Each week we'll put on some music, learn a new art or craft technique, and chat as we create. Recommended for children in grades 2-5. This program will be held via Zoom.

Storytime Adventures: via Zoom - Mondays in October at 6:30 PM

Where in the world will we go? What can

we find on our adventure? Join us for a story, some fun adventure activities and songs. Recommended for children ages 2-5. Please register to get the Zoom code to join the fun.

Beatrix Potter Storytime: via Zoom - Tuesdays in October at 10:00 AM

Join Peter Rabbit and friends for storytime Tuesday mornings! We will enjoy stories and songs inspired by the creatures in Beatrix Potter's classic tales. For children ages 3-5.

Knit One, Zoom Too!: via Zoom - Tuesdays in October at 11:00 AM

Join us remotely for some fiber fun! Newbies welcome! Registration is required to obtain the Zoom ID.

Baby Bop: via Zoom - Wednesdays in September at 9:30 AM

Join us for some fun! Recommended for children ages 0-2 and their caregivers. This program will take place on Zoom and live on Facebook.

Mother Goose on the Loose: via Zoom - Thursdays in September at 10:00 AM

Join us for this special interactive program that focuses on Mother Goose rhymes, repetition, sounds and tips you can use at home with your child. Recommended for families with babies to 3 year old children.

Practice with Zoom - Thursdays in September at 2:30 PM

Join us every Thursday in September at 2:30 PM for the chance to test out your Zoom skills!

Playful Movement: Outside, In Person - Fridays in October at 11:00 AM

It's time to play and have fun! We will do big body movements, move to music and challenge ourselves to see what our body can do. Recommended for children ages 2-5. Registration required.

Expressions Art Club: Create Your Own Art Gallery!: via Zoom - Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00 PM

During this 90-minute program, we will learn about Wassily Kandinsky and his unique perspective on the creation and purpose of art. Come create your own version of Squares with Concentric Circles (1913). For ages 10-13. Registration required.

Between the Buds Podcast Discussion Group: via Zoom - Thursday, October 7 at 6:00 PM

Beginning Thursday, October 7th, join us for a feast for the ears! We will dive into the world of podcasts during this twice-a-month adult program. Registration required.

Getting Started with Android Phones & Tablets: via Zoom - Tuesday, October 12 at 2:00 PM

Have you purchased or received a new Android phone or tablet, but are not sure how to use it? Come to this introductory class

via Zoom and start learning Android phone and tablet fundamentals! Registration is required.

You Are Not Alone with Sydney Sherman: via Zoom - Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 PM. Come hear acclaimed Metaphysical Author, Sydney Sherman share her life experiences and book, "You Are Not Alone: Our Loved Ones Are Here... You're Just Not Listening." The author will look at why and what we believe about the afterlife. Registration required.

Cozy Craft Night Ages 12+: via Zoom - Wednesday, October 13 at 6:00 PM

Join us for a cozy craft night where we will decorate a mug, make a pompom bookmark, and learn some hot cocoa recipes! Supplies included with registration.

Health and Wellness with Dr. Nicole Klughers - Thursday, October 14 at 6:00 PM

Join us for another monthly wellness talk with naturopathic physician, Dr. Nicole Klughers! This event will be held on Zoom. Registration required to receive the Zoom ID.

STEM Saturdays: Outside, In Person - Saturday, October 16 at 2:00 PM

Learn a little about chain reactions, then tackle your own wacky contraptions using supplies we provide. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am grateful for the nomination to be a candidate for the Cromwell Board of Education. I am a proud Cromwell resident, having been born and raised here. My husband and I are delighted to be raising our two young boys in town and appreciate the close knit community that Cromwell provides.

I graduated Eastern Connecticut State University in 2008 with a degree in Business Marketing and have been in media sales the past ten years. I am currently a Sales Director for NBCUniversal. My work experience and education have made me very well versed in budgeting and long range planning. Having attended the Cromwell Public School system K-12 I have a tremendous amount of respect and understanding of our town's education system. I believe we can continue to better the quality of education while being fiscally responsible. My Cromwell roots, work experience and education would make me an ideal candidate to serve on the Board of Education.

Thank you,
Kelly Franklin

Dear Editor,

Looking at a political flyer sent to my residence to reelect Lisa Marotta for Mayor and elect town Council and Board Of Education members on the Republican ticket, something struck me as glaringly not right.

Five men are running for Town Council and four men and one woman are running for Board of Education! What?

Nine men and only one woman. That's outrageous. We women are woefully underrepresented on the Republican ticket!

Now compare The Democrat slate of candidates for Town Council and Board of Ed. It consists of a combination of 5 women and 5 men. Now that spells equality to me!

We women represent 51% of the US population. Vote the entire Democrat ticket and have your voices heard. Vote Laurie Boske for mayor. She will represent you with integrity, experience and dignity. Vote Democrat Row A on Nov 2.

Joan Lennon

Dear Editor,

I'd like to give my endorsement for town council for Joe Morfea. I believe he's the best person for the job. Joe is very involved in anything having to do to better the town.

Jose Rios



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Newington Republicans Vow to Lower Mill Rate

by Mark DiPaola

Newington Republicans are promising to lower the Mill Rate for a third straight year as they enter the home stretch of their campaign to maintain control of both Town Council and School Board.

"I see us lowering the Mill Rate again this coming budget," said GOP Councilor Mike Camillo at last Saturday's Republican Town Committee campaign fundraiser in the Town Center parking lot. "When you lower the Mill Rate, the town is more attractive, and people want to move here – you draw business back in."

Republicans say it was their pledge to control taxes that swept them to a Council supermajority in 2019, and they're counting on the past two years – which saw the Mill Rate dipped from 39.45 to 38.81 – to make their case for two more.

"So far we've gotten great feedback doing doors," said Mayor Beth DelBuono. "People are happy with the lower taxes."

Republicans also say people are concerned about the recent surge in motor vehicle thefts and break-ins – an uptrend across the state, as well as the country.

"Really it's crime," said Deputy Mayor Gail Budrejko, when asked what's most concerning the residents she's spoken to. "People want to feel safe."

GOP Looks to Economic Development to Meet Mill Rate Pledge

This past budget cycle saw \$1 million come out of town government spending – largely attributable to the shrinking of Town Hall staff by 10 positions through early retirements and other attrition.

The Board of Education (BOE), which was flat funded, got by without layoffs and program cuts through a combination of chance health benefit surpluses and federal COVID relief.

So this year the Council and Board will be tasked with finding those cuts – and more – elsewhere, as they wrestle with rising expenses driven by employee contract obligations and other fixed costs.

They expect to have American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money available for the next two years, at least, but Camillo says that ARPA isn't what's driving his optimism about reducing the Mill Rate for a third straight year.

"That has nothing to do with it," he says. "It has to do with spending right and looking at needs versus wants."

What that will look like is less than clear, given that the Council – and whoever's on it come November – won't field budget proposals from Town Manager Keith Chapman and the BOE till sometime in late February.

But Superintendent of Schools Dr. Maureen Brummett told her BOE members, just last Wednesday, that Chapman indicated to her in a recent meeting that he's eyeing a 0 percent school budget increase recommendation for the coming budget year – a conversation the Town Manager later confirmed took place.

That recommendation would go to the Council, which has the final say on appro-

priations.

"It's way too early for me to predict where we'll come in on Board of Education," DelBuono said. "But our goal [for the overall budget] is 0 percent or less. We're going to work, again, with the Board of Education, as that was a bipartisan effort last year."

Chapman and members of the Council have lamented the tapping of capital improvement funds to get through tough budgets in past years, and it's a practice Republicans say they want to put an end to.

Since taking office, DelBuono and her team dissolved the joint Council and BOE CIP committee, tasking Chapman's staff with bringing them related recommendations to approve.

They also hired facilities management consultants Owens Realty to author a 4,000-page town wide infrastructure needs report – they say it will steer the formation of future 5-year capital improvement plans.

"It got changed every year depending on who was in office," DelBuono said. "We're looking to have a 5-year plan that sticks."

Sticking to it under budget pressure really comes down to how much the town can grow its Grand List, the Mayor said.

Camillo thinks they're off to a good start.

"We have \$230 million in permits taken out, and \$170 million in economic development in the works," he said. "That's huge. That's never happened here."

The largest drivers are the apartment complex at 690 Cedar Street – the former National Welding site – the neighboring extended stay hotel opening this coming Monday, and the mixed-use rental housing/retail scheme drawn up for 3333 Berlin Turnpike.

All three were a combination of work done by former Economic Development Director Andy Brecher before his 2019 exit, and Chapman, who continued the efforts after coming aboard in 2020.

And while Democrats have made filling the position vacated after Brecher's dismissal two years ago among their top campaign priorities, Republicans say Chapman and his team have proven it can be handled inhouse.

"Our town manager and town staff are doing an amazing job," DelBuono said. "As long as we keep growing, we'll be able to [pursue our CIP plans] without increasing taxes."

Public Safety a Multi-pronged Problem, Candidates Say

Republicans say that public safety has been at the forefront for Newington voters they've spoken to, and that addressing the 2020 increase in motor vehicle thefts will mean lobbying for new state policies while providing additional resources to local law enforcement.

"Our Town Council and the Chief of Police are in constant contact, and we're really trying to work with our surrounding towns," DelBuono said.

Last year the Council passed a resolution calling for legislative action to combat car thefts – Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, and Berlin quickly followed suit.

More recently, they joined Rocky Hill in

petitioning the Governor and lawmakers for a fall special session.

"I think it's sad that the citizens of our town have to petition and beg for a special session," Budrejko said. "The state has to take this more seriously."

Lawmakers would argue that they have, passing legislation making it a Class A misdemeanor felony for adults to coerce minors into committing a motor vehicle property crime – repeat offenders could be subject to Class D felony status.

The Governor recently took executive action to make juvenile criminal records available to judges – to identify repeat offenders.

But local leaders were hoping a special session might yield further legislation.

"There isn't just one facet to this problem," Budrejko said.

Republicans Add New Faces to School Board Slate

Republicans added two fresh faces and one not so new candidate to their school board lineup this fall – first-term incumbents Beth Manke Hutvagner and Bruce Fletcher are joined by former BOE member Danielle Drozd, as well as first-time candidates Richard Lavarriere and Anastasia Yopp.

"I just wanted to continue with what I started four years ago," said Drozd, a West Hartford school teacher who served on the Board from 2017 to 2019.

She said one of her biggest priorities is helping the district to cut costs and continue leveraging budget dollars as efficiently as possible.

"If we're going to spend money, it needs to go directly to kids," Drozd said.

She pointed to the district's use of instructional coaches to facilitate professional development for teachers – something Drozd questioned when she ran four years ago.

"Those are salaried positions," Drozd said. "If we had all the money to do both, great, but when push comes to shove, we should be using that money to directly educate our kids."

Her contention is that the state's professional development mandate can be fulfilled with peer-to-peer support.

Newington educators have a bit of both, says Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mau-

reen Brummett – the district looks to turn promising inhouse classroom teachers into instructional coaches, she says.

The district currently has 10 instructional coaches – 2 were added at Newington High School through the federal COVID relief that enabled the district to also enlist several paraprofessional support staffers to work with students.

Brummett says it's been a worthwhile investment.

"There are so many things teachers are responsible for right now, and the coaches do things like provide model lessons to show people how to do implement a certain strategy," she said. "Currently they're looking at student data to see what's working and what needs to change. The work we need to do to help students succeed coming out of COVID is immense."

The latter point is one thing everyone seems to agree on – both Drozd and Lavarriere put a premium on a smooth transition from a year and a half of remote or hybrid learning.

"Isolation has been a public health crisis in and of itself," said Lavarriere. "There's no substitute for in-person learning, and we can balance safety with providing a good education in the classroom."

Lavarriere got his education in Newington, graduating in 2004. Today, he works as an attorney.

He says one of his priorities is keeping education "traditional" and rooted in "critical thinking".

When asked to elaborate, he said he thinks Newington schools do a good job imparting the sense of "patriotism" he grew up with – he says he wants to ensure it stays that way.

Lavarriere was somewhat vague in his wording, but he says his concerns stem from classroom debates sweeping the nation.

Some school districts are implementing curriculums they say look more closely at the residual impacts of past discrimination in society and the experience of historically disenfranchised groups. While proponents of the approach regard it as relevant and teachable, detractors say it can be divisive.

"I want to make sure kids in Newington are proud to be an American," Lavarriere said.

Kiwanis Club Sunday Flea Market

The Kiwanis Club of Newington, Inc. has announced that live music will be performed at the flea market each Sunday through October 31. The live music is sponsored by the Newington Parks and Recreation Department and will be performed from noon to 3 PM each Sunday at the Market Square parking lot. The weekly concerts are free to all with plenty of room to socially distance.

Newington Parks and Recreation has booked the following acts to perform Sundays Live at the Flea Market: Sapphire (9/19), School Daze (9/26), Eight to the Bar (10/3), Cody Bondra (10/10), Nightshift (10/17), Leaf Jumpers (10/24), and Mass-Conn Fusion (10/31). The department maintains a Facebook page at facebook.com/NewingtonParksAndRecreation. The town website also has information about the department.

The Newington Kiwanis Flea Market is a community fundraising effort that takes place each Sunday through October 31 from 8 AM to 2 PM. Adult shoppers are asked to make a \$1 donation to enter. Vendor spots will be available starting at \$15 for two marked parking spaces. Vendors typically arrive before 7 AM to set up. There is no advanced registration for the flea market. Vendors just show up and the "rent" for their spaces is collected after the flea market opens to the public. For more information about the Big K Flea Market or the Newington Kiwanis Club, please see the flea market's Facebook page at facebook.com/NewingtonFleaMarket, email the club at fleamarket@cox.net, or call Newington Kiwanis President Dan Henry at 860-667-2754.

Parks and Recreation Downtown Fall Music Concert Series

The Newington Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce that we will be hosting a new Downtown Fall Music Concert Series. This concert series will be in conjunction with the Kiwanis Flea Market. The concerts are held at The Constitution Square Municipal Parking Lot behind Market Square. The Flea Market is held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the concerts will be from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

"What a wonderful way to entice more people to come to downtown Newington and enjoy a flea market and a free concert," said Bill DeMaio, Superintendent of the Newington Parks and Recreation Department. "We hope our New-

ington residents take full advantage of these free concerts every Sunday afternoon. The atmosphere is truly something special. Families can stroll through the Kiwanis Flea Market while listening to fantastic bands and grab a bite to eat from the variety of restaurants surrounding the Municipal Lot. There are picnic tables available for everyone to use provided by the Parks and Recreation Department," said DeMaio.

The bands are of the highest quality. They are as follows:
Sunday, Oct. 10 – Cody Bondra plays acoustic rock covers with a mellow vibe.

Sunday, Oct. 17 – Nightshift is a 60's, 70's, and 80's cover

band. They have been known to only play the most popular hits of those times.

Sunday, Oct. 24 – Leaf Jumpers plays the best of the best in the Rock n Roll genre.

Sunday, Oct. 31 – Mass-Conn-Fusion band gets the crowd going with their Motown, R&B, Funk, Disco, 60's, and songs from today's top hits.

For a full list of upcoming concerts, visit www.newingtonct.gov or visit the Newington Parks and Recreation Department Facebook Page! For more information, please call 860-665-8666.



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Superintendent Gives School Budget Planning Preview

by Mark DiPaola

Budget deliberations don't begin in earnest till after January, but school district officials can anticipate wrestling with flat funding once again.

That's the message coming out of Town Manager Keith Chapman's office, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Maureen Brummett told the Board of Education (BOE) last Wednesday night.

"I was informed that it would be a zero percent recommendation if he is Town Manager," Brummett said in a follow up phone call. "Where he's getting that direction or mantra, I don't know."

Chapman makes his budget recommendation – for both town government and school board – to the Council, which makes the final appropriation.

Chapman, who confirmed having had the meeting Brummett was referring to, says his plans are based on what he sees as an untenable scenario: yearly tax hikes and slow Grand List growth over the two decades before he took the Town Hall helm for a second time.

"We discussed a number of things. One was what do we anticipate going into next year's budget," Chapman said over the phone. "I told her, as I told my staff, plan on no increases. It's my responsibility to bring the Council a budget that I feel comfortable with, and I won't feel comfortable bringing in a budget increase with no new revenue."

Brummett says that another year at 0 percent isn't sustainable either.

"I will not put forward a zero, no way," she said. "I think taxpayers need to know if there's a zero budget, there's an impact."

The Board stomachached flat funding last year by paying down their budget ask with surplus dollars and federal COVID relief – a fix BOE members warned was both temporary and precarious, with the need to cover those same expenditures in future years, without the benefit of the one-time money.

"That's certainly not a fiscally responsible way to long term budget, and a zero two years in a row will be very challenging," Brummett said. "You either cut people, or dip into some sort of savings account."

Chapman contends that both Town and Board side need to find ways to "get the same things for less" – a tall order, when fixed cost escalations, such as pre-negotiated personnel pay raises, are factored in, Brummett says.

Last year, Chapman's team shed 10 positions, mostly through early retirements, to save \$1 million in town government spending and reduce the Mill Rate by 0.45 – again, a one-time reduction they'll have to replicate, or exceed, elsewhere.

But Chapman says he remains hopeful, if not optimistic.

"I'm sure there are efficiencies remaining on the town government side that we haven't discovered yet," Chapman said. "We need to get serious about finding ways to de-

crease the operating funds on both the BOE and town side [or] the business community will look elsewhere, and our seniors can't afford tax increases every year."

Chapman recently forecasted a Grand List windfall to the tune of over \$300 million, with three major developments – the apartment complex at 690 Cedar, the neighboring extended stay hotel, and a housing/commercial plaza at 3333 Berlin Turnpike – in the works.

But that won't hit tax rolls for another two years, which means town departments need to operate under the assumption of no-growth at least that long, Chapman says.

Brummett says she'd urge the Town Manager – and whoever sits on the Council after November 2 – to balance both the short term and the long game.

For her and the district, the former means wrestling with the challenges faced by a student population returning from a year of pandemic-era learning disruption.

And while federal COVID relief will help fund some of the social emotional learning curriculum work and academic remediation programs, recent quarantines and the need for on-the-fly hybrid learning models have pulled additional staffing into the conversation, Brummett says.

"There's a lot of tugs and pulls on teacher attention – it's a lot of balls in the air to juggle," she said. "Students are needing a lot of support, and because of all the variants, we are quarantining a lot of kids. That means teachers have a lot of challenges."

And the long term?

"Your quality of your school district is one of the most important factors you have in attracting residents and homebuyers," she said. "At the end of the day, maybe tax cuts

save a dollar, but the district having a zero percent increase is really a step back."

At a recent GOP campaign fundraiser, Mayor Beth DeBuono said that while she would like the combined town and school appropriation to come in flat – at the most – it's "too early" to start throwing Board budget numbers around.

Deputy Mayor Gail Budrejko agreed. "That's premature," Budrejko said. "Who knows what's going to happen in December or January, with COVID-related expenses?"

GOP Councilor Mike Camillo echoed the wait-and-see sentiment, but also expressed a desire to reduce the Mill Rate for a third year – he expects school budget scrutiny to be a big part of that discussion.

"If you have a few million dollars in surpluses, maybe the budget is too big," Camillo said.

The surpluses are driven primarily by health insurance estimates – provided to the Board by actuaries hired by the town.

Other savings have come from special education – an unpredictable expense line, with enrollment fluctuations – and unfilled paraprofessional support positions, Brummett says.

School closures throughout the pandemic – and the suspension of field trips, athletics, and other events – provided some of the most recent surpluses.

The Board has a surplus account that lets them retain up to 1 percent of their operating budget – the rest is returned to the town at fiscal year's end.

"That should be for emergencies," Brummett said. "It shouldn't be part of your pre-planning for a budget. It's just not a good practice."

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Questions for our Board of Education Candidates

It is incumbent on all of us whether we have children or grandchildren in the school system to really make an informed voting decision about the candidates running for the Board of Education.

All too often when we get to this line in the voting booths we vote either by the party we support in general, or perhaps we know of someone who has participated in other committees in town who might be a good candidate.

This time around our candidates should be asked specific questions on where they stand regarding programs like "Critical Race Theory", 1619 Project and related programs that want to pit the races against each other. We have seen across the country how these programs have subtly found their way into the curriculum, without the parents input. Our school system has not practiced racism, and teaches history as far as I know factually, discussing the evils of slavery and the various political figures and common people who fought against it and promoted new laws going forward to reduce racism and bigotry.

The idea behind CRT is that America is just groups defined by skin color. They do not see America as individuals with separate souls, goals, dreams, skills, hopes and God-given attributes. The methods behind CRT pit race against race, and add guilt as the driving force in society because one is white and of course by definition is a white supremacist or racist.

Please spend some time reviewing these concepts and become an informed voter when it comes to the education of our children who will be our leaders in the near future.

Nick DeFrancesco

Dear Editor,

Amy Devoe Perotti knows what kids want in school and what parents require their kids to have. As a member of the Anna Reynolds Elementary School PTO, Amy has been an instrumental leader in the charge to get this school properly renovated. She has spent countless hours campaigning on behalf of the school community to better this building which will, in turn, create an environment for enriched learning. This is just one of the many things Amy has done for ARES in the many years she has been involved with the school. Amy is also a member of the Martin Kellogg Middle School PTO and works on many events and initiatives throughout the year.

I am proud to call Amy a dear friend. She is committed, supportive, always there to help a neighbor or a friend - all while raising 3 beautiful children and holding down a full time job. The students and the residents town of Newington would be so fortunate to have Amy represent them as a member of the Board of Education. I know she will work diligently to make our schools better and always with a smile!

Kiersty Kastner-Burr, Former President of Elizabeth Green Elementary School PTO, Current member of Martin Kellogg Middle School PTO

Dear Editor,

I applaud the intentions of the new law to assist pedestrians at crosswalks. Unfortunately, many drivers at intersections do not follow the current laws when lights are red, 'no right turn on red' signs are posted, or crosswalks lights are flashing the WALK sign or into the red countdown...whether there are pedestrians in the cross walk or not. As a daily walker, I make sure before stepping in the crosswalk that every car in all 4 street directions is stopped. With multiple lanes at most major intersections, that could be 8 to 12 lanes. If drivers to this point don't even notice a walker...what good does sticking an arm or hand out? I hope youngsters don't assume that sticking their arm or hand out replaces the more cautious approach of making sure EVERY vehicle at an intersection is stopped before stepping off the curb.

Rob Thibault

Dear Editor,

Vote Timothy Manke - A Time to Stand Strong

Since 2015, I, as a lifetime Democrat, have expressed the importance of needing to put the right people into office, regardless of party affiliation. Therefore, it is my intent to vote once again for Tim Manke. In carrying out his civic responsibilities, Tim has not disappointed.

He has been out there seeking what is best for our community. His values are based on doing what is right and not what will satisfy a particular faction or group, Newington, in dealing with budget challenges, has had to make increasingly difficult budget decisions to how to maintain the quality of life that our Town has to offer. All must join together to get this done. Tim is someone who knows how to lead and bring about an appropriate solution.

I have known Tim through Scouting for over 35 years. Our differences have never been an issue and in fact the openness in working together have made things better.

Tim's leadership will be key in moving our Town forward. I ask that the residents of Newington join together and vote for Tim Manke for Town Council. He had earned and deserves our trust.

Art Diamond, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 347

Dear Editor,

Vote Blue on November 2!

We would like to take this opportunity to endorse the Democratic Team for the upcoming election. Things are changing rapidly in Newington and it is important to address the many issues facing us.

The town's infrastructure needs attention. The Anna Reynolds School was allowed to deteriorate beyond repair, but it was the Democrats who created the bipartisan building committee to address the needs at Anna Reynolds. Finally, it will be renovated as new. Even after passing the referendum, there was a new attempt to derail this project by some Republican Town Council members and the Town Manager. Other infrastructure issues exist. The library roof has been leaking for at least eight years. The town's pools are beyond repair. An organized approach is needed to make sure we protect town assets.

The schools serve our most important resource – our children. The budget for our schools was held to zero percent last year by the Town Manager, before the Board of Education submitted their request to the Town Manager and the Town Council. We have been told that we should expect the same for the next budget. Parents, pay attention! If the school board is to meet contractual obligations and remain competitive, zero percent means that the budget will be cut in other areas of vital importance to the quality of education. Money must be spent wisely! For example, there was an attempt by the Town Manager and some Republican Town Council members to convert the school's financial software to match the town's financial software. After a thorough review by the Board of Education, we voted down this effort because it was not a true need. It would have cost our taxpayers over \$500,000 – money we would rather use to enhance our school district's initiatives than change software unnecessarily. This would not be a good use of our town funds!

Voters need to keep an eye out for information regarding the candidates running for office. What is the best way to keep our town moving in the right direction? The answer is...Vote Blue on November 2. You will not be disappointed!

Paul Vessella, Chairman – Newington Board of Education
Ellen Vessella



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Bonnie Therrien Appointed Interim Town Manager

by Mark DiPaola

A former Wethersfield Town Manager will be filling the vacancy left by departing head administrator Gary Evans – but only temporarily, says Mayor Michael Rell.

Last Monday night the Town Council voted unanimously to appoint Bonnie Therrien, a former Wethersfield resident who preceded former Town Manager Jeff Bridges, to the interim role.

This past Monday evening, they officially welcomed her. “She comes with a wealth of experience, having been a Town Manager in a number of towns, including Wethersfield,” Rell said over the phone last week. “I’ve talked to residents who know her personally. I’ve talked to department heads and town staff who worked directly for her, and given the praise she receives, I believe we hit a homerun having Bonnie in as an interim.”

Therrien, who is coming out of retirement to take the role, boasts more than 30 years in municipal government administration – having served not only in several Connecticut towns, but North Carolina, Massachusetts, and Missouri.

“It’s great to see so many people I know,” Therrien said after her swearing in Monday night. “I welcome working everyone to work through to the permanent manager. Thanks for having me.”

She officially returned to Town Hall last Friday – Evans’ last day was September 30.

“She’s familiar with the town. She knows the public safety aspect, the physical services, and most importantly, she is somebody who can hit the ground running when she starts,” Rell said.

On Monday night, Therrien took her seat behind the Council dais – alongside some of those she’s served with in the past.

Councilor Dan O’Connor was on the body back when

Therrien was appointed.

“It’s worth noting that Bonnie was the first woman to be appointed Town Manager of Wethersfield, and now she’s technically the second woman,” O’Connor said. “When I heard Bonnie’s name I jumped up and shouted, ‘we don’t even have to debate this!’”

Councilor Matt Forrest recalled how she stuck around long enough to help recruit former Town Manager Jeff Bridges.

“I think we have a perfect selection to get us over this hurdle,” Forrest said. “She left on extremely good terms. She helped us get Jeff Bridges, and that took months. That shows her character and how dedicated she is to the town.”

Rell implied that Evans, who resigned in late August, won’t be sticking around to help with the transition – unless needed.

“I appreciate his willingness to help out if he’s needed,” the Mayor said.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This is a letter of support for Cindy Jacobs who is running for Wethersfield Town Council.

I have known Cindy for over 30 years. She worked as an financial and policy analyst for the State of Connecticut for many years.

Cindy will bring a wealth of expertise to the Town Council, particularly in the areas of energy and environmental sustainability, critical issues for our community. Additionally, she has participated on the Economic Development and Improvement Committee, and will be a strong advocate for economic development to increase our commercial tax base, particularly along the Silas Deane Highway.

The following are areas of expertise and experience Cindy will bring to Town Council:

She is a town resident of Wethersfield for more than 30 years and her children attended Wethersfield public schools.

She taught in the Economics Department at Trinity College.

She served as math tutor at Emerson-Williams School. She has served as Co-chair of the Wethersfield High School PTO

She is a member of Wethersfield Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities, and the Coalition for Social Justice.

She will bring her policy and professional expertise to the Town Council, and will work hard to bring positive changes to our community.

It’s clear Cindy Jacobs is an engaged citizen committed to the betterment of her community. I support her candidacy without reservation.

Brigid Kennedy

**Legal Notice
Town of Wethersfield
Planning and Zoning Commission
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**

The Wethersfield Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on Tuesday October 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Because of Covid-19 concerns, this will be by virtual and/or phone conferencing. Please check the Town of Wethersfield website for the live stream link prior to the meeting, to hear and be heard on the following applications:

2096-21-Z - Dough Sauce & Cheese LLC DBA Luna Pizza - 181-183 Main Street - Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.2.F.1. for a take out restaurant, a walk in cooler and storage shed at 181-183 Main Street

2098-21-Z - Peter Gillespie – Town of Wethersfield - Zoning Regulation Amendment in accordance with Section 10.1.F. for a temporary moratorium on Cannabis Establishments and Medical Marijuana Dispensary Facilities

2099-21-Z - Andrea & Michael Horak - Site Plan and Design Review in accordance with Section 5.2.D.1. for a change of use for a dog grooming business at 734 Silas Deane Highway

3000-21-Z - Hartford Brewing Company, LLC - Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.2.F.2. and 9. for a change of use to a Brewpub with outside dining at 245 Main Street.

3001-21-Z - Ocean State Job Lot #323 - 13 Wells Road Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.3. Accessory Use for Outdoor Storage and Display of Propane at 13 Wells Road

Planning and Zoning Commission
Peter D. Gillespie
Duly Authorized
Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut,
this 30th day of September 2021.

**Legal Notice
Town of Wethersfield
Historic District Commission**

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:30pm on the following applications seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness:

- Application #6086-21** DiGiorgi Roofing and Siding, seeking to replace 24 windows in home with Marvin Infinity fiberglass replacement windows with grilles-between-the-glass at 3 Meggat Park.
- Application #6087-21** Sheri Jackson, seeking to replace windows in home with Kas-Kel vinyl replacement windows with grilles-between-the-glass at 183 Church Street.
- Application #6088-21** Dough Sauce & Cheese LLC, seeking to replace signage on building with black wood letters, install black barn lights on front façade, install string lighting from building to Town trees on snow shelf, also install 10’x10’ storage shed and a 10’x10’ walk-in cooler in rear parking lot at 181-183 Main Street.
- Application #6089-21** Steven Ramos, seeking to replace front door with Jeld-Wen 3/4 lite decorative glass door at 87 Nott Street.
- Application #6090-21** Terence Tinnirella, seeking to reconstruct rear porch with 12’x12’ wood deck with wood railings and spindles at 168 Hartford Avenue.
- Application #6091-21** Brian and Jeanne Freeman, seeking to remove chimney in center of roof at 59 Church Street.
- Application #6092-21** Renewal by Andersen, seeking to replace three double-hung windows with Renewal by Andersen windows in forest green color with grilles to match existing at 25 Woodland Street.
- Application #6093-21** Ryan Friend, seeking to replace wood front door with Heritage smooth fiberglass door with six lites at 8 Avalon Place.

Any residents interested in reviewing an application, speaking on an application, or wishes to listen to the meeting, should email HDCcomments@wethersfieldct.gov or call 860-721-2836 by 6:00pm on the night of the meeting. Please include your name, phone number, and address in the email.

Town of Wethersfield, Historic District Commission

Kim Wolf
Duly Authorized
Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut,
this 27th day of September 2021

Rell has stated that he’s not ruling out a national search to fill the permanent position – the possibility of Therrien being a candidate has been all but ruled out, as she has no interest in serving the role long term, he says.

“One of the caveats for her was that this was truly an interim Town Manager position,” Rell said.

Evans, a town resident who was hired in 2019 after serving as grants administrator for New Britain, implied that a tumultuous two years – a fatal officer involved shooting, protests, a worldwide pandemic, and the recent termination of former Police Chief James Cetran – had taken too heavy a toll on him.

But he expressed gratitude to the town – residents, staff, and local officials alike – in what would be his August 31st goodbye letter.

“The past two and a half years have been amazing and extremely challenging,” Evans wrote. “Wethersfield is a great community, with much to offer residents and businesses. While I remain committed to the success of this town that I have lived in for more than 20 years, I will be stepping down as Town Manager.”

Dear Editor,

Two years ago, voters elected Republicans to manage the town of Wethersfield. During this time, under the leadership of Mayor Mike Rell and Board of Education chairman Charles Carey, our community has weathered the impact of COVID, maintained a quality of life that has kept our town safe and provided a challenging education for our children.

All of this was done without an increase in your taxes. Republicans on both the Town Council and Board of Education have worked with everyone in the community to make the best of a bad situation brought on by the restrictions of the pandemic. Nevertheless, businesses are still moving to town, our school system is helping students stay in the classroom safely, all while our elected officials are anticipating and planning for the town’s future needs.

Wethersfield does have its challenges like any other town, but the Republicans who are running this fall know the next two years will require common sense and a vision to make our schools competitive and provide a welcoming environment for business development.

Vote Republican November 2nd for the Town Council and Board of Education.

Carol Hurley

Food & Halloween Treat Drive

The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hartford Division 2 will hold a Food and Halloween Treat Drive on Sunday, Oct. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Collection will take place at Christ the King Parish at 601 Silas Deane Highway in Wethersfield in the parking lot that is between the church and the middle school. The food will be given to the food 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. Please try to bring an extra bag of Halloween treats! Thanks to all for their generosity!

WHS Band Fruit Sale

The Wethersfield High School Band will be holding a fruit sale, online until Nov. 5 at www.whsfruitsale.com and a walk-up sale Saturday, Nov. 20, from 8 am-4 pm and Sunday, Nov. 21, from 9 am - 3 pm at the Silas Deane Middle School.

**LEGAL NOTICE OF ADOPTION
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD**

At the Workshop Meeting of October 4, 2021, the Town Council of the Town of Wethersfield adopted the following:

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 149 TAXATION,
SECTION 17 - ABATEMENT FOR VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS**

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

Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut this 5th day of October, 2021.

Susan I. Schroeder
Town Clerk



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Council Tables Resolution to Decommission Brainard Airport

by Mark DiPaola

The Town Council will hold off on passing a resolution requesting the decommissioning of Brainard Airport in Hartford.

Council Republicans and Democrats kicked the resolution – authored by Democratic Councilman Kevin Hill – around for over an hour Monday night, all echoing the noise concerns cited by numerous Old Wethersfield residents that spoke out during the evening's public hearing.

But the resolution – expressing support for similar language recently passed by the Hartford City Council – deserves a closer look, and some language revisions, before the Council can count on a unanimous endorsement, said GOP Mayor Michael Rell and the officials on his side of the aisle.

"We're off to a great start, [but] I think it's appropriate to put the brakes on [and] talk to all the stakeholders involved," Rell said. "Some [surrounding businesses] might want it decommissioned, but others might thrive off of it."

Another consideration, they said, is Brainard's use as a helicopter launch point for both the State Police and Hartford Hospital's Lifestar service.

"While we don't need a grand study, I would like to at least hear from them," said Republican Councilor Tyler Flanigan. "I don't rush public safety decisions."

But the resolution doesn't constitute a decision at all – for public safety or other-

wise – contended Democratic Councilors.

Both Hartford's and Wethersfield's resolutions would be non-binding – whether Brainard closes is up to both the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) that owns it and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) doling out grants.

And while the concerns Republicans raised are more than valid, they're also for higher powers to weigh during those deliberations, says Councilor Matt Forrest.

"This is something that's going to happen to our town unless we act now," Forrest said.

Wethersfield has roughly 190 days to let the state know it doesn't want to see the start of a \$35 million Brainard runway expansion – and the cutting of 40 acres of trees to make way for it.

"It doesn't close Brainard, it just says we support our capitol city," Hill said. "I'm disappointed with what I'm hearing about delaying this. We're running out of time here. We either get this decommissioned, or the airport goes through with the plan. Nobody here wants that."

None of the speakers that came to the podium during the hearing seemed to want that – Old Wethersfield residents say passing planes have been a nearly constant source of noise disturbance.

"I cannot walk without hearing the planes. I cannot dine. Go to a cultural event without being bothered by the planes," said Old Wethersfield resident Sarah Hinman.

"Brainard is planning on expanding, so it's only going to get worse."

Hartford officials led by City Councilor James Sanchez thinks the capitol city can do better, and that it starts with decommissioning the tax-exempt Brainard and redeveloping the riverfront – a move that would reap long term economic and environmental/public health benefits, they say.

Old Wethersfield residents agree.

"The airport serves an elite few. The city of Hartford's been cut off from the river all these years," said Judy Keane. "I'd like it so that the entire city can enjoy it."

"Right now, we're at this juncture – either we'll expand Brainard Airport at taxpayer expense, or we can join Hartford and create a transformational opportunity with the 200 acres that border the Connecticut River," added Cindy Greenblatt. "This is a vote for a better future for the region."

Republicans said they don't disagree – their concern, they say, is that the economic potential can be a bit of a double-edged sword.

"What if what they put in next is worse?" said Councilor Dan O'Connor. "What if the put in a casino?"

He said he would liked the resolution to have "more teeth" – such as fines for pilots that fly over Old Wethersfield homes. Brainard has a recommended "safe route" so that aircrafts can avoid the danger of overgrown trees, as well as residential neighborhoods, but adherence has been mixed, at best, resi-

dents say.

"If they start getting those fines, their routes are gonna change," O'Connor said.

Forrest proposed amending the language – which echo Hartford's concerns about CO2 and NOX emissions and their public health impact – to include Wethersfield-specific issues such as the noise pollution complaints, as requested by his colleagues on the GOP side.

GOP Councilor Pat Pentalow made the official motion to table the resolution – till the Council's October 18 meeting. He was just invited to join a regional taskforce on the issue, and they're expected to meet sometime mid-month.

Rell said that he'll be asking CAA to make a presentation to the Council at some point before runway work begins.

And throughout the discussion was a near-constant reminder, from both sides – that the resolution, for all the back and forth on wording, is still a gesture that's effectively symbolic.

"I'm still struggling to understand how this piece of paper saves one tree from getting cut down," O'Connor said. "If we don't truly have a say, we might as well say it all."

"This is to show support for Hartford," said Democratic Councilor Ryan Biggs. "It's about coming together to protect our way of living. If this is directly affecting so many residents in town, I think it's absolutely appropriate for us to get behind it."

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I will be voting for the Republican candidates in our town's elections. In previous years, it felt like little problems turned into big problems. Our town's amenities seemed to be deteriorating, and nobody was doing anything about it.

The Standish tennis courts had been closed for the past several years due to unsafe playing conditions with deep cracks within the court surface. Our previous town councilors had to have known that repair costs will increase as the courts continue to deteriorate and would eventually result in closing them. Yet they stood idly by and did nothing. Until, of course, in what I considered to be quite an upset, the Republicans took control of our town government in the last election. In their first year in office, they fixed it.

The Standish and Greenfield basketball courts were in similar condition. The cracks were so deep they were a legitimate safety hazard, in addition to looking dilapidated and worn out. One can only assume that it was only a matter of time before they closed as well. Once again, in the same town council meeting, the Republican led council funded the projects. It was refreshing for the town to finally be considerate of our recreational areas. I have full confidence the slate running for re-election will continue to make it a priority. To make certain of it, please vote for Row B on Nov. 2.

Marc Zazzaro

Dear Editor,

The challenges of providing a solid public education require leadership, experience and common sense. Amanda Drew, candidate for the Board of Education this November, represents these characteristics in addition to having already lent her time to making our schools better.

Amanda, a mother of two children, is an active member of two Parent Teacher Council's – serving as the treasurer of both organizations that provide support for school. Amanda, a paralegal by trade, has also served on various boards and commissions prior to moving to town.

Like many parents, Amanda believes all our children deserve a safe environment to learn and to be challenged each day to reach their goals. She has a clear eye for what is needed in Wethersfield – support and accountability to make sure our children recover academically from the last year and half of remote and limited in-person instruction.

Amanda, having served on the Board of Finance in Cromwell, also understands how each tax dollar should be respected and be put to the best use. This is the kind of experience Wethersfield voters can have confidence in when they enter the voting booth. That is why I hope Wethersfield voters will support Amanda Drew for Board of Education on Nov. 2.

Krista Flanigan

Dear Editor,

Wethersfield has always been blessed to have residents who are willing to step up and help the community, regardless of the task. Sometimes it's people who have grown up in town and whose roots go back generations. And sometimes it's people like Ryan Biggs, who have been attracted by everything Wethersfield has to offer, and who got here as quick as they could.

Ryan has brought a new energy to the Town Council since he was appointed to succeed Amy Morrin Bello. You simply have to watch him in action to see that he is a born leader, gifted with a drive that has taken him from the University of Hartford to Officer's Candidate School and a commission in the United States Naval Reserve. And he has done all of this while balancing his roles as a husband and father to two young boys.

It's easy these days to remain stuck in neutral while waiting for the pandemic to pass. Ryan, however, knows that isn't good enough; we have to do better because Wethersfield's future depends on it. We need Ryan's leadership and vision on the Council, and that's why I will be proud to vote for him in November.

Brendan Flynn

Dear Editor,

I am writing to voice my support for Board of Ed candidate Amanda Drew.

I met Amanda when she moved into town and enrolled her children at Charles Wright Elementary and then became active in the school. She is very down to earth, personable, intelligent and someone who actively participates instead of sitting on the sidelines. Prior to living in town, she was an elected official in Cromwell and was the liaison for the BOE there. She was very focused on the budget and always wants to make sure that we get the best value for each dollar spent on our children. Amanda already has the experience of attending the BOE meetings, understands municipal budgets, knows what goes on and the decisions that are made. She is also the treasurer for the Charles Wright PTO, treasurer for the SDMS PAC and a member of the WSPC. Her two girls and their future are very important to her and she wants to make sure every Wethersfield student has the best education possible.

Amanda has been a litigation paralegal for the last 17 years in Hartford and she chose Wethersfield to raise her two children. Her husband is a Captain of a fire department in CT. This is a family that understands respect, honor and duty. Amanda wants to give back to this town and show how much she truly cares. She has common sense, a calm demeanor and is truly genuine. Now more than ever this is what we need for our Board of Education. Please join me in voting for Amanda Drew on Nov. 2.

Stephanie Vernile

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Nathalie Trevitazzo

Dear Editor,

Despite turning the corner of our pandemic, we should remember all of our neighbors, friends and family in Wethersfield have suffered greatly during this period. In addition to the loss of life, many people lost their jobs, suffered great financial losses, and struggled to balance their professional life while simultaneously keeping our children engaged in remote-learning.

The last thing families needed to agonize about were their property taxes going up. Thanks to the leadership of Republicans on the Town Council - Mike Rell, Dan O'Connor, Tyler Flanigan, Patrick Pentalow, Tom Mazzarella and Mary Pelletier, there was no tax increase in our town. In fact, they decreased the mill rate. At the same time, the town was able to provide the essential services we rely on to have a decent quality of life – public safety, public health and education.

These last 18 months have been challenging for those who work hard, trust the school system with their children and the town to help keep their businesses open. We need leaders who understand what is needed to maintain a quality of life in Wethersfield at a cost that is respectful of that hard work. That is why I hope voters support all the Republican candidates for Town Council and keep our town thriving.

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Women's Club of New Britain

The Women's Club of New Britain will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 7. The meeting will be at the First Congregational Church, 830 Corbin Ave., New Britain, CT. Our speaker will be Joe Waxman a volunteer at the Connecticut Historical Society. The topic will be, "Remembering G. Fox & Co: A Traveling Presentation that Recalls the Wonderful Memories of G. Fox & Co." This presentation will bring you back in time to Fox's heyday, as we go from floor to floor and recall departments ranging from accessories on the "street floor", to designer dresses on the 6th, and ending at Toyland on the 11th. You'll also learn about Beatrice Fox Auerbach, the remarkable woman who made every visit to Fox's special.

Following the program, coffee, tea, and cookies will be served. Guests are welcome to attend for a small fee. 9/16/21

Holiday Fair Crafters Wanted

The Church of the Holy Trinity will hold their Annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 381 Main St. Middletown. The fair will be held on the 1st and 2nd floors of the Parish Hall and the Church, with elevator access to the 2nd floor. With the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce building right next door, this is a great location as the Holiday on Main Street activities are all going on. The horse and wagon rides and the fun train for the kiddies stops right in front of the church. Many people are out and about on Main Street during the holidays. You may download an application from the church website at www.holytrinityct.org. (About CHT, Community Resources, Holiday Fair Crafter Application 2021), or you may call the Holy Trinity office at 860-347-2591, Taylor Walsh at 860-342-3800, or e-mail to office.holytrinityct@gmail.com for more information about renting a space. \$40 for a 6 foot table. 7/1/21

CCD Call for Members

Do you enjoy seeing your town revitalized? Do you want to support local businesses? Are you a creative thinker? If so, then you belong in Cromwell Creative District (CCD)! CCD is a completely volunteer-run nonprofit that works collaboratively with local businesses, nonprofits, and civic groups to attract business and visitors to the historic and riverfront areas of downtown Cromwell. Whether your interest is in volunteering on a specific project, sharing creative ideas, or taking on a leadership role within the group, Cromwell Creative District has something for you! CCD currently holds meetings virtually/telephonically at 9am on the third Saturday of each month. Learn more at www.facebook.com/cromwellcreativedistrict and www.cromwellcreativedistrict.org and "Rethink How You See Cromwell!" 8/19/21

CHS Project Graduation

Cromwell High School Project Graduation is hosting an online fundraiser through MCM Fundraising starting Sept. 27th through Oct. 18. Coffee, K-Cups, tumblers, beef jerky and popcorn will be shipped directly to you. Pies & cookie dough can be picked up (with receipt) at CHS on Nov. 16 from 3-7pm. Proceeds will be used to celebrate the Cromwell High School Class of 2022 in June in person or virtually. Proceeds will be used to celebrate the Cromwell High School Class of 2022 in June in person or virtually. Please visit the following link to order. <https://my.mcmfundraising.com/2021-fall-cromwell-high-school-project-graduation/proj-grad-2022/>

Flat donations are always welcome and can be mailed to:
CHS Project Graduation
P. O. Box 202
Cromwell, CT 06416

If you are interested in helping to plan this year's celebration or would like further information, please email Gina Abdelghany at ginadella12@gmail.com or Tina Feehan at tinafeehan@att.com. 9/23/21

Singles Dance

Oct. 8 (Friday) singles 50's, 60's, 70's dance at Bristol Polish American Club, 541 North Main Street, Bristol from 7 to 11 pm. We'll dance to music of our DJ - Cadillac Jack. Enjoy a delicious buffet from 7 to 8 pm. This will be a fun dance to attend. Be sure to come and bring your friends. Door prizes and dress casual. Admission \$22. For info, call Gail 860-463-6906. Sponsored by Singles Social Connections, LLC. 9/23/21

CCCWC Meet and Greet

Love to Volunteer? We'd love to have you! Central Connecticut Community Women's Club Meet and Greet. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 7-9 pm. Elizabeth's Restaurant, 825 Cromwell Avenue, Rocky Hill. This is a great opportunity to learn what CCCWC is all about. All women 18 and over are invited. Through volunteer hours and philanthropic giving, CCCWC is dedicated to bettering our community by enhancing the lives of others. 9/23/21

Square Wheels Square Dance Club

The Square Wheels Square Dance Club announces that it will have beginner square dance lessons on Tuesday evenings starting Oct. 12, from 7 - 9 PM at the Powder Mill Barn, 32 S. Maple St., Enfield, CT 06082. The first two lessons are free. Great family fun! Square dancing is for empty nesters, singles, families, teens, college students. No experience necessary. No partner necessary. Proof of COVID vaccination required. For more information, email: wzimmerlin@zimmerlinlaw.com. 9/16/21

RH Schools - A

History in

Pictures

The Rocky Hill Historical Society announces the opening of a new vintage photo exhibit in Town Hall. Photos from the 1880's to the 1920's are on display in the Old Main Street Tax Department entrance. For years, Academy Hall was THE school in Rocky Hill. As the town grew, the school system expand to 4 locations. North School was located on Main Street now Old Main Street. South School was then built on South Main St. West School was built near the intersection of Elm St and Cromwell Ave. In 1924, West School was expanded from 2 classrooms to 4. Town Hall is currently closed. During the closure, call 860-258-2700 to view the exhibit. 9/23/21

Come to the

Country Fair

Saturday, Oct. 16, 9am - 2pm at Rocky Hill Congregational Church UCC, 805 Old Main St., Rocky Hill. Start your Holiday Shopping at the Fair! Shopping, Silent Auction, Snack Shack, Kids Activities and More! Face Painting by Catalina! Featured Shops: Holiday House, Farm Market, Snack Shack, Something Different, White Elephant, Jewelry Booth, Baked Goods, Sew Country, Haunted House, Silent Auction (Silent Auction closes at 1pm). Our building is handicapped accessible (parking, elevator, restrooms). Masks must be worn as per Town of Rocky Hill mandate! 9/30/21

Food Pantry

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

Manes & Motions

Manes & Motions is seeking caring members of the community, age 14 and older to assist with all aspects of our program including...
Sidewalkers - are responsible for assisting with rider safety and providing support to the rider during class. Experience is not required; training provided.
Horse Leaders - groom and tack horses before class, lead the horse in lessons and care for the horse after class. Prior horse experience is required.
Barn & Facility Support - assist with a variety of tasks such as maintaining the barn, cleaning stalls, paddocks, tack or general facility repairs.
You can support your community, gain new skills, and explore career options when you volunteer at Manes & Motions!
For information call 860-685-0008; email MMVolunteerCoordinator@hfsc.org or visit www.hfsc.org 9/23/21

46th Annual Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, Nov. 13, 9 am - 3 pm. Cromwell Middle School, 6 Mann Drive, Cromwell. \$3 Adult donation; children & seniors are free. Hosted by The Central Connecticut Community Women's Club (CCWC). You can shop from over 80 crafter booths, get a goodie from the bake sale, enter to win a gift basket, and stop in for lunch at the cafeteria! 9/23/21

Wethersfield Art League

The Wethersfield Art League is thrilled to announce new events. Welcome back members and we welcome new members of all skill levels! All classes, Workshops and Open Studios are at The Little Red Schoolhouse, 193 Wells Road, Wethersfield.

Fall Classes:

Painting all Mediums with Diane Marinaro - Any good painting should contain an interesting pattern of values, light, medium and dark colors. An interesting line should encompass these shapes and there you have it! It's simple, not easy, but possible. Wednesdays year-round 10 am - 12 pm. \$10 per session.

Fall Workshops:

All workshops \$40 members and non-members \$50 unless mentioned.

Rock Painting - Come join Pat Yagmin as she teaches you how to paint fund adorable painted rocks. All materials provided \$20. October 16, 10 am - 1 pm.

Impressionistic Sponge Painting - Exciting new way to start a painting or complete it! Original, fun and rewarding Workshop by the well-known artist Shauna Shane. October 23, 10 am - 12:30 pm.

Paintstick Love - Diana Cote will captivate you with the playful use of Paintsticks. Create something extraordinary! No experience necessary. October 30, 10 am - 1 pm.

From Reality to the Abstract - A process by with the artist edits the natural work in a personal way. Jane Zisk - award winning artist that loves to teach.

Fall Demos:

October 7, 6 pm - We are thrilled to welcome Shauna Shane, resident artist at the New Britain Museum for the California Impressionist Exhibit, international competitions and a professional painter for more that 40 years. Shauna will demonstrate a fascinating way to make an impressionistic painting with the use of sponges. Open to the public at 6 pm. Pitkin Community Center at 30 Greenfield Street, Wethersfield.

November 4, 6pm - Well-known water-colorist and teacher Mary Horgan will demonstrate a beautiful; water color painting. This will be well worth the trip to see her demonstration.

Events:

Selling your Artwork - Looking for members that are interested in promoting and selling their works. Particularly looking for smaller pieces under \$50, unframed works, and any handmade crafts, jewelry, painted objects and hand sewn items with only 20% of sales going to the league. The Little Red School House will be presenting WAL Open Studio Show Sales on November 7 and December 5 from 2pm - 4pm. Contact Lorraine Ficara at lorraineficara1@cox.net or leave voicemail 860-463-5415 for details.

Member Art Shows at the Schoolhouse - We now have a beautiful art hanging system available to members who would like to have their own art show. Call Lorraine's number above or email to coordinate.

The following Open Studios continue for artists of all levels: Painting - Come to relax and paint with other members. Mondays, 10 am- 12 pm, year-round

Monitored by Eileen Guerrini. New and current members of all skill levels welcome

Open Studio with Woodworkers - Join in the art of woodcarving with this amazing talented group of artists on Thursdays starting September 9 from 1 pm - 3 pm.

Membership Drive is through October. Many new classes, workshops and plein air events are being planned for the fall. For further details on membership and to sign up for these events, please email Pat Yagmin at patriciayagmin@gmail.com. Also visit us on Facebook at Wethersfield Art League. 10/7/21

Donate Your Car

Donate your car, truck or van and help raise funds for a local private school. Free, fast tow-away. Running or Not Running. Can be used for a charitable tax deduction. Call Charter Oak Education dba Sterling Education at 860-643-1100. 1/10/19

K of C Memorial Family Gatherings

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

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

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

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

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

Lancaster, PA Bus Tour

3 day bus tour to Lancaster, PA on November 3-5 2021. Tour includes 2 nights at the beautiful Eden Resort, 2 breakfast buffets, 2 dinners, Amish Farmer's Market, Kitchen Kettle Village, several Amish experiences and professional tour director. All CDC safety guidelines will be followed. For more information or a flyer to signup, please call Janet Capello at (860) 214-1909 or email janet.capello@aol.com. 9/19/21

Charter Oak Photographic Society

The 2021/22 season of the Charter Oak Photographic Society has a new meeting location: First Baptist Church of West Hartford, 90 North Main St., West Hartford, CT 06107. The church is located near the corner of North Main and Fern Streets, West Hartford. **Please park only in lots 2 and 3, unless using the handicap space.** Entering the building: We will meet in the large brick building attached to the back of the Church. Entry is by the traffic circle and straight across from the cemetery. Only meetings on the second Monday of the month will be held in person at this time. Our general meeting and Program on the fourth Monday of the month will continue to be held via Zoom until further notice. For more information about Charter Oak Photographic Society, please visit our website at www.charteroakphoto.org or email Sue DeMaio, Publicity Coordinator at bad6829@aol.com 9/23/21

Mx Chamber Food Drive

Chairwoman Maureen Westbrook of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce announced the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce's Real Estate Council will host a Food Drive to help support those effected by the pandemic. The Food Drive will be held at the ShopRite of Cromwell, 47 Shunpike Rd. Cromwell, CT 06416 on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All donated food will go towards those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and will be facilitated by The Amazing Grace Food Pantry and St. Vincent DePaul. The Amazing Grace Food Pantry needs pasta, pasta sauce, baked beans, peanut butter, canned tuna, boxed cereal, and mac'n-cheese. If you have any other non-perishable canned or boxed foods, they are also welcome! The St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen is also in need of soap, deodorant, shampoo, body wash, sliced bread, lunch meats, canned tuna, and cheese. They will also except protein and granola bars, individual beverages, juice boxes, bottled water, individual yogurts, cheese sticks, fruit cups, and bagged individual serving snacks like pretzels and chips. 9/30/21

Friendship Force CT

Friendship Force Connecticut (a chapter of FF-International) sponsors outbound visits to other states and nations and hosts inbound visits from reciprocal clubs. Our chapter has resumed full travel activities, as well as monthly group social activities. Our members had a wonderful trip to Wisconsin this August, where our ambassadors stayed in the homes of the host club members and partook in activities and meals of the local residents. This month (Oct 2021), we are hosting ambassadors from Oregon in our own homes and showing them the glories of Connecticut. Next year, we will travel to Tallahassee, FL (Jan) and to Cornwall, UK (May), while hosting guests from Northern Colorado (Sep). If you would like to join Friendship Force and travel with our club and host members from other clubs, subject to your own availability, please visit ffconnecticut.org or contact ffconnecticut2020@gmail.com for more information. 9/30/21

Toastmasters

Bloomfield Toastmasters is dedicated to improving public speaking and interpersonal communication techniques among the local and on-line community. We offer our practice, training and positive feedback twice monthly at 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Our transition to Zoom meetings has helped our members and guests to practice and improve their on-line exchanges in social, business and family settings. We periodically have joint meetings with other local Toastmasters clubs. For further info or to attend our next meeting, send an email to: contact-7139@toastmastersclubs.org 7/1/21

New Auxiliary Members Welcome

American Legion Auxiliary Carson-Sjovall Unit #105 is seeking new members. We donate to veterans' needs through our programs, such as our annual Poppy Drive. This is a great opportunity to give back to our veterans and their families. For more information, please call Cathy Kelley at 860-635-8693. 8/19/21

Youth Choir Seeks Singers

The choir, directed by Peter Niedmann, makes music at the highest level, both with the Adult Choir, and independently. Affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music, choristers receive an excellent music education through singing. They also develop self-esteem, team spirit, discipline, and service to others. The Youth Choir sings every other Sunday in worship, as well as concerts with professional orchestra each season. The choir also combines with other choirs around the region in festivals and services. Any child, grade 2 or higher, may join the choir at any time. The choir rehearses from September to June on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. (Choristers may choose their rehearsal night). You are most welcome to come with your child to observe a rehearsal and get a sense of what the choir does. Please speak with Music Director, Peter Niedmann (pniedmann@newingtonucc.org) (860-666-4689) for more information. There is no audition required. 9/2/21

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Nov. 2 - 10:30 am

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655 S. Main St., Middletown
Oct. 22
10:00 am

Bob's Coffee Shop

33 New Britain Ave., Rocky Hill
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Odiyana Meditation Center

Odiyana Meditation Center Grand Opening, Saturday, Oct 16, drop in any time between 10am - 2pm at 450 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury. Everyone is welcome to this special event to learn about Buddhist meditation, spend time with like minded people and experience calm in this special place of refuge. Brief free guided meditations offered at 11am, 12pm and 1pm. Tours of the beautiful meditation space when meditations not in session. Odiyana is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to world peace by offering everyone the opportunity to develop mental peace through meditation. The center welcomes people from all faiths. Information about the center and weekly class schedule at meditationinconnecticut.org 10/7/21

Nat'l Federation of the Blind

On Oct. 29, 30 and 31, the members of the National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut are excited to hold our 50th Annual State Convention at the Sheraton Hartford South in Rocky Hill. We will also be on Zoom if meeting in person is not yet comfortable for you. If you are struggling with vision loss or know someone who is, please join us to learn more about living a full life with visual impairments. Come for the weekend or just for the day on Saturday!

For more information, visit our website at www.nfbct.org or contact Lucia Lee at our Outreach Office at 860-289-1971 or info@nfbct.org 9/9/21

CCCWC Holiday Craft Fair

The Annual Central Connecticut Community Women's Club Holiday Craft Fair will be Saturday, Nov. 13, from 9 am - 3 pm at Cromwell Middle School, 6 Captain James Mann Memorial Drive, Cromwell. The Fair will feature over 80 crafting booths, bake sale, gift baskets, and a variety of lunch items to purchase while you shop so be sure to mark your calendars!! If you are a crafter interested in renting a booth, you can find our application online at centralctcommunitywomensclub.com/craft_fair. 8/26/21

Retiree's Group Monthly Meeting

Pratt & Whitney and UTRC Retirees are invited to the October meeting. It will be held at the PWA Club Inc., 200 Clement Rd (off Silver Lane) East Hartford, on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Join us for conversation, coffee and doughnuts at 9:30 AM. Our program begins at 10:00 AM. This month's program will be "Lisa Krawczyk - Life/Health Insurance Books, specializing in the Senior Market as an Independent Agent in the areas of Medicare and long Term Care Planning.

For further information contact the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Club at (860) 565-6236

Note: There will not be a monthly meeting if East Hartford Schools are closed due to inclement weather. There is a meeting if there is a school delay.

For further information contact the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Club at (860) 565-6236 10/7/21

Hallowed Ground Cemetery Tour

The Cromwell Hillside Cemetery Association is happy to announce the return of our Fall Hallowed Ground Cemetery walk on Sunday, Oct. 17. This year's tour will celebrate the lives of influential members of various Cromwell churches and explore the ubiquitous role that church played in their lives. Members of the living history department of the Cromwell Historical Society, dressed in period clothing, will share the stories of these faithful men and women as town historian Richard Franklin Donohue leads guests through their burial sites in the eastern portion of the cemetery. Seasonal refreshments will be served. While admission to the tour is free, donations to benefit the work of both non-profit groups will be most appreciated!

For further information, contact the Cromwell Historical Society through their website. Cromwellhistory.org

**The rain date for this event will be held on Sunday, Oct. 24.

Academy of Irish Music

Registration is open for the Fall 2021 classes at The Connecticut Academy of Irish Music. Group lessons are offered to young people and adults on a variety of instruments. Classes meet on-line on Sundays and begin in September. Course offerings include fiddle, tin whistle, flute, mandolin, banjo, guitar, bodhran, and more. For more information and to register, please visit us at: www.ctirishmusic.com, or contact Director Jeanne Freeman at (860) 810-4852. 8/19/21

Tai Chi Classes

Third Congregational Church in Middletown is holding tai chi classes on Fridays at 10 AM. Weather permitting, classes are held on the church grounds and moved indoors as needed. A weekly donation of \$5 or \$10 is requested. No experience is needed to participate and exercises can be done seated, if needed. Beginners and experienced practitioners are all welcome. Third Church is located at 94 Miner St. 9/23/21

Boxes to Boots

Boxes to Boots, located in Berlin, is a non profit that connects our deployed military men and women with care packages overseas. We are currently accepting donations to fill up to 800 care packages that will be shipped out on Saturday 11/6/21 to our troops who cannot be home for the holidays. Donations can be dropped off to 39 Mill St, Berlin CT 06037. For a complete list of items please visit our website www.boxestoboos.org. items can also be purchased from our Amazon wishlist and walmart.com registry which is also found on our website. The majority of our care packages This year will be sent to our CT National Guard stationed in Africa.

Some of our most requested items right now are travel sized foot powder, water enhancers and small packets of protein powder.

The community is invited to join us at the New Britain Bees Stadium Sat 11/6/21 between 11a and 3p to wrap and pack care packages for our troops. Please watch our website and Facebook page for more details as we get closer to our event. 9/23/21

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Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection – The Lower CT River Council of Governments will hold a HHW collection event on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 9 am – 1 pm at Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Rd., Middletown. The collection is open to residents of the RiverCOG region which includes Cromwell and Middletown. No commercial or business waste allowed. Please visit <https://rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste/> to learn more. 9/23/21

Turkey Drive & Concert

The Newington Knights of Columbus and the Carptones are holding a Turkey Drive and benefit free concert on Sunday, Nov. 14, from 1 pm to 5 pm at the Newington Knights of Columbus Council 3884 home (171 Pascone Place, Newington) to support Foodshare. The Carptones will be providing anything from Blues to Rock & Roll music. They are asking people to bring a turkey that will be given to Foodshare. If you are unable to bring a turkey, there will be a donation bucket for your monetary donation. 10/7/21

State Rep. Listen- ing Session

State Representatives Amy Morrin Bello (D-Wethersfield) and Kerry Wood (D-Newington/Rocky Hill/Wethersfield) will host an outdoor Listening Session to talk about local issues with constituents and listen to ideas for addressing them in the 2022 Legislative Session. The in-person discussion, open to all residents and business owners, will be held on Thursday, October 7th from 5:00pm to 6:00pm at Cove Park, adjacent to the Wethersfield Farmers' Market. 9/30/21

Turkey Shoots

The Wethersfield Game Club will be holding turkey shoots on Sundays, starting Sept. 26 through Dec. 5. See our website for details, www.wethersfieldgameclub.com. 9/16/21

Come to the Country Fair

Saturday, Oct. 16, 9am - 2pm at Rocky Hill Congregational Church UCC, 805 Old Main St., Rocky Hill. Start your Holiday Shopping at the Fair! Shopping, Silent Auction, Snack Shack, Kids Activities and More! Face Painting by Catalina! Featured Shops: Holiday House, Farm Market, Snack Shack, Something Different, White Elephant, Jewelry Booth, Baked Goods, Sew Country, Haunted House, Silent Auction (Silent Auction closes at 1pm). Our building is handicapped accessible (parking, elevator, restrooms). Masks must be worn as per Town of Rocky Hill mandate! 9/30/21

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Community Clothing Sale

Saturday, Oct. 16, 9 am - 1 pm. First Congregational Church, 355 Main Street, Cromwell. Gently used and some new. All sizes and styles. Most items are under \$5. Hosted by the Central Connecticut Community Women's Club (CCCWC). 9/23/21

St Josephine Bakita Holiday Fair

Get into the holiday spirit at the St Josephine Bakita Holiday Fair, Saturday, Nov. 20, 9 am-4 pm, held at the St James Parish center, 767 Elm Street, Rocky Hill. You can do your Christmas shopping at the various vendors. You can pick up a gift at the silent auction or teacup auction. You can make a purchase at our ornament tree. Stroll down our "cookie walk" and bake sale. Admission is free. For more information see <http://www.stjamesrh.org> 9/23/21

Retiree's Group Monthly Meeting

Pratt & Whitney and UTRC Retirees are invited to the October meeting. It will be held at the PWA Club Inc., 200 Clement Rd (off Silver Lane) East Hartford, on Wednesday, Oct. 20. Join us for conversation, coffee and doughnuts at 9:30 AM. Our program begins at 10:00 AM. This month's program will be "Lisa Krawczyk - Life/Health

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Rocky Hill Lions Club

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

Regional Housing Plan

The Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) will be holding a virtual presentation and workshop to launch its Regional Housing Plan on Oct. 12, at 7pm. RiverCOG, with consultants SLR and Goman + York, will present the format of the plan and the timeline for completion, review preliminary regional data analysis, and engage in interactive exercises.

This presentation is open to all. Please register at https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZMrfuCrrTkiH9w8Qwco9L_uOdDL_JBVacUk. To read more about the plan and take our housing survey, visit RiverCOG.org/RHP. 8/12/21

Cromwell Arts Alliance

Are you an artist or someone interested in supporting arts programming in Cromwell? Perhaps you want to inspire creativity in others through classes or workshops? Maybe you have yet to discover your hidden creative abilities! The Cromwell Arts Alliance invites you to learn more about the organization and the opportunities we support for artists of every kind, art lovers and those who just want to explore their creative side. Connect with us at www.facebook.com/CromwellArts or contact CromwellArtsAlliance@gmail.com. 11/20/14

Call-in Caregivers Support Group

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

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

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

Cromwell Military Whist

Do you enjoy playing games, need an inexpensive night out? On Thursday, Oct. 7, The First Congregational Church, 355 Main Street Cromwell, will host a Military Whist card party in groups of four, no experience is necessary, though the knowledge of setback is helpful. Kevin Welch, renowned in the area will lead the games explaining how to play. There will be door prizes and raffles to win, and light refreshments to snack on. Bring your own group of four, or join in to make a group for the evening. Entry fee is \$7 donation. Doors open at 6pm, play begins promptly at 7 pm. Free parking in the lot on Main Street just north of the church. Questions? Call our church office at 860-635-4806, 860-635-9434 or 860-635-2703. 9/16/21

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This year's participants will also be helping to continue a scholarship fund with Wethersfield's Dollars for Scholars program as well as research of Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

All individuals (men, women & children!) are invited to participate in this wonderful community event. The Run, Walk and Roll will begin at Mikey's Place on Garden Street in Old Wethersfield. It is a flat course suitable for wheelchair participants. There is an entry fee, however, runners and

walkers are being asked to take pledges. The entry fee is waived for any entrant who raises a minimum of \$20 in pledges. Registration will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Hammer School Gym. There will be division awards and a professional timing service will be on hand to record times at the finish line.

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And search for Mikey's Place on Facebook!

If you would like to volunteer to help on the day of the race or to obtain a pledge form, please contact the Daversa's at 860-966-1376 or by email atddavfamily26@gmail.com. Pledge forms are also available at Village Pizza, Wethersfield Creamery, Heirloom Market, Old Wethersfield Country Store, Premier Cleaners, Shop-Rite Hardware, Mikey's Place and in The Rare Reminder as well as via Facebook - search for Mikey's Place. Continue the tradition with us! See you there! It's a great event for the entire family!

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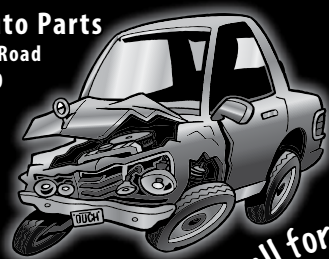
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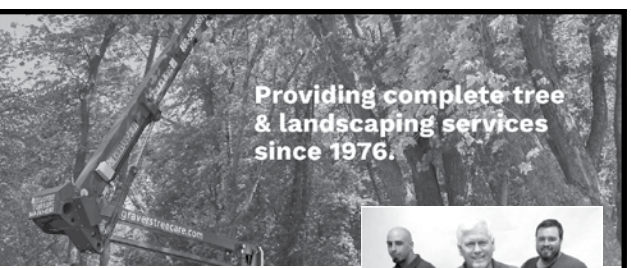


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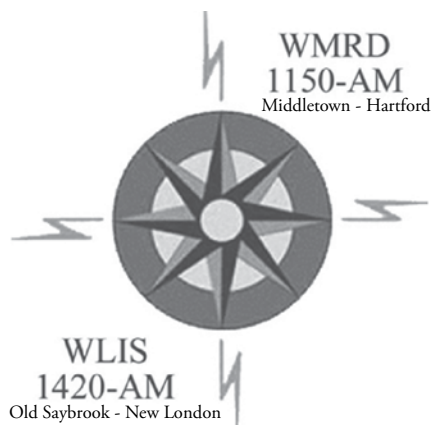
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09/15/2021	97 Berlin Rd			09/02/2021	2 Mountain Laurel Ct		09/17/2021	163 Cynthia Ln #A1
97 Berlin Road LLC				Nain, Kabir			James, Cynthia; James, Robert	
To CGS Properties LLC	\$390,000			To Johnson, Drew M; Stanco, Christina A	\$144,000		To Mazurowski, Amanda	\$138,000
09/07/2021	15 Cherokee Ct			09/13/2021	N/A		09/20/2021	262 East St
Nedelka, Jeremy; Nedelka, Kathryn				Muniz, Chelsea			Nancy Vernali T; Vernali, Nancy	
To Fedosova, Natalya	\$180,000			To Pereira, Katarzyna	\$115,000		To Sones, Gloria R	\$325,000
08/20/2021	27 Coles Rd			09/22/2021	27 Nordland Ave		09/20/2021	929 East St
KEYS Program Inc				Bradbury, Joan B			Timbro, Alfonso	
To Multi Pass Joint LLC	\$373,000			To Gribko, Jessica L; Ricker, Jesse	\$227,000		To Boscarino, Michael J; Gambino, Melissa A	\$350,000
09/20/2021	5 Country Squire Dr #F			09/01/2021	23 Oxford Ln		09/17/2021	East St
Naqvi, Syedmohammad				Thomesen, Douglas H; Thomesen, Margaret I			Bysiewicz, Walter J; Bysiewicz, Susan	
To Morin, David	\$135,900			To Gournaris, Vasiliki	\$330,000		To Middletown City Of	\$710,000
09/07/2021	1207 Cromwell Hills Dr			09/08/2021	8 Oxford Ln		09/21/2021	10 Farm Hill Rd
Danc LLC; Thompson, William				Santavenere Olive A Est; Santavenere, Gilbert H			Burr, Alan M; Burr, Mary J	
To Gennaro, Brian	\$119,900			To Morales, Jessica; Morales, Mayco	\$346,000		To Express Ct Hm Buyers LLC	\$403,111
09/02/2021	9 Debra Ct			09/02/2021	26 Pleasant St		09/21/2021	18 Farm Hill Rd
Liang, Daxian; Liang, Jingming				Balkun, Loris J			Burr, Alan M; Burr, Mary J	
To Patel, Arpita K; Patel, Kinjalkumar P	\$133,000			To Felix-Hernandez, Chantal; Gomes, Brian B	\$247,500		To Express Ct Hm Buyers LLC	\$403,111
09/17/2021	10 Evensen Pl			09/07/2021	90 Shadow Ln		09/21/2021	242 Farm Hill Rd
Cartelli, David; Cartelli, David R				Bryers, Melissa L			Burr, Alan M; Burr, Mary J	
To Dziurgot, Christopher L	\$230,000			To Dixon, Marvin G	\$325,000		To Express Ct Hm Buyers LLC	\$403,111
09/23/2021	30 Glenview Dr			09/15/2021	2 Willowbrook Rd		09/21/2021	1 Forest Glen Cir #17
Mughal, Naveed; Mughal, Naveed A				Willowbrook Plaza LP; Polke, Michael J			Islzai, Adel	
To Naqvi, Heba; Naqvi, Qamar	\$219,000			To DPL Willowbrook Plz LLC	\$1,200,000		To Flowers, Danielle	\$152,000
09/13/2021	29 Heather Ct			09/15/2021	4 Willowbrook Rd		09/17/2021	590 High St
Herring, Cynthia; CT Hsng Fin Authority				Willowbrook Plaza LP; Polke, Michael J			Aresco, John; Aresco, Louis J	
To CT Hsng Fin Authority	\$142,500			To DPL Willowbrook Plz LLC	\$600,000		To Tichenor Point Prop LLC	\$250,000
09/21/2021	25 Hemlock Ct			09/20/2021	184 Woodland Dr		09/20/2021	17 In Town Ter
Mizener Patricia R Est; Mizener, Willaim J				Keyes, Brian M			Clowes, Everett; Clowes, Diane G	
To Mizener, James	\$122,000			To Sheikh, Jaffer; Sheikh, Shamim	\$115,000		To Washington, Alfred	\$207,500
09/03/2021	13 Highland Grn			09/23/2021	47 Woodland Dr		09/20/2021	320 Kelsey St
D F Lammers Padwater LT; Lammers, Heather J				Eza, Joseph G			Fraulino, Michael W; Fraulino, Rosemary M	
To Ann E Brookes RET; Brookes, Ann E	\$540,000			To Lonsdale, William	\$130,000		To Pollock, Randall G; Pollock, Angela	\$334,900
09/14/2021	20 Jennifer Ln			Middletown			09/24/2021	16 Lake St
Louis, Arul V; Ramasamy, Devi				09/21/2021	580 Arbutus St		Renna, Gloria D; Renna, Charles M	
To Lazzaro, Jill A	\$549,900			Tine, Michele A; Tine, Mark A			To Chandra, Aviral; Soni, Poonam	\$360,000
09/20/2021	1 Linda Ct			To Tomiko, Sally A; Taraskuvich, David M	\$650,000		09/24/2021	878 Long Hill Rd
Grabowski, Adam				09/23/2021	112 Cimarron Rd		Samuel, Kegan G; Samuel, Cassandra L	
To Pemberton, Dyshelle; Prchal, Gregory	\$125,000			Mastergeorge, Daniel			To Gelly, Chanon	\$190,000
09/15/2021	421 Main St			O'Rourke, Brendan M; O'Rourke, Loucil	\$270,000		09/24/2021	280 Newtown St
Marc Cmnty Resources Ltd				09/24/2021	180 Cimarron Rd		Salustro, Dennis	
To 421 Main Street LLC	\$395,000			Durso, Beth A			To Hunt, Jeffrey W; Hunt, Cherylann	\$280,000
09/21/2021	651 Main St			To Rourke, Ryan; Tierney, Shelby M	\$260,000		09/20/2021	185 Old Mill Rd
Giuffrida, Lynn				09/20/2021	165 Clover St		Dowley, Marie A	
To Empire Investment LLC	\$180,000			Dudley, Wayne R; Dudley, Carol A			To Dunn, Kelly M; Hancock, Jeffrey E	\$350,000
				To Batchelder, Ctristie A; Batchelder, Donald J	\$359,718		09/17/2021	52 Princeton Dr
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							To Scheffel, Kathryn	\$335,000

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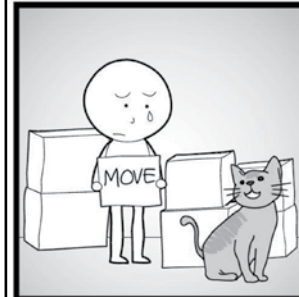
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09/20/2021	190 Ridgewood Rd	
Hummer Mildred L Est; Wagner, Robert P To Dumont, David		
		\$215,000
09/20/2021	70 Rising Trail Dr	
Kondaur Capital LLC To Altaf, Aarsalan		
		\$95,000
09/24/2021	20 S Front St	
O'rourke, Brendan M; O'rourke Loucil To Hewitt, Nicholas		
		\$220,000
09/17/2021	124 S Plumb Rd	
Bysiewicz, Walter J; Bysiewicz, Susan To Middletown City Of		
		\$710,000
09/17/2021	S Plumb Rd	
Bysiewicz, Walter J; Bysiewicz, Susan To Middletown City Of		
		\$710,000
09/17/2021	14 Sunset Ter	
Christensen, Jereme To Concepoion, Taina V		
		\$253,500
09/24/2021	132 Trolley Crossing Ln	
Veley, Brian To Enrich Hm Imps LLC		
		\$94,000
09/20/2021	339 West St	
Cibulas, Stephen; Cibulas, Stephen To Golden, Steve; Beheler, Allyson		
		\$295,000
Newington		
09/24/2021	25 Arrowhead Dr	
Laroche, Michael P To Tuttle, Chelsea		
		\$296,000
09/24/2021	40 Atwood St	
Wrobel-Ng, Jennifer; Mason, David G To Davis, James C		
		\$254,000
09/20/2021	36 Bayberry Rd	
Am Investments LLC To Sheary, Matthew; Sheary, Sarah		
		\$310,000
09/21/2021	159 Cherry Hill Dr	
Antunes, Kami To Pellett, William; Pellett, Erica		
		\$319,900
09/20/2021	15-17 Coburn Cir	
Byrnes, Patti K To Carter, Jeffrey		
		\$245,000
09/21/2021	412 Connecticut Ave	
Wright, Robyn S; Wright, Thomas W To Batista, Marcos; Batista, Alexander		
		\$307,000
09/23/2021	610 Cypress Rd	
Wozniak, Lauren To Mcfarland, Kathleen		
		\$165,000
09/20/2021	249 Day St	
Gagnon RE Holdings LLC To 249 Day Street LLC		
		\$230,000

09/20/2021	87 Frederick St	
Kalasky, Joseph J To Kelley, Donald R		
		\$320,000
09/23/2021	154 Harding Ave	
Astorino, Aaron P To Bidari, Rama		
		\$324,800
09/17/2021	92 Hawley St	
S L Livingston RET; Livingston, Stephanie L To Payne, Earline		
		\$225,000
09/23/2021	87 Lamplighter Ln	
Agdish, Marc; Agdish, Matthew To Antwi, Daniel		
		\$308,000
09/21/2021	231 Maple Hill Ave	
Carlson Robert E Est; Quilliam, Paige S To JVB Realty LLC		
		\$240,500
09/22/2021	179 Meadow St	
Karanian Faye H Est; Karanian, Christopher To Karanian, Ryan J		
		\$300,000
09/17/2021	3 Memory Ln	
Neubert Henry Philip Est; Neubert, Michael To Phelen, Maureen G		
		\$281,000
09/21/2021	47 Monte Vista Ave	
Morreale, Jacques; Morreale, Nicole A To Krysiatys, Zofia		
		\$135,000
09/23/2021	163 Olympia Ave	
Dresko, Christopher J; Dresko, Tierney M To Bisette, Alice; Bisette, Brian		
		\$285,000
09/17/2021	62 Patriot Ln	
Beckner, Stephen D; Beckner, Janice A To Mortensen, Todd L		
		\$401,000
09/20/2021	44 Stage Coach Ln	
Crebase, James R; Crebase, Colleen R To Vongsay, Souksumai; Nhatavong, Josh		
		\$390,000
Rocky Hill		
09/15/2021	202 Briarwood Ct	
Manzi, Robert J; Manzi, Maria C To Anderson, Gale		
		\$202,000
09/21/2021	55 Deerfield Run	
John M Ferrantino RET; Ferrantino, John M To Lang, Megan		
		\$476,000
09/21/2021	3 Gilbert Ave	
Lamitie, Linn B To Jce Home Improvement LLC		
		\$340,000
09/16/2021	109 Haren Dr	
Fishman, Lyubov To Braho, Ani		
		\$375,000
09/16/2021	29 Hickory Ln	
Barrett, Gayle E To Pirrello, Joanne		
		\$205,000
09/15/2021	6 Little Oak Ln	
Connors, Kathryn M; Connors, Michael G To Singhal, Rahul; Singhal, Meenakshi		
		\$170,000

09/21/2021	420 Old Main St	
Brown, David; Rown, Ruth To Anthony, Homer; Anthony, Rachael		
		\$429,000
09/17/2021	90 Summer Ln	
Maselli, Dominic D; Maselli, Donna C To Maselli, Daniel		
		\$500,000
09/17/2021	21 Truman Way	
Sarubbi, Betty A To Castro, Fernando F; Castro, Elaine D		
		\$395,000
09/16/2021	60 Wynding Brook Dr	
Grayeb, Edward G; Grayeb, Madeleine G To Begic, Sefedin; Islamovic, Emina		
		\$360,000
Wethersfield		
09/24/2021	276 Church St	
Melba D Osgood RET; Osgood, Robert W To Barajas, Christopher		
		\$242,000
09/23/2021	48 Collier Rd	
Rich, Mark; Verheggen, Heather To Soto, Erik		
		\$265,000
09/22/2021	53 Fairview Dr	
Reynolds, Andrew B To Mazariegos, Noe G		
		\$237,500
09/21/2021	69 Harmund Pl	
1 World Ventures LLC To Santiago, Nimsi O; Santos-Santiago, Alondra		
		\$220,000
09/22/2021	434 Highland St	
Breen, Neil J; Herold-Breen, Heather K To 2nd Chance Homes LL		
		\$265,000
09/20/2021	16 Linden St	
Lyon, Glenn To Enloe, Brenda L		
		\$279,900
09/22/2021	528-530 Main St	
Downey, Michael; Downey, Joseph T To Warner, Deborah F		
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09/24/2021	15 Marmor Ct	
Halpern, Andrew P To Aresco, Felicia		
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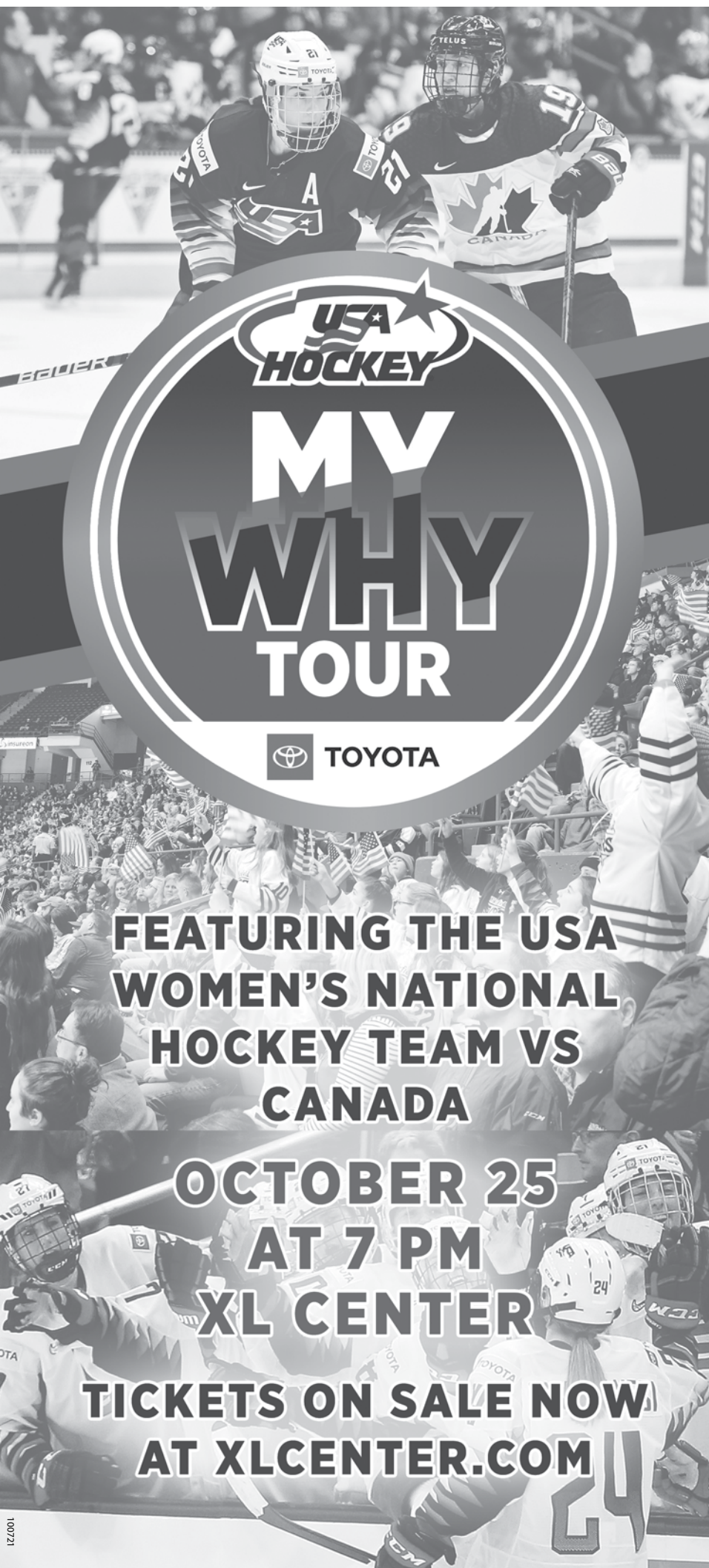
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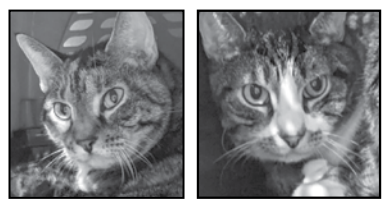
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Dr. Nicholas Saraceno
Veterinarian

Dr. Nicholas Saraceno started working as a veterinarian at Companion Animal Hospital in 2020. He loves all aspects of general medicine from working with first time puppy owners to diagnosing challenging illnesses. He completed his undergraduate work at NYT and received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Ross University, graduating with High Honors.

Growing up on Long Island he raised birds, small mammals, reptiles and helped train German Shepherds. His special interests include exotic animals and avian medicine as well as volunteering in wildlife rehabilitation.



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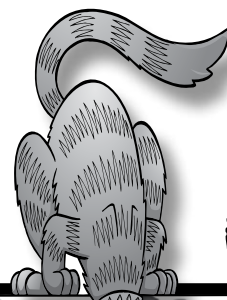
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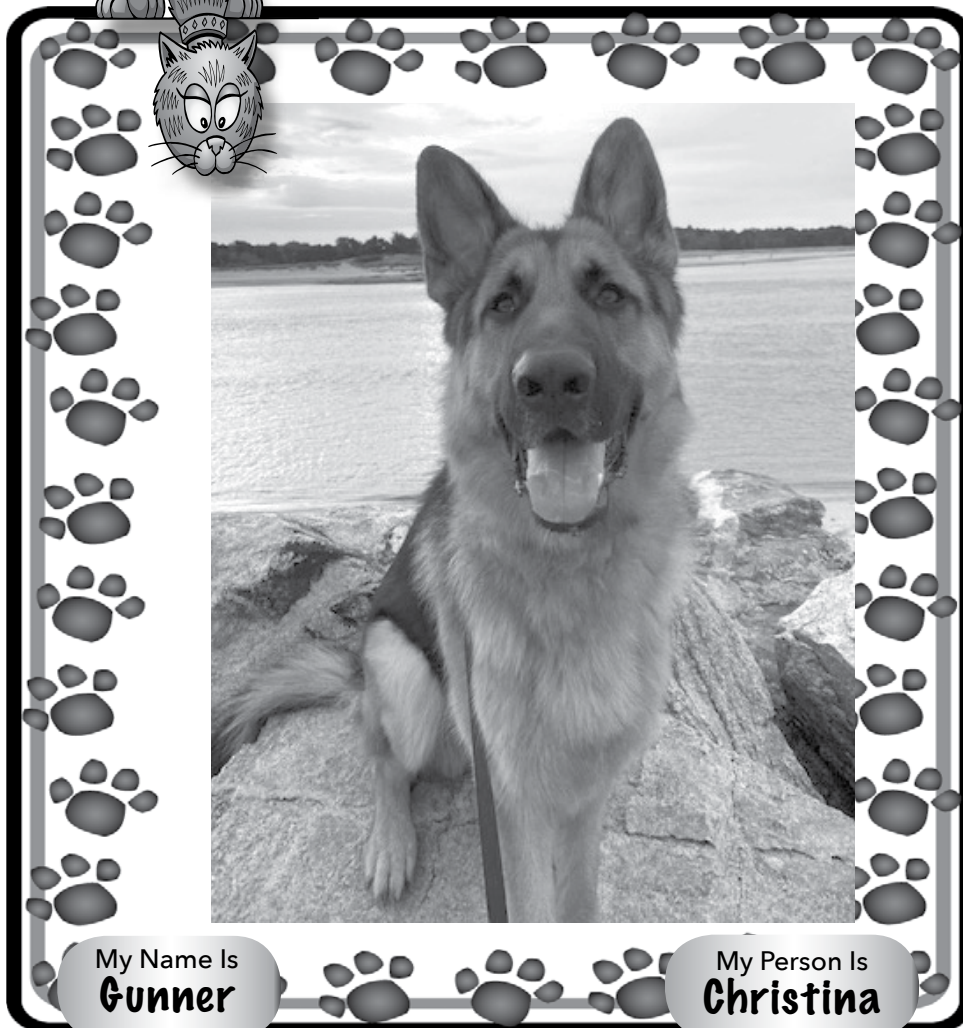
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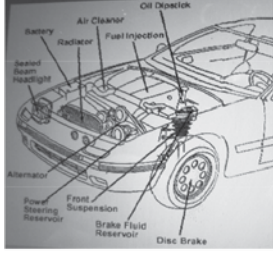
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Information aspiring nurses can include on their résumés

Regardless of what they chose to study, many students look forward to graduation and the next step, which typically involves finding work in their chosen professions. Nursing students are no exception to this, and many, upon completion of their studies, are excited to begin their careers.

A well-crafted résumé is essential for nurses throughout their careers, but especially important for those starting out. According to RegisteredNursing.org, nursing résumés typically include sections commonly found on résumés for professionals across all industries. These standard sections include objective, education and technical skills. But nurses also may want to expand their résumés to include information specific to the nursing profession.

Experience

Newly minted graduates with degrees in certain fields may not have much, if any, experience to list on their résumés. But some recent nursing school graduates may have relevant clinical experience that could help them land their first jobs. When applicable, this section should include the company name (such as the name of the hospital or clinic), the location of the job, the job title, the dates of employment, and a description of the tasks the applicant performed.

Licensure and certifications

RegisteredNursing.org advises aspiring nurses to include where they are now licensed as registered nurses as well as any information regarding certifications they earned during their nursing programs. Nurses who earned their Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification through their nursing program should notes that on their résumés, as the Registered-Nursing.org notes that could make candidates appear more desirable in the eyes of prospective employers.

Education

Every résumé should include a section on an applicant's education history. But recent graduates from nursing school should include any relevant information about nursing programs they may have participated in while pursuing their degrees. Résumés are vital when looking for work. Recent graduates from nursing school can use their résumés to highlight any unique experiences they might have that can help them stand out among crowded applicant pools.



SPORTS CORNER

Experience Paying Dividends for Panthers Football

by Josh Howard

Prior to kickoff of the 2019 season opener against Haddam-Killingworth, Cromwell/Portland head coach Randell Bennett told backup quarterback, freshman Cole Brisson, to be prepared because he never knew when his number would be called. On the first drive of the game, starter Cam Latronica was injured, thrusting Brisson into the starting role.

It's a role that Brisson has kept ever since, and the quarterback change started a rebuilding process in Cromwell as Bennett played several underclassmen during a 2-8 season.

Two years and a pandemic later, the Panthers again faced rival H-K and made a statement to the rest of the football community by trouncing the Cougars 41-3 in front of a packed house at Pierson Park last Friday night.

"We executed early," Bennett said of his team's fast start, "We get a couple of turnovers and then we started running some of the plays we had been working on. When [the players] saw that success, that fueled their hunger. After not play-



Cromwell-Portland football team during the National Anthem prior to the Panthers 41-3 win over Haddam-Killingworth.

ing for so long, they were hungry tonight."

Senior captain Owen Brunk added, "I like how aggressive we came out. Coach put together a great game plan. They knew what it would take to beat this team and we had three weeks of practices, so we came out

and executed."

The Panthers overwhelmed the visiting Cougars in all three phases.

H-K fumbled the opening kick-off, which was a pooch kick from Teddy Williams, who then forced and recovered the fumble.

Brisson immediately

went to work, connecting with Ryan Rozich on a 33-yard pass down to the four-yard line, before keeping it himself on quarterback draw to score on the next play.

Ben Fagan then intercepted a pass on the Cougars first offensive possession.

On the ensuing play following the turnover, Brisson lofted a perfect spiral down the middle of the field to a streaking Williams for a 56-yard touchdown strike.

And just like that it was 14-0 less than three minutes into the game.

"We made up some new plays in practice and we executed them. We knew the holes they had, and we just attacked them," said Brisson, "We definitely had a lot of energy and there was a lot of hype around us, so we wanted to come out and make it a statement game."

The lefty engineered an offense that got production from a variety of sources, including starting running

back Alex Hair, who scored twice on the ground, and speedy wide receiver Brandon Rose, who made a spectacular catch of a rainbow ball from Brisson in the third quarter for a 32-yard touchdown.

Brunk, Williams, and Rozich led the defensive charge, proving to be one of the fiercest linebacker groups on the state. Brunk and Williams each intercepted passes to go along with double digit tackles.

Williams said the three are playing in-synch, "It's awesome. I know that if I make a mistake, those two have my back and they'll make the play. It allows me to go 100% and fly around out there."

The three also did damage on the offensive side. Brunk scored on an 11-yard run, Williams led the team with 110 receiving yards, and Rozich totaled 92 scrimmage yards.

During the 2019 rebuilding year, Brunk made All-State and Williams showed flashes of greatness. Rozich played well as a wide-eyed freshman, learning on the fly.

"Playing as freshmen and sophomores, we were able to grow together and we were able to really gel together," said Rozich, who is reaping the benefits from his varsity experience in 2019, "It has a huge impact, we were able to experience things for the first time. It was a big step from youth to playing varsity football and we have so much more experience this year."

The 38-point win improved the Panthers to 2-0. They opened the season with a 36-8 road victory over Morgan before having their week two game against North Branford postponed and rescheduled to a later date.

Bennett was proud of how his team responded following the three-week delay,

"We definitely liked the way we started against Morgan and we definitely started the game that same way tonight. When they have that energy, they run with it."

In the opening win over Morgan, the defense was stout from start to finish as the three linebackers combined for 40 tackles and sophomore defensive back Daevyon Lovelace make a triumphant high school debut by intercepting a pass and returning it 46 yards for a touchdown. Lovelace added five tackles and knocked down three passes.

Brisson threw a touchdown and ran for two more. During last year's COVID-restrictions, he worked on his agility and speed in the offseason, adding a new dimension to his game.

"I knew this year we had a lot of returning players and I knew that there was a lot of promise for this season, so I wanted to put in a lot of work to make sure we could make this season the best that it could be," said Brisson.

Friday's game started a streak of nine straight weeks of football for the Panthers. Next up is a Saturday showdown at (1-2) Valley Regional/Old Lyme on October 9 at Old Lyme High School before traveling for the make-up game against North Branford.

Brunk believes the team has the tools and chemistry to play through the scheduling gauntlet, "My freshman and sophomore year I thought our team was close but compared to this team now, it's different. In the offseason we worked out together and then we'd hang out together. We created a bond that makes it easier when we're on the field."

Questions or comments? Email josh@rarereminder.com or follow on Twitter @RareReminderJH



Cromwell-Portland football captains (L-R) Teddy Williams, Ryan Rozich, Cole Brisson, and Owen Brunk.

Rocky Hill Athletic Hall of Fame

The Rocky Hill Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the newest inductees into the Rocky Hill Athletic Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes individuals and groups who have made a distinctive and significant contribution to athletics in Rocky Hill. The newest members of the Hall of Fame Class of 2021 are:

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Kyley Reed, Volleyball Excellence
Alex Ware, Swimming Excellence
2002 Rocky Hill High School State Championship Boys Basketball Team

17th Induction Ceremony to be held at the Wethersfield Country Club, 76 Country Club Road in Wethersfield on Sunday, November 21, 2021. The event will begin at 1:00 PM, with a light buffet being served. Tickets are \$45.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 10. All proceeds from this event will continue to fund scholarships at Rocky Hill High School for deserving college bound student athletes.

Details on tickets to the event or for placing a congratulatory ad in the program booklet can be obtained by contacting the Hall of Fame Committee by e-mail at HOF06067@gmail.com. You can also follow us on Facebook for the latest induction ceremony information at [facebook.com/rockyhillhalloffame](https://www.facebook.com/rockyhillhalloffame).

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The Starting Five: Local Athletes of the Week

Marshall Butler- Middletown (Soccer): Butler scored three goals as the Blue Dragons defeated Plainville 4-1 last Tuesday. The junior leads the team in goals through the first seven games, including a handful of multi-goal games as Middletown is 5-0-2 entering the week.

Maya Kozlowski- Newington (Volleyball): Kozlowski had a season-high seven aces as Newington swept Bulkeley (3-0) last Wednesday. She is part of a strong junior class for the Nor'easter, as fellow juniors Sophia Chrostowski (six kills) and Gabriela Caceres (five aces) carried the team to a straight-set victory over Wethersfield last Friday.

Thomas Brodowicz- Wethersfield (Soccer): Brodowicz scored with less than a minute left as Wethersfield defeated Simsbury

(1-0) in dramatic fashion last Thursday. The junior netted the game-winner with 37 seconds remaining in regulation as the Eagles improved to 6-0-1 this fall.

Emily Palumbo- Rocky Hill (Swim & Dive): Palumbo finished first in the diving competition against Wethersfield last Friday. The sophomore scored a meet-high 169.7, finishing ahead of second place finisher Dayna Miller of Wethersfield.

Brooke Arnold- Wethersfield (Swim & Dive): Arnold won both the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle as Wethersfield defeated Rocky Hill last Friday night. Alanna DePinto (200 IM), Jilian Pitchell (50 Free), Jaime Condon (100 Fly), Sabrina Schuster (100 Free), Anabella Cartiera (100 Back) finished with best times in their individual events for the Eagles.

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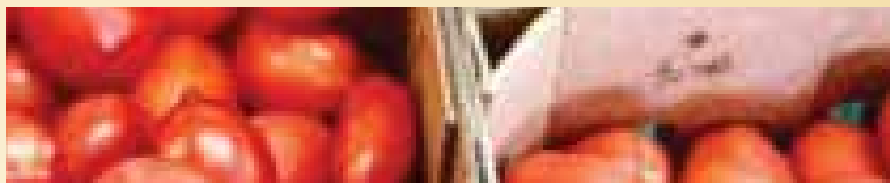
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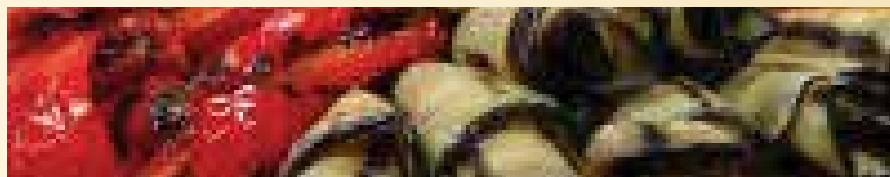
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