



# GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

APRIL 2023

## Upcoming Events

The list below is a SAMPLING of upcoming events. Please visit [www.glastonburyct.gov/events](http://www.glastonburyct.gov/events), review the Sharing Tree (Senior) Newsletter, [www.glastonburyct.gov/sharingtree](http://www.glastonburyct.gov/sharingtree), or visit the WTML website, [www.wtmlib.info](http://www.wtmlib.info), to view a full list, as well as registration requirements, fees, and other program details.

- [4/1 - Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs](#) - 10:00 AM @ Riverfront Park
- [4/2 - Egg-a-POOL-ooza - 1:00 PM @ GHS](#) - Registration required.
- [4/3 - Marc Berger Live in Concert](#) - 6:30 PM at WTML (or by Zoom!) - Register online or by calling the Reference Department.
- [4/11 - Shake, Rattle 'n Roll Dueling Pianos Trip](#) - 10:00 AM departure from the RCC to the Aqua Turf Club
- [4/13 - Teen College Admissions Timeline - 6:00 PM @ WTML](#) - Teens and their families are invited to attend this program to learn how to navigate the complex process of applying to college!
- [4/13 - Swing into Spring Luncheon](#) - 11:45 AM @ the RCC - Tickets must be purchased by 4/10.
- [4/20 - Bella Italia Night - Dinner & Dancing](#) - 6:00 PM @ the RCC - Tickets (\$15/p) must be purchased by April 14th.
- [4/22 - Free Brush Disposal Day](#) - Dispose of brush ONLY without disposal fees at the Transfer Station during regular operating hours on Saturday, 4/22 (opens at 7:00 AM).
- [4/22 - Earth Day](#) - 9:00 AM at the High Street School Ball Field (So. Glastonbury) - Hosted by South Church and the Environmental Team of TALK, this fair will feature music, a carnival, activities for children and adults, and a number of vendors, including the Town Refuse & Recycling Department!
- [4/22 - Youth Fishing Derby](#) - 8:00 AM at Eastbury Pond
- [4/22 - Pooch Prom](#) - 4:00 PM at the Dog Park - Adults and their pups are invited to the Town's 1st Pooch Prom, featuring vendors, a raffle, music, and fun!

## Holiday Closures

Town facilities will be CLOSED on Friday, April 7th in observance of the Good Friday holiday. This includes Town Hall / Academy, the RCC, WTML, Y&FS, the Transfer Station, and the Bulky Waste Facility. We will resume standard operating hours following the holiday.

## Newly Appointed Town Manager Starts April 3

New Town Manager, Jonathan Luiz, will take office in Town Hall on Monday, April 3rd, and is looking forward to joining our community!

## Town Welcomes New Planner, Gary Haynes

The Town is pleased to announce that Gary Haynes has joined the Community Development office as the Town Planner. Gary previously worked as Director of Community Development in East Granby and has worked extensively within our neighboring communities. Please join us in welcoming this knowledgeable addition to the Town staff.



## Resident Feedback Wanted in Bicycle Friendly Community Survey - Due April 5

Whether you bike to work and pass through Glastonbury, have children you ride with in your neighborhood, frequent the local cycling stores, or use the bike paths in town, please take a moment to provide your feedback as part of the community survey. This survey is being facilitated by the Glastonbury Bicycle Advisory Group, and survey responses are due by April 5!

[Please click here to submit your input](#), and share this with anyone you believe may wish to participate. Thanks in advance for your comments!

# Refuse & Recycling Updates

## Expanded Food Waste Recycling Program

Did you know that food waste recycling reduces overall waste tonnage and associated expenses, and converts the material into renewable energy? You could say that one man's trash is another man's energy source! To encourage food recycling, the Town has installed a new food recycling satellite container behind Town Hall, now available for public use. Residents may also continue to recycle their food waste at the Transfer Station (permit required). Do your part to reduce our waste and [take the Food Scraps Pledge today!](#) Community members who pledge to recycle their food waste can also receive a free starter kit! Beginning Saturday, April 1, residents can obtain a free starter kit from the following locations during standard operating hours, and while supplies last: Town Sanitation Office, Transfer Station, Bulky Waste Facility, or the Town Hall Customer Service Center. Help us protect the planet one scrap at a time and take the pledge today!



**FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING STARTER KIT**

AVAILABLE TO GLASTONBURY RESIDENTS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS!\*

\*AS SUPPLIES LAST.

For more information, visit [glastonburyct.gov/foodscraps](http://glastonburyct.gov/foodscraps)

## Extended DST Wednesday Hours at Transfer Station

As of Wednesday March 15, 2023, the Transfer Station has implemented its Spring/Summer season Daylight Savings Time hours, which extends Wednesday hours only to 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. To view the complete schedule, please visit the [Transfer Station page on the Town website.](#)

## Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Event - 4/15

Safely dispose of paints and stains, acids, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers, chemicals, household cleaning products and other hazardous materials which may have accumulated at your home. Appointments are REQUIRED. [Click here to learn more or to schedule your appointment.](#)

## Compost Bin/Rain Barrel Sales & Pick-up Event - 4/29

This Spring, the Town is hosting its annual Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sales and Pickup event. Residents may purchase rain barrels, compost bins, and related products through 4/28 for pick-up at Academy on 4/29.

Composting is an excellent way to reduce the volume of trash going into landfills! It also improves soil structure and moisture retention, and contributes to healthy plant growth.

Rain Barrels reduce water costs, improve local water quality, prevent erosion, provide water during droughts, and provide a natural source of water for plants and gardens - all while reducing the amount of pollutants that enter our storm drains!

Residents may purchase rain barrels, compost bins, and related items through the online store through April 28th. Items must be picked up at the Academy parking lot on Saturday, 4/29 between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. [Learn more here.](#)



## Spring Safety for Pedestrians from the Glastonbury PD

Spring has arrived, and as the weather gets warmer, an increasing amount of people will be out walking, running, and enjoying the sunshine, and taking advantage of the vast sidewalk network throughout the community - especially on Main Street and around the Town Center. Soon, the crosswalk signs that sit in the middle of the road will be back in place after their winter break. These signs, coupled with the large signs on the side of the road indicating the location of a crosswalk (and electronic flashing signals in some instances, e.g. on Glastonbury Blvd and in front of The Tannery on New London Turnpike), are all reminders for drivers of where they must yield to pedestrians.



In 2021, Connecticut changed the crosswalk law to include not only pedestrians within any portion of the sidewalk, but also when the pedestrian “steps to the curb at the entrance to the crosswalk and indicates his or her intent to cross the roadway by raising his or her hand and arm toward oncoming traffic; or indicates his or her intent to cross the roadway by moving any part of his or her body or an extension thereof, including, but not limited to, a wheelchair, cane, walking stick, crutch, bicycle, electric bicycle, stroller, carriage, cart or leashed or harnessed dog, into the crosswalk at the entrance to the crosswalk.” In fact, the only time a vehicle has the right of way at a crosswalk is an emergency vehicle with activated lights and sirens. A violation of these laws can cost a driver a hefty fine!

### Tips for Pedestrian Safety:

- If there are NO crosswalks marked on the roadway, pedestrians must yield to vehicular traffic.
- Jaywalking (crossing an intersection diagonally) is ILLEGAL in Connecticut.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and the speed limit in the area you are crossing to ensure drivers have enough warning to stop for you.
- Be extra conscious when crossing the street during busy times of the day/peak traffic hours, especially at sunset/sunrise and in the night hours.
- When sidewalks are NOT present, walk/run AGAINST traffic flow to avoid having your back to approaching traffic.
- Keep in mind that using the roadway as a pedestrian in a negligent or reckless manner can result in a fine.
- The use of bicycles, electric bicycles, and electric foot scooters are prohibited on sidewalks and are to be used in the bike lane or shoulder of the road, in the same direction as the flow of traffic.

The Glastonbury Police Department appreciates your cooperation in following these important safety measures. The roadway can be a dangerous place, particularly for pedestrians, and it is important to be aware and attentive to your surroundings to prevent accidents and unnecessary injury.

Questions regarding these tips may be directed to Officer Caruso at [laura.caruso@glastonbury-ct.gov](mailto:laura.caruso@glastonbury-ct.gov) or (860) 652-4286.

## Chamber Corner

### 8th Annual Golf Tournament - June 5, 2023

Save the Date of June 5, 2023 for the Chamber's 8th Annual Classic Golf Tournament at Glastonbury Hills Country Club. More details to be announced over coming weeks!

### Open Networking Groups

Grow your business with the Chamber's weekly open networking meetings, connecting Greater Hartford area professionals. At each session, participants will all share something they need, or something they want to give, with a focus on strengthening relationships.



For more information about Chamber events and programs, please visit their website at [crvchamber.org](http://crvchamber.org).