

RIVERFRONT PARK

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. When will the boathouse be finished?

The Riverfront Park and boathouse are expected to be complete in mid-September. An official grand opening date and ribbon cutting are scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 27th. Additional details to follow.

2. May people utilize the grounds before the ‘ribbon cutting’?

In the interest of public safety, the project area is not open for public use while construction continues.

3. When will banquet facility be ready to actually book functions?

The banquet facility, located on the second floor of the boathouse, is expected to be made available for private parties and reservations on/or around November 1, 2014.

4. When will we begin to actually ‘take’ reservations for the banquet facility?

It is anticipated that the Town will begin accepting reservations for the banquet facility in mid-late September. Once the date is known, it will be widely publicized in various local media and on the Town website.

5. What are the facility rental charges for the banquet facility?

The rental charges for the facility are included at the end of this FAQ document. Please note that because each event is unique and special, it is important to review and discuss your plans with the Event and Banquet Facility Manager. Our staff will work with you to make sure that you receive the very best customer service, attention to detail, and personal attention that your special occasion deserves. For more information, contact Glastonbury Parks & Recreation at 860-652-7679, select option #5, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

6. Can non-residents use the boat launch?

Yes. The public boat launch for motorized boats will be made available for use by residents and non-residents.

7. Will there be a cost to use the boat launch?

Yes. Seasonal passes will be available for sale in 2015. There will also be an option to pay a daily launch fee for those who elect not to purchase a season pass.

Season pass and daily launch fees are provided at the end of this document.

8. What will the hours be for launching motorized boats?

The boat launch hours have yet to be finalized, but it is expected to be open as river conditions permit, mid-April - November 15th, from dawn to dusk.

9. Can people use launch at any time of the day for non-motorized boats ... kayaks, canoes, etc.?

The boat launch is designed and primarily intended for motorized boats on trailers. There is a separate launch area for kayaks and canoes just north of the motorized boat launch.

10. Can people sit out in front of the boathouse on the benches at all hours to rest, read, watch the river, etc.?

Yes. The park was specifically designed for the use and enjoyment of people of all ages. There are many public spaces, including picnic tables and park benches, that folks can use to watch the river, observe wildlife, read, talk with friends, etc.

11. Are there public restrooms in the park?

Yes. The lower level of the boathouse includes handicapped accessible men's and women's rooms that will be open seasonally from early morning until dark.

12. Who can use the large covered pavilion that was donated by the Glastonbury Rotary Club?

The pavilion was provided for the use and enjoyment of all park users. It is a shared public space and no reservations are required or accepted.

13. Is it too late to make a donation to the park project in memory or honor of someone?

No. It is not too late to recognize or honor a loved one by making a donation to the project. The gift catalog is available at the Town's home page of its website www.glastonbury-ct.gov. Click the link in the upper right hand corner "In the Spotlight".

14. What types of boat storage is available on site?

The boathouse includes racks for rowing shells of various sizes. The facility also houses the Glastonbury High School Crew Club. Ample rack space is available for rent for storage of single and double shells owned by individuals. Reservation procedures are expected to be available in late September for Fall storage for those with reservations for 2015.

The lower level of the boathouse serves as the home base of the Glastonbury High School Crew Club. It also provides boat storage opportunities for rowers who own their own shells. Easy access to the river is provided by an adjacent gangway with 80 linear feet of dock. Located above the 100 year flood elevation, the boathouse provides year-round boat storage that is high and dry.

15. What other recreational facilities are included in the park?

The multi-purpose park's unique feature is its access to the Connecticut River for recreation. It includes three separate and distinct launch areas for boats; one for motorized boats, one for canoes and kayaks and another for rowing shells. The property provides scenic views of the Connecticut River for watching wildlife, recreational boating, sunsets and for general enjoyment. The boathouse includes public restrooms on the lower level that are available to all park users. There are many seating areas, with benches and picnic tables, for use by the public. The walking trails connect the Community Center through the park all the way to Town Hall. Connections are also included to the central business district and historic district on Main Street. There is also a children's playground, lighted basketball court, and a public fountain with seating areas. Interpretive panels provide historical and environmental information about the site, the river, and its ecology. A depressed lawn area, located at the north end of the site, provides a place that can be flooded in the winter months for public ice skating.

16. What can you tell me about the banquet facility?

The upper level of the boathouse includes a banquet facility that can accommodate approximately 140 for a sit down meal. It is tastefully appointed and is suitable for weddings, family celebrations, corporate outings and training, reunions, and the like. A full caterer's kitchen provides the kitchen facility needed to support any caterer's operation. A covered deck with expansive views of the Connecticut River extends from the main function room. Fully heated and air conditioned, the boathouse is a unique venue appropriate for almost any special occasion; especially those that appreciate an expansive view of the Connecticut River.

17. Are facilities provided for the Town's Fire Department?

The park provides Glastonbury's first responders with a dock for their rescue boat. This ready access to the river will reduce response times to water based incidents and emergencies for Glastonbury's Fire and Police Departments.

18. Does the park area connect with the Community Center and other park areas?

Yes. The new park area is situated between the Riverfront Community Center and existing park land. An extensive system of handicapped accessible walkways and trails link all of the areas.

GLASTONBURY BOATHOUSE

RENTAL RATES

Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<u>Monday-Thursday</u> \$675 (4 hours) \$900 (6 hours) \$150 (extra hour)	<u>Friday</u> \$675 (4 hours) \$900 (6 hours) \$150 (extra hour)
4:00 p.m. – midnight	<u>Monday-Thursday</u> \$1,125 (4 hours) \$1,575 (6 hours) \$200 (extra hour)	<u>Friday</u> \$1,350 (4 hours) \$1,800 (6 hours) \$200 (extra hour)
Saturday/Sunday/Holiday	\$2,850 (4 hours) \$3,850 (6 hours) \$300 (extra hour)	
Outdoor Tent (space rental)	\$750	

Miscellaneous Charges (Market Rates as applicable)

- Additional set-up – estimated \$75/hour
- Insurance – per Insurance Agent of Record
- Ceremony/rehearsal – estimated \$125/hour
- Security deposit – estimated \$500 subject to event
- Non-approved caterer – estimated \$500-\$750 subject to event and relationship to “lost” commission
- Other – as applicable to market

Miscellaneous

- Room rental rates increase 5%-10% for events to be held January 1, 2016 or later
- Holiday rate - New Year's Eve \$5,000 (until 1:00 a.m.)
- Reservations for 2 hour events on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays only available 60 days or less prior to event

Note: For the Event/Banquet/Meeting Facility, the Town Manager is hereby authorized to adjust the pricing model for the January 1st to March 31st period, short booking window events of less than 60 days and reservations for less than 4 hours, as applicable, to recognize market conditions.

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GLASTONBURY RIVERFRONT PARK
BOAT HOUSE STORAGE AND BOAT LAUNCH
SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

BOAT LAUNCH	SEASON PASS	DAILY LAUNCH
RESIDENT	\$60/year	\$20
NON-RESIDENT	\$120/year	\$40
BOAT STORAGE	INDOOR	OUTDOOR
RESIDENT	\$550	\$100
NON-RESIDENT	\$600	\$120

Note:

- * For calendar year 2014, the Resident and Non-Resident Daily Launch Fee shall be \$10 and \$20, respectively.
- The Daily Launch Fee of \$20 and \$40 for Resident and Non-Resident, respectively, shall be effective on and/or after January 1, 2015.

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