



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

JANUARY 2022

JANUARY OFFICE CLOSINGS

Town facilities will be CLOSED on the following dates in January:

- Saturday, January 1, 2022 - New Year's Holiday
- Monday, January 17, 2022 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

"Town facilities" includes Town Hall, Academy, WTML, RCC, Youth & Family Services (Y&FS), the Transfer Station, and the Bulky Waste Facility.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 1/6 - "Cut the Cord on Cable TV" - Virtual Program - 6:00 PM (WTML)
- 1/6 - LGBTQ+ Support group for middle/high school students - 2:15 PM (Y&FS)
- 1/13 - **Broadway Show "Nunsense"** - 1:00 PM at the RCC (Senior Services)
- 1/13 - LGBTQ+ Support group for GWS & SMS students - 3:30 PM (Y&FS)
- 1/18 - Virtual Poetry Class - 6:30 PM (Senior Services)
- 1/25 - "Ask an Expert - COVID-19 Vaccine for Children?" - Virtual program for Adults - 6:00 PM (WTML)
- 1/31 - "A Perky Pairing" - Coffee and Fine Chocolates - Virtual Program for Adults - 6:00 PM (WTML)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORKSHOP

The Glastonbury Affordable Housing Steering Committee will host a public workshop at the RCC on Monday, January 31, at 6:30 PM to review its draft of the Affordable Housing Plan. The workshop is currently planned to be held in-person with an option to participate through Zoom as well. A brief overview of the drafted 5-Year Affordable Housing Plan will be provided, and the public will be invited to provide input on the Plan and its associated recommendations through a public comment session. Residents who are unable to attend, or wish to provide input in advance of the meeting, may do so by emailing their comments directly to planning@glastonbury-ct.gov. Please include "Affordable Housing Plan Input" in the subject line. To learn more or view the drafted Plan, please visit www.glastonburyct.gov/affordablehousing.

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

The Glastonbury Health Department will host COVID-19 vaccine clinics on 1/4 & 1/5 from 1:30 - 5:30 PM at the RCC. Vaccines and booster doses will be available and appointments are required. For more information or to schedule your appointment, please visit www.glastonburyct.gov/vaccine.

POST-HOLIDAY TREE DISPOSAL

Residents in any type of vehicle will be allowed free disposal of their holiday tree at the Bulky Waste Facility (BWF) on Tryon Street from Dec. 27, 2021 through Jan. 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 BWF as this is the final disposal area and will thus reduce Town transportation costs (tax dollars). Permits are NOT needed but proof of residency is required.

Operating hours:*

Bulky Waste Facility:

Mon. - Sat.; 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Transfer Station:

Tues. - Sat.; 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

*Facilities will be closed on 12/31 and 1/1 for the New Year's Day holiday.

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

TAX INSTALLMENTS DUE JANUARY 1, 2022

The second installment of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes on the Grand List of October 1, 2020 are due Jan. 1, 2022 and payable by Feb. 1, 2022. The Supplemental Motor Vehicle (MV) tax is due Jan. 1, 2022 and payable by Feb. 1, 2022. Delinquent motor vehicle taxes shall be paid in cash, money order, or cashier's check if a release is needed for the Department of Motor Vehicles. There will be a \$3.00 fee charged for each delinquent MV account. Unpaid taxes will be considered delinquent as of Feb. 2, 2022. On that date, interest will be charged from the original due date of Jan. 1, 2022. Interest is charged at a rate of 1 ½% per month back to the due date of Jan. 1, 2022 in accordance with the provisions of C.G.S. Sec. 12-146. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent tax bill and installment. United States Postal Service postmarks are honored. Payments must bear a USPS postmark dated Feb. 1, 2022 or before to be considered on-time. Checks which have been returned by the bank shall be subject to a \$15.00 handling fee. Taxpayers who have not received a bill should visit the Town website at 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 & respective penalties should the account become delinquent.

AARP CERTIFICATE

We are pleased to announce that as of December 6, 2021, the Town of Glastonbury was certified as a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. This recognition means that the Town has successfully completed its 3 year action plan and has met the criteria established by the State and National Affairs, AARP. This achievement is the result of many hands-on community partners who worked to ensure that Glastonbury continues to be a well-designed, livable community for residents of all ages, and adds to the many other distinctions that we share town-wide. The plan will be posted to the Town website in the coming weeks and any related updates will be posted as applicable.

2022 REDISTRICTING

The Registrars will be implementing the redistricting plan in 2022. Completed to date by the CT State Legislature is the plan for the State Assembly and State Senatorial Seats. With the redistricting complete, Glastonbury remains 100% within the Fourth State Senatorial District represented by Steven Cassano. There is, however, a change within the State Assembly Districts. State Assembly District 13, which encompasses north Glastonbury, has approximately 1,500 fewer voters; State Assembly District 31 also has fewer voters however, there will be polling place changes which are yet to be determined. The Eastern part of Glastonbury will be part of State Assembly District 55, sharing a representative with Andover, Bolton, Hebron, and Marlborough. The current representative is Robin Green. Those Glastonbury residents moved into the 55th State Assembly district will be voting for their new representative in the November 8, 2022 Election with representation beginning in January 2023. Not yet completed is the alignment for the Congressional seats. Currently representing Glastonbury are John Larson of the First Congressional District and Joe Courtney of the Second Congressional District. Notification of changes to the Congressional Districts' boundaries will occur in January or February 2022. Please contact the Registrars' office with any questions at **(860) 652-7628**.

SKIP THE "WARM UP" AND PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE!

With winter upon us, it can be tempting to leave our vehicles running in the driveway to warm up before we get in. While this does provide a passenger comfort benefit, it is no longer necessary for proper engine operation as it may have been when engines relied upon carburetors (with the exception of diesel engines and possibly electric vehicles). In fact, vehicles warm up faster while in operation than they do while idling. The Glastonbury Police Department reminds residents that there have been an increase in vehicle thefts in Glastonbury and communities across the state, particularly when vehicles are left running and unattended. To help protect yourself from vehicle theft, please consider using a remote starter to warm your vehicle, and avoid leaving keys in an unattended vehicle at all times.

REMINDER TO CLEAR SNOW

With the winter weather season upon us, property owners are reminded of their obligation to clear snow from the sidewalks on their property. While no such regulations govern the clearing of fire hydrants, the Glastonbury Fire Department asks that residents please do their part in clearing snow from these vital areas in a timely manner following storm events. In a fire response, the time required to clear snow can mean the difference between crucial seconds or minutes needed to save a structure and its inhabitants. When clearing snow this winter, please also keep in mind that Fire Fighters need access to roughly 1 foot of space below the hydrant valve, and another 2 feet of space all around a fire hydrant. A few minutes of work may prove vital to the safety of you or your neighbors! Please do your part to keep our community safe and thank you for your support.