



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

JANUARY 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wishing you and yours a happy New Year! From all of us at the Town of Glastonbury, we look forward to providing you with another year of outstanding programs, events, resources, and support.

REMINDER!

Town offices will be closed
New Year's Day (1/1) and
Monday, Jan 20th for Martin
Luther King Jr. Day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Jan 7, 2020 - Rock-n 2020 New Year's Celebration** - 11:45am - 1:30pm at the RCC - lunch and music by Bob Giannotti
- **Jan 30 - DIY Hot Chocolate for Teens at WTML** - 6:30 - 7:30pm. Register starting 1/2. Visit www.wtmlib.info for more info.
- **Feb 13 - Age-Friendly Community Conversation**. 6:00 - 8:00pm at the Riverfront Community Center

Learn more about these and all Town events at www.glastonbury-ct.gov/events.

TAX INSTALLMENT DUE

The second installment of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes on the Grand List of October 1, 2018 are due January 1, 2020 and payable by February 3, 2020. The Supplemental Motor Vehicle (MV) tax is also due January 1, 2020 and payable by February 3, 2020. Delinquent MV taxes shall be paid in Cash, Money Order, or Cashier's Check if a release is needed for the DMV. There will be a \$3.00 fee charged for each delinquent Motor Vehicle account. Unpaid taxes will be considered delinquent as of February 4, 2020. On that date, interest will be charged from the original due date of January 1, 2020. Interest is charged at a rate of 1 ½% per month back to the due date of January 1, 2020 in accordance with the provisions of C.G.S. Sec. 12-146. United States Postal Service postmarks are honored. Payments must bear a USPS postmark dated February 3, 2020 or before to be considered on-time. Checks which have been returned by the bank shall be subject to a fifteen (\$15.00) handling fee.

Taxpayers who have not received a bill should visit our website at www.glastonbury-ct.gov/taxpmt or contact the Revenue Collection Office at (860) 652-7614. Failure to receive a bill does NOT invalidate the charge and respective penalties, should the account become delinquent.

WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street to ensure Firefighters can locate your residence.
- Plan 2 ways out of your home in case of an emergency.
- Test all smoke alarms & carbon monoxide alarms in your home on a monthly basis.
- Clear driveways, front walks, and sidewalks of snow or ice, especially around fire hydrants, within 24 hours of snowfall for resident safety.
- Protect your concrete walkways & stairs! Avoid de-icing products that contain Magnesium Chloride (MgCl). Glastonbury recommends Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA) or Calcium Chloride (CaCl) products for de-icing concrete surfaces to avoid costly repairs.
- Prepare for a storm by having flashlights & batteries in an easily accessible place, as well as blankets and heavy clothing in the event that you lose power and heat.
- Keep generators outdoors and NEVER run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away and turn portable heaters off when you leave the room or go to bed for the night.

FREE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING AT BULKY WASTE FACILITY

Residents in any type of vehicle will be allowed free disposal of their holiday tree at the Bulky Waste Facility or Transfer Station beginning December 26, 2019 through February 1, 2020. One tree per vehicle is allowed. Residents are encouraged to use the Bulky Waste Facility on Tryon Street to reduce town transportation costs as this is the final disposal area for all trees. Waste disposal permits are not needed but proof of residency is required. The Bulky Waste facility is open Monday - Saturday, from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm (excluding New Year's Day). Questions may be directed to the Refuse Disposal Division at (860) 652-7772.

IMPORTANT 2020 ELECTION DEADLINES

WHAT TO KNOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES



Who will be holding a Primary? Either the Democratic Party and/or the Republican Party.

Do I have to be enrolled in one of those parties in order to vote in the Presidential Primary?
Yes, you have to be enrolled in either the Democratic or Republican party to vote in a Primary.

Important Deadlines

- If enrolled in the Green, Libertarian, Independent, or Working Family parties, the deadline to change your party choice is JAN. 28, 2020.
- If enrolled as UNAFFILIATED (the State's equivalent of being "Independent") or if you're a NEW VOTER; you have until noon on April 27, 2020 to enroll in person for the April 28, 2020 Presidential Primary.

How do I change/check my party enrollment if I am already a registered voter?

You are able to make changes to your party enrollment by visiting www.govote.ct.gov, the town website, or in-person at the Registrar's office on the lower level of Town Hall. The Town Clerk's office also has voter registration cards if the Registrars are not available. All of these options are available for new voters as well. To check your current party registration, visit <https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx>.

How do I register to vote if I am TURNING 18 in 2020?

All persons turning 18 on or before NOVEMBER 3, 2020, are eligible to vote in the Presidential Primary. Register online at <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do> or in person at the Registrar's Office in Town Hall.

Questions can be directed to the Registrar of Voters office at (860) 652-7627 or (860) 652-7628.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE



Glastonbury Gives - Created by the Glastonbury Social Services Division, Glastonbury Gives is an initiative which assists residents who are experiencing a crisis situation that hinders their ability to pay for food, utilities, shelter expenses, medical bills, and other critical needs. The program is funded entirely by contributions from generous individuals, businesses, and community groups with 100% of donations going directly to residents in need. To learn more or make a contribution, please contact Kathy Carfi at (860) 652-7644. Please mention this newsletter when you reach out.

Bandanas for Soleil - Local resident Lidija Petrus and Melzen Pet Supply have teamed up to sell bandanas in support of Soleil, the Glastonbury K-9. Visit Melzen's to pick up a bandana for \$6 and support ongoing expenses associated with the Police Department K-9 program. For every bandana sold, \$5 goes to the K-9 unit and \$1 is used by Petrus to purchase more product supplies. There are 10-12 styles available now through the New Year so visit their website, www.melzenpetsupply.com for business hours and show your support.

Legacy Program - The Glastonbury Parks & Recreation Department has established a Living Legacy Program to provide residents with an opportunity to pay tribute to loved ones and contribute to the Glastonbury community in a meaningful way. Interested donors can donate a park bench or have a tree planted in a special location throughout town to commemorate a special event, recognize or memorialize a group or individual, establish a family tradition of giving, or simply add a new amenity or bit of beauty to the Glastonbury landscape. Whether you choose a tree or bench donation, your contribution will benefit community members for generations to come. Community members can also celebrate the bond between you and your pet by donating a plaque to our Dog Park. For more information, or to submit a donation form, please visit www.glastonbury-ct.gov/legacy or contact Parks & Recreation at (860) 652-7679.

WE'RE HIRING!

Glastonbury is currently seeking candidates for the following employment opportunities.

- CDL Driver*
- Certified Police Officer*
- Entry Level Police Officer*
- Snow Plow Drivers and Snow Shovelers*

For job descriptions and more information on these part-time & full-time opportunities, please visit www.glastonbury-ct.gov/employment.

TOWN PLATFORMS FOR REAL-TIME UPDATES

For real-time updates on everything Glastonbury:

- Sign up for Town emails - Visit www.glastonbury-ct.gov/enotify and customize your subscription to include a wide variety of categories such as Community Activities, Storm Updates, Public Health & Safety, upcoming deadlines, and more!
- Follow the Town Facebook page at www.facebook.com/glastonburyconnecticut