



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

APRIL 2022

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, applicable fees, and registration requirements.

- **3/7 - 4/18 - Walk Your Way to Health.** [Learn more \(see page 3\).](#)
- **4/2 - Bike Safety & Skills Clinic** - Ages 4-10 - 11:00 AM @ Academy Parking Lot
- **4/2 and 4/3 - Spring Used Book Sale** at East Glastonbury Library. [Learn more.](#)
- **4/4, 4/11, 4/18 - Monday Movies at the Senior Center** - 1:00 PM
- **4/4 - Glastonbury MLK Initiative: Community Conversation: Discrimination Based on Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities** - 7:00 PM - [Learn more.](#)
- **4/6 - Senior Center Lunch & Learn:** China's Last Little Train - 12:15 PM @ the RCC
- **4/12 - USSR Russia: Myths, Mysteries, and Spying** - 10:00 AM @ the RCC
- **4/12 - Parent/Guardian Support Group** - Hosted by Y&FS - 6:00 PM
- **4/21 - Broadway Showcase - The Phantom of the Opera** - 1:00 PM @ the RCC
- **4/27 - The Great British Baking Tour** - 6:00 PM (WTML)
- **4/30 - Drug Take Back Event** - 10:00 AM @ RCC - Safely Dispose of medications.
- Check out the [Parks & Recreation brochure](#) for April Vacation programming!

EXTENDED WEDNESDAY HOURS AT TS

The Transfer Station is now operating with its extended Daylight Savings Time schedule. Effective March 16, the TS will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on WEDNESDAYS ONLY. This schedule will continue through September 21, 2022.

PASSPORT TO PARKS

Become a Park Explorer and visit all of Glastonbury's 1,250+ acres of beautiful parks and facilities! Enjoy hiking trails, waterfalls, wildlife, playgrounds, fields, and much more. Visit www.glastonburyct.gov/passport2parks and download a Passport Booklet to use as your guide as you venture out to the 28 locations. Parks have been grouped into 5 "regional" maps to better plan your trip(s). At each location, look for the punch you'll need for your passport. Clues are located in the Passport Booklet. Be sure to complete the checklist, challenge activities, and sticker pages in each region. After you visit each park, see if you can correctly identify the parks from their photos. Get all your punches and earn a fabulous t-shirt! Simply e-mail a photo of your completed punch pages from each region to anna.park@glastonbury-ct.gov with the subject line "Completed Parks Passport". Be sure to include your name, address, and t-shirt size! Have fun and tag us on Facebook [@glastonburyparkrec](#) & Instagram: [@glastonbury_park_and_rec!](#)

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Town facilities will be CLOSED on Friday, April 15th, for Good Friday. This includes Town Hall/Academy, WTML, the RCC, Youth & Family Services, the Transfer Station, and the Bulky Waste Facility. Town facilities will resume standard operating hours on Monday, April 18. Wishing all who celebrate a Happy Easter weekend.



EASTER EGG HUNT FOR DOGS - 4/9

The Easter Egg Hunt for dogs begins promptly at 10:00 AM at the Riverfront Park (200 Welles St.) on Saturday, April 9th. Event will be held rain or shine. Over 6,000 eggs will be hidden, each one containing a treat or prize for you and your dog, such as gift certificates and other surprises. (Sponsored by Melzen's). Cost is \$10 per dog. Dogs must be on a leash with up-to-date rabies tag or certification. No aggressive dogs please.

TOWN LAUNCHING NEW PERMITTING SYSTEM IN APRIL

The Town of Glastonbury will launch a new web-based permitting system this April. The new system, OpenGov Viewpoint, will provide an improved platform for the submission and processing of license and permit applications managed by various Town Departments, (e.g. Engineering, Building, Health). Through OpenGov Viewpoint, the Town will have the ability to provide a more enhanced customer service experience and more efficient internal processing. To best serve community applicants, the robust system has a number of beneficial and convenient features including:

- Simplified applications with the ability for applicants to save their work and return later to complete
- Enhanced search capabilities – e.g. address lookup, search for open/closed permits (permit history), etc.
- Application tracking – Customers can track application progress and subscribe to notifications of changes/requests
- Improved accessibility – Access the system from any web browser on your computer or mobile device (e.g. smartphone)
- Additional payment options, such as credit card and e-check (Check/cash still accepted)
- Streamlined routing, scheduling, and internal review processes for reduced turnaround times
- Cloud-based system to allow field staff to complete tasks or conduct review activities in real-time

The Town is currently in the process of configuring the system, and plans to go live with the new platform on Monday, April 18th. As part of the transition process, Glastonbury is planning a brief blackout period from Thursday, April 14 – Sunday, April 17 during which time the Town will NOT accept any new permit submissions. This essential window is planned for the holiday weekend to allow the Town the opportunity to migrate data to the new system with minimal disruption to applicants. Please keep these blackout dates in mind and plan permit/license applications accordingly. As with any new technology solution, there will be a bit of a transition period, but Town staff are making every effort to make the overall process as smooth as possible. If you have any questions regarding this new permitting platform, please don't hesitate to contact Glastonbury Building Official, Lincoln White, at (860) 652-7524. The public's patience and understanding is appreciated as the Town continues to improve its systems to best serve the Glastonbury community.

COMPOST BIN SALES & PICKUP EVENT - SATURDAY, 4/30

Glastonbury is hosting its fourth compost bin and rain barrel sales and pick-up event on Saturday, April 30th. As in prior years, this event will be held in the parking lot behind the Academy Building. [A dedicated website is available](#) where residents can purchase compost bins, rain barrels, and related products offered at a discounted rate from retail prices through a Town partnership with BrandBuilders. Orders must be placed by no later than April 28th to be retrieved at the pick-up event on April 30th between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM.

To learn more about this event, [please click here](#). Questions? Please contact the Refuse Disposal office at (860) 652-7772 or sanitationclerk@glastonbury-ct.gov.

SUPPORT THE COTTON HOLLOW MILL RESTORATION

The Town of Glastonbury is working in partnership with the Save Cotton Hollow Mill Coalition, the Glastonbury Historical Society, and the Land Heritage Coalition to restore the mill walls at the historic Cotton Hollow Mill site. Community members are invited to help preserve this valued piece of Glastonbury's history with a donation.

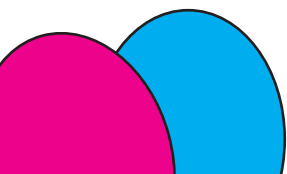
Visit www.savecottonhollowmill.org to learn more or make a donation. Checks may also be mailed to:

The Cotton Hollow Mill Preservation Fund
c/o The Land Heritage Coalition
136 Tall Timbers Road | Glastonbury, CT 06033

DO YOUR PART TO PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION!

Glastonbury takes great pride in its parks and open spaces, proximity to the Connecticut River, and availability of water sources for recreation. Please do your part to keep our water clean by employing the following best practices in your home or business:

- NEVER throw pet waste, garbage, or other pollutants into storm drains
- Avoid fertilizing your lawn before heavy rain/severe storms and sweep up excess fertilizer from paved surfaces
- Wash your car on gravel surfaces or in a commercial car wash to prevent soap and cleaning pollutants from entering the storm drains and ultimately our local bodies of water.
- Sweep your parking lots / driveways to rid them of debris/substances that could potentially wash away into storm drains
- Clean your parking lot drainage systems regularly



REDISTRICTING IN GLASTONBURY

In accordance with federal and state laws, a census occurs that then potentially results in changes to State Legislative and Congressional Districts. Based on changes in the 2020 Census in Connecticut, and the desire to equalize populations in the five Congressional Districts, Glastonbury's representation has changed. In terms of State Legislative Redistricting, Glastonbury was represented by Assembly 13 and 31 but is now part of a third State Assembly District; District 55. Glastonbury remains 100% represented by the Fourth State Senatorial District.

The chart below provides an overview of the 2022 redistricting completed by the CT State Legislature Reapportionment Commission with the CT State Supreme Court Special Master determining the new Congressional District lines.

Town of Glastonbury Reapportionment for Congressional and State Legislative Districts						
# of Voters	As of Date	Assembly District 13	Assembly District 31	Assembly District 55	Congressional District 1	Congressional District 2
25,357	11/02/2021	5,840	19,417	0	24,009	1,348
% of Voters		23%	77%		95%	5%
# of Voters						
24,779	03/18/2022	5,161	16,923	2,695	8,385	16,394
% of Voters		21%	68%	11%	34%	66%

With the expansion of Glastonbury's voters into the Second Congressional District, all of Assembly 13 and Assembly 55 and half of Assembly District 31 are now part of the Second Congressional District. For accurate voting, electors in a certain voting district, i.e. Congressional 1/State Senatorial 4/Assembly 31, will vote at either Academy School or Hopewell School, depending on where they live.

The Registrars of Voters (ROV) will be notifying each household in Glastonbury and South Glastonbury of the changes via a post card. The post card will contain information about your voting districts for Congressional, State Senate, and General Assembly seats, as well as where your new polling/voting location will be. Please note, not everyone will be going to a new voting location. The ROVs will, however, notify all residents of the changes. By May 1, 2022, the ROVs will update the Town website and other communication platforms to reflect all applicable street lists and maps to ensure all residents are aware of the changes for the upcoming Primaries in August 2022, and the General Election on November 7, 2022.

- Submitted by Lisbeth Becker, Republican Registrar of Voters on behalf of the Glastonbury Registrars of Voters

REMINDER: HOMEOWNERS TAX RELIEF PROGRAM DEADLINE

The Homeowners Tax Relief program is available to Glastonbury homeowners who turned 65 prior to December 31, 2021 and whose 2021 income was \$60,520 or less. New applicants must submit an application and proof of income by the filing deadline of May 13, 2022.

The application and detailed instructions are available at www.glastonburyct.gov/taxrelief.

Re-application packets were mailed out to those participants required to reapply for the program during the February 1, 2022 - May 13, 2022 filing period.

Questions should be directed to the Assessor's Office or Senior Services Department by phone or email as follows:

Assessor's Office: (860) 652-7600; assessor@glastonbury-ct.gov
Senior Services: (860) 652-7638; socialservices@glastonbury-ct.gov

