

GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

DECEMBER 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 12/2 and 12/3 Trees of Giving Event benefitting Glastonbury Gives
- 12/4 Santa's Run Annual road race begins @ 12:00 PM
- 12/6 Jingle Babies Mother Goose Program 11:00 AM (WTML)
- 12/9 Family Night Pop Art Norman Rockwell Snowmen 6:30 PM (RCC)
- 12/10 NYC Bus Trip Depart at 7:30 AM (Human Services)
- 12/13 'Naughty or Nice' Holiday Luncheon 12:00 PM Register by 12/9
- 12/16 Festive Family Bike and Skate 5:00 PM (Parks & Rec)
- 12/20 Holiday Brunch 10:00 AM @ the RCC Register by 12/16

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

For more information on the Holiday programs below, and additional seasonal activities, please visit www.glastonburyct.gov/holidays.

HOLIDAY FAIR AT THE BOATHOUSE!

Join us on Saturday, December 10th, from 10:00 - 1:00 PM for the Town's 3rd Annual Holiday Fair at the Glastonbury Boathouse! Enjoy holiday shopping with local vendors and a meet and greet/photo with Santa. Click here for more info.

LETTERS TO ... 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! Between November 24th and December 19th, 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 office at 2143 Main Street. Children will receive a letter back via USPS!

HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The Glastonbury Parks and Recreation Dept. is hosting its annual Holiday House Decorating Contest. Community members are encouraged to sign up for this friendly competition and decorate the outside of their homes for a chance to win prizes! A map of all participating locations will be created so that residents can organize their own festive driving tours and participate in a scavenger hunt.

PET PHOTO CONTEST

Submit a photo of your pet dressed in the holiday spirit for a chance to win cool prizes! Thanks to RehabK9 for their support of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes!

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Town facilities will be CLOSED on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd. These closures include Town Hall, Academy, the RCC, WTML, Youth & Family Services, the Transfer Station, and the Bulky Waste Facility. Town facilities will resume standard hours following the holiday weekends.

Wishing you and yours a joyous and healthy holiday season!

SANTA'S RUN ROAD RACE 2022

The Annual Santa's Run Road Race will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2022*. Pre-registration is available online until December. 2nd.

Click here for all race details!

RACE FEE:

- \$15/Pre-Registration (Now thru Dec. 2 at NOON)
- \$25/Day-of-Race

*Snow Date: Sunday, Dec. 11th



HEALTHY HOLIDAY GATHERING

The following tips can help you prevent the spread of respiratory and other viruses this holiday season!

- stay home when you're sick
- wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently
- clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
- cover your cough/sneeze
- avoid touching your face/mouth
- wear a mask when in close proximity to others
- get tested for the flu/COVID if you have symptoms
- keep windows open/let fresh air in when possible
- avoid sharing utensils
- Stay up-to-date on Flu & COVID vaccine/booster shots

<u>Visit the CDC website</u> for more guidance and stay well!

WE'RE HIRING!

Glastonbury Youth & Family Services is currently seeking candidates for the seasonal position of Musical Director for the Spring Production.

Click here to view the job description.

The Town is also hiring for the following positions:

- Mental Health Clinician
- CDL Driver
- Clerical Assistant
- Police Officer

To view a complete list of Town job opportunities, visit www.glastonburyct.gov/employment.

DOES THE GIFTING SEASON HAVE YOU BURIED IN CARDBOARD?

The gift-giving season is upon us, and whether you do your shopping online or in stores, the volume of cardboard and packaging products tends to peak this time of year. Fortunately, the Town Refuse Department can help!

Residents can RECYCLE CLEAN, FLATTENED CARDBOARD at the Transfer Station! No permit? No problem! Residents are welcome to properly dispose of cardboard and other recycled materials at the designated Satellite containers located behind Town Hall with **no permit required!**

Recycling cardboard also translates to tax dollar savings, as the Town receives a rebate or \$20/ton for properly disposed materials. This holiday season, recycle your clean, flattened cardboard (with Styrofoam and plastic film removed!), and other materials (electronics, paper, etc.) and start the New Year with a clutter-free home and cleaner environment.

Learn more at www.glastonburyct.gov/recycle.

MATTRESS RECYCLING

The holiday season brings many retailer discounts and it is a common time of year to purchase a new mattress. If this applies to you, and you're looking to recycle your old mattress, the Transfer Station provides FREE disposal for Glastonbury residents through the Bye Bye Mattress Program! The Mattress Recycling Council's Bye Bye Mattress program recycles 190,000+ mattresses a year in Connecticut. As a participating collection site, Glastonbury accepts (reasonably clean) mattresses and box springs for free at the Transfer Station (2340 New London Tpke.).

To learn more about the CT program, visit **ByeByeMattress.com**.





HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED!

Soaring energy costs and an anticipated 40% decrease in the federal money available to assist low-income residents with their energy bills will cause many vulnerable residents to have to choose between food or heat this winter. As a result, the Town's Assistance Program, Glastonbury Gives, may see an unprecedented spike in support requests. To help your neighbors in need, please consider a donation to Glastonbury Gives. For information about making an online or check donation, visit www.glastonburyct.gov/glastonburygives.