



# Town of Glastonbury

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ITEM #7  
03-28-2023 Meeting

Richard J. Johnson  
Town Manager

March 24, 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. **Upcoming Programs**

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection – Regional Collection Facility, 324 Olcott Street, Manchester. Upcoming dates include March 18<sup>th</sup> (over 400 appointments booked), April 15<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>. Collections are by appointment only and proof of residency required.
- Compost and Rain Barrels – Online ordering under way. Flyer describing program attached.
- Free Brush Disposal Days – April 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Transfer Station and Bulky Waste Facilities – 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Transfer Station – extended daylight savings hours began Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday ONLY 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Food Scrap Collection Program – containers available at the Transfer Station and Satellite Recycling Facility behind Town Hall. To inaugurate, free composting “Starter Kits” will be available the week of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Details published to the Town Web site.

2. **Welles-Turner Memorial Library Preschool Art Show**

Over 400 people attended the preschool art show reception at Welles-Turner Memorial Library on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, with hundreds participating in the special art-themed story times. Featured 460 works of art from 11 Glastonbury daycare centers, nursery schools, and preschools. A library tradition for 31 years before the pandemic. The art will be displayed in the Children's Room through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

3. **Mill Rate**

At its special meeting of March 24, 2023, the Board of Finance formally established the mill rate at 31.01 with collection rate of 99.15. This is consistent with information provided throughout the budget process.

4. **Tree-Lined Walkway at Knox Lane**

I am pleased to advise Glastonbury is awarded an \$11,00 through the CT Urban Forest Council. The grant will fund tree plantings and walkway at Knox Lane. Congrats to all for this successful grant award.

5. **Award of Notes**

A Note sale was held on March 14<sup>th</sup> for \$2.155M in temporary financing for recent and pending land purchases including Dayton Road, Sherwood Drive, McVey parcel and pending Matson Hill Road. The three-month duration will allow for a bond sale over coming months. A net interest cost of 3.89%.

6. **Town Staff Appreciation**

Recent thank you notes to Town staff are attached for your information.

Sincerely,

  
Richard J. Johnson  
Town Manager

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**Pick-up**

**Location:**

Academy Parking Lot  
2149 Main Street | Glastonbury, CT



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Dear Glastonbury Times, 12/2022

This donation is in appreciation for all that the Town's Social Services department does to help residents. It is also to thank Town Manager Richard Johnson for his excellence in leading our municipal agencies.

Best wishes for a warm, safe and joyful 2023 everyone! Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Hello! My name is [REDACTED] and I have now been a resident for 10 years! I love this town and everything it offers. I have not run into any officers that were not helpful! Every one of them that I have interacted with has been nothing but helpful and kind. Does the Glastonbury Police Dept. have a place set up to receive donations for appreciation? Do you have a "Charity" of sorts that one could donate to in order to directly "help" them out personally? Please let me know... I'd love to see what options I have should I decide to donate.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Steven Gillette [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2022 7:08 AM  
To: PD Staff [REDACTED]  
Subject: Message from Red Cross

I want to thank everyone that helped by volunteering, baking, or stopping by while on patrol. I received this e-mail from the Red Cross coordinator this morning.

Thanks so much for all you did to help make the blood drive a success! We exceeded the goal set for 30 and collected 35 pints. All together, we had 42 register, 6 deferrals, and 1 QNS (didn't fill the bag), for that total of 35. Remember when we separate the red cells, plasma and platelets, your drive collections can possibly help 105 people in need. Just think what that could mean to a family this holiday season! I'm grateful to you and the union for helping! We would love to have you do it again some time, perhaps this coming summer! Have an awesome holiday season!

Officer Steven Gillette [REDACTED]  
Glastonbury Police Department  
Youth Unit

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 10:03 AM  
**To:** Marshall Porter <marshall.porter@glastonbury-ct.gov>  
**Subject:** Commending Exceptional Performance

Good morning Chief Porter,

In a time where there is so much negativity and lack of support towards police officers in our society, I would like to take a moment of your time to recognize the timely and professional response this morning from two of your officers.

At approximately 04:30 I left my residence for my morning walk and while returning approximately 30 minutes later, I observed a set of illuminated taillights in a shared driveway across the street from my residence. As I got closer the lights had gone out and the vehicle was parked at an odd angle across the width of the driveway.

The vehicle had extremely dark limo tinting, and I was unable to tell if it was occupied. The residence that was adjacent to the driveway had recently been sold and was currently unoccupied. I did not recognize it as belonging to any of my neighbors.

I called the police department and spoke with a male dispatcher who gathered all of the pertinent information and dispatched the responding officers.

Officer Alex Torres promptly arrived as the primary officer and made a great tactical approach and located an occupant in the vehicle. His back-up was Officer Chris Carlone arrived shortly thereafter. They were polite and very professional.

The circumstances that they encountered could have very easily gone wrong with disastrous results. This just reaffirms that there is no such thing as a routine encounter for police officers.

A huge thanks to you and the men and Women of the Glastonbury Police Department for keeping us safe and putting yourselves in harm's way!

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 5, 2023 9:41 AM  
**To:** Marshall Porter <marshall.porter@glastonbury-ct.gov>  
**Subject:** Commendation for Officer

We contacted GPD on December 26<sup>th</sup> around 9 AM to report a theft of jewelry from our home; Officer Sharov was dispatched and arrived within the hour. I want to commend Officer Sharov for recovering my wife's jewelry. He was very polite and took our report. We had a subcontractor of Eversource in our home on December 19<sup>th</sup>, and the two individuals had full access to our house for 4+ hours. On December 24<sup>th</sup>, my wife was preparing to leave for a family Christmas Eve activity and discovered that her diamond eternity band was missing from her center drawer bureau. We had to go, so we left without further investigation. On December 25<sup>th</sup>, we searched for the ring and could not find it; she also discovered another diamond and sapphire ring missing at that time. We realized we had been the victim of theft and decided we would contact GPD on Monday AM. Officer Sharov took our report, and we provided detailed information on the two stolen rings. We did not anticipate recovery of the rings but felt it was important to report it for insurance purposes and to prevent future thefts hopefully. Around 4:30 on December 27<sup>th</sup>, Officer Sharov contacted me via phone, letting me know he was on his way to a pawn shop in Wethersfield to recover what he believed to be my wife's rings. He sent me a picture twenty or so minutes later, and I was able to confirm they were our rings. Approximately one hour later, he contacted us and let us know if we came and signed a statement, we could



collect my wife's rings. My wife, greatly distressed by the missing rings, was beyond happy. She called Officer Sharov her Christmas miracle.

We want to recognize Officer Sharov for his work, follow-through, and professionalism. We would also like to commend him and the GPD publically in the Glastonbury Citizen. Before doing so, we wanted to confirm that using officer Sharov's name in the Citizen letters to the editor section is okay. We also would like to recognize the entire GPD team with a donation of some sort. We would be happy to donate to a cause of the GPD in Officer Sharov's name or perhaps provide a meal from a local restaurant to Officer Sharov and his colleagues at the station. We recognize that being a police officer today is a thankless job that few will choose to pursue, given all the constraints and personal liability that police officers face in today's environment. Please know that we believe most citizens support and recognize your service to our community and are happy to acknowledge your service publicly.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

January 23, 2023

[REDACTED]

Glastonbury, CT. 06033

K9 Program  
Glastonbury Police Department  
2108 Main Street  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Enclosed is a donation for the K9 Program at the Glastonbury Police Department. We are making this donation in honor of and thanks to Officer Sergey Sharov. Office Sharov responded to and investigated a property theft at our home on December 26<sup>th</sup>. We want to recognize Office Sharov for his efforts which resulted in the recovery of our stolen property.

We also want to thank the entire GPD for serving our community.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2023 11:54 AM  
**To:** GPDRecords <[GPDRecords@glastonbury-ct.gov](mailto:GPDRecords@glastonbury-ct.gov)>  
**Subject:** Case# [REDACTED]

Hi, I'm requesting all records pertaining to my accident relative to the above referenced case.

I currently have Covid and would prefer all records to be sent electronically to my email. If not, I need to make arrangements for these records to be picked up when ready.

Please advise

Thank you and Please Thank Officer Sharov, he was so awesome at the scene of the accident. At 76 years old it was my first accident and he was quite comforting!

[REDACTED]

From: Jeff Foss-Rugan [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 11:26 PM  
To: Marshall Porter <marshall.porter@glastonbury-ct.gov>  
Cc: Mark Catania <mark.catania@glastonbury-ct.gov>  
Subject: Thank you-Captain Catania

Chief Marshall Porter,

There are not too many opportunities to thank command staff as many actions are usually completed behind the scenes out of the public view. I wanted to send a quick thank you for the assistance of Captain Mark Catania earlier this evening when he witnessed an intoxicated, obscene, and threatening person within one of our local businesses. Captain Catania contacted the RHPD to report the incident but stood by to not only provide assistance to responding officers when the suspect left the area, but gave staff members a feeling of comfort.

When the suspect was located, Captain Catania took valuable time out of his evening to provide a statement and conduct a "show up" of the individual. Due to Captain Catania's actions, we were able to take the suspect into custody. This suspect is well known to our police department for causing obscene disturbances, has an extensive criminal history, and likely prevented another incident from occurring. Due to his level of intoxication, there was also the possibility that the suspect could have fallen and likely suffer injuries during one of the coldest days of the year. This is what citizens of our communities not only expect from police personnel but deserve.

In reading information on your department and mission statement through your departments website, Captain Catania has lived up to your expectations and reflected not only himself but your department in a favorable way. Responding officers commented about his positive demeanor and professionalism as he did what ever was asked of him.

As the great Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "The time is always right to do what is right."

A sincere thank you.

Sergeant Jeffrey Foss-Rugan [REDACTED]



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*Using Dr. King's philosophy and principles to create a more inclusive community*

February 4, 2023

The enclosed check is a donation to Town of Glastonbury K-9 Program in appreciation of Officers Caruso and Campbell for their presence at the Glastonbury MLK Birthday celebration on January 15.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] for the Glastonbury Martin Luther King Community Initiative



**Visitor Comment Card**

Please indicate the Date and Department/Facility you visited:

Date 2/8/23 Department/Facility Notary

Were you greeted promptly and courteously?

Yes  No  N/A

Did you receive the assistance you needed?

Yes  No  N/A

Please explain the primary purpose of your visit:

notary of document

Please rate the overall quality of the assistance you were given:

Excellent  Very Good  Average  Below Average  Poor

Please share your comments or suggestions regarding your experience with Town staff, programs, or services as applicable:

Lovely staff + very courteous.

Would you like a staff member to follow up with you?  Yes  No  
\*If so, please provide your contact information below.

Contact Information (Optional)  
Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_



Prefer to submit online? Scan the QR code or visit [www.glastonburyct.gov/feedback](http://www.glastonburyct.gov/feedback).

**From:** Woessner, Dennis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 8, 2023 9:46 AM  
**To:** Marshall Porter <[marshall.porter@glastonbury-ct.gov](mailto:marshall.porter@glastonbury-ct.gov)>  
**Cc:** Mark Catania <[mark.catania@glastonbury-ct.gov](mailto:mark.catania@glastonbury-ct.gov)>; Kevin Szydlo <[kevin.szydlo@glastonbury-ct.gov](mailto:kevin.szydlo@glastonbury-ct.gov)>; Gene Jopeck <[gene.jopeck@glastonbury-ct.gov](mailto:gene.jopeck@glastonbury-ct.gov)>  
**Subject:** Suicidal Individual

Good morning Chief Porter,

Last night at around 1653 hours Dispatch received a call from a women who was reporting that her husband was in the basement with a loaded gun and was threatening to kill himself. Dispatch kept the caller on the line and was able to determine that her sons were in the basement with her husband. Dispatch continued to provide us with additional information as we responded to the residence. A perimeter was immediately set up and with the open lines of communication we had with the wife through Dispatch, we were able to get the sons and wife out of the house. We initiated PA announcements in an attempt to get the male to come out and after roughly an hour he exited the residence. The individual was eventually taken to the hospital to get the help he needed. In the basement we found a loaded .357 magnum, with the hammer pulled back, ready to fire. Other guns were also located in the residence.

The Dispatchers on duty last night, I believe Gabe was the one talking to the wife, all did an excellent job from start to finish. Often times the Dispatchers are the real heroes contributing to the successful resolution of an incident, but often times their efforts are over looked. I do not want this to be one of those times. Please extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to those that were working last night. Their efforts last night saved lives.

Best regards,

Dennis

Dennis S. Woessner  
Chief of Police  
East Hampton Police Department  
1 Community Dr.  
East Hampton, CT 06424

**From:** Glastonbury, CT Webmaster <[webmaster@glastonbury-ct.gov](mailto:webmaster@glastonbury-ct.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2023 9:11 AM

**To:** Mark Catania <[mark.catania@glastonbury-ct.gov](mailto:mark.catania@glastonbury-ct.gov)>

**Subject:** Officer Compliments!

Message submitted from the <Glastonbury, CT> website.

**Site Visitor Name:** [REDACTED]

**Site Visitor Email:** [REDACTED]

Good morning, Capt.,

I simply want to convey my compliments to Officer Lee and Officer Ingraham for their acumen, professionalism, and competence in the performance of their duties this morning.

I saw Officer Lee providing first aid to a citizen along the roadside, off of Route 17, this morning. Office Lee was alone with the citizen, so I swung back to offer help. Officer Lee had the situation well in hand. Officer Ingraham arrived as backup and provided support Officer Lee.

I was glad that I stopped and impressed that any assistance from me was completely unneeded.

Please pass along compliments from an old dawg who had been in similar circumstances many times in the past, and now able to sit at my cushy desk job to write this email with pride and pleasure!



**Visitor Comment Card**

Please indicate the Date and Department/Facility you visited:

Date 3/8/23 Department/Facility Tax Dept

Were you greeted promptly and courteously?

Yes  No  N/A

Did you receive the assistance you needed?

Yes  No  N/A

Please explain the primary purpose of your visit:

To receive tax inform. on our leased vehicles for our accountant

Please rate the overall quality of the assistance you were given:

Excellent  Very Good  Average  Below Average  Poor

Please share your comments or suggestions regarding your experience with Town staff, programs, or services as applicable:

~~from tax office~~  
Shannon. Shannon was excellent, personal, friendly, professional.  
Happy to help.

Would you like a staff member to follow up with you?  Yes  No

\*If so, please provide your contact information below.

Contact Information (Optional)

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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