

GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

UPCOMING EVENTS

The list below is a SAMPLING of upcoming events. Please visit the Town website, <u>www.glastonburyct.gov/events</u>, the Sharing Tree (Senior) Newsletter, <u>www.glastonburyct.gov/sharingtree</u>, or the WTML website, <u>www.wtmlib.com</u>, to view a full list and more details, applicable fees, etc.

- 7/5 Bass Fishing in CT Virtual Program 6:30 PM (WTML)
- 7/11 Wildlife and CT's Changing Landscape 6:30 PM (WTML)
- <u>7/12 Tuesday Book Club</u> 2:00 PM (WTML)
- <u>7/12 Teen College Essay Writing Workshop</u> 6:00 PM (WTML)
- 7/20 Paint Disposal Collection 3:00 PM (321 Olcott St. Manchester)
- <u>7/22 Senior Center Trip Essex Steam Train and Riverboat Lunch</u> <u>Excursion</u> - 10:00 AM (RCC)
- 7/31 Senior Center Trip Yard Goats Matinee Game 12:00 PM

SUMMER SHOW 'ONCE UPON A MATTRESS' AT GHS AUDITORIUM

Youth and Family Services (Y&FS) is celebrating its 48th summer musical with a production of the upbeat and hilarious "Once Upon a Mattress", featuring a cast of 100+ local youth and a live pit orchestra! Performance dates are Thursday July 28th, Friday July 29th, and Saturday July 30th at 7:00 PM in the GHS auditorium. Tickets are now available and can be purchased online at <u>www.showtix4u.com</u>, in-person at the Customer Service Center in Town Hall (Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM), or at the door one hour prior to show time. The story is based loosely on "The Princess and the Pea". For more information, please contact Jessica at (860) 652-7664 or jessica.palazzo@glastonbury-ct.gov.



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Town facilities will be CLOSED on Monday, July 4, 2022 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. This includes Town Hall/Academy, WTML, the RCC, Youth & Family Services, Transfer Station, and Bulky Waste Facility. Wishing you a safe and fun holiday weekend.



TOWN POOLS & SPLASH PAD

Community pools are open! Cool off at Addison and Grange Pools, Eastbury Pond, or the Glastonbury High School (GHS) Pool. This year, we're pleased to introduce the new Splash Pad at Addison Pool, which offers a variety of interactive spray features for all ages! The Splash Pad will be open at 12:30 PM on Weekdays and 10:00 AM on Saturdays & Sundays. (A special thanks to the Glastonbury Rotary Club for their support of the Splash Pad!). To view additional pool hours, fees, etc., visit www.glastonburyct.gov/poolschedule.

SAVE THE DATE! WTML GRAND REOPENING

Save the date for the Grand Reopening Celebration at WTML. The event will be held on Saturday, September 17, from 10:00 AM to 4:00PM, including a ribbon cutting at 10:00 AM. Programs for all ages will be scheduled throughout the day with more details to come in August. Stay tuned for additional updates and join us in September!

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OPENS JULY 11

Glastonbury has established a Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP) to be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The SBAP will provide limited, one-time financial support to small businesses/nonprofits that were negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the SBAP, eligible organizations can apply for grants of up to \$5,000 to help sustain and grow their business in the current marketplace. A committee of Town staff will review applications to determine eligibility and financial need before selecting awardees. Applications will be available through the Town website beginning July 11th, and will be accepted that day through August 14th. Additional program details are available <u>on the Town website</u>. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Kathryn Paquette at kathryn.paquette@glastonbury-ct.gov or (860) 652-7518.

GOLD STAR PARENT / SPOUSE EXEMPTION

The Town has adopted a Gold Star Exemption under Code 18-9. This exemption will be available for the 2022 Grand List. Information pertaining to qualification and an application (due 10/1/2022) is available on the <u>Assessor's web page</u>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! SELF-SERVICE FOOD PANTRY COMING SOON

Glastonbury is seeking volunteers to help run the new Self-Service Food Pantry, which will open at the Riverfront Community Center (RCC) in the coming weeks. Volunteers will help receive, inspect, sort, and stock perishable and non-perishable food items for distribution to eligible Glastonbury residents, as well as pickup/deliver such items from local grocery stores and farms/ farm stands. Volunteers may also assist residents with shopping. Various shift times are available. If you're interested in volunteering, please click here to complete our Volunteer sign-up form.

The Senior/Social Services division is also seeking volunteers for:

- Serving assorted snacks and beverages to patrons of the newly reopened Riverfront Café, located at the RCC and open Monday Friday, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.
- Assisting seniors/disabled individuals with chores, (e.g. yardwork, indoor house cleaning, and light repairs), and technical assistance with various electronic devices (smart phones, computers, laptops, tablets, etc.)
- Serving as a monitor in the new RCC fitness center (volunteers receive a complimentary membership)
- Various other Senior/Social Services programs

C-PACE PROGRAM UPDATE

Effective October 1, 2022, Public Act No. 22-6 is revised to expand eligibility for the C-PACE program to include installation of zero emission vehicle charging infrastructure and resilience improvements on qualifying commercial property. Local businesses, contractors, and other eligible entities can <u>review</u> <u>the changes here</u> for potential opportunities to leverage C-PACE financing for their projects. <u>Visit the</u> <u>C-PACE website to learn more</u>.

EVERBRIDGE

Community members are encouraged to sign-up for emergency notifications through the Town's newly acquired subscription to the Everbridge Community Alert platform. The Town will use Everbridge to disseminate information regarding emergency conditions as well as non-emergency public safety matters (e.g. criminal activities, snow bans, etc.) on an as needed basis. Please note, this platform will NOT replace the Town's eNotification system for routine announcements, nor will it replace the CT Alert system. Instead, Glastonbury will use the Everbridge platform in emergency scenarios and public safety matters affecting the Glastonbury community specifically. Interested residents can learn more or sign-up by visiting www.glastonburyct.gov/alert.



SANITATION/REFUSE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

REFUSE PERMITS - Refuse disposal permits for the new fiscal year (FY23) will be available beginning July 1, 2022. Permits may be purchased in person at the Town Hall Customer Service Center, Transfer Station, and Bulky Waste Facility during regular business hours. They can also be purchased by mail. Please <u>visit the Refuse Permit web page</u> for more details.



RECYCLE CORRUGATED CARDBOARD TO HELP SAVE TAX DOLLARS! - The Town has finalized a new contract for trash and recyclables collected at the Transfer Station. Effective July 1, 2022, the Town will pay \$110/ton for trash and receive a \$20/ton credit for separated corrugated cardboard. To help encourage proper recycling of corrugated cardboard and maximize the credit, a designated container for corrugated cardboard ONLY will be placed at the existing satellite recycling container location (rear of Academy Building) to supplement the container at the Transfer Station. Please note, corrugated cardboard combined with other recyclables will NOT be eligible for the credit, therefore appropriate recycling of this material is essential to maximize the credit and save tax dollars. Updates regarding this effort will be published to the Town website as available.

FOOD WASTE - Compostable food waste is accepted at the Transfer Station Recycling Facility. Approximately 20 tons of food waste have been diverted from the waste stream since 2018. This Fall, the Town will implement satellite drop off containers for food waste to help expand this effort. Food waste accounts for approximately 35% of the solid waste stream and redirecting this volume through the food waste collection program translates to savings of tax dollars.

Community members are encouraged to please take advantage of Glastonbury's comprehensive recycling program and dispose of waste and recycling responsibly to avoid contamination. Improper use results in the rejection of loads and additional fees, which increase related Town expenditures and tax dollars. Please visit <u>www.glastonburyct.gov/recycle</u> to learn more and thank you for doing your part to recycle!

LAWN WATERING TIPS FOR WATER CONSERVATION

"Timing is everything!" Hartford County is currently experiencing "<u>abnormally dry</u>" conditions, which can potentially lead to drought. To help conserve water during the hot summer months, residents are encouraged to review these <u>helpful lawn</u> <u>watering tips from the EPA</u>.

AUGUST 9, 2022: DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES

Potential Candidates on the Primary Ballots			
Democratic Primary Ballot		Republican Primary Ballot	
Treasurer	3 candidates	U.S. Senate Race	3 candidates
Secretary of the State	2 candidates	Secretary of the State	3 candidates

IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR AUGUST PRIMARY

- August 4, 2022 Online and Mail-In Registrations
- August 8, 2022 at NOON In-Person Registrations AND Changing from Unaffiliated to a Party

REDISTRICTING BASED ON THE 2020 CENSUS – UPDATE

The Registrars of Voters will send a postcard to each Elector registered as Democratic or Republican in July 2022 to notify them that their polling location MAY have changed. The postcard contains the offices for which those Electors will be voting. For example, the boundaries for the First Congressional and Second Congressional Districts have changed significantly. For the past 10 years, Glastonbury representation was 95% in the First Congressional District (First) and 5% in the Second Congressional District (Second). With the recent Census and redistricting changes, 35% of Electors are now in the First and 65% are in the Second.