

# Town of Glastonbury

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Richard J. Johnson Town Manager ITEM #7 03-10-2020 Meeting

March 6, 2020

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. Glastonbury at a Glance

The March edition of this monthly newsletter is attached for your information.

### 2. Greater Hartford - Commercial Sales

The attached article by the Hartford Business Journal lists the 16 largest dollar value commercial property sales in greater Hartford over the past year. You will note Glastonbury has three of the 16 at positions 6, 14 and 15.

### 3. Corona Virus

To prepare for the potential influence of the coronavirus on Town operations, I have convened a cross-discipline team of Town staff to identify and make preparations for potential challenges involving ongoing Town operations. Superintendent Bookman and members of Education staff are also participating in these discussions as are GEMS and ASM. I will keep Council advised.

### 4. Pending Application

Attached is the building design proposed for the northeast corner of Hebron Avenue and new London Turnpike. This will be reviewed by a TP&Z Subcommittee on 8AM on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

### 5. Cotton Hollow Mill

At the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, Council asked that I work with property owners to develop options for preserving the Cotton Hollow Mill. These actions are in progress per Council direction.

Sincerely

Richard J. Johnson

Town Manager

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## GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

**MARCH 2020** 

### **EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

3/1 - Community Garden Plot Registrations Available - Contact Parks & Recreation for more information at (860) 652-7679.

Month of March - AARP Tax-Aide Program - Appointments required. Call (860) 652-7638 to schedule yours.

3/10 - Lifelong Learning 'African Safari' - Tuesdays beginning 3/10 - 5/26. Contact Senior Services for info at (860) 652-7638.

**3/12 - St. Patrick's Day Lunch Celebration at the RCC -** Lunch & entertainment - Must purchase tickets by March 9. Contact Senior Services for more info or to purchase tickets at **(860) 652-7655**.

3/12 and 3/26 - Trivia Thursdays at the RCC - 6-7:30 pm. Free admission & prizes! Call Matt to register at (860) 652-7645.

**3/18 - FREE Caregiver Series begins** - This free, 5 week programs will take place on Wednesday evenings at the RCC. Topics to include an overview of dementia, communication and behavior challenges and more. For more information, please contact Susan Parrotta at **(860) 652-7636** or **susan.parrotta@glastonbury-ct.gov**.

**3/18 - Memory Screenings -** Free and confidential screenings sponsored by Hartford Healthcare Center for Healthy Aging. Screenings are done on the third Wednesday of every month. For more information or to schedule a 10 minute appointment, please contact Susan Parrotta at **(860) 652-7636** or **susan.parrotta@glastonbury-ct.gov**.

3/26 and 4/8 - Car Seat Checkup Safety Clinic - 5:00 - 7:30pm at Fire Station 1. No appointment necessary.

Free Opioid Education & Family Support Group - Mondays from 6:30-7:30pm at Youth & Family Services. Hosted and sponsored by National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Contact Paul at pbrainerd@namict.org for additional information.

Save the Date! "Passport to Health" Fair - This Glastonbury Health & Wellness Fair will take place on Wednesday, April 8th from 2-4pm and 5-7pm. Visit www.glastonbury-ct.gov/passport2health for more information.

View more information and all Town events at www.glastonbury-ct.gov/events.

### **SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION THIS MONTH!**

Registration for Glastonbury Parks and Recreation summer programs begins <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March 17 at 8:00am</u>. To register or learn more about available programs for residents of all ages and interests, please visit <u>www.glastonbury-ct.gov/recregister</u>.

### NATIONAL GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK

In observance of National Groundwater Awareness Week, the Town reminds homeowners with private wells to test their well water. In partnership with two local testing laboratories (Aquatek and Envirotech), the Glastonbury Health Department (GHD) has test kits available in their office to test for full potability, uranium, and radon. Information about how to collect the samples as well as drop off location details and test pricing are included with the kits. These kits are provided as a convenience to residents and residents may choose other labs to test their water. A list of local water testing labs is available at www.glastonbury-ct.gov/uranium. If you have questions regarding your test results or treatment, please contact the GHD at (860) 652-7534.

### HIGHEST BOND RATINGS REAFFIRMED FOR GLASTONBURY

The Town of Glastonbury's high bond ratings of Aaa and AAA have been reaffirmed by Moody's Investors Service and Standard and Poor's Financial Services, LLC (S&P) respectively. The Aaa/AAA are the highest ratings a community can receive and the rating agencies cited a number of favorable factors supporting this decision including the Town's "very strong financial management", sizable and growing tax base, strong resident wealth and income profile, stable financial position, strong economy, manageable long-term liabilities, budgetary performance, and strong liquidity. Numerous aspects of Glastonbury's overall financial processes and policies were recognized by Moody's and S&P's reports, with specific notes crediting the Town's forecasting considerations, debt and liability management, ongoing budget analyses, and Capital Improvement Program. Maintaining a high bond rating positively impacts the Town's ability to borrow money at favorable interest rates.

### GLASTONBURY STAFF RAISE \$100 FOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

This past Valentine's Day, Town staff organized a bake sale to raise money for Glastonbury Gives, a Social Services initiative that provides various assistance programs to residents in need. On February 14th, staff members baked and donated homemade items for sale with 100% of proceeds supporting this program. Between Town Hall and the RCC, \$100+ was raised for Glastonbury Gives and will be allocated to the Food and Fuel Banks. Thank you to all staff who donated their time and baking skills to this pop up bake sale for a great cause! To learn more about Glastonbury Gives or support the program with a donation, please visit www.glastonbury-ct.gov/glastonburygives.

### UPCOMING DEADLINES

Homeowner's Property Tax Credit Program - Applications for Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief are accepted now through May 15th. To make an appointment or learn more, please call Glastonbury Social Services at (860) 652-7638.

Heating Assistance Applications accepted now through May 1. Eligible renters and homeowners can get assistance with heating costs and utilities through this energy assistance program. Residents are encouraged to call Social Services for energy assistance before calling CRT. For more information, or to make an appointment or apply, please contact Glastonbury Social Services at (860) 652-7638.

### **ELECTION DEADLINES**

The Presidential Preference Primary is April 28, 2020. Both the Democratic and Republican parties will be holding primaries. The slate for the primaries are shown to the right. If you are an UNAFFILIATED voter (Connecticut's term for an Independent who does not want to affiliate with a party), you have until NOON on April 27, 2020 to register with either the Democratic or Republican Party. For new registrants, the deadline is April 23, 2020. As long as you are 18 on or before NOVEMBER 3, 2020, you're eligible to vote in a Primary at age 17. (The deadline to change from one party to another to vote in the Presidential Primary was 1/28/2020.)



### SIGN-UP FOR REAL-TIME UPDATES THROUGH TOWN RESOURCES

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, timely deadlines and more!
- Follow the Town Facebook page at www.facebook.com/glastonburyconnecticut

# FOCUS: COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

# THE LIST

# Largest 2019 commercial property sales in Greater Hartford

Ranked by sales price

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|---------|--|--------------|-----------------------|---|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Bank    | Property                                 | Sales price  | Square feet/<br>Units | Buyer/<br>Seller  | Property type | Seller's broker                |
| -       | 17-18-18                                 | \$89,116,867 | 465,187               | Medical Properties Trust Inc.<br>Prospect Medical Holdings Inc. | Health care   | NA<br>NA                       |
| N       | 1 Financiál Plaza<br>Hartford            | \$70,500,000 | 621,830               | Shelbourne Global Solutions LLC<br>Talcott Realty Investors LLC | Office        | N/A<br>Avison Young            |
| က       | 2 Francis Way<br>Bloomfield              | \$53,325,000 | 363,957<br>246        | Charger Ventures LLC<br>White Eagle Property Group LLC          | Mutt-family   | N/A<br>N/A                     |
| 4       | 1 Phaeton St.<br>Windsor                 | \$47,200,000 | 412,160               | The Embassy Group LLC<br>Briar Capital Management LLC           | Multi-family  | N/A<br>Marcus & Millichap Inc. |
| R       | 20 Day Hill Road (1)<br>Windsor          | \$39,482,552 | 206,543               | Columbia Sussex Corp.<br>Lone Star Funds                        | Hospitality   | NA<br>NA                       |
| 9       | 180 Glastonbury Blvd. (2)<br>Glastonbury | \$19,212,764 | 109,215               | Hart Realty Advisers Inc.<br>Barings Real Estate Advisers LLC   | Office        | . N/A<br>CBRE Inc.             |
| 7       | 10 Columbus Blvd.<br>Harfrord            | \$16,800,000 | 196,202               | Moshe Wechsler<br>LNR Partners LLC                              | Office        | NIA<br>NIA                     |
| 00      | 82 Ella Grasso Turnpike<br>Windsor Locks | \$15,750,000 | 11,300                | Green Courte Partners LLC<br>Roncari Development Co.            | Specialty     | N/A<br>N/A                     |





| Rank       | Property                               | Sales price  | Square feet/<br>Units | Buyer/<br>Seller  | Property type. | Buyer's broker/<br>Seller's broker                     |
|------------|--|--------------|-----------------------|---|----------------|--|
| 6          | 1150-1160 S. Main St.<br>Middletown    | \$15,625,000 | 259,208<br>179        | Sansue Realty Corp.<br>Parrotta Family Trust                    | Multi-family   | N/A<br>Chozick Realty Inc.                             |
| 10         | 945 Main St. (1)<br>Manchester         | \$15,273,095 | 50,000                | Medical Properties Trust Inc.<br>Prospect Medical Holdings Inc. | Office         | N/A<br>N/A   |
| 7          | 748 Silver Lane (1)<br>East Hartford   | \$14,488,431 | 78,527                | N/A<br>N/A  | Retail         | N/A<br>N/A   |
| 12         | 380 Daleville Road<br>Willington       | \$14,350,000 | 154,436<br>128        | Up Realty LLC<br>Steven T. Miles                                | Multi-family   | N/A<br>Chozick Realty Inc.                             |
| <b>1</b> 3 | 31 Union St. (1)<br>Vernon             | \$12,968,476 | 67,695                | Medical Properties Trust Inc.<br>Prospect Medical Holdings Inc. | Health care    | <u>W</u> A<br>WA                                       |
| 14         | 455 Winding Brook Drive<br>Glastonbury | \$12,200,000 | 86,232                | Capstone Acquisitions LLC<br>Winding Road LLC                   | Office         | CBRE Inc.<br>CBRE Inc.                                 |
| 15         | 64 Addison Road<br>Glastonbury         | \$11,450,000 | 55,045<br>109         | Verco Properties LLC<br>Legacy Investing LLC                    | Multi-family   | N/A<br>CBREInc   |
| 16         | 515 Middle Turnpike West<br>Manchester | \$11,300,000 | 28,925                | Physicians Realty Trust<br>Metro Realty Group Ltd.              | Office         | _N/A<br>Lee & Assoc. Commercial Real<br>Estate Service |

Note: N/A = Not available or not applicable. Deals completed from Jan. 1, 2019 to Nov. 8, 2019 were considered for this list. Source: CBRE/New England (special thanks to Lauren Drohosky), news reports, and municipal assessors' offices. (2) Part of multi-property sale.

(1) Part of portfolio.

-Compiled by Heide Martin.

People don't realize what they're capable o Connecticut needs you. We need you. doing because they're afraid to try...

-Dr. Cliff Thermer, Goodwin University School of Business Management & Advanced Manufacturing

