



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

MAY 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 at www.wtmlib.info, to view a full list, as well as registration requirements, fees, and other program details.

- [5/6 - Community Paper Shred Program](#) - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the Public Works Highway Garage - FREE for Glastonbury residents
- [5/8 - Blues 101: History of Blues Music in America](#) - 6:30 PM - Adult program - available in-person and virtually (WTML)
- [5/13 - Friends of the Library Book Sale](#) - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM @ WTML
- [5/17 - Greater Glastonbury Veterans and Allies Coffeehouse](#) - 9:00 AM at the Riverfront Community Center (RCC)
- [5/20 - Brush Disposal](#) - 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Residents can dispose of brush only FREE of charge at the Transfer Station and Bulky Waste Facility during this special event. (Permits required.)
- [5/20 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection](#) - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM in Manchester, CT (Appointments required)
- [5/22 - Easiest House Plants Ever \(and Plant Swap\)](#) - 6:30 PM @ WTML (virtual and in-person event) - Registration required.
- [5/25 - Remember & Honor: A Memorial Day Luncheon](#) - 11:45 AM at the RCC - Registration required.
- [5/25 - Teen Movie Night at WTML](#) - 6:00 PM - Guardians of the Galaxy
- [5/27 - Big Sing](#) - Dr. Uke and the band perform at the RCC - 12:00 PM
- [5/29 - Memorial Day Parade](#) - 9:00 AM - Hosted by the Veterans Service Commission

Holiday Closures

Town facilities will be CLOSED on Monday, May 29, 2023 in observance of the Memorial Day 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.

A note from new Town Manager, Jonathan Luiz

Dear Residents,

I am thrilled to be joining this wonderful community and excited to embark on the many opportunities that lie ahead. As I settle into my role as Town Manager, my focus will be on sustaining the highest caliber of customer service and supporting the exceptionally high quality of life that is very much a part of Glastonbury's identity. Now that I have been familiarized with the Town's expansive communication platforms, I want to encourage everyone to leverage these tools to stay engaged and connected to all that's transpiring in this active community. If you are not already a subscriber to the [Town's email notification system](#), I strongly recommend doing so. The system integrates with the Calendar and News components of the Town's robust website, and offers real-time updates for content of interest to you. The Town also has a substantial [social media presence](#), through which we share town-wide and departmental initiatives and we hope you'll follow/engage with us on these forums.

Lastly, the Town organization has always valued community feedback, and I urge you to communicate your thoughts regarding Town services, programs, and resources. You can contact my office directly, or submit your comments online any time through the [Town's Feedback Form](#). Your input is essential towards the continued improvement of Town services.

Over coming months/years, I look forward to continuing Glastonbury's longstanding reputation as an outstanding place to live, play, and do business.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Luiz
Glastonbury Town Manager

Application Deadline Approaching: Homeowner 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 their application and proof of income **by the filing deadline of May 15, 2023**. The application and detailed instructions are available on the Town website at www.glastonburyct.gov/taxrelief. Re-application packets were mailed out to those participants required to reapply for the program during the February 1, 2023 - May 15, 2023 filing period.

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

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

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

We're Hiring! Seeking Plant Operator @ Treatment Plant

We're hiring! The Town of Glastonbury is pleased to announce that it is currently seeking qualified and experienced candidates for the position of Plant Operator 1 at the Water Treatment Facility (WTF). [View job description and application instructions here.](#)

Support your Neighbors; Donate to the Food Pantry!

The Town's Food Pantry serves roughly 165 households each month, and community donations of non-perishables and monetary contributions are essential to help us meet this ongoing demand. This month, the Pantry is most in need of:

- * peanut butter and nut butters
- * canned fruits and canned chicken
- * rice; beans
- * protein / granola bars; snack items
- * pasta sauce
- * shampoo and conditioner
- * coffee, tea, juice

Non-perishables can be dropped off at the Riverfront Community Center on Mondays from 9:00 - 11:00 AM, Wednesdays from 2:30 - 4:30 PM, and Fridays from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. To make a monetary contribution, [please click here to view payment options](#). If you have any questions, or would like to organize a collection event, please contact Social Services at (860) 652-7638.

New Digital Pool Passes (Seasonal and Yearly) on Sale Beginning May 1, 2023

New This Year! Beginning May 1st, pool passes will be available to purchase online as the Glastonbury Parks & Recreation Department introduces their NEW digital passes. Digital passes will be available for both individuals and households, which can be downloaded to a smartphone in a barcode format, and ultimately scanned at the pool. No more waiting in line to purchase your passes! Simply register online and upload your pass(es)! Passes can be renewed each year.

To purchase passes online, patrons must register on the Parks and Recreation [MyRec registration site](#) and then click on the "Membership" icon. Once payment is made, patrons can upload the passes and save them to their smartphones. Instructions will also be available for resident review under the Memberships section of the MyRec site. For households, each household member will have their own pass.

Please note, **pool passes will no longer be available for purchase at the pools**. Don't have a smartphone? No worries! Simply register through MyRec, and then visit the Parks and Recreation Department during regular office hours and we will swap your digital pass for a bar code key tag.

Free Senior Citizen passes are available for individuals ages 60 and up. To receive your free pass, please visit the Parks and Recreation Department office and present your valid driver's license. Those who have the former white passes are encouraged to come into the office to upgrade to the new pass.

Lastly, Parks and Recreation will be hosting two "Pop-Up Pool Pass Sales" at the Parks & Recreation Office (2143 Main St.) on Thursday, May 4th, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM and Saturday, May 13th, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM so mark your calendars!

For questions, please contact the Parks and Recreation office at (860) 652-7679. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, excluding national holidays. See you at the pools!

2023 Riverfront Music Series - Updates!

This FREE concert series has been a tradition for 40 years, and draws weekly crowds of 2,500+! Concerts will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM as follows:

July 12 - Cover to Cover
July 19 - Audacity
July 26 - Boondocks
September 6 - Shaded Soul

The School of Rock East Hartford will also provide a special performance before each headliner takes the stage.

These popular concerts feature live music, food, and local vendors, and are made possible thanks to local sponsors. The Town/Chamber are still seeking sponsors, and there are a number of packages available to suit all desired commitment levels with great brand/company exposure at all four concerts. [Click here to view sponsorship packages](#), or contact the CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce for more information. Thank you in advance for supporting this wonderful community program!

National Bike Month!

Each May, the [League of American Bicyclists](#) and other bicycling advocates promote the awareness month by highlighting the many benefits of bicycling.

Whether you bike for exercise, recreation, or transportation, bicycling contributes to a healthier environment!

As a Bronze Bicycle-Friendly Community, Glastonbury supports local bicycling groups, trails, and bike-friendly initiatives. Please click the links below for local bicycling resources:

[Map of Glastonbury's Bicycle Routes](#)
[Bike-Friendly Facilities](#)
[Bicycle Master Plan](#)
[Safety Resources](#)

Happy #biking!

Do Your Part to Prevent Stormwater Pollution!

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snow-melt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system, or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged, untreated, into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water. Homeowners and business owners can follow these simple steps to help prevent stormwater pollution:

HOMEOWNERS

- **Pick-up after your pet** - ALWAYS carry pet waste bags with you and NEVER throw waste into storm drains or water bodies!
- **Clean-up excess fertilizer** - Excess lawn fertilizer that lands on hard surfaces like driveways and sidewalks will eventually drain into the Town's storm drains and watercourses. This will create excess nutrients that kill wildlife and create problematic algae blooms. Sweeping up excess fertilizer from these areas onto the grass where it belongs will help prevent this pollution.
- **Participate in Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days** - Safely dispose of stains, acids, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers, chemicals, household cleaning products, and other hazardous materials at the Town's frequently sponsored collection events. The next one will be held on May 20th. [Click here to make an appointment or to view the schedule.](#)

BUSINESS OWNERS

- **Sweep your parking lots every Spring** (or more often) to prevent sand, sediment, and other pollutants from making their way to our local water bodies.
- **Properly dispose of restaurant grease!** Grease is a leading cause of blockages in sewer pipes, causing sewage overflows that contribute bacteria to town wetlands and watercourses. Restaurant owners should ensure their exterior grease trap tanks or interior AGRUs are regularly cleaned to ensure grease does not enter the town sewer system.

Learn more on these tips and others by visiting www.glastonburyct.gov/stormwater.