



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

DECEMBER 2021

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS

Town facilities will be CLOSED on Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve, (Christmas Day Observed), and Friday, December 31st - New Year's Eve, (New Year's Day Observed). This includes Town Hall, Academy, WTML, RCC, Youth & Family Services, the Transfer Station, and the Bulky Waste Facility. Town facilities will resume standard operating hours following each holiday. Wishing you and yours a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

The list below is a SAMPLING of upcoming events and important dates. Please visit the Town website, www.glastonburyct.gov/events, the Sharing Tree (Senior) Newsletter, www.glastonburyct.gov/sharingtree, or the WTML Library website, www.wtmlib.com to view a FULL listing of upcoming events/programs and related details and registration requirements.

- **12/2 - Rentschler Field's Magic of Lights Trip** - Leaves from RCC at 5:00 PM
- **12/5 - Annual Santa's Run Road Race** - To register or learn more, please visit www.glastonburyct.gov/santasrun
- **12/6 and 12/8 - Holiday Crafts at the RCC**
- **12/7 - Parks & Recreation Winter/Spring program registration opens**
- **12/14 - Glastonbury Senior Center's Jingle Bell Rock Holiday Luncheon** - To be held at 12:00 PM (noon) at the RCC and Fairgrounds
- **12/15 - FREE Situational Awareness Workshop** - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Join the Glastonbury Police Department to learn about criminal behavior/trends, how to increase your personal safety, and more. Space is limited. To reserve your spot, please contact Officer Magrey at (860) 652-4286 or michael.magrey@glastonbury-ct.gov
- **Monday Movies at the Senior Center** - 1:00 PM every Monday in December

2022 PROPERTY REVALUATION

The Town has contracted with Vision Government Solutions Inc. to perform the property revaluation for the 2022 Grand List. A revaluation will determine the current fair market value of every property in town, and equalizes the values of all properties to ensure a fair distribution of the tax burden.

In the coming weeks, Vision personnel will be driving through town to review properties, take photos, and update property characteristics. Their registered vehicles will have "Assessor's Office" signs posted in their windows for identification.

Project updates will be posted to the Town website as applicable. Please contact the Assessor's office at (860) 652-7600 or visit www.glastonburyct.gov/reval for more information.

SEASONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Glastonbury Gives & Cares Chores Program - Assist community members in need with general yard work this season. Please contact Matt Snyder at (860) 652-7645 or matthew.snyder@glastonbury-ct.gov to sign-up, or for more information.

Pitch In and Help Keep Glastonbury Beautiful! - Individuals, families, businesses, and community groups are welcome to sign up and 'Pitch In!' to help keep Glastonbury's parks and open spaces clean and free of litter. Town staff will provide trash bags, gloves, and trash picker tools. (For larger groups, the Town encourages folks to please bring their own pickers.) To volunteer for this ongoing effort, please visit <https://glastonbury.seamlessdocs.com/f/iteuayv6u4h8>.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

To register, or learn more about any of the programs listed below, please visit www.glastonburyct.gov/holidays.

HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST!

The Glastonbury Parks and Recreation Department is hosting its 2nd annual Holiday House Decorating Contest this December. Community members are encouraged to decorate the exterior of their homes and sign up for this friendly competition! A map will be posted to the Town website to highlight all participating locations so that residents can create their own festive driving tours and participate in a scavenger hunt. Registration details and more information are available online. To participate, please register online between Nov. 9th and Dec. 3rd. (Pictured at right: A few of the 2020 contest winners.)

HOLIDAY LETTERS PROGRAM

Glastonbury children are invited to write a letter with their holiday wishes to Santa, the Reindeer, the Mensch on the Bench, Frosty the Snowman, or any holiday figure they choose! Beginning on November 25th, letters can be dropped off in the holiday box at the Parks & Recreation entrance of the Academy building (2143 Main St.), the main entrance of the Riverfront Community Center, (300 Welles St.) or mailed to the Parks & Recreation Department at 2143 Main Street. Please be sure to include a return address on all letters to ensure all children receive a letter back via U.S. Postal Service!

FAMILY JUKEBOX BINGO

Get your groove on while playing Bingo from the comfort of your own home! Play a few rounds of Bingo AND listen to some of the greatest hits! Holiday music is incorporated into this event to make it even more festive, and prizes will be awarded to BINGO winners! This event is FREE and will be held on December 17th from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM.

PET PHOTO CONTEST

Send us a photo of your pet dressed in the holiday spirit for a chance to win some cool prizes! Submission period is Nov. 30th through Dec. 13th.



FREE POST-HOLIDAY TREE DISPOSAL

Residents in any type of vehicle will be allowed free disposal of their holiday tree at the Bulky Waste facility on Tryon Street from December 27, 2021 through January 31, 2022. One tree per vehicle permitted. While trees may also be disposed of at the Transfer Station during this time, residents are strongly encouraged to use the Bulky Waste Facility as this is the final disposal area for all trees and will therefore reduce town transportation costs (tax dollars).

Waste disposal permits are NOT needed but proof of residency is required.

Operating hours for these facilities are:
Bulky Waste Facility:
Monday - Saturday; 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Transfer Station:
Tuesday - Saturday; 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Questions may be directed to Refuse Disposal Division at **(860) 652-7772**.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Glastonbury Youth & Family Services (Y&FS) is facilitating the following community support groups.

Parent/Guardian Support Group for Children experimenting with Substance Abuse

Group meets the second Tuesday of every month. Contact Mirela or Madison at **(860) 652-7531** for more details.

LGBTQ+ Support Group

Bi-weekly support group for LGBTQ+ middle and high school students.
GHS students: Jan 6th; 2:15 - 3:15 PM
GWS and SMS students: January 13; 3:30 - 4:30 PM

To register or get more info, please contact **(860) 652-7668** or jeanne.theleen@glastonbury-ct.gov.

RESIDENTS URGED TO RESPECT SATELLITE RECYCLING LOCATION

The Town's satellite recycling site, (located in the rear parking lot of Town Hall), is intended ONLY for recyclables as defined on the container signage. Unfortunately, UNACCEPTABLE materials such as household trash, furniture, electronics, plastic bags, and carpeting continue to be discarded at this site. Such abuse results in the rejection and/or contamination of acceptable recyclables, and leads to additional staff labor (tax dollars) to sort and/or discard inappropriate materials.

The following items are ACCEPTABLE for disposal at the satellite site:

Glass & metal food containers; plastic food & beverage containers #1 thru #7; aseptic packaging; newspapers/mail/magazines; and boxboard (e.g. cereal/pasta boxes). Items NOT permissible for disposal at the satellite site, (including Corrugated cardboard), should be disposed of at the Transfer Station or Bulky Waste Facilities.

If satellite bins are full, do NOT discard items around the outside of the bin. Instead, bring them to the Transfer Station or Bulky Waste Facility, or return at another time/day after the bin has been emptied.

Additional information may be obtained through the Refuse Disposal information line: **(860) 652-7790**, Refuse Division office: **(860) 652-7772**, or online at www.glastonburyct.gov/recycle.

Community cooperation is appreciated.

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Scan for more information on auto theft in Glastonbury

LOCK cars and windows,



PARK in well-lit areas,

STOW away valuables,



DO NOT leave keys in car,

and

NEVER leave your vehicle while it's running.



NHTSA.gov/theft

www.glastonburyct.gov/crimedata

GLASTONBURY POLICE 860-633-8301

VEHICLE THEFTS AND REAL-TIME CRIME DATA

The Glastonbury Police Department reminds residents to lock their cars and to refrain from leaving valuables in their vehicles. Although the total number of stolen vehicles in Glastonbury are trending below 2020 numbers, we are still experiencing a significant number of incidents in town, including several vehicles that have been stolen from unlocked garages or while left running at gas stations and other local businesses. Please remember NOT to leave your keys in your vehicle and never leave your vehicle unsecured and running, even if you are just running into a business for a moment. The best way to prevent yourself from becoming a victim is to take these precautionary measures to protect yourself. Our patrol officers continue to proactively patrol your neighborhoods looking for suspicious activity and our newly formed Auto Theft Team has been aggressively investigating stolen vehicle incidents this year. Please remember to call the police to report any suspicious activity in your community. Together we can continue to suppress these criminal activities.

A new, interactive "police activity dashboard" is now available on the Town website to better inform residents of crime trends in their community. Using the dashboard, residents can filter police activity by street, view reported crimes on an interactive map, and follow criminal activity in town in near real time. To access the dashboard please visit www.glastonburyct.gov/crimedata.