

Town of Glastonbury

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Richard J. Johnson Town Manager ITEM #7 08-02-2022 Meeting

July 29, 2022

The Glastonbury Town Council 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re:

Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up to date on various topics.

1. GHS Locker and Restroom Project

A reminder of the ribbon cutting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 11th for the new locker and restroom facilities at GHS. This is located adjacent to the high school track and athletic fields.

2. Technical Services – Building Zone Regulations

Attached is an updated draft of the proposed amendment to the Building Zone Regulations concerning Technical Assistance to the Council and TP&Z when reviewing applications. The change adds a new number 1 as highlighted in yellow. The balance of the text remains as previously reviewed at the July 12th meeting. The new language is intended to provide additional flexibility in this regard. Absent objection, the revised language will be forwarded to TP&Z for a report and recommendation.

Sincerely

Richard J. Johnson

Town Manager

RJJ/sal Attachment

Building Zone Regulation – New Section 3-28

The Council and/or Commission, within their respective jurisdiction of review, may commission additional technical assistance in evaluating any application submitted hereunder, or a modification to an existing application or permit, if 1) the Council or Commission determines that such assistance is necessary to make an informed decision on an application; 2) Town staff will not be able to complete a technical review of an application in the time period prescribed by State Statute; or 3) the expertise required to review any aspect of the application is outside of the expertise of Town staff. The entire fee for such services shall be borne by the applicant and paid in accordance with Town ordinances relating to application fees.

Upon completion of the technical review and determination of the cost, all fees for any technical services required shall be paid in full before the application is acted on by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission or Council as the case may be.



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ITEM #7 (Supplemental) 08-02-2022 Meeting

August 1, 2022

The Glastonbury Town Council 2155 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: Supplemental Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following supplements the written report originally forwarded with the Agenda for the Tuesday, August 2, 2022 Regular Meeting.

1. Newsletter

August edition attached.

2. WTML Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting for the most recent addition and renovation project at Welles-Turner Memorial Library will be held on Saturday, September 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Event details are attached. The ribbon cutting will be held at 10:00 a.m.

3. Expense Report

A copy of my expense report for the three months April through June 2022 was forwarded separately. I will appreciate Council recognizing receipt of this report on Tuesday evening.

4. Commission on Racial Justice and Equity

The report and recommendations by the Commission on Racial Justice and Equity presented to Council in early February included recommendations involving the Police and Parks & Recreation Departments. A status report is as follows:

Police – Implement a Police Open House for Glastonbury residents, with informational sessions sponsored by the Glastonbury Police Department (GPD) to learn about the values and practices of the GPD, and increase communication between the community and GPD.

Department will offer a six-week police academy beginning this September with tentative dates of September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13 and 20 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the RCC. Each weekly session will include a new topic covering a wide range of GPD activities. Officer Mike Magrey will be the primary department representative assisted by others throughout the six-week program.

Parks and Recreation – (1) Expand communication of community and local government events/meetings and Parks and Recreation programming to all community members including residents of Welles Village and families of open choice students. (2) Seek opportunities to improve recreational facilities in all areas of town, including those in the Welles Village neighborhood with the intention of providing equal recreational opportunities in all areas of Glastonbury.

- Adopted budget allocates monies for improved handicap accessibility to parks and athletic fields.
 Provides funding for pavilion like structure at RCC for programs and activities for all ages.
 Budget also funds improvements to basketball courts and children's playground at Welles Village.
 Grant application to be submitted to support these efforts. Pickleball courts at Riverfront Park will provide recreational opportunity for all ages. Handicap ramp installed at Y&FS to support access to outdoor programming and performances.
- Recreation activities this fall to include 3 on 3 basketball tournament and sport camps at Welles Village Park. Also to include pop up parks.
- Working to identify opportunity to expand community garden program to site in North Glastonbury.
 Continuing Welles Village activity council for youth through Y&FS.
- Placed Welcome Signs at parks and open spaces throughout Glastonbury confirming such open spaces are open to all. Included with various program publicity. Passport to Parks Program lists some 28 Town parks to explore, including Welles Park.
- Financial assistance provided to all those in need for participation in Town recreation activities.
- Youth and Family Services using a number of methods to publicize throughout the community of services of Y&FS. Flyers, email, signs, etc. These efforts will continue.
- Other initiatives include special needs programming, dial-a-ride transportation to activities and locations, etc.

Town staff throughout the organization will continue efforts in this regard along with ongoing Town operations.

Richard J. Johnson Town Manager

Sincerely

RJJ/sal Attachments



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

AUGUST 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 8/1 Camp WTML Soy Candle Making 6:30 PM @ WTML
- 8/3 and 8/8 Riverfront Music Concerts 6:00 PM @ Riverfront Park
- 8/9 Democratic & Republican Primaries See details below
- 8/10 Senior Center Bus Trip to Block Island Depart RCC @ 8:00 AM
- 8/11 Annual Indoor Senior Picnic 9:30 AM @the RCC <u>Tickets must be</u> purchased by <u>August 10</u>.
- 8/27 HHW Collection Event 8:00 AM in Manchester
- 8/30 Annual Doggy Paddle 4:30 PM at Addison Pool
- 8/31 AED and NARCAN Informational Program 1:00 PM @ RCC

DEMOCRATIC & REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES AUGUST 9, 2022: POLLS OPEN 6:00 AM UNTIL 8:00 PM

There are two contested races within the <u>Democratic Party</u> for Statewide offices. For Secretary of the State – Stephanie Thomas* and Maritza Bond For State Treasurer – Erick Russell*, Dita Bhargava, and Karen DuBois-Walton.

There are two contested races within the <u>Republican Party</u> for Federal and Statewide offices.

For United States Senate – Themis Klarides*, Leora Levy, and Peter Lumaj For Secretary of the State – Dominic Rapini*, and Terrie Woods. Brock Weber dropped after the ballots were printed. His name is crossed out on the ballot.

*Party endorsed candidates.

Absentee Ballots are available in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall or by calling (860) 652-7616. Office hours: Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

All six polling districts will be open from 6:00 AM until 8:00 PM:

- District 1 Smith Middle School, 216 Addison Road
- District 2 Hebron Avenue Elementary School, 1363 Hebron Avenue
- District 4 Gideon Welles School, 1029 Neipsic Road

contact the Registrars' office at (860) 652-7627 or (860) 652-7628.

- District 5 Nayaug Elementary School, 222 Old Maids Lane
- District 7 Academy Building, 2143 Main Street
- District 9 Hopewell Elementary School, 1068 Chestnut Hill Road



WTML GRAND REOPENING CELEBRATION

Celebrate the Welles-Turner Memorial Library Grand Reopening with a day full of fun for all ages! Check out the fresh, new spaces and enjoy crafts, musicians, performers, refreshments, and more!

Festivities will begin at 10:00 AM with an outdoor ribbon-cutting ceremony, a performance by the Glastonbury String Quartet, and refreshments. Children and families can then enjoy an exciting show by Danny Magic. Teens can participate in custom water bottle painting with Pam's Picassos in the afternoon. Then, close out the day with a performance from the band Cover2Cover, who specialize in high-energy dance music from the 1960s - 80s. Drop-in activities for kids (and visits with Elephant and Piggy!) will also be available all day. We hope to see you there!

To find your voting location, visit www.glastonburyct.gov/wheredoivote and type in your address. For further information, please

RECYCLE CORRUGATED CARDBOARD TO SAVE TAX DOLLARS!

Effective July 1, 2022, the Town pays \$110 per ton to dispose of its solid waste, therefore it is essential that all community members do their part to recycle and reduce the overall volume of solid waste. As of this year, Glastonbury now receives a rebate of \$20 per ton for all clean, corrugated cardboard collected. In an effort to optimize this effort, the Town has installed an additional Satellite Recycling drop-off container exclusively for corrugated cardboard. The BLUE, labelled container is located next to the existing Satellite receptacles in the rear parking lot of Town Hall (2155 Main Street).

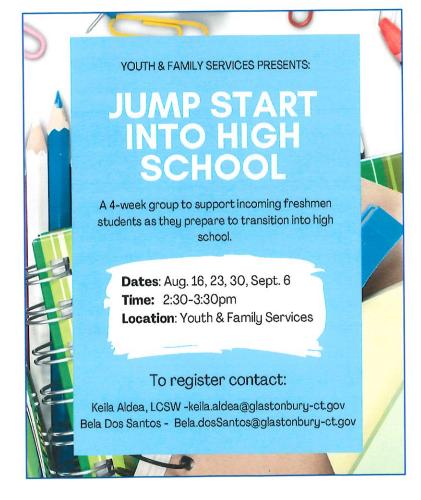
Residents may use this designated container to dispose of clean, cardboard only, (no packaging materials). Please be sure to flatten the cardboard before depositing to minimize volume and associated transportation expenses, all of which translate to Town expenses/tax dollars.

Please note, this satellite container is intended for <u>residential use only</u>. Businesses or individuals with a high volume of cardboard should please take their materials to the Transfer Station located at 2340 New London Tpke.

To ensure the Town receives the \$20/ton rebate, all Corrugated Cardboard MUST be recycled at the Transfer Station or Satellite container and CANNOT be comingled with other materials. Please do your part to reduce the overall volume of solid waste and maximize the Town rebate (save tax dollars) by recycling all materials properly and separating your corrugated cardboard! Visit www.glastonburyct.gov/recycle to learn more and thank you for recycling!







DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: AUGUST 14!

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 are available through the Town website and will be accepted through August 14, 2022. Additional program details are available online. To learn more, or apply, visit www.glastonburyct.gov/smallbusiness.

Questions may be directed to Kathryn Paquette at marketing@glastonbury-ct.gov or (860) 652-7518.

Welles > Turner MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER

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10 AM - 4:30 PM

2407 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033

For more information, contact us at 860-652-7719