



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

JANUARY 2023

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.info, to view a full list, as well as registration requirements, fees, and other program details.

- [1/7, 1/14, and 1/21 - Saturday Matinees at the RCC](#) - 11:00 AM
- [1/9 - Paint your Pet Watercolor Workshop](#) - 6:00 PM (WTML)
- [1/10 - Maine Fish Market Restaurant Trip](#) - 11:30 AM departure (RCC)
- [1/12 - Job Seeking Workshop for Teens](#) (Virtual) - 3:30 PM (WTML)
- [1/15 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration](#) - 3:00 PM (MLKCI)
- [1/18 - Home Buying Lunch & Learn \(Virtual\)](#) - 12:30 PM (WTML)
- [1/21 - Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training](#) - 10:00 AM (Y&FS)
- [1/23 - De-Stress with Gentle Stretching](#) - 6:30 PM (WTML)
- [1/24 - Trip to the New England Air Museum](#) - 1:00 PM (RCC)
- [1/24 - Annual Town Meeting](#) - 6:00 PM in Council Chambers
- [1/25 - Puzzle Palooza](#) - 6:00 PM - Registered teams of to 4 people will finish a 500-piece puzzle. Snacks will be provided, as well as prizes for the winning team. All ages welcome! Cost is \$5/team.
- [1/30 - Valentine's Day Card-Making Workshop](#) - 6:30 PM (WTML)

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

The winter season brings cold temperatures, inclement weather, and fewer hours of sunlight. Accordingly, we've compiled the following tips/resources for a safer winter season:

- **Heat (Energy) Assistance** - Residents seeking assistance with heat/energy bills are encouraged to reach out to the Social Services Department at (860) 652-7638 for more information.
- **Dial-A-Ride (DAR)** - Don't stand out in the cold waiting for public transportation! If you are a senior or disabled resident, the DAR service can help you get to your destination. [Learn more here.](#)
- **Exercise with caution!** - If exercising outdoors, be mindful to use marked sidewalks and crosswalks (where available), and wear bright/reflective clothing to ensure you are seen by vehicular traffic.
- **Clearing snow/ice** - In the event of inclement weather, property owners are responsible for clearing the snow and ice of any public sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours of a storm event. For community convenience, a salt/sand mixture is available at the following Town properties for free, residential use: Highway Garage (2380 New London Tpke.) in the upper driveway opposite Manchester Rd; Fire Company # 4 (1247 Manchester Rd); and Riverfront Park, rear parking area (200 Welles St.)

If you would like to support your neighbors in need of fuel, food, and other essentials, please consider donating to Glastonbury Gives. Check donations may be dropped off or mailed to the Riverfront Community Center at 300 Welles Street. Please note "Glastonbury Gives" in the memo line. If preferred, you may also donate online at www.glastonburyct.gov/glastonburygives. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Town facilities will be CLOSED on Monday, January 2nd, and Monday, January 16th, in observance of New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This 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 each holiday weekend.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023
6:00-8:00 PM
ACADEMY BUILDING

\$5/TEAM

POST-HOLIDAY CLEANUP RESOURCES

The holiday season has come to a close, and you may be left with an increasingly drying Christmas tree and a mountain of wrapping paper, cardboard boxes, and other packaging materials. To help start the New Year on a clean and green note, the Refuse Department wants to remind community members of the following recycling opportunities for your post-holiday clutter:

TREE DISPOSAL: Residents in any type of vehicle will be allowed free disposal of their holiday tree at the Bulky Waste facility (BWF) on Tryon Street from December 27, 2022 through February 1, 2023. One tree per vehicle allowed. Trees may also be disposed of at the Transfer Station during this time, however, residents are strongly encouraged to use the BWF as since this is the final disposal area and will thus reduce associated Town transportation costs (tax dollars). Waste disposal permits are not needed but proof of residency is required. Operating hours for these facilities are:

Bulky Waste Facility: Monday - Saturday; 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Transfer Station: Tuesday - Saturday; 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Questions should be directed to Refuse Disposal Division at **(860) 652-7772**.

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

MATTRESSES: If you purchased a new mattress over the shopping/holiday season, you can dispose of your old one through the 'Bye Bye Mattress' program. Simply drop your clean mattress and/or box spring at the Transfer Station during standard operating hours. Permits are not required but must show proof of residency. Additionally, if the mattress is deemed contaminated by Town staff, a \$15 disposal fee AND permit fee will be required for disposal. Learn more about the CT program, visit ByeByeMattress.com.

ONE MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE! - Before you dispose of your "old" items, consider leaving them at the 'Put and Take'! If you received new gifts this year that will replace "old" items, and the "old" but they are still useable and in fair/working condition, consider dropping such items at the Transfer Station 'put and take' in lieu of disposal. A "previously loved" item just might be exactly what someone else is looking for!

Learn more about all Town refuse/recycling programs at www.glastonburyct.gov/recycle.

REMINDER: TAXES DUE JANUARY 1, 2023

The second installment of Real Estate (RE) and Personal Property (PP) taxes on the Grand List of October 1, 2021 are due January 1, 2023 and payable by February 1, 2023.

The Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax is due January 1, 2023 and payable by February 1, 2023. Delinquent motor vehicle taxes shall be paid in Cash, Money Order, or Cashier's Check if a release is needed for the Department of Motor Vehicles. There will be a \$3.00 fee charged for each delinquent Motor Vehicle account.

Unpaid taxes will be considered delinquent as of February 2, 2023. On that date, interest will be charged from the original due date of January 1, 2023. Interest is charged at a rate of 1 ½% per month back to the due date of January 1, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of C.G.S. Sec. 12-146. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent tax bill and installment.

United States Postal Service postmarks are honored. Payments must bear a USPS postmark dated February 1, 2023 or before to be considered on-time.

Checks that have been returned by the bank shall be subject to a fifteen (\$15.00) handling fee.

Taxpayers who have not received a bill should visit www.glastonburyct.gov/taxpmt or contact the Revenue Collection (tax) Office at **(860) 652-7614**. Failure to receive a bill does NOT invalidate the charge and respective penalties should the account become delinquent.



TRENDING TOPICS!

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



VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
GLASTONBURYCT.GOV/TRENDING

UPDATE RE: TOWN MANAGER RECRUITMENT PROCESS

As long-tenured Town Manager Richard Johnson approaches retirement, the Town Council is in the process for recruiting his successor. The recruiting process has been underway for several months, and as of late November/early December, the Town Council narrowed the search for the next Town Manager to three highly qualified candidates. Earlier this month, a Community 'Meet & Greet' was held at the Riverfront Community Center, providing an opportunity for residents to speak with each candidate. This public forum was attended by a dozen community members. After the 'meet and greet' session, the Town Council conducted additional interviews with the finalists, and made their deliberations. In the coming weeks, they are expected to announce their decision for the successor Town Manager. The Town staff will continue to share updates as applicable to keep the community informed. Updates on the recruitment process will continue to be shared through the Town website as applicable.

COVID-19 TRACING UPDATE

The grant that funded contact tracer staff within the Town of Glastonbury organization has recently ended. As such, Town staff are no longer following up with people who have laboratory-positive test results for COVID-19.

The Health Department reminds community members of these important guidelines:

- Practice every day hygiene and avoid sharing personal items with others
- If you test positive for COVID-19, notify anyone you have been in contact with, and follow current CDC guidelines
- Continue to take care of yourself and others who are sick with COVID-19, or any respiratory disease.

To find guidance on how to reduce spread of the disease, please visit the [CDC website here](#), or speak with your medical care provider.

HOST YOUR 2023 MEETING OR EVENT AT THE BOATHOUSE!

The Town-owned Glastonbury Boathouse is a stunning venue, ideal for corporate parties, award ceremonies, and private events year-round. The second story banquet hall can accommodate presentations, educational seminars, networking events, and all of your business needs. Additionally, the Town offers a **20% discount on rental fees** from Dec. 1 - Apr. 15. To learn more, please visit our website at www.glastonburyboathouse.com.

SEWER BILL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Households with annual income at or below 60% of the state median income can qualify for one-time water assistance. Covered services include restoration of household water services; reduction of arrearages (overdue water bills); and prevention of service disconnection. Help is available for both household water and wastewater bills from participating water suppliers and wastewater service providers. Eligible households can qualify for up to \$1,000 in water assistance if they have disconnected service or are behind on bills. Payment includes all fees and charges if at imminent risk of household water or wastewater service disconnect. [Learn more here](#).

POLICE DEPARTMENT PURSUING REACCREDITATION IN 2024

CALEA is the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, and Glastonbury was the first CALEA accredited police department in the state (1986). We have since been reaccredited nine times, most recently in 2020, and will be up for reaccreditation again in 2024. To achieve accreditation, agencies must demonstrate compliance with CALEA professional standards, establishing a commitment to continuous development and the professional delivery of public safety services. We encourage community members to visit CALEA's web site at www.calea.org to learn more about the accreditation process. Visitors to the site will also have access to a portal where they can provide comments, commendations, and other information regarding the Glastonbury PD's quality of service, or any other information relevant to the accreditation process.

On behalf of the men and women of the Glastonbury Police Department, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Working together, we make Glastonbury a safe and welcoming community to live, work, and visit.

Sincerely - Chief of Police, Marshall Porter