



Special Holiday Edition!

GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2020

Holiday Programs and Activities

Holiday Letters Program

Glastonbury children are invited to write a letter of their holiday wishes to Santa, the Reindeer, the Mensch on the Bench, Frosty the Snowman, or any holiday figure they choose! Letters can be dropped off in the holiday box at the Parks & Recreation entrance of Academy, the main entrance of the Community Center, or mailed to the Parks & Recreation Department. Children will receive a letter back via US Postal Service!

Virtual Holiday Themed-Painting Events - 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Dates/themes include: **11/10 - Autumn Lake**, **11/24 - Holiday Cards**, and **12/8 - Wood Ornaments**. \$10.00 per event for project kit. Registration required 1 week prior to each event. To register, please email diana.paterson@glastonbury-ct.gov or nicole.mercer@glastonbury-ct.gov or call **(860) 652-7638**. Email required at registration.

Holiday Decorating Contest - December

Community members will be encouraged to sign-up for this friendly competition and decorate the outside of their homes and businesses with lights and holiday decor. A map of all participating locations will be made available for residents to organize their own driving lights tours and participate in a fun scavenger hunt! Prizes, registration information, and map will be published to the Town website in the coming week so stay tuned! (Hosted by Glastonbury Parks & Recreation.)

WTML Holiday Programs for Adults

WTML will host several virtual holiday programs for residents of all ages. To view all programs, or to register, please [visit the Library website](#). A valid email is required in order to receive the Zoom link for each program.

Snowflakes Holiday Drive-Thru Celebration at the RCC - 12/10 (snow date 10/14)

1-2:30pm - Come dressed in your favorite holiday sweater, or decorate your car with a holiday bow and receive a holiday gift bag/card. Call **(860) 652-7638** to register by noon on Friday, December 4.

Virtual Holiday Events with Senior Services

'It's a Wonderful Life' Senior Center Holiday Bash! All Connecticut Senior Centers will be participating in this virtual holiday celebration on 12/18, featuring VIP greetings, seasonal music, ballroom dancing, and more! Registration required by November 30 for seniors and family members. (See registration contact information below.)

Virtual Holiday Celebration of Music & Fun with Jeff Wieselberg - 12/23 from 12-1pm

To register for the Senior Services events mentioned above, please email diana.paterson@glastonbury-ct.gov or nicole.mercer@glastonbury-ct.gov or call **(860) 652-7638**. Email required.

Wooden Snowmen Display

Keep an eye out for a display of Snowmen, popping up at select Town facilities in the coming months. Each snowman will be decorated by a local group and placed on display throughout the community. More details to come! (Coordinated by Y&FS)

Other Upcoming Events

- **11/6 - Ethan Nash and Treble Choir Performance (Virtual)** - To register, please call **(860) 652-7638** and leave your full name, phone number, and email address. The concert will be streamed on Facebook live as well.
- **11/10 - Veteran's Day Appreciation Concert with local favorite Jeff Wieselberg - 1:00 - 1:45 pm**
- **Recycling Events**
 - **11/7** - Free Brush Disposal at the Transfer Station and BWF from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm
 - **11/22** - Sunday Leaf Drop at the Transfer Station (8am - 4pm)
 - **11/14** - Household Hazardous Waste Collection - 8am - 1pm (324 Olcott St. Manchester, CT)

To learn more details about all Town events and programs, please visit the Town Events Calendar and the Sharing Tree (Senior Newsletter) on the Town website.

Give Back this Holiday Season

The holiday season is a time of giving and there are many opportunities available to support town programs and initiatives.

Support Glastonbury Gives

Thanksgiving is a time to come together and to express our gratitude. This year has been very challenging for all, and some of our neighbors need help with food this holiday season. Please consider donating to Glastonbury Gives and help provide a Thanksgiving meal to a Glastonbury family. For more information on how to contribute, please search "Glastonbury Gives" on the town website.

Help Preserve Cotton Hollow Mill

The Town is working with the Historical Society to preserve and restore the Cotton Hollow Mill, a site and structure that have been a part of Glastonbury's mill-working and trade history for hundreds of years. Project work will transpire over the next year or two and support from residents and businesses will be essential to help fund this initiative. If you would like to contribute to the preservation efforts, checks may be made payable to the 'Town of Glastonbury' and mailed to the Revenue Collection Office at Town Hall (2155 Main Street). Please note "Cotton hollow Mill" in the check memo and thank you for your generosity.

Sewer Use Bill Reminder

Sewer Use charges are due November 1, 2020 and payable by December 1, 2020. Unpaid Sewer Use charges will be considered delinquent as of December 2, 2020. Interest is charged at a rate of 1½% per month back to the due date of November 1, 2020 in accordance with the provisions of C.G.S. Sec 12-146. For more information on deadlines and payment options, please visit the Revenue Collection section of the town website.

Parks & Recreation Winter Programs & Registration

With the ever-changing climate we are currently experiencing, the Parks & Recreation brochure will NOT be mailed to residents' homes this year, but will instead be available on the Town website beginning Tuesday, December 1. Winter program registration will begin the following week, on Tuesday, December 8. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Town Launching New Website November 10

The Town is pleased to announce that it will launch a new and improved website on November 10! With an emphasis on improved usability, particularly when accessing the site on mobile devices, the new website will have a more modern look featuring enhanced search capabilities and graphic elements. The design was also created using Website Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) to help make content more accessible to all. The homepage will still contain the popular "I Want To" and "Department" menus but the site content will be better organized to help community members find information in a timely and convenient manner. Town staff will continue to improve the website on an ongoing basis. If you would like to contribute a suggestion, please contact Kathryn at marketing@glastonbury-ct.gov.