

# Town of Glastonbury

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**Richard J. Johnson** Town Manager ITEM #7 07-28-2020 Meeting

July 24, 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. COVID-19

Attached is a copy of the most recent weekly report and summary of Town operations.

#### 2. Solar Projects

New solar projects at Naubuc School, Town Hall/Academy and Hopewell School and to soon be installed at the Police Department and Buttonball School total 746 kW with annual production of 1±M kWh and estimated yearly savings of \$54,000. When complete, systemwide annual solar PV production will total 2.4M+ kWh with estimated annual savings of \$165,000.

#### 3. Fire Department Training

Monaco Realty LLC has offered the Fire Department use of three dwellings on William Street East for training. The structures are located at 267, 273 and 289 near Enterprise Car Rental. A letter has been forwarded to residents along William Street to advise of the training generally planned for Tuesday or Wednesday evenings or weekend mornings. Training will not involve live fires and focus on forcible entry, ladders, hose stretches and search and rescue with a smoke machine.

#### 4. Cotton Hollow

Cotton Hollow was closed effective Monday, July 20th to allow time to make repairs, improve user safety, and generally regroup as to operating protocols. Work is under way to include tree removal (to limit jumping to water), trash removal, new signage, internal location signs (to assist public safety response), daily staffing at entrances and other such improvements. Additionally, a visitor pass/fee structure is under review and I will have a recommendation for the August 4th meeting. The Preserve was overwhelmed with visitors over recent weeks causing the need to close to review and refine operating procedures. This trend is being experienced in other communities resulting from the pandemic with some public facilities being closed, combined with warm summer weather. Additionally, Cotton Hollow is categorized on line as a swimming location.

The local ordinance for Cotton Hollow dates back to the 1960s and proposed amendments will also be forwarded to Council.

#### 5. Library Grant

At its meeting of Tuesday, July 21st, the State Bond Commission formally approved the \$1M library grant previously approved for the project approved at referendum in November 2018. The competitive bid process will now proceed.

#### 6. Town Staff Appreciation

Recent thank you notes to Town staff are attached for your information

Richard J. Johnson Town Manager

Sincerely

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## Memo

July 19, 2020

To: Richard J. Johnson

Town Manager

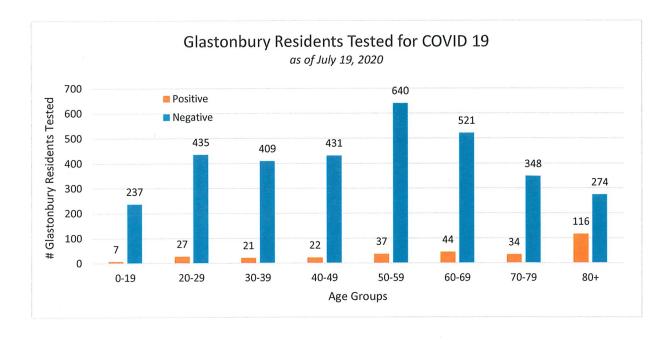
Fr: Wendy S. Mis WSM

Director of Health

Re: COVID 19 update

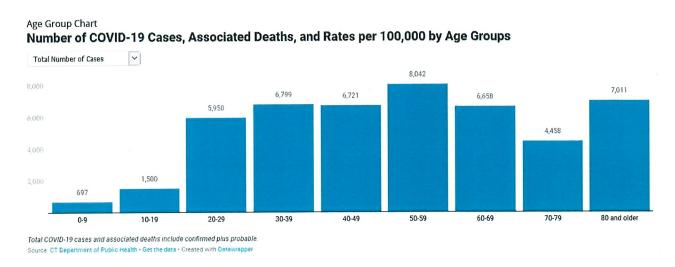
• Numbers in (parentheses) indicate change from the previous week

As per CT Department of Public Health (DPH) lab testing data available 7/19/20, Glastonbury has 3,603 (+285) residents who have been tested for COVID-19. Of those 3,603 residents, 308 (-1) are laboratory-confirmed positive and probable cases of COVID-19. Information for positive cases and deaths from previous weeks were updated; 4 Glastonbury resident deaths from previous weeks were removed as a result of data correction and de-duplication. A total of 178 (+0) females and 130 (-1) males are positive. Glastonbury's loss of residents from Coronavirus now stands at 79 (-4).

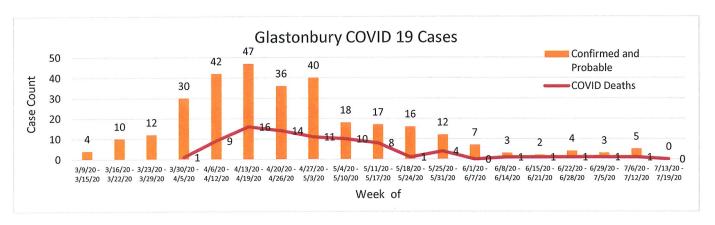


Testing is readily available in multiple locations in the Glastonbury area. We continue to see an increase in the number of individuals tested across all age ranges. DPH requires local health departments to follow up on positive cases through use of a Contact Tracing program in attempt to keep the potential spread of disease and number of new cases down. The greatest number of residents tested consistently remains the 50 - 59 year age group.

The July 17 data snapshot below shows the number of confirmed and probable cases in Connecticut by age group.



The graph below shows a weekly count of residents with confirmed positive and probable cases and COVID 19 related deaths. Peak activity for the number of positive COVID 19 cases and COVID related deaths occurred in April. While the number of positive cases remains low, some fluctuation in numbers can be seen during June and July. It is too early to tell if this is the start of an upward trend or just normal variation.



Data from DPH is considered preliminary, and data changes as new reports are received and data errors are corrected. In an ongoing process of data assessment, DPH continues to modify how certain disease-positive lab results are considered, changing some previous counts. Probable cases of COVID-19 involve persons who have not had confirmatory laboratory testing (RT-PCR) performed for COVID-19, but whose symptoms indicate they are likely to have a COVID-19 infection. In Connecticut, most of the probable COVID-19 cases involve persons whose death certificates list COVID-19 disease or SARS-COV-2 as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death. Prior to June 1, probable and confirmed cases were reported together.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker

#### News

## TM Weekly COVID-19 Update - July 16, 2020

**Post Date:** 07/16/2020 10:23 AM

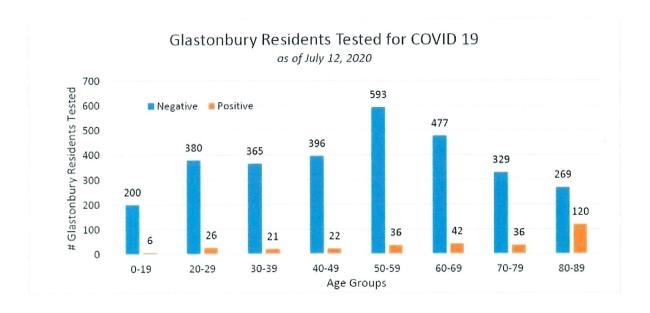
Please review the town updates summarized herein for resident convenience. In addition to this publication, the Town also maintains the following 3 resident reference guides, which outline important details regarding how the pandemic continues to influence Town operations and service delivery:

- 1. Summary of Services Available vs. Suspended
- 2. Facility Closures and Openings
- 3. Modified Processes for Town Services

## Glastonbury COVID-19 Figures as of 7/12/2020

Note: Numbers in (parentheses) indicate a change from the previous week.

As per CT Department of Public Health (DPH) lab testing data available 7/12/20, Glastonbury has 3,318 (+328) residents who have been tested for COVID-19. Of those 3,318 residents, 309 (+9) are laboratory-confirmed positive and probable cases of COVID-19. Information for positive cases and deaths from previous weeks were updated; 2 Glastonbury resident deaths were recorded this past week, and data from previous weeks was updated to include an additional 5 deaths. A total of 178 (+5) females and 131 (+4) males are positive. Glastonbury's loss of residents from Coronavirus now stands at 83. Testing is readily available in multiple locations in the Glastonbury area. We continue to see an increase in the number of individuals tested across all age ranges. DPH requires local health departments to follow up on positive cases through use of a Contact Tracing program in an attempt to keep the potential spread of disease and number of new cases down. The greatest number of residents tested is in the 50 - 59 year age group.



- View the Connecticut COVID-19 website, including resources & data points
- COVID-19 Data on Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities as of July 7, 2020

<sup>\*</sup> Data from DPH is considered preliminary, and data changes as new reports are received and data errors are corrected. In an ongoing process of data assessment, DPH continues to modify how certain

disease-positive lab results are considered, changing some previous counts. Probable cases of COVID-19 involve persons who have not had confirmatory laboratory testing (RT-PCR) performed for COVID-19, but whose symptoms indicate they are likely to have a COVID-19 infection. In Connecticut, most of the probable COVID-19 cases involve persons whose death certificates list COVID-19 disease or SARS-CoV-2 as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death. Prior to June 1, probable and confirmed cases were reported together.

### **Town Facebook Pages for Real-Time Updates**

Glastonbury maintains several Facebook pages for its various departments and the platform is one of the most convenient ways to get updates of interest to you/your family. Please follow any/all of these Facebook pages below for real-time updates on virtual and in-person programming, facility openings/closures, changes, and more!

- General Town Page
- Parks & Recreation
- Senior Center
- Youth & Family Services
- Welles-Turner Memorial Library
- Police Department
- Fire Department

### Parks & Recreation Updates - Pools, Playgrounds, and Basketball Courts

Town staff are working diligently to reopen town parks and recreational facilities while balancing resident and staff safety and heeding state and CDC guidelines. The facilities below are currently OPEN. Please note, the Town is <u>NOT</u> sanitizing surfaces at recreational facilities so please USE AT YOUR OWN RISK, practice social distancing, and wear masks when within 6 feet of non-household members.\*

- Addison & Grange Pools Limited capacity and reservations/pre-payment required. Pool
  passes <u>NOT</u> available. Eastbury Pond Swim-at-your-own risk (no lifeguards on duty). Click
  here to review pool rules/regulations and reservation info.
- Basketball Courts at Riverfront, Welles, and Addison.
- Playgrounds at Riverfront Park, Addison, Naubuc, and Hebron Ave School.
  - Hebron Avenue & Naubuc School playgrounds closed to the public during Summer Camp hours: Hebron Ave. M-F from 7:30am- 5:00pm and Naubuc: M-F from 8:30am 3:00pm.
- Skate Park Open as of July 8. Must follow guidelines. See P&R Facebook page for more info.

#### **Additional Notes:**

- Remaining playgrounds & basketball courts will open soon as scheduling/resources permit.
- Glastonbury High School Pool is closed for the summer.
- As of June 29, the GHS Track & Tennis Courts have temporarily CLOSED for repairs.

## **Refuse Disposal Permit Purchase Options**

Glastonbury residents may obtain a refuse disposal permit through the following methods:

• By Mail / Drop Box: Complete the new **electronic refuse permit application** and submit it, along with check payment, required documentation, and a self-addressed and stamped return envelope to the Attention of the Customer Service Center at Town Hall (2155 Main Street).

Applications may be submitted by U.S. Mail or using the secure tax drop box located on the exterior wall of Town Hall. If using the drop box, please clearly label the outside of the envelope with "Refuse Permit". **Learn more about the mail-in application process**.

• **In-Person** — Refuse Disposal Permits may also be purchased in-person at the Transfer Station or Bulky Waste Facility during normal operating hours. Credit card, check, or exact cash accepted.

#### **Best Face Masks for Protection**

It's important that we continue to wear face masks/coverings when out and about as the cases of COVID-19 re-surge across the country. For resident safety, the Health Department has provided a quick reference list on the best (and worst!) masks to wear <u>for protecting others</u>:

#### **BEST TO WEAR:**

- Reusable cloth face covering These environmentally-friendly options are available in lots of colors and designs and should be washed frequently according to the manufacturers' instructions. Otherwise, most can be hand-washed and air dried or washed in the washing machine in a delicates/lingerie bag and air dried to prevent damage. If your mask has a filter insert, follow manufacturer's directions for replacement. Get yours free through the Town at <a href="https://www.glastonbury-ct.gov/mask">www.glastonbury-ct.gov/mask</a>. See photo at below left.
- <u>Disposable surgical style mask</u> If you wear disposable surgical style masks, reuse them until they are visibly soiled, or you feel you have worn them for too long. These masks are still in relatively limited supply, so please don't dispose of them after one use unless it is necessary. See photo below right.





#### DO NOT USE:

**N95 masks** – New, unexpired N95 masks are still being prioritized for medical providers, particularly with COVID-19 resurgence in many states. However, if you have N95 masks that are past the expiration date, feel free to wear them. The expiration date is for the elastic head strap only and an expired N95 mask provides the same protection as a surgical style mask. See photo below at left.

**Masks with exhalation valve:** Some masks now include an exhalation valve. <u>These masks should</u> <u>NOT be worn as COVID-19 face coverings</u>, as they are designed to release the moisture you exhale. The purpose of wearing a face mask with COVID-19 is to prevent your moisture/respiratory droplets from escaping - the exact OPPOSITE of this mask design. If you have this type of covering, please discard it and replace it with an approved face covering from the list above. See photo below at right.



#### Reminders

- Renter's Rebate Program Now Open to Eligible Glastonbury Residents Click here to view/download the application and required documentation.
- Legal Notices Posted online until further notice at www.glastonbury-ct.gov/legalnotice
- Marriage Licenses Available by appointment only.
- **Taxes** The final day to pay July taxes without interest is Oct. 1, 2020. Taxes paid after October 1 are subject to interest dated back to July 1 at 1.5% per month or a total of 6%. **Learn more.**
- **Temporary Outdoor Dining Applications** are available on **the town website**. Please email completed applications/supporting documentation to **planning@glastonbury-ct.gov**.
- Vote by Mail Available for August 11, 2020 Presidential and State/Federal Primaries
   Ballots become available on July 21, 2020. (Voting at polls will still be available.) Learn more.
- Written testimony (public hearings) and Public Comment Electronic forms:
  - Public HEARINGS click here to complete the form
  - TOWN COUNCIL -www.glastonbury-ct.gov/TCpubliccomment
  - <u>ALL OTHER</u> Board/Commission Meetings www.glastonburyct.gov/publiccomment
- Tri-State Travel Advisory For the health and safety of all, Glastonbury residents visiting states on the State's Travel Advisory list are asked to observe the 14 day self-quarantine and avoid ALL PUBLIC PLACES until completing the 2 week period.

#### **Resources:**

- Grocery services for residents in need. Click here to view options.
- Glastonbury COVID-19 updates www.glastonbury-ct.gov/covid19
- State of Connecticut COVID-19 updates, visit www.ct.gov/coronavirus
- Subscribe to the Governor's email updates
- Virtual programs, mental health resources, & activities from various Town Departments available at: www.glastonbury-ct.gov/stayengaged

#### **Donate or Volunteer**

Please contact Glastonbury Social Services at **socialservices@glastonbury-ct.gov** to discuss available volunteer opportunities. To donate supplies or assist with making face masks for residents in need, please contact Anna Park at **anna.park@glastonbury-ct.gov**.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Johnson Town Manager

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Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 9:18 AM

To: Marshall Porter < marshall.porter@glastonbury-ct.gov>

Subject: Officer Berner

Good Morning Chief Porter,

Last week Officer Berner came to our house to investigate an online credit card theft issue for my wife and I. I want to let you know how well Officer Berner represented your department.

His personal appearance was outstanding, he was professional yet empathetic, and took the time to answer our questions to put us at ease. Even though this most certainly was Not the crime of the century, especially with everything that is going on, Officer Berner quickly reported back to us the findings of his investigation.

Thank you for leading and fielding such fine people to protect our community.

Stay safe and thanks to all for their service!

Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 11:41 AM

To: Marshall Porter <marshall.porter@glastonbury-ct.gov>

Subject: THANK YOU

Chief Porter,

Yesterday the members of your department put on a great display of public relations, and showed why the Glastonbury Police Department is one of the best in the country. In the past I've interacted with your officers and they have always treated me with respect and fairness. I'm a true fan of your Department.

Yesterday was my son's 5th birthday and your members helped him celebrate with a parade that brought tears to my family's eyes. Sargent Anthony Pagliughi exceeded expectations and reached out to the Glastonbury Fire Department and got a firetruck to join the celebration. THANK YOU.

I would like to personally thank Captain Catania, Sargent Pagliughi, and Officer Verillo for their commitment to community. Your members are truly the finest.

Chief I can't thank you and your department enough for making my son's birthday a special one. I also can't thank your officers enough for their selfless service as first responders, now and always.

My family, especially my son say Thank You.

Respectfully,

Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 2:21 PM

To: Marshall Porter <marshall.porter@glastonbury-ct.gov>; info@gvaa.org

Subject: Thank You!

Hello, Police and EMS Personnel,

I want to thank all the people who helped me last Sunday, May 3, when I was hiking (just off Cobb Rd.) and unable to make it back to my car.

Your quick response, professionalism, kindness, and efficiency was wonderful! You rescued me from a difficult situation and, even if my situation had been more serious, I know I would have received excellent care.

I am very grateful that you were there.

Best Wishes,

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Nednesday, May 6, 2020 Saint Luke's Church P.O. Box 155, 915 Main St. So. Glastonbury, CT 06073

Glastonbury Police Department 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033

To Whom It May Concern: On May 2nd, I called the G.P. Q out of concern for a fellow parishioner, . Several who lived at l parishioners had called her numerous times during the previous week. She suffersifrom cancer and from remarks she had made to me on april 27, I thought she might be receiving medical treatment. Since no one had heard from her, I become concerned. The G. P.D. Dispatch Officer was very kind and the officer who called me twice from house was also very kind. The outcome was devastating for our church but we deeply appreciate the G. P.D.: Thank-you. Sincerely;



Hi, So I wanted to thank the officer that came to our house on 6-23-2020. I called 911 cause I didn't know what was wrong with my husband. I thought alohol. Not the case, It's sugar had gone to 240 at 1:00 pm and thats all he remembers.

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should have sent
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Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 7:50 PM

To: infocenter < infocenter@glastonbury-ct.gov >

Subject: Inquiry from Town Website

My name is state championship in . My stepson died from opioids on May 23, 2020. He played in Glastonbury and won state championship in . Opioids are awful. I am glad that the Glastonbury Police Department is investigating it. I was upset last year about an investigation that turned into gossip. I was horrified to know that a private matter was discussed in town. My stepson was a great guy.

Please know that I find what the <u>Glastonbury Police Department did wonderful</u>. I want whoever killed my son off the streets and in jail.

Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 11:09 AM

To: Marshall Porter <marshall.porter@glastonbury-ct.gov>

Subject: Use of force

Hi, I live in Glastonbury and have always found that our police force is one of the best. However, given the recent outcry with regards to the murder of George Floyd and other incidents of the use of excessive force by some police officers I wanted to know about our policies in Glastonbury.

Do we have clear criteria for the use of force and de-escalation?

Do our use-of-force policies to match recommendations from the Department of Justice?

I am sure you have addressed and are re-assessing policies, but I guess it is also up to the people of Glastonbury to ask these questions and to support our police department in reviewing and implementing necessary changes.

Thank you.

Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2020 10:02 PM

To: Marshall Porter < marshall.porter@glastonbury-ct.gov >

Subject: Thank you and 8 Can't Wait

Thank you in advance for your time.

Dear Chief Porter,

Thank you and all of GPD for your support in today's protest. I was part of the event, and as a Glastonbury resident I was inspired by this community coming together while acknowledging that we nevertheless should always be learning and improving.

I'm sure you are familiar with the 8 Can't Wait policies which, when enacted together, can reduce police violence by 72% (<a href="www.8cantwait.org">www.8cantwait.org</a>). After reading the statement you released on Thursday, it's clear that GPD is already utilizing some of these policies. I'm wondering if you please could share some information about the department's practices regarding others that weren't addressed in your statement - namely, banning of chokeholds and strangleholds. Is this something that GPD currently bans or would consider banning?

Best,
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 11:11 AM  To: Marshall Porter <marshall.porter@glastonbury-ct.gov> Subject: Great Article in the Glastonbury Citizen</marshall.porter@glastonbury-ct.gov>
Marshall,
I recently read your article in the Public Safety Corner in the Glastonbury Citizen. I think you were right on in you statements. It is going to be a rough ride ahead for law enforcement throughout our country for some time .
I am glad that you and your department have the right value system for our community.
We spend a great deal of our summer in where we are lucky enough to have a cottage there.
Hopefully sometime in the near future we can meet for lunch.
Skip Thomas Retired Chief

Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 11:57 AM

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To: Marshall Porter < marshall.porter@glastonbury-ct.gov >

Hi Chief Porter - I imagine this might be a tough time to be a police officer, so I wanted to lob in an email telling you how impressed we've been with the Glastonbury PD since moving here from NJ five years ago. Including extended family members, we've seen "both sides" of the law-enforcement equation, and we've been nothing but favorably impressed.

The thing that stands out most to me, having lived in and around NYC most of my life, is how intelligent your officers are: I ask them a lot of questions -standing on the coffee line, asking for their help, getting ready to cross the street, walking into Whole Foods, etc- and their answers to a wide range of issues are very well thought through and constructive ... even when they're not necessarily the answers I wanted to hear.

I took to heart the message from the CT Police Chiefs you posted recently: I, too, hope we don't oversimplify things and conflate the Glastonbury PD with all other police departments around the county; and I don't know anyone in Glastonbury who does. I sure hope we don't throw the baby out with the bath water as today's headlines suggest some city councils are doing.

Might not be a bad idea to see more color on the force; but that would just be moving from a 9 to a 10 in my book.

Thank you!

We very much appreciate taking the time to some to our drivety party. It make the eventpeople were tacking about it for days! Sincerely,

Dear Glastonbury police Department
Thank you for coming to my birthday
party. You made my birthday very special.
I like your cool cars! Thank you for coming.
Sincerely

On Jul 16, 2020 5:27 PM

Thank you. We went today and they were so helpful. These are difficult times but your staff there are wonderful.

Hi Liz,

Our kids, have attended the first 3 weeks of camp. They have thoroughly enjoyed it. Just wanted to thank you and your team for providing this summer experience for them under these unfavorable circumstances.

Enjoy your summer!

## RE: Playgrounds - Session 3

To Liz Gambacorta

Just wanted to let you know that this camp is wonderful and exceeded our expectations. She loves it. Very much needed for the kids. Thank you and thank all the staff!

## Re: Discovery Swimming

To Liz Gambacorta

You forwarded this message on 7/6/2020 4:14 PM.

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Hi Liz,

This is such great news. will be so happy. I appreciate the hard work you guys are doing to make it a safe and enjoyable time for the kids!! Stay safe and thank you!

## **Re: Playgrounds Swimming**

To Liz Gambacorta

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Great News!

Thanks you so much to work so hard on this and make this happens!

Anna Park From: Thursday, July 16, 2020 3:18 PM Sent: campsunriseglastonbury@gmail.com; glynn.cm@ehsunsetridge.org To: lisa zerio Cc: Camp Sunrise Kudos Subject: Hi Caitlin, mom. She was very complimentary about camp, the staff, the I just received a call from activities, how smoothly things have been going, swimming and how happy has been coming home each day. She shared how apprehensive she was initially to send him, but she's so glad she did. Please share with the staff and keep up the awesome work everyone!! Anna Park **Recreation Supervisor Glastonbury Parks and Recreation** 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033 Phone: (860)652-7683

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e-mail: anna.park@glastonbury-ct.gov
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Thank us for down such a great job. She also is happy that Town Hall is closed + that we are staying safe. She didn't want to give her name.