



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

MARCH 2023

Upcoming Events

The list below is a SAMPLING of upcoming events. Please visit 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.

- [3/1 - Open House for the Kangaroo Kids' 2023-2024 School Year](#) - Sign up or schedule a tour!
- [3/6, 3/13, 3/20 - Monday Movies](#) - 1:00 PM at the RCC (see page 5)
- [3/10 - Training Session: Problem Gambling Among U.S. Veterans](#) - 9:30 AM at Academy (Hosted by Y&FS in partnership with Amplify) - RSVP required. Eligible for CEU credits.
- [3/15 - Webinar with Author Douglas Tallamy Re: Reverse Declining Biodiversity](#) - 7:00 PM - Watch by Zoom or at WTML.
- [3/16 - St. Patrick's Day Luncheon](#) - 11:45 AM @ the RCC (see page 1)
- [3/18 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event](#) - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Appointment required.
- [3/24 - Passport to Health Fair](#) - Drop by the RCC any time between 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Event will include various health vendors, kids' activities, car seat safety checks, vaccine clinics, and a chance to win great raffle prizes! Vendor/sponsor opportunities also available.

Summer Program Brochure and Registration Available Soon!

The Summer Program Brochure for Glastonbury Parks & Recreation and Senior/Social Services will be distributed to residents' mailboxes March 7-11. Registration will be accepted by mail and on-line ONLY from March 14 – April 3 for all programs, unless otherwise stated. Walk-in registration for applicable programs will begin Tuesday, April 4. Beginning March 7, residents may view program information online. Visit glastonburyct.gov/recreation and click on "Brochure of Programs and Activities". Printed brochures will also be available at Town Hall, WTML, the RCC, the Chamber of Commerce, and Y&FS beginning Friday, March 10.

Take a Chilly Plunge for a Good Cause!

Support Camp Sunrise and take a dip in the chilly waters of Eastbury Pond! Co-sponsored by the Glastonbury Parks and Recreation Dept. and the Glastonbury Elks Club, the **Arctic Adventure Plunge** will be held at Eastbury Pond on Sunday, March 12th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Participants will "plunge" into waist deep water for a few seconds, (with Public Safety officials on-site to ensure participant's safety) followed by coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts to warm up afterwards! Interested parties can sign-up as Individuals or Teams. The initial registration cost is \$25 per person. Individuals must then raise a minimum of \$100 and Teams (2-4 people) must raise a minimum of \$200. Those who raise more will receive a free Camp Sunrise Arctic Adventure T-shirt! [Click here to Register online](#). For more information, please contact Parks & Recreation at **(860) 652-7679**.

Camp Sunrise is a summer camp for children with special needs in Glastonbury and neighboring towns. Event funds will help provide campers with trips, support, and unique and memorable experiences.

Jonathan Luiz Appointed Town Manager

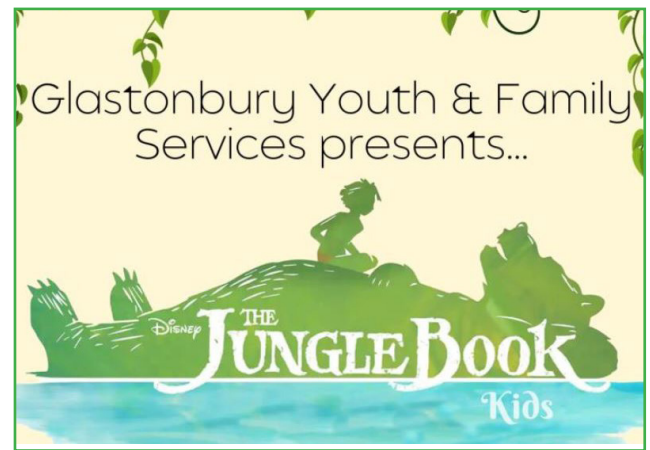
Effective March 31, 2023, Jonathan Luiz will take office in Town Hall as the new Glastonbury Town Manager, following the retirement of long-tenured Manager Richard J. Johnson. Please welcome Mr. Luiz to the community.

Retirement Celebration for Richard J. Johnson: Thursday, March 30

On Thursday, March 30th, the Town will host a retirement celebration for long-tenured Town Manager Richard J. Johnson. The event will be held at the Glastonbury Boathouse from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM in an open house format. Ticket details will be announced shortly. Visit glastonburyct.gov/celebrate for more info.

Audition for Jungle Book Kids!

Creative Experiences' "Peter Pan Players" is excited to announce auditions for their Spring 2023 production of Disney's "Jungle Book KIDS"! This production is open to Glastonbury residents in grades 7-12*. Auditions will be held on Monday, March 13th from 3:00 - 6:00 PM at Youth and Family (Y&FS). A \$25.00 registration fee will be due upon the first scheduled rehearsal for all those cast in the production. Rehearsals will take place afterschool at Y&FS three days a week with specific dates TBA. To register for auditions, [please click here](#). For more details, please email Jessica at jessica.palazzo@glastonbury-ct.gov or Jason at jason.stankowski@glastonbury-ct.gov.



**Due to a condensed rehearsal schedule, we will not be able to accommodate Smith students who are currently in the SMS Drama Club production.*

Featured Artist Exhibits Open at WTML

Stop by the Gallery at the newly renovated Welles-Turner Memorial Library and enjoy the art exhibit by the Featured Artist of the month! The Library will have artwork on display in the Friends Room and Gallery on a rotating basis going forward. Please stop by next time you're in the area and enjoy the beautiful artwork. Through April 7, the exhibit will feature work by Glastonbury Arts member, Sylvina Rollins. Her original oil paintings are inspired by life on her small farm with their rescued white shepherds and horses, and is also inspired by her childhood growing up on a farm with a variety of farm animals, especially cows.

LIFE ON THE FARM
Paintings by Artist & Author
Sylvina Rollins

www.SylvinaRollinsArt.com

FEBRUARY 10 – APRIL 7, 2023

Town & Chamber Seeking Sponsors for Summer Music Series

The Glastonbury Parks & Recreation Department and CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce are now seeking sponsors for the annual Riverfront Music Series. Each summer, the Town/Chamber host a series of FREE concerts at the Riverfront Park on Wednesday evenings, which feature incredible performers and draw huge crowds of community members. Attendees bring picnic setups, beverages, and even pets, and enjoy on-site entertainment and food trucks.

These community concerts are extremely well attended and highly regarded, and are made possible through the generous contributions of our donors. Sponsorship packages are now available for various commitment levels, ranging from \$500 to \$3,000.

To learn more about sponsorship options and benefits, contact Chamber President Jessica Olander at (860) 526-7054 or jessica@crvchamber.org.

What's New at the Chamber?

Open Networking Sessions - The Chamber hosts an open networking meeting every other Wednesday at 12:00 PM in the Academy building. These events are free and open to all, but registration is required. Visit the [Chamber website](#) to learn more.

New Member Orientation & Refresh Event - 3/29 - Attend this FREE event and learn how to maximize your Chamber membership. [Learn more here](#).

Wall of Honor Submissions Due 3/5!

Glastonbury is updating its Wall of Honor, which recognizes residents who have courageously served, or are currently serving in the U.S. Military. [Click here to view submission requirements](#). Please submit all nominations to the Customer Service Center by **no later than March 5, 2023!**



Safely Exchange Goods at GPD

Recently, there have been several armed robberies across the state, many of which have occurred during transactions coordinated through popular exchange sites like Craigslist and Facebook Marketplace. The Glastonbury Police Department would like to remind everyone of its designated Safe Exchange parking spots in the North Lot of the Police Department (2108 Main Street). This area can be used as a meeting point for exchanges involving the transfer of money or goods.

If you feel apprehensive about meeting someone to do an exchange, or are just feeling cautious, request that the person meet you at the Police Department (PD). If they are engaging in illicit or unlawful activities, they may not be willing to meet you at the PD, which is a good indication they may be involved in a scam or criminal activity.

Additionally, the following guidance can help keep you safe:

NEVER...

- provide your home address to anyone over the internet
- meet strangers in a private location

ALWAYS...

- Agree to meet in a public place where other people are nearby
- Bring someone with you for the exchange

Upcoming Recycling Opportunities

Satellite Food Waste Recycling

CT DEEP has recently approved food scrap recycling at the Satellite Recycling Facility behind Town Hall. Accordingly, the Town will be offering free “starter kits” over coming months. Stay tuned for more details on this expansion to the Town's [food waste collection program](#).

Rain Barrel/Compost Bin Sales Event - April 29

This April, the Town will host its annual composting sales event, through which residents can purchase rain barrels, compost bins, and related items at a discount from retail prices. Additional details to be announced over coming weeks.

