



Town of Glastonbury

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Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

ITEM #7
11-09-2022 Meeting

November 3, 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. COVID Report

The October 24th report is attached.

2. Holiday Fair

The Holiday Fair is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Boathouse. This is a change from the initial December 3rd schedule. Details to follow.

3. AARP Livable Communities Grant Agreement

Glastonbury was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Connecticut AARP organization to build two bocce courts at the RCC. This was recently identified by Center users as a desirable new outdoor opportunity.

4. Sustainable CT Climate Leader Designation

As you know, in 2018, Glastonbury was one of five communities statewide to be recognized with the Silver Designation (highest) through the inaugural Sustainable CT Program. I am pleased to advise Glastonbury is again among five communities across the state to achieve the inaugural Climate Leader Designation (CLD). This new Designation recognizes communities who continue to reduce harmful greenhouse gasses through a variety of initiatives.

In honor of this significant achievement, Glastonbury was formally recognized at the CCM Conference on Tuesday, November 1st. This will be followed by the Sustainable CT Awards Celebration in West Hartford on November 14th.

Thanks and congratulations to Kathryn Paquette for preparing the application, Dave Sacchitella and Crystal Redding for activities coordinated through Facilities Maintenance and also Health, Engineering, Planning and others throughout the organization. The Town's successful land acquisition program was a factor with the initial and most recent recognition.

5. GFOA Annual Financial Report

I am pleased to advise the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recently recognized Glastonbury with a Certificate of Achievement Excellence for Financial Reporting for the year ended June 30, 2021. Thanks go to Controller Narae McManus, former Finance Director Julie Twilley, and all those involved with achieving this highest form of recognition for Governmental Financial Reporting.

6. **Newsletter**

October edition attached.

7. **Main Street/Route 17 Sidewalks**

Per previous discussions, State DOT was asked to again review options for construction of sidewalks along Main Street/Route 17 extending between the Cider Mill and Red Hill Drive. This particularly involves the area of steep slopes. Options include shifting the roadway easterly and constructing a retaining wall in conjunction with a road shift. Based on its continuing detailed analysis, State DOT confirmed last week that any option to create a fixed object (e.g. retaining wall) would not be supported by the Department. This means DOT will only support the roadway shift easterly. This topic will be scheduled for review and possible action at a subsequent meeting. DOT has been asked to forward written confirmation of its findings.

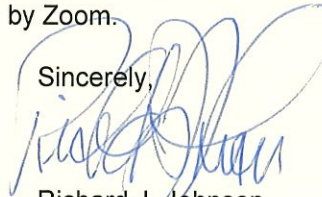
8. **Municipal Revenue Sharing**

Glastonbury received a \$730,000± grant payment through the State Municipal Revenue Sharing Account. This is a non-budgeted revenue deposited to the General Fund. The availability of such funding on an ongoing basis is not certain, however, the \$730,000 payment is certainly appreciated in the current year.

9. **Director of Planning and Land Use Services**

Shelley Caltagirone is appointed to the Director of Planning and Land Use Services effective Monday, January 16, 2023. Shelley has served as a Senior Planner with the San Francisco Planning Department for the past 15 plus years and previously worked as an Architectural Historian, Landmarks Preservation Planner and other complementary roles with the Planning profession. She holds an MS from the University of Pennsylvania and BA from the University of Virginia. Shelley is looking forward to her return to the east coast and has started familiarizing herself with various Town documents and reports. I expect she will attend the November 16th Planning Workshop by Zoom.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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Attachments



Town of Glastonbury

Health Department

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Memo

November 1, 2022

To: Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

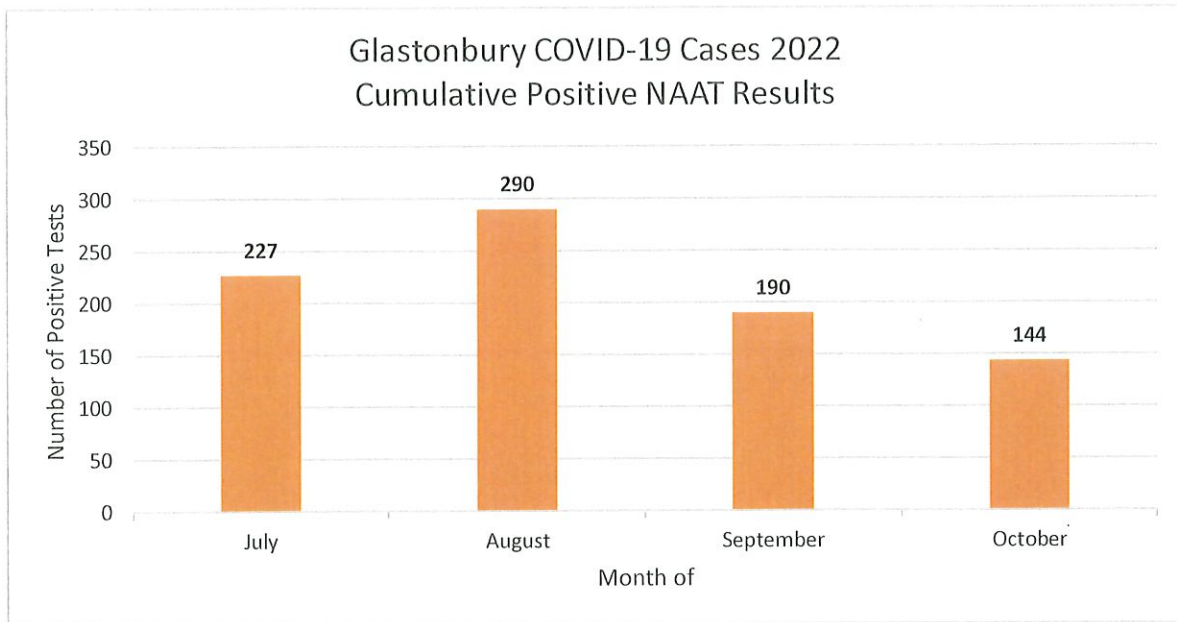
Fr: Wendy S. Mis *WSM*
Director of Health

Re: COVID-19 update

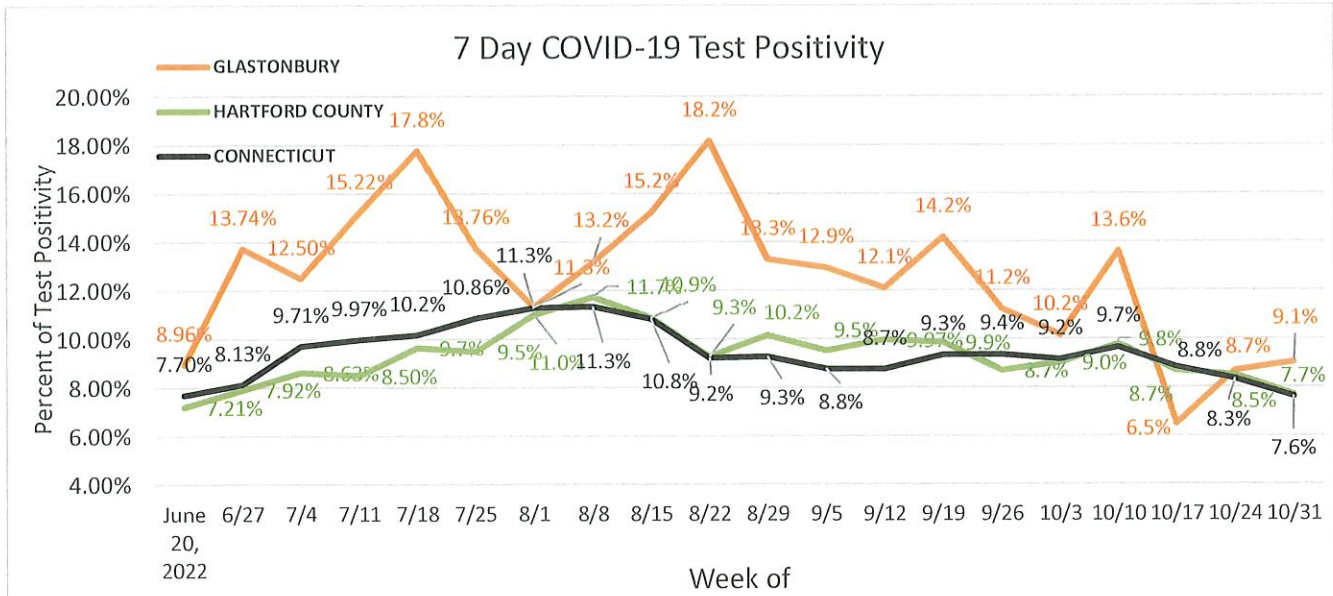
This report uses publicly available COVID-19 data from Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) for local, county, and Connecticut overall. Data in this report is from laboratory-confirmed results. At-home test results are not included, so information and graphs demonstrate trends rather than a full accounting of cases. Numbers in (parentheses) indicate change from the previous week. The first chart below assembles weekly data into approximate one-month groups, including the full month of October.

As per CT DPH data from October 31, 2022:

- A total of 132,762 tests have been administered to Glastonbury residents. (+301)
- Of the 132,762 tests administered, 7,423 were laboratory positive NAAT cases. (+20)
- No additional deaths were recorded this week. The loss of Glastonbury residents remains at 119. (+0)



Test positivity is calculated as a rolling 7-day test positivity by specimen collection date; all positive molecular (PCR/NAAT) test results are divided by all molecular (PCR/NAAT) test results (positive and negative) for the last 7 days and multiplied by 100 to reach a percentage. Results are shown below for Glastonbury, Hartford County, and the state of Connecticut overall.



On November 1, Glastonbury is holding the final scheduled vaccination clinic for both COVID-19 and flu before the holiday season. **Getting vaccinated now will allow sufficient time to be fully protected before the Thanksgiving holidays when family members of all ages get together.**

	DATE	CLINIC TIME	WHERE	AGES ALLOWED	APPOINTMENT NEEDED?
COVID-19 Shots and Boosters	Tuesday, November 1	2 - 5 PM	RCC 300 Welles Street	Primary series ages 6 months and older; booster ages 5 years (Pfizer) or 6 years (Moderna) and older	NO
Questions? Email: judie.threatt@glastonburyct.gov					
Flu Shots	Tuesday, November 1	2 - 5 PM	RCC 300 Welles Street	18 years and older	YES: www.Glastonburyct.gov/flushot
Questions? Call the Health Department at 860-652-7534					

COVID-19 Vaccine update

The COVID-19 bivalent booster vaccine available this fall is specifically tailored to combat two omicron subvariants, BA.4 and BA.5. A person is eligible for a booster if it has been at least two months since their last COVID-19 vaccine (whether the primary series or any booster). The Moderna booster shot is approved for people ages 6 years and older and the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is authorized for people ages 5 years and older. More **vaccination and booster information** is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Additional clinics can be found at www.vaccines.gov and entering the zip code for the search area.

COVID-19 Testing locations

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2-1-1 of Connecticut online site to search for COVID-19 testing. Users may refine their search by zip code, type of test and key demographics of individual to be tested.

Multiple circulating respiratory illnesses

A recent uptick in respiratory virus transmission has been observed in Connecticut and the nation overall, especially in children, with some cases requiring hospitalization. The three primary viruses circulating are RSV, Influenza and COVID-19. Respiratory Syncytial (sin-SISH-uhl) Virus (RSV), is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms but can be worse in children under the age of 2 years. All three viruses are transmitted via droplets in the air and on surfaces. COVID-19 can also be transmitted by smaller particles in the air. Cleaning hands and contaminated surfaces is one of the best ways to control the spread of RSV. More information about preventing respiratory illness can be found by clicking on [this CDC link](#).

Data for this report is gathered from publicly available data at <https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-data/wa3q-tfvc/>. Test positivity is calculated as a rolling 7-day test positivity by specimen collection date; all positive molecular (PCR/NAAT) test results are divided by all molecular (PCR/NAAT) test results (positive and negative) for the last 7 days and multiplied by 100 to reach a percentage. All data are preliminary and subject to change. Data from previous dates are routinely updated. CT DPH data reporting changes have been summarized and can be read [here](#).

November 2, 2022
For immediate release

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**Glastonbury Among Five Communities to Receive Inaugural Climate Leader Designation
through Sustainable CT**

The Town of Glastonbury is one of only five (5) communities in the state to be recognized with the first-ever Climate Leader Designation (CLD) through the inaugural Sustainable CT program.

This year, Sustainable CT launched the CLD program to “support the acceleration of municipal actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the changing climate.” The program challenged municipalities to complete a distinct set of actions which would positively contribute to our local and global climate, with such actions including Electric Vehicle initiatives to Open Space preservation, energy efficient buildings, and more. Glastonbury successfully met the program criteria through recent and ongoing initiatives including, but not limited to: achieving energy efficiency targets in municipal facilities, preserving open space, the adoption and implementation of a Complete Streets Policy, bicycle-friendly projects and amenities, Electric Vehicle infrastructure and resources, and a host of other efforts.

Glastonbury, along with New Britain, Stratford, Fairfield, and West Hartford, were acknowledged as the initial “cohort” of Climate Leaders during the annual CCM convention on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, and will be formally celebrated at the Sustainable CT Awards ceremony in West Hartford later this month.

The Climate Leader Designation supplements Glastonbury’s status as a Silver Certified Municipality through the Sustainable CT Program. The Silver certification was first achieved in 2018 during the inaugural SCT Program, and renewed again in 2021 (3-year designation terms).

For more information about Sustainable CT and the Climate Leader Designation, please visit www.sustainablect.org.



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

NOVEMBER 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.

- [11/1 - Flu Clinic](#) - 2:00 - 5:00 PM @ the RCC
- [11/1 - COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic](#) - 2:00 PM @ the RCC
- **11/8 - Election Day** - See page 3 for more details
- [11/8 - Family LEGO Challenge](#) - 2:30 PM @ WTML
- [11/4 and 11/5 - 'Here Comes Treble' performance](#) - Y&FS Fall Cabaret
- [11/5 - Free Brush Disposal Day](#) - 7:00 AM @ TS & BWF. Permits required.
- **11/12 - HHW Collection event in Manchester** - 8:00 AM - [Online appointments required.](#)
- [11/16 - Community Workshop Re: Design Guidelines for Town Center](#) - In-person event - 6:00 PM @ the RCC - Seeking Public Input
- [11/22 - Thanksgiving Luncheon @ the RCC \(see pg. 6\)](#) - 11:45 AM

A NOTE FROM THE GLASTONBURY PD

On October 12, 2022, three Bristol Police Officers were shot in the line of duty while investigating the report of a domestic disturbance. Sergeant Dustin Demonte and Officer Alex Hamzy died from their injuries; Officer Alec Iurrato suffered non-life threatening, but serious injuries. This senseless tragedy reminds us how dangerous police work is and how fragile life can be. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bristol PD and to the families and loved ones of the fallen and injured officers.

Glastonbury officers put themselves in harm's way every time they don their uniform. The men and women of the Glastonbury Police Department are forever grateful for the love and support of the Glastonbury community, which helps them through these difficult times.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Town facilities will be CLOSED on Friday, November 11th for Veterans Day, as well as Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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.

TRANSFER STATION SCHEDULE

Effective November 3rd, the Transfer Station (TS) will resume its standard operating hours of 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

The TS will also be open for special Sunday hours; 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM; through Nov. 20th to provide a drop-off for leaves & grass clippings ONLY. Permits required and all existing rules and guidelines apply.

[Please click here to view full Transfer Station hours/details](#)

SEWER USE BILLS DUE IN NOVEMBER

Sewer Use charges are due Nov. 1, 2022 and payable by Nov. 30, 2022. Unpaid charges will be considered delinquent as of Dec. 1, 2022. Interest is charged at a rate of 1 ½% per month back to the due date of November 1, 2022 in accordance with the provisions of C.G.S. Sec 12-146.

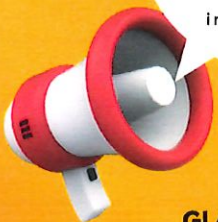
Important Dates

- July 1 - June 30 - Sewer Use Billing Period
- Last Business day in October - Sewer Use Bills Mailed
- November 30 - Last Day Sewer Bills are Payable Without Penalty

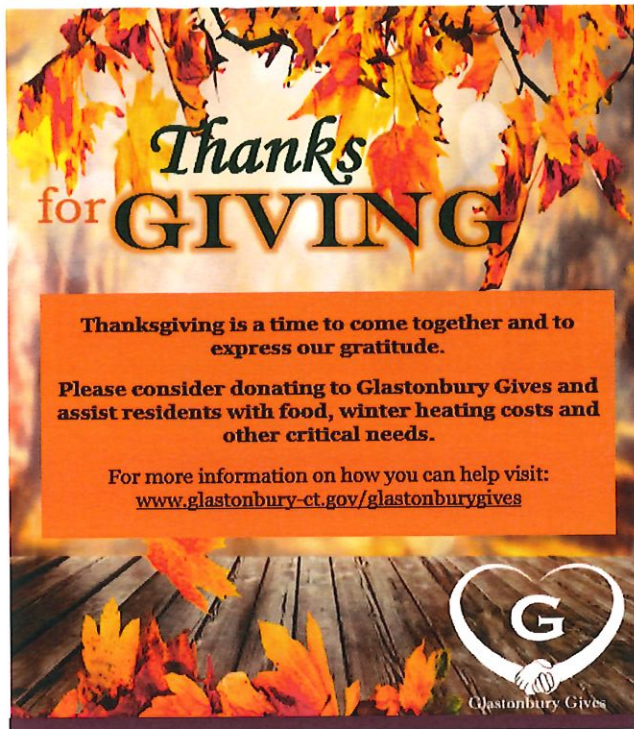
Visit the [Revenue Collection section of the Town website](#) for more information on deadlines and payment options.



TRENDING TOPICS!
Find information about what's trending in Glastonbury from projects to community initiatives, resources, & more!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
GLASTONBURYCT.GOV/TRENDING



SEASON OF GIVING!

LOCAL PAPER STORE SUPPORTING THE GLASTONBURY FOOD PANTRY THIS MONTH!

The Paper Store, (located at 175 Glastonbury Blvd.) will host their 'Annual Gift of Giving Event' from Thursday, November 17th through Sunday, November 27th. During this event, an exclusive, custom-designed ornament will be available for \$4.99. Customers who purchase the ornament receive 20% off their total purchase, with the net proceeds from the sale of the ornament (\$1.00) donated to the Town of Glastonbury 'Food Pantry'!

WARMING HANDS, WARMING HEARTS

The CT River Valley Chamber is collecting new children's hats, coats, mittens, shoes, and more for local charities supporting children. To learn more, or support this effort, [click here to visit their website](#).

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

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

LETTER 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!

DECORATING CONTEST

The Glastonbury Parks and Recreation Dept. will be hosting a Holiday House Decorating Contest again this year. The Glastonbury community is encouraged to sign up for this friendly competition and decorate the outside of their homes! 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! We would like to thank RehabK9 for their support in the 2021 contest, and their upcoming support of First, Second, and Third place prizes for the 2022 contest!



YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (YAC) SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is seeking new members in grades 8-12. The purpose of the Glastonbury YAC is to provide coordination of youth issues, make recommendations, and participate as partners towards quality of life improvements in the community. Members will have an opportunity to provide valuable input to Town staff and government on issues directly impacting the youth culture and environment - e.g. substance abuse prevention initiatives, public education, parks & recreation services, and police enforcement. Members are expected to attend bi-monthly meetings on Mondays from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. To learn more, please contact prevention coordinator, Mirela Mujcinovic, at (860) 652-7531 or Mirela.Mujcinovic@glastonbury-ct.gov.



NOVEMBER 8, 2022: STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTION

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES 2022

- November 1 - Online and Mail-In Registrations deadline with Special Registration Session from 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM.
- November 2 - 7 - In-Person Registration for those whose birthdays fall between those dates or have moved into Glastonbury between those dates. Registration is in-person prior to 5:00 PM.
- November 8 - Election Day. Polls open promptly at 6:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM.

VOTING RESOURCES

- Voter Registration
 - Online - <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR>
 - In person - Available through the Registrars' Office and with the Town Clerk
 - Downloadable voter registration forms - Available on the Town of Glastonbury website.
- VOTING (POLLING) LOCATION – www.Glastonburyct.gov/wheredoivote

REDISTRICTING BASED ON THE 2020 CENSUS – UPDATE

Each household was mailed a postcard, providing their current voting location for the voting years 2022 and forward. The postcard also contains information regarding representation by Congressional District, State Assembly District, and State Senatorial District. Please retain this postcard for your reference on Election Day.

Questions regarding the November election may be directed to the Registrars' Office at (860) 652-7628 or (860) 652-7627.

ABSENTEE BALLOT UPDATES

Voters with a Connecticut driver's license can now request an absentee ballot online at myvote.ct.gov/GetMyAB. This website is now available to voters, in lieu of submitting an application by mail or in-person at the Town Clerk's office.

HOLIDAY FAIR RETURNING THIS DECEMBER!

After a 2-year hiatus due to pandemic-related restrictions, the Town is pleased to announce that the annual Holiday Fair will return to the Glastonbury Boathouse this year! Mark your calendar for **Saturday, December 10th from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM** with more details COMING SOON!