



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 1 - Virtual Watercolor Series
- Sept 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 - Weekly "Little Bookworms" Virtual Storytime events (WTML)
- Sept 2 - Debt Management and Credit Repair - Virtual Session
- Sept 3, 7, 10, 17, 21 and 24 - Virtual Tai Ji Quan - Moving for Better Balance Classes
- Sept 3, 10, and 24 - "Little Goslings" - Virtual Baby Rhyme-Time events (WTML)
- Sept 12 - Drug Take Back Event - 10am - 1:00pm in Academy Building Parking Lot
- September 16 - Aging Mastery Program (10 week program beginning 9/16).
- Sept 18 - "Wee Rock @ Home" - Virtual Music and Movement event for Children Ages 5 and Under (WTML)
- Sept 19 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event - 8am - 1pm in Manchester. COVID-19 regulations apply.
- Sept 25 - Virtual Veterans Social

To learn more details about these events and all upcoming Town programs, please visit the Town Events Calendar at www.glastonbury-ct.gov/events or the Sharing Tree (Senior) Newsletter at www.glastonbury-ct.gov/sharingtree.

COTTON HOLLOW PRESERVE REOPENED W/NEW REGULATIONS

Cotton Hollow Preserve, which was temporarily closed for public safety concerns, has reopened with the addition of a Park Ranger and a parking pass requirement. These measures have been implemented to protect the health and safety of site visitors. Glastonbury residents and their guests may walk-in to the Preserve free of charge, however patrons must show proof of residency to the Park Ranger on duty upon entrance. During fishing season, which begins the third Saturday of April and continues through, and including, June 15, the Preserve may also be used by non-residents for fishing purposes only. A parking pass is REQUIRED for use of the parking area immediately adjacent to the entrance to the Preserve. [Please click here to view details and instructions for obtaining a parking pass.](#)

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS

Honorably discharged veterans who have served a minimum of 90 days during wartime may be eligible for a veteran's exemption which would be applied to their real estate or to a motor vehicle (if no real estate is owned). Proof of military service (original DD214 discharge document) must be filed with the Town Clerk's Office on or before September 30, 2020 for application on the July 2021 tax bills.

Disabled veterans may receive an additional exemption based on their percentage of disability. Proof of disability needs to be filed only once with the Assessor's Office, unless there has been a recent change in the disability rating. The original DD214 must also be filed with the Town. For more information, please visit www.glastonbury-ct.gov/vet.

RECORDS AND TITLE SEARCHING

During the pandemic, Records and Title Searching workstations have been available in the Academy Cafeteria during select hours on a first come, first served basis. Effective Monday, August 31, the Cafeteria room has CLOSED and the workstations have been relocated to Meeting Room C (also located in the Academy Building just down the hall). The workstations are available for the same functions as of 8:30 am on Monday, 8/31. Please use the Parks & Recreation office entrance for access. [Click here for more information on usage policies and operating hours.](#)



POLICE REMIND RESIDENTS TO LOCK VEHICLES & HOMES TO PREVENT BREAK-INS AND THEFTS

The Town of Glastonbury has been, and is continuing to experience, overnight vehicle break-ins and car thefts. In nearly all of these incidents, the vehicles were left unlocked and/or had the keys left inside of them. The issue of vehicle thefts throughout the state of Connecticut continues to be an issue and the Glastonbury Police Department is actively involved in investigating these incidents. In the interim, the Glastonbury Police remind all community members to please lock your cars and homes and to take your keys with you when leaving a vehicle (or home) unattended. If you witness any suspicious or criminal activity in progress, please report it to the Police Department at 911. For non-emergencies, you may also submit an anonymous tip by visiting the [Anonymous Tip web page on the town website](#). Thank you for helping keep our community safe.

TAX REMINDER

October 1, 2020 is the last day to pay taxes covered by the Tax Deferment Program without interest. The first installment of taxes for the Town of Glastonbury with the assessment date of October 1, 2019 became due July 1, 2020. Real Estate taxes held in escrow or owned by a landlord who haven't been approved for the Tax Deferment Program became delinquent on August 4, 2020 and subject to interest at the rate of 18% annum, 1 1/2% per month or any fraction of a month, from the due date. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent tax bill and installment. No separate mailing will be sent for the second half installment. On April 21, 2020 the Glastonbury Town Council adopted a resolution granting a 3-month extension for eligible taxpayers. For these taxpayers, the July 1, 2020 installment becomes delinquent on October 2, 2020 and subject to the interest rates mentioned above. On October 2, interest will be calculated at 6%. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent tax bill and installment.

Glastonbury offers the following secure, convenient methods for paying your Taxes:

Online: Visit www.glastonbury-ct.gov/taxpmt to pay your bill, view your balance, and more.

- Applicable service fees: ACH (checking account) for tax = \$0.95 Debit/Credit Card payment for tax = 2.95%

Drop Boxes: Check payments only (no cash) are accepted at the Drop Boxes located at Town Hall - on the left-hand side of the driveway, (past the flagpoles) and on the exterior wall to the right of the main entrance. Payments are collected Monday - Friday for processing.

By Mail: All tax payments must be mailed to the following address:

Town of Glastonbury
Revenue Collector
PO Box 376
Glastonbury, CT 06033-0376

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 www.glastonbury-ct.gov/taxpmt or contact the Revenue Collector's Office at **860-652-7614**. Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the charge and respective penalties should the account become delinquent.

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Town's Kangaroo Kids Pre-School Program is a developmentally appropriate program for 3 & 4 year olds that provides preschoolers with a variety of opportunities for learning, social development, and fun! The Program meets 4 days a week with both a morning and afternoon class and will run from Sept. 8, 2020 - June 4, 2021 this year. [Learn more.](#)

SIGN UP FOR TOWN UPDATES

For real-time updates on everything Glastonbury, sign-up for Town emails at www.glastonbury-ct.gov/enotify and customize your preferences with categories of interest - e.g. Community Activities, Storm Updates, Public Safety, and more! You can also Follow the Town Facebook page at www.facebook.com/glastonburyconnecticut.