



Town of Glastonbury

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Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

ITEM #7
02-14-2023 Meeting

February 10, 2023

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 February 9, 2023 report is attached.

2. Newsletter

February edition attached.

3. Budget Workshops

A summary of upcoming budget reviews by Council as follows:

- Town Operating, Debt and Transfer, and Revenues Budget – Tuesday, February 28th, 6:00 p.m. (Regular Meeting to follow).
- Education Workshop – Wednesday, March 1st, 6:00 or 6:30 p.m.

4. Health & Wellness Fair

Glastonbury will host a Passport to Health Fair on Friday, March 24th from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at the RCC. The event will include health-related vendors, raffle prizes and the new fitness center will be open for viewing. Flyer attached.

5. National Night Out

National Night Out will be held on August 1st of this year from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the RCC fairgrounds. This is an annual campaign that promotes police/community partnerships. The event will include entertainment, inflatables, food, etc.

6. Capital Program

Council is next scheduled to review the capital program at the February 28th meeting. I have attached the one-page summary of the recommended projects reviewed at the January 19th Workshop. In preparation for the 28th, any questions or follow up information will be helpful to know so that I might prepare accordingly.

7. Governor's Budget Proposal

A review of revenues to cities and towns proposed by Governor Lamont as compared to the current year budget and proposed at the ATM indicates the following differences.

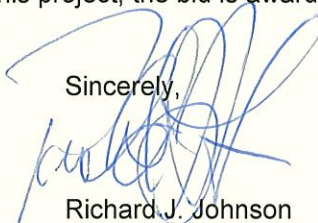
- ECS is budgeted at \$5.38M in the current year and similarly proposed for FY24. Governor Lamont proposes ECS to Glastonbury at \$5.66M. A \$280,000± gain over the current year and initial budget proposal.
- MV grant at \$1.79M in current year and proposed ad \$2.0M for FY24 Governor proposes \$2.4M. This will be discussed during budget process.

Other intergovernmental revenue for operating and capital remains generally consistent with the current year.

8. Pickleball Courts

In response to questions received on the status of this project, the bid is awarded and construction is scheduled to begin as weather allows this spring.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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Attachments



Town of Glastonbury

Health Department

Memo

February 9, 2023

To: Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

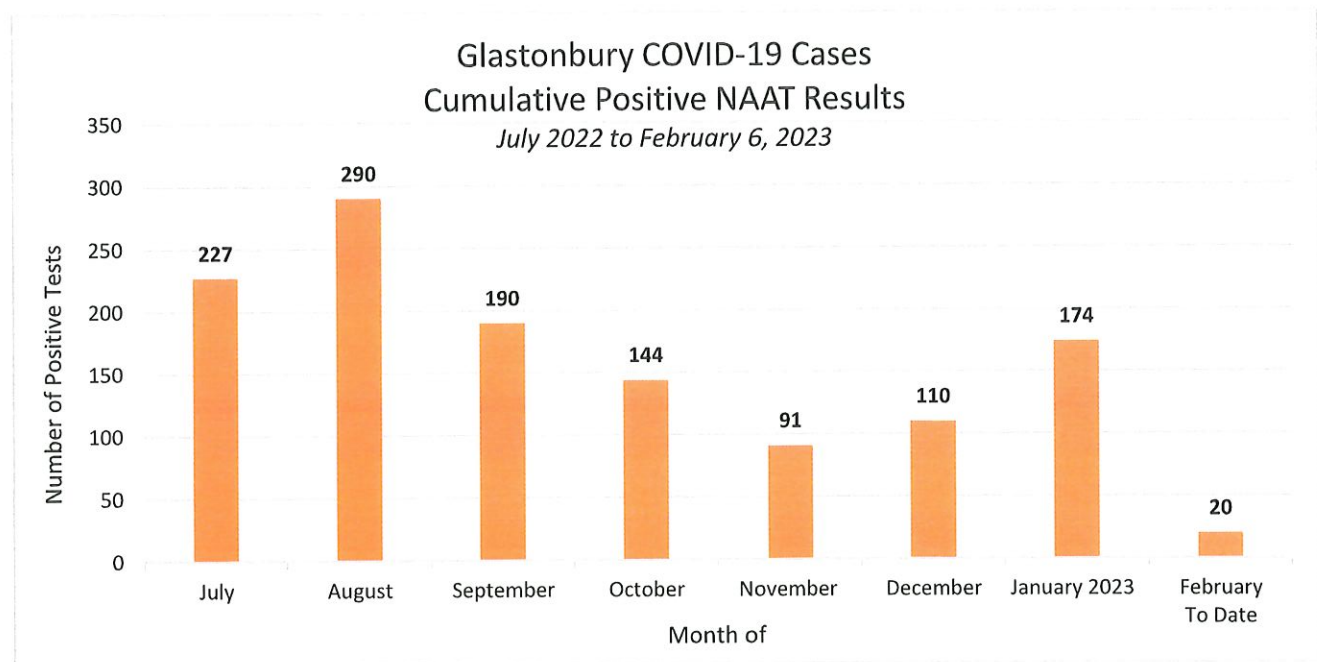
Fr: Wendy S. Mis *WSM*
Director of Health

Re: COVID-19 update

This report uses publicly available laboratory-confirmed results for COVID-19 data from Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) for local, county, and Connecticut overall. 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. Charts in this report show data in approximate one-month intervals. The current month is shown with data "to date".

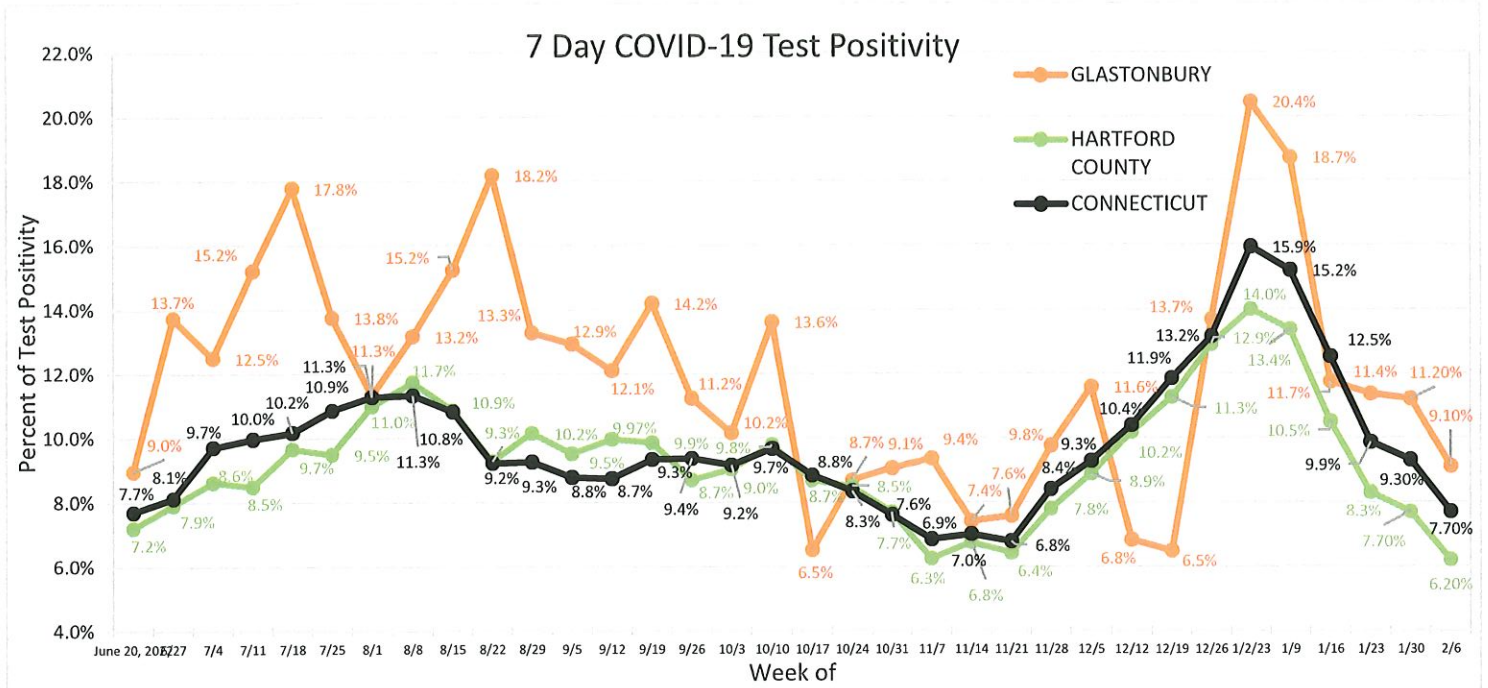
As per CT DPH data for February 6, 2023:

- A total of 136,370 tests have been administered to Glastonbury residents. (+226)
- Of the 136,370 tests administered, 7,818 were laboratory positive NAAT cases. (+20)
- No new deaths were recorded this week. The loss of Glastonbury residents remains at 126. (+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.

Seven-day test positivity continues to decline in Glastonbury (9.1%), Hartford County (6.2%) and CT overall (7.7%).



COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccines are available for individuals ages 6 months and up.

The COVID-19 bivalent booster vaccine is available if it has been at least two months since an individual's last COVID-19 vaccine (whether the primary series or any booster). 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.

Free at home COVID-19 test kits; extended shelf life of test kits

The U.S. government has again made at home test kits available to residential households for no cost. The order includes four (4) individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Tests can be ordered at <https://special.usps.com/testkits>.

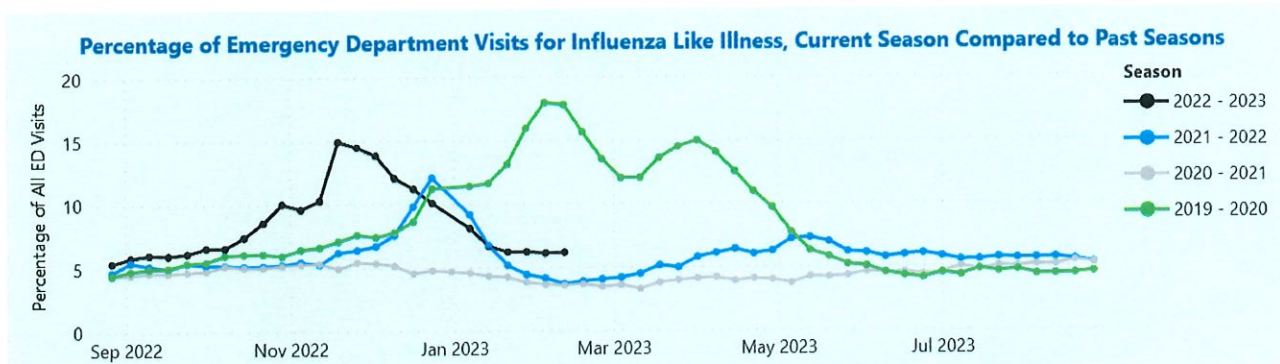
The expiration dates of many at home test kits have been extended. Go to [this website](#) to check the updated expiration date of kits in your home.

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.

Respiratory illness

Two basic types of virus circulate in the U.S., flu group A and flu group B. A typical flu season starts with Flu A infections, followed by a second wave of Flu B infections. The first wave (Flu A) seems to have peaked and is holding steady. If the same model holds this year (Flu A then Flu B), a second wave of flu may appear in February or March. While the recent trend doesn't show an increase in the number of people presenting at the emergency department for influenza like illness, flu season is ongoing, and **prevention strategies against respiratory viruses should be followed.**



Source: [CT DPH](#)

Flu shots are readily available in the community. Pharmacies and other locations providing flu shots as well as the vaccines available can be found at www.vaccines.gov.

While COVID-19, seasonal flu, and RSV may be addressed with slightly different medical treatments, **prevention strategies against respiratory viruses are similar:**

- Wash your hands often
- Clean and disinfect surfaces regularly
- Get your flu vaccine and COVID-19 booster
- Stay home when you are sick
- Wear a mask in crowded public areas, or near others who may be sick
- Wear a mask around others when you have respiratory illness symptoms

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](#).



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

FEBRUARY 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.

- [2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25 - Saturday Matinees at the RCC](#) - 11:00 AM
- [2/7 - Bidwell Tavern & Munson's Chocolate Factory Trip](#) - 11:30 AM
- [2/14 - Valentine's Luncheon](#) - 12:00 PM @ the RCC - Tickets must be purchased by February 9th
- [2/14 - 2nd Tuesday Book Club](#) - 2:00 PM @ WTML
- [2/22 - The Carousel Museum/Museum of Fire History Trip](#) - Depart RCC @ 11:30 AM - Registration required.

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY (WEEK) - FEBRUARY 5-12

The Children's Department of WTML will join libraries across the country and around the world to celebrate the 11th Annual "Take Your Child to the Library Day." The celebration will run February 5-12, with grab & go crafts and word search puzzles available while supplies last. While visiting the library, enter the guessing game to win a book, sign your child up for their own library card, and check out both new books and old favorites.

During the week, two virtual Zoom programs will be offered for children ages 5 and under: Little Bookworms storytime on Feb. 8 at 10:00 AM, and Wee Rock @ Home music and movement on Feb. 11 at 10:00 AM. A virtual ValenSlime Party for kids in grades K-3 will be held on Feb. 9 at 3:00 PM., and will include a reading of the new book as well as a slime making activity.

Register for the Zoom programs through the WTML website and receive the login information on the day of each program. For more information, please contact the Children's Dept. at (860) 652-7718 or visit www.wtmlib.info.

FREE SAND/SALT MIXTURE

Glastonbury residents can obtain free sand/salt mixture for treating driveways, sidewalks, and other walkways during inclement weather. This material is available at four locations in town for resident convenience. [Click here to view a map of these sites](#). Material is for residential use only. Contractor use is prohibited.

TOWN FACILITIES CLOSED ON PRESIDENTS' DAY

Town facilities will be CLOSED on Monday, February 20th, in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday. This includes 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.

Y&FS Programs

Expressive Arts for Self-Discovery

This February and March, Glastonbury Youth & Family Services will host a 6-week creative arts group focused on self-esteem, self-acceptance, and self-reflection. This program is open to teens in grades 9 - 12 and will meet on Tuesdays from 2:30 - 3:30 PM. Meetings will run from Feb. 7 - March 14 and registration is required. To sign up, or learn more, please contact Keila Aldea, LCSW, at (860) 652-7667 or keila.aldea@glastonbury-ct.gov.

Educational/Support Program for Parents

Are you a Glastonbury parent who is looking for tips, resources, and rejuvenation? This educational/support program will help you navigate the ups and downs of parenting in 2023. Group sessions will begin in February. If you are interested in joining, please contact Y&FS at (860) 652-7660.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: HOMEOWNERS TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

The Homeowners Tax Relief program is available to Glastonbury homeowners who turned 65 prior to December 31, 2022 and whose 2022 income was \$64,090 or less. New applicants must submit an application and proof of income by the filing deadline of May 15, 2023. The application and detailed instructions will be available on the Town website at www.glastonburyct.gov/taxrelief by Feb. 15, 2023.

Re-applicants who are required to reapply for the program during the Feb. 1, 2023 - May 15, 2023 filing period will receive a mailing in mid-February.

Questions should be directed to the Assessor's Office or Senior Services:

Assessor's office: (860) 652-7600 or assessor@glastonbury-ct.gov

Senior Services: (860) 652-7638 or socialservices@glastonbury-ct.gov

HELP SUPPORT THE NEW SELF-SELECT FOOD BANK!

DROP-OFF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
DONATIONS AT THE RCC.

TO LEARN MORE OR MAKE A
MONETARY CONTRIBUTION, VISIT

GLASTONBURYCT.GOV/FOODBANK



The Town will be opening a self-service food pantry this February, and staff are currently seeking donations of non-perishable food items.

Items can be dropped off at the RCC during designated hours. To learn more, please visit glastonburyct.gov/foodbank.

WALL OF HONOR

REMEMBER & RECOGNIZE

Glastonbury is updating its Wall of Honor, located in Town Hall.

Nominations accepted now
through March 5, 2023.

Over coming months, Glastonbury will update its Wall of Honor, which recognizes residents who have courageously served, or are currently serving in the U.S. Military. To submit a friend/family member, please send the details below to the Customer Service Center (CSC) by no later than March 5, 2023. [Learn more here.](#)

- Service Member's Full Name
- Rank, Station, and Hometown
- Immediate family members
- Photo - 4x 6 300 dpi jpeg file OR 8 x 10 hard copy photo
- Please also note if the individual is living or deceased
- Submitter contact name, phone number, and email address

VOTER REGISTRATION INFO

Each year, the Registrars of Voters (ROVs) are required to conduct a review of the voting lists. Based on information obtained from the U.S. Postal Service, the ROVs mail letters to voters to confirm that listed addresses are current. These letters were mailed in January. Upon receipt, we ask voters to please review the information and return their response in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope to aid in this process. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

POLICE DEPT. SURVEY

The Glastonbury Police Department (GPD) is seeking feedback on the quality of service we provide to the public, and we're encouraging community members to respond to a satisfaction survey. GPD staff take great pride in providing quality, professional service to all community members, and we want to ensure that we are being responsive to community needs. Your input is invaluable in helping us improve and enhance our services, and plan for the future. Please take a few moments to complete the [survey online here](#) or scan the QR code with your mobile device.



NEW DIRECTORS

Over recent months, the Town of Glastonbury has welcomed several new Directors. For many of these positions, the Directors held the position for more than 30 years, and we appreciate the dedication and many years of service of these valued individuals. With their departure, the Town is pleased to introduce the following new professionals to the management team:

Mike Manfre, Superintendent of Sanitation, Refuse, and Recycling - Mike joined the Town's Wastewater and Refuse/Recycling Department this past September. Mike holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Maine, and a Class IV Operator certification through CT DEEP. Prior to joining the Glastonbury team, Mike served on the Water Pollution Control Authority in Vernon, CT and as Operations Manager for the Mattabassett District in Cromwell.

Keri Rowley, Director of Finance and Administrative Services - Keri has over 13 years of experience in municipal finance and accounting. Prior to joining the Glastonbury team, Keri worked for the Town of Bloomfield Finance department for many years, serving as their Director of Finance for the last four years. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and is active in the New England States Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

Gina Consiglio, Purchasing Agent - Gina joined the Town in early December 2022. She previously worked for the City of New Haven, with experience in all areas of the city's purchasing assignments. Gina holds a Masters of Business Administration with a focus on project management and leadership, as well as a Bachelors of Arts degree from Albertus Magnus College.

Shelley Caltagirone, Director of Planning and Land Use Services - Shelley came onboard in mid-January and has relocated from San Francisco, where she worked in the city's planning department for over 15 years. Her vast experience includes design and environmental review, and policy/action initiatives. She has also worked as a Historic Preservation Planner. Shelley holds a Master's Degree from U-PENN and Bachelor's Degree from the University of Virginia.

Amy McCue, Library Director - At the end of February, Amy will join the Town as Library Director, following the retirement of long-tenured Director Barbara Bailey. Amy has over 16 years of experience in Library Science, most recently serving as Director for the Town of Granby. Amy has a Master's Degree in Library & Information Sciences and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Sociology.

Please join us in welcoming these experienced and knowledgeable Directors.

Drive and Thrive!

Glastonbury Human Services is currently seeking drivers for the Dial-A-Ride (DAR) team. Become a DAR driver and help your fellow community members while receiving competitive pay rates!



P&R Now Recruiting Summer Staff

Glastonbury Parks & Recreation is now hiring for 2023 Summer Staff! Join their team and enjoy competitive pay rates and amazing experiences. View a list of current opportunities at www.glastonburyct.gov/PRjobs.

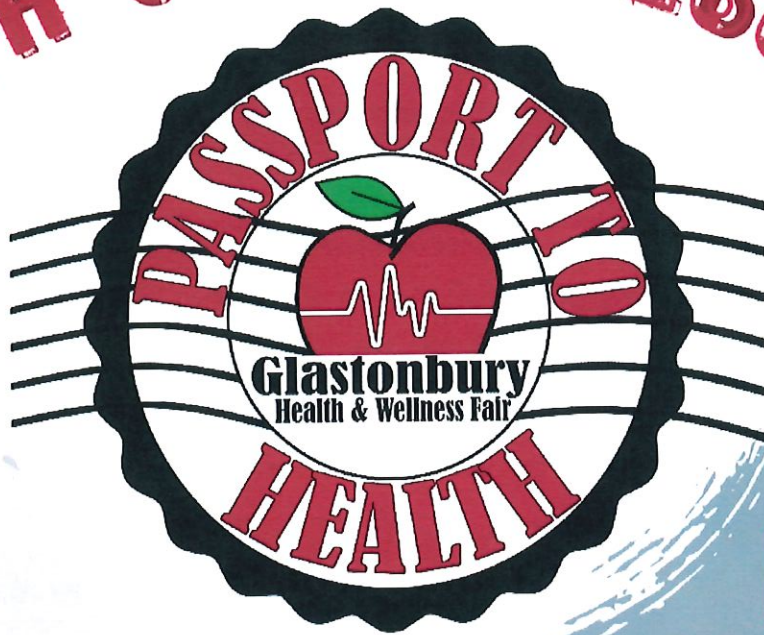
A SNEAK PEAK AT MARCH

Please note the following opportunities coming up in early March with more details to come over the next few weeks.

- **Auditions for Y&FS** - The "Peter Pan Players" group will perform 'Jungle Book Kids' this Spring, with auditions to be held on March 13th.
- **Focus Groups Re: Town Center Design Guidelines** - In March, the Town will hold 3 focus groups to inform development of Design Guidelines for the Town Center area – the area that encompasses Main St., Hebron Ave., New London Tpke., and numerous roadways. This engagement opportunity will build upon the community workshop and online survey completed at the end of 2022. To learn more, please contact Shelley Caltagirone, Director of Planning & Land Use Services, at shelley.caltagirone@glastonbury-ct.gov.
- **Kangaroo Kids Preschool Program** - Open House for the 2023-2024 School Year will be held on March 1st. To sign-up for a tour, or to learn more, please visit glastonburyct.gov/kangarookids.
- **Passport to Health Fair** - Mark your calendars for this event, to be held on March 24th at the RCC. [View event/sponsorship details](#).
- **Summer Camp** - Glastonbury Parks & Recreation offers many fun and exciting summer camps for preschoolers through teens, with dates listed [on the Town website](#). Registration begins on Tuesday, March 14th at 8:00 a.m.

Glastonbury

HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR



**JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN,
DEMONSTRATIONS, VENDORS & MORE!**

- RAFFLES
- HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT
- GLASTONBURY FIRE SMOKEHOUSE
- KIDS ACTIVITIES
- FACE PAINTING
- VENDORS & CRAFTERS
- SERVICE DEMONSTRATIONS
- CARSEAT SAFETY CHECKS
- GIVEAWAYS
- COVID VACCINATION CLINIC

**ADMISSION IS FREE
BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR THE
FOOD PANTRY FOR A FREE RAFFLE TICKET!**

**FRIDAY
MARCH 24
2 PM - 7 PM**

**RIVERFRONT
COMMUNITY CENTER
300 WELLES STREET,
GLASTONBURY**

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