



Town of Glastonbury

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Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

ITEM #7
03-12-2019 Meeting

March 8, 2019

The Glastonbury Town Council
2155 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up to date on various topics.

1. **Staff Recognition**

Recent thank you letters to members of staff attached for your information.

2. **Well Water Testing - Uranium**

Per the attached press release, the Glastonbury Public Health Department is sponsoring a free well water uranium sampling program for Glastonbury residents. Interested property owners can pick up a sample bottle at the RCC on Wednesday, March 13th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and return the sample by Friday, March 29th for sampling. Health Department staff will be available on the 13th to answer questions and discuss this topic with attendees.

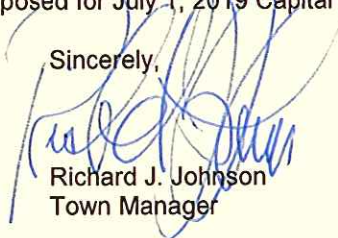
3. **Riverfront Boathouse**

A family program will be held at the Riverfront Boathouse over coming weeks. A tentative date of Saturday, April 20th is planned. Details to follow.

4. **Gideon Welles Air-Conditioning**

The competitive bid process for cooling and heating at Gideon Welles School is complete and the project ready for award. The plan is to execute a contract for work funded by available Capital funding and continue subject to Council approval of the \$500,000 project balance proposed for July 1, 2019 Capital (\$800,000+) funding.

Sincerely,


Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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Attachments



Fri 2/9/2019 11:43 AM

Nancy Shluger <nas4@sbcglobal.net>

owl

To: Marshall Porter

You replied to this message on 2/11/2019 9:03 AM.

To the Glastonbury Police Dept.

Concerning the injured owl...you guys rock. The story about you rescuing this bird that was on NBC melted my heart. Thank you for all that you do for our community!!!

Nancy Shluger



Fri 2/9/2019 3:01 PM

Mary Gagnon

19-2669

To: Kenneth Keesney; Jason Dibenedetto; Bryant Cleveland

Cc: Marshall Porter; Mark Catania

Just wanted to let you know that Mr. Teale called Records today (2/9/19) regarding the report for this incident. He wanted me to pass on a "thank you" to the officers who responded to this incident. He is very grateful for your prompt arrival and for the job you did.

Mary



Mon 2/18/2019 4:43 PM

b.wing@cox.net

Appreciation

To: Marshall Porter

You forwarded this message on 2/20/2019 3:17 PM.

Chief Porter,

I am writing to thank Officer Gillette for his professionalism and kindness.

My car broke down in a left turn lane at the intersection of Hebron Avenue, Oak Street and Western Blvd on last Friday evening during rush hour. I called for assistance given the busy location and the impending darkness.

Officer Gillette arrived promptly, called a tow truck and waited with me for the truck to arrive. I was impressed by his professionalism and kindness. He is a welcome addition to our town.

Regards,

Betsey Wingfield
377 Tryon Street



Sat 2/9/2019 6:00 PM

Susan Davies Sit <welsh53@gmail.com>

Thank you for today

To: Marshall Porter

You forwarded this message on 2/11/2019 9:02 AM.

A huge thank you to you guys today for coming to 22 Windwood to see my very best friend Susan who we worried had had a TIA. Hospital said she prob did not, maybe effects of a migraine, having MRI at the hospital now. The 2 officers were here so fast with the EMS team....I didn't get a chance to thank them

Thank you so very much!

Susan Davies Sit



Sun 2/17/2019 12:11 PM

Melissa Luke <mellyluke@gmail.com>

Amazing Officer at Cheer Competition

To: Marshall Porter

You replied to this message on 2/20/2019 3:24 PM.

Chief Porter,

My name is Melissa Luke and I was the Safety Judge at the CCC Cheerleading Competition this evening which was held at Glastonbury High School. I want to commend the officer that was working there tonight. I apologize but I honestly cannot remember his name but I'm sure you can figure it out on your end.

One of our athletes was seriously injured. She landed on her neck and head after being tossed in the air. Your officer was quick to come over and assist. He called for an ambulance right away knowing that the girl needed to go.

The thing that caught my eye was something small but very important. He held her hand the entire time while she was crying and laying on the mat until we found her mom. She was very very scared. He knew to give her comfort he needed to be at her level and he was; crouched down on the mat while calling it in.

I know it's small, but in that moment it was big. Compassion goes a long way and is noticed. People don't see the small acts that matter when it comes to Police Officers these days so I wanted to share this with you and say thank you. Please pass along that it meant a lot to us.

Stay safe and thank you for all you do.

Melissa Luke

News

Free Well Water Uranium Sampling for Groundwater Awareness Week

Sample bottles available for pickup March 13th

Post Date: 03/05/2019 4:11 PM

The Town of Glastonbury is pleased to join in the celebration of the National Groundwater Association's 20th anniversary of **National Groundwater Awareness Week** from **March 10-16, 2019**. This year's theme is to **THINK** about having your well tested and maintaining your well water system. The Glastonbury Health Department, in cooperation with the State of Connecticut Public Health Laboratory and the Connecticut State Department of Public Health Private Wells Division will start the **THINK** process by **offering free uranium testing and guidance on results for Glastonbury residents with wells**. Uranium is naturally occurring in some Connecticut bedrock ground water, and can enter drinking water wells. The amount of uranium in bedrock and well water can vary greatly from one property to another. Individual well testing is the only way to know if a well is contaminated. Exposure to uranium at high levels for extended periods of time is linked to certain health problems.

As part of the Groundwater Awareness Week initiative, the Glastonbury Health Department is offering a free water uranium sampling opportunity for town residents. Glastonbury homeowners can collect their own well water samples and return the sample to the Glastonbury Health Department for screening. Samples will be tested by the State Public Health Laboratory at no cost to the homeowner, and results will be provided back to the homeowner.

How to Participate

1. **Preregister**
2. **Pickup your sample bottle (March 13th)**
3. **Collect your sample**
4. **Return your sample for testing (by March 29th)**

Water testing bottles will be available for pick up at the Riverfront Community Center (300 Welles Street) on Wednesday, March 13, from 5pm to 8pm. Residents are strongly encouraged to preregister for the event to ensure a sample bottle will be held for you. Please click here to preregister. Samples must be collected in the bottles provided on March 13th and returned within 3 days of the date the sample was taken. Sample collection instructions will be provided with the bottles. **All samples must be returned, in-person, to the Health Department, located on the third level of Town Hall, by no later than Friday, March 29, 2019.** Office hours are Monday-Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Please note, this well water sampling opportunity is for residents who were NOT contacted as part of the **Town's joint well water testing series with DPH and DEEP**, which is currently underway in the Chestnut Hill Road area. As of March 5, 2019, Town staff have contacted all property owners who will have their well water tested through that effort through written notice and/or a hand-delivered letter left at their property doorstep. Any property owner who has NOT received such notice will NOT be among the properties tested in that neighborhood and is therefore strongly encouraged to participate in the free uranium sampling event on March 13th.

Residents are **encouraged to preregister** for the March 13th event to ensure a sample bottle is held for you. If you are unable to attend on March 13th but would like to obtain a sample bottle, a friend or family member may pick one up on your behalf. If you have any questions about this event or well

water, water testing, and testing laboratories, please contact the Health Department at **(860) 652-7534** or visit **www.glastonbury-ct.gov/wellwater**.

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