



Glastonbury Pollinator Pathway/TALK

March 1, 2023

Dear Neighbor,

On Friday, June 9th, The Glastonbury Pollinator Pathway, *in partnership with TALK (Truth in Action with Love and Kindness)*, will host its second annual fundraiser called ***Birdies, Bees and Bogeys Golf Tournament*** at Minnechaug Golf Course. This tournament will be a fun event for participants to enjoy an afternoon of golf while supporting our efforts to help our declining pollinators.

Our goal is to

- Educate and encourage residents and businesses to grow native plants on their properties
- Work with town government to establish plans to use native plants and trees on town property, and to control invasive plants where they are harming native plants
- Create a corridor of native pollinator gardens, shrubs, and trees throughout our community

Our group is just one of many such volunteer groups that are at work throughout Connecticut. Similar groups are also working toward this goal in mid-Atlantic and northeastern states from New Jersey to New Hampshire

How these funds will be used: This fundraiser will allow us to purchase and distribute more pollinator/native plant educational materials and to purchase more native plants for future gardens.

Our activities over the last year

- **Packaged** (with the assistance of Glastonbury Inclusive Volunteers (GIV)) and **distributed 1400 wildflower seed packets** free to town residents to plant on their properties
- Presented **four free workshops** led by Wildscape Artisans master gardener Ted Johnson
- Partnered with TALK and local garden clubs to present “**Nature’s Best Hope**” webinar with nationally recognized entomologist **Doug Tallamy**
- **No Mow May** and **Leave the Leaves** campaigns
- Established and/or improved **five pollinator gardens** in town
- Hosted second annual **Fall Native Plant** sale at the Old Cider Mill

Your donation: If you choose to sponsor a tee or donate an item, your business will gain exposure the day of the tournament, as well as in the online and print publicity leading up to the event. Please refer to our Sponsor Form for details. Your name can be used in one or more ways:

- To be acknowledged for contributing to our putting contest
- To advertise your business or organization name at a specific golf hole
- To be associated with a variety of prizes

Thank you for your consideration,

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