



Town of Glastonbury

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Jonathan K. Luiz
Town Manager

ITEM #7
05-09-2023 Meeting

May 5, 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. Newsletter

The May edition of the Town Newsletter is attached.

2. Open Space and Woodland Management Plan

In the fall of 2022, the Town selected GZA GeoEnvironmental to conduct site evaluations and create open space management plans for J.B. Williams Park and the former MDC property, now owned by the Town. These sites were chosen due to their different offerings. JB Williams is a historic park with mature woodlands used for passive recreation with amenities, parking lot, and is regularly visited by residents. The former MDC property is a forested woodland with no established trailhead or parking area and unknown site, trail network, and woodland conditions.

Town staff and GZA have met to establish the schedule for scope of work and technical requirements for data input into GIS. GZA has conducted a recent walk through of the properties to identify potential vernal pools. The following timeline of activities has been established:

- Mid-May – distribution of survey seeking input from the public regarding their experiences with the properties
- May through early of June – collection of forestry data via establishing plots
- June through early August – field data collection and natural resource inventory
- August – field investigation to be complete
- Early Fall – final report anticipated

This project, which is anticipated to cost a total of \$84,006, is fully funded through the capital budget.

3. Main Street Roadway Improvements Project

I mentioned in my last Town Manager's report that the Town Engineer has placed the Main Street Roadway Improvements Project on hold in consideration of the possibility that conflicting utility work may occur in the project area. Since the construction work would be funded with a State LOTCIP Grant coordinated through the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CROG), staff recently shared news of the potential project delay with CROG staff. In response, CROG staff said it foresees no grant-related problems associated with Glastonbury delaying the project a year and completing it in 2024.

4. Development Activity

The attached page summarizes residential and commercial development activity in Glastonbury for the first quarter of this calendar year. This includes projects approved, pending, constructed and under construction. This report will be updated on a quarterly basis and forwarded throughout the year.

5. Main Street/Route 17 Sidewalks – Phase III

Town Engineering staff is proceeding with detailed design of the construction of sidewalks on Main St (State Route 17) just south of the Cider Mill Property. This project is subject to LOTCIP grant funding requirements which will should cover 100% of construction costs. Town staff will not only perform all the design work, but also take on construction administration duties. Multiple design concepts were discussed in a public forum and subsequently discussed with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CONNDOT). The Department ultimately determined that the only permissible design alternative would involve shifting Route 17 to the east up to 9 feet within the project limits. Doing so will enable the sidewalk to be constructed on the west side of the road without the need to disturb the steep slope and sandy soils which exist within the road Right of way on that side. Thus, the Engineering Division is proceeding with design of that option.

Town staff has established a goal of achieving design detail sufficient for public presentation by late summer 2023. Following a public hearing, and receipt of direction from the Town Council, Town staff would finalize plans for project advertisement.

6. Glastonbury Receives inaugural Wellspring Award from the Connecticut Age Well Collaborative

The Town of Glastonbury was selected as one of four recipients of the inaugural Wellspring Awards, an honor presented by the Connecticut Age Well Collaborative. This new award recognizes organizations that are fostering ideas and innovation in support of aging, dementia, and disabled inclusivity, and are inspiring other communities to promote similar activities. The Collaborative cited the success of Glastonbury's Age-Friendly Glastonbury program, which is a town-wide effort to address the diverse and evolving needs of community members of all ages, particularly in the areas of transportation, outdoor spaces, and housing.

Gayle Kataja, Chair of the Glastonbury Commission on Aging, and Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Zerio recently travelled to the State Capitol and accepted the award on Glastonbury's behalf. Gayle provided an overview of successful programs and projects implemented to date under Age-Friendly Glastonbury, such as our walkability and accessibility improvements in public spaces, Poetry in the Parks, the hiking and walking mobile app, the Friendship Circle program, The Caregiver Support Series, Eye Openers Low Vision Support Group, and the Chores Program. Initiatives that are either planned or underway include the construction of Pickleball courts, expanded Dial-A-Ride services, and future affordable housing opportunities. Congratulations to the Commission on Aging and to Town staff for this recognition.

For information about the Connecticut Age Well Collaborative, visit <https://ctagewellcollaborative.org/>

7. Traffic Calming

As of July 1st, the Town will have \$150,000 of Capital funding available for traffic calming. The Town Engineer and Police Chief are working on a draft plan to utilize the funding in such a manner that would result in reduced vehicular speeds and enhanced pedestrian safety. The draft plan is being developed in consideration of vehicle speed/volume data, accident data, and record of citizen concerns. The plan should be ready for my initial review in June. I anticipate that it would be presented to the Town Council in July or August.

8. Police Department Awards

The Glastonbury Police Department will host its annual awards ceremony in the Activity Room at River Front Community Center, 300 Welles Street, on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6pm. The department will recognize police officers and citizens for exemplary actions over the past two years. The public is invited and welcome to attend as this will be the first awards ceremony held since May, 2019.

9. National Night Out Event

The Glastonbury Police Department's inaugural National Night Out event is scheduled for August 1st from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Riverfront Community Center. National Night Out is a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Planned activities include demonstrations by Glastonbury Police, Fire and EMS. In addition, there will be plenty of fun and games for the family, including corn hole, inflatable bounce houses, a dunk tank, giveaways, music, and more. Everyone is invited to meet and spend some time with the officers and first responders that serve the Glastonbury community while enjoying free food and ice cream.

10. Welles Village Playground

The Director of Parks and Recreation (P&R) and I toured the Welles Village playground and the adjacent basketball courts. P&R is currently obtaining quotes to refurbish the basketball courts. As for the playground, P&R has solicited input from the residents of Welles Village in the form of a survey (attached). Survey results, which should be available by May 15th, will be used to finalize a proposed project budget for the playground replacement/upgrade. According to the Finance Department, \$35,000 has been appropriated for the basketball courts but no dollars have been appropriated for the playground. Based on my discussions with staff, I believe funding for the playground could come in the form of available ARPA grant dollars and/or unassigned funds in the P&R program revenue fund. I look forward to providing the Town Council will updates on this project in the weeks ahead.

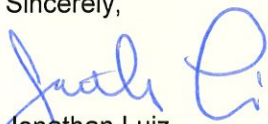
11. Involvement with the Capitol Region Council of Governments

I recently met with Matt Hart, the Executive Director of CRCOG, for the purpose of getting caught up to speed on CRCOG programs and activities. Matt provided me with the attached one-page document entitled "Five-Year Membership Benefits FY 2018-2022." The document shows a significant return on the Town's investment in CRCOG membership. Please know that I plan to represent Glastonbury at the CRCOG Municipal Services Committee. In addition, I hope to attend the CRCOG Policy Board Meetings with Councilor Niland as my schedule allows.

12. Compost Bin/Rain Barrell Event

The annual sale of compost bins and rain barrels has concluded, with 27 composters and 20 rain barrels purchased. The program, which is advertised on the Town website and throughout our social media, allows residents to purchase these items at a reduced cost. As a side note, the Town has distributed 270 compost starter kits to residents.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Luiz
Glastonbury Town Manager

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Attachments



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.

Community Development Quarterly Report

Development Projects Summary for Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2023

Active Applications Through April 31, 2023			
Address	Approval Process	Project Description	Notes
55 Welles St	Special Permit, Minor Change	Facade and planting alterations	ASDRC review on 4/18/2023; Plans Review
32 Roaring Brook	Special Permit with Design Review	Convert former manufacturing building to autobody shop	Administrative Review on 3/15/2023
91 & 105 Kreiger Ln	Special Permit with Design Review	New building for garage/workshop	Administrative Review on 3/15/2023
63-65 Woodland St	Special Permit, Excavation	Excavation operation expansion	Renew approved 5/2/2023; Will be proposing new excavation permit and
769 Hebron Ave	Special Permit, Minor Change	Install solar carport	Moved to parking lot. No CC or IWWA

Recently Reviewed Development Projects Through March 31, 2023			
Address	Approval Process	Project Description	Notes
2027 Main St	Certificate of Appropriateness	Lightpole replacement	Approved by HDC 3/1/2023
175 Dickinson Rd	Special Permit, Excavation	Excavation renewal	Approved by TPZ 3/7/2023
363 New London Tnpk	Special Permit, Insignificant Change	Canopy replacement over outdoor dining	Approved 3/13/2023
300 Welles St	Special Permit, Insignificant Change	Lighting installation at pickleball court	Approved 3/13/2023
Gateway Bike/Ped Paths	ENS Approval	Sidewalk construction in the Gateway area	Approved by TPZ 3/21/2023
51 Kreiger Ln	8-30g Site Plan (set-aside); Wetlands Permit	Multifamily affordable housing development	Recommendation from CC 2/9/2023; Denied by TPZ 3/21/2023
51 Kreiger Ln	8-30g Site Plan (assisted)	Multifamily affordable housing	Withdrawn 4/10/2023
340 Hubbard St	Special Permit with Design Review; Wetlands permit	Replacement of Animal Control building	Approved by TPZ 3/21/2023; Recommendation from CC 3/2/23
240 Oakwood Dr	Special Permit with Design Review; GWP Permit	Creation of construction yard	Approved by TPZ 2/7/2023 and 2/21/2023; Recommendation from CC 11/2/22
2533-2577 & Lot W-38A Main St	Special Permit with Design Review; Wetlands Permit	Building addition and parking lot expansion	Approved by TPZ 2/7/2023
2941-2945, 2951, 2955 Main St	Special Permit, Minor Change	Elimination of parking spaces	Approved by TPZ 2/7/2023

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Community Development Quarterly Report

Discussed Development Projects Through April 31, 2023			
Address	Approval Process	Project Description	Notes
2815 Main St	Special Permit with Design Review; Wetlands Permit	Construction of new bank building	Reviewed at Plans Review 2/15/2023; Reviewed at ASDRC 4/18/2023; Would require Text Amendment to Flood Zone;
2941 Main St	Special Permit, Minor Change	Modification of site plan for ChickFIAA drive-	Administrative Review on 3/15/2023
Crosby Ln Subdivision	Subdivision	Create 7 lots	Administrative Review on 7/21/2021 and 9/21/2022; Recommendation from CC
115 Sequin Dr	Special Permit with Design Review	New warehouse	Administrative Review on 2/15/2023; CC on 4/13 and 4/27/2023; Recommendation on 4/12/2023
148 Eastern Blvd	Special Permit, Minor Change	Parking adjustment for new tenant use	Plans Review on 4/12/2023
240 Woodland St	Special Permit, Groundwater Protection	Establish buildable lot	Administrative Review on 4/19/2023
2283-2289 Main Street	TBD	Mixed use development	ASDRC review on 2/2/2023; Plans Review
390 Ash Swamp Rd	Wetland Upland Review	Establish buildable lot	Administrative Review on 4/19/2023
43 Gates Farm Rd	Subdivision	Resubdivide for one lot	Administrative Review on 4/19/2023
152 Dug Rd	Subdivision	Resubdivide for one lot	Administrative Review on 4/19/2023
112 Pratt Rd	Subdivision	Resubdivide for one lot	Administrative Review on 4/19/2023



The Connecticut Age Well Collaborative is a statewide, cross-sector initiative that fosters Connecticut communities where we all thrive as we grow up and grow older. Delegated by the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity, the Collaborative is leading the state's livable communities initiative (Section 17b-420a of the Connecticut General Statutes).

March 24, 2023

Dear Town Council Chair Gullotta and Town Manager Johnson,

Congratulations! It is my great pleasure to inform you that Age-Friendly Glastonbury has received the Connecticut Age Well Collaborative's **2023 Wellspring Award** for fostering aging, dementia, and disability inclusivity in Connecticut. Among other factors Age-Friendly Glastonbury was selected for its long-term, systemic community impact going beyond provision of individual services and supports.

Welcome to this inaugural and prestigious group of Wellspring Award recipients! All awardees are:

- **Age-Friendly Glastonbury:** A community-wide effort to address the diverse and evolving needs of community members of all ages, especially in relation to infrastructure, outdoor spaces, and other domains of livability.
- **Thrive 55+ Active Living Center, Groton:** For its work toward adopting a new branding identity and for its inclusion efforts for individuals with dementia or socialization issues.
- **Dementia-Friendly Southington:** A comprehensive effort to support people experiencing cognitive change, especially through training of municipal staff and community partners.
- **Connecticut Central State University:** The first Connecticut university to join the Age-Friendly University Global Network, promoting lifelong learning, intergenerational connection and disrupting ageism.

We are thrilled to invite you and your team to the Connecticut State Capitol (North Lobby) on **Wednesday, April 26 from 11 AM to 1 PM** to be recognized at our event, *Sharing and Celebration Summit: Honoring Community Excellence*. We invite you and each attendee to register here: https://bit.ly/ctagewell_2023awards.

The Connecticut Age Well Collaborative will issue a press release to publicize our four Wellspring Award recipients this year. We also encourage you to issue your own press release on this achievement, using the press release template we're providing to adapt for your own use.

In celebration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alyssa".

Alyssa Norwood
Connecticut Age Well Collaborative, Director

Cc:

Lisa Zerio
Gayle Kataja



HONORING COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE

Examples of Innovation and Inspiration

Connecticut is a wellspring of ideas and innovations on how to foster aging, dementia, and disability inclusivity. This municipal resource guide highlights recipients of the Connecticut Age Well Collaborative's first annual Wellspring Awards.

Following a call for nominations, a review committee selected recent or ongoing projects, policies and initiatives that have long-term, systemic community impact, going beyond provision of individual services and supports and integrate the voices of individuals with lived experience.

This resource guide, the third in this series for local government, was produced by the Connecticut Age Well Collaborative, a statewide, cross-sector initiative to foster more aging, dementia, and disability-inclusive communities, resulting in more just, equitable communities for everyone. Delegated by the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity, the Connecticut Age Well Collaborative is leading the state's livable communities initiative (Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 17b-420a).

WELLSPRING AWARD WINNER

Age-Friendly Glastonbury

For their community-wide effort to address the diverse and evolving needs of community members of all ages, especially in relation to infrastructure, outdoor spaces, and housing.

In the spring of 2019, the Town of Glastonbury launched an ambitious, three-year process of learning and planning—collecting input from residents of all ages, business and community groups, and religious organizations, and collaborating across numerous town departments. The result was the Age-Friendly Community Action Plan: a road map to guide the town toward its goal of building a more inclusive community for all ages.

The plan establishes recommendations and action points to achieve Glastonbury's goals—providing services to address the needs of all residents, increasing awareness of the needs of older adults, sharing resources that facilitate a resident's ability to age in place, leveraging the value of older adults to support intergenerational opportunities, and providing appropriate and affordable housing options across the lifespan. Community listening sessions and focus groups identified infrastructure, outdoor spaces, and housing as priority areas.

In the first year of implementing their Action Plan, Age-Friendly Glastonbury received funding from the State of Connecticut's Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP), the AARP Livable Communities Grant Program, and the North Central Area Agency on Aging, as well as dedicated funds from the Town of Glastonbury. In December 2021, Glastonbury was recognized as a certified member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.



PARTNERS & STAKEHOLDERS

Town of Glastonbury
 Commission on Aging
 Community Development
 Engineering Department
 Health Department
 Housing Authority
 Parks & Recreation Department
 Senior and Social Services
 Town Council
 Town Manager
 Youth and Family Services

Bike Walk Glastonbury

Glastonbury Chamber
 of Commerce

Glastonbury Police Department

Welles Turner Library

Age-Friendly Glastonbury
 also received planning and
 implementation support from
 local religious institutions and
 residents of all ages.



PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

Age-Friendly Glastonbury has inspired new initiatives and provided support to continue and expand existing ones.

Walkability and accessibility improvements, including accessible benches and shaded arbors for rest in the Town Center, strategically placed lighting, and accessibility to parks and athletic fields.

Poetry in the Parks, encouraging discovery of Glastonbury's public parks and open spaces, through signs and banners featuring excerpts from favorite poems.

Hiking and walking mobile app, supporting safe community access to local hiking trails, with downloadable maps, trail facts, and more.

The Friendship Circle, providing residents with early-stage dementia with monthly activities and opportunities for social engagement.

The Caregiver Support Series, offering education and support to people caring for loved ones with dementia. *In partnership with Hartford Healthcare.*

Eye Openers Low Vision Support Group, a space to share concerns, questions, solutions, resources, challenges, and celebrations for residents dealing with low vision or loss of sight.

The Chores Program, helping residents over age 60 or living with disabilities to stay in their homes by connecting them with volunteers to assist with yard work or light housework.



Welles Park Playground Survey

The Town is looking to make improvements to Welles Park that will be including renovations to the basketball court and updating the playground. We need your valuable input to make this happen! If you would be so kind to fill out the survey below, this will assist us in ensuring we are getting the right equipment that will give families many years of enjoyment to come.

Please return your completed survey to Neil Griffin, Executive Director- Housing Authority of the Town of Glastonbury, 25 Risley Road, Glastonbury CT, by **Monday, May 15th**.

Thank you!

Lisa Zerio
Director of Parks and Recreation

1. How many children do you have?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6 or more

2. Please list the ages of child(ren) (No Names)

3. What amenities does your child(ren) use at Welles Park? Please check all that apply.

- Playground
- Basketball Court
- Baseball/Softball Fields

4. If your child(ren) do not use these amenities, please explain why.

5. How often does your child(ren) visit Welles Park?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Occasionally

6. What other playgrounds do you go to?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addison Park | <input type="checkbox"/> J.B. Williams Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buckingham Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebron Ave Elementary School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Street Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Naubuc Elementary School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riverfront Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Nayaug Elementary School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ross Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Hopewell Elementary School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rotary Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Buttonball Elementary School |

What do you like about these playgrounds?

7. If improvements are made to Welles playground, would you still visit other playgrounds?

8. What type of playground equipment would your child(ren) like to see? Please check all that apply.

- Swings
- Climbing Structures
- Individual Rocking Equipment
- Interactive Play Panels
- Slides

Additional Comments

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY!

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A SUMMER FAMILY POOL PASS (Value \$109.00)

There are TWO chances to enter your name in a raffle to win a summer family pool pass...

1. Submit a completed survey with name and contact information
2. Have your child submit a picture of themselves on playground equipment! (Please be sure to include this picture with your completed survey, with contact information).

By completing both will enter your name twice into the raffle. Winner will be contacted the week of May 15th!

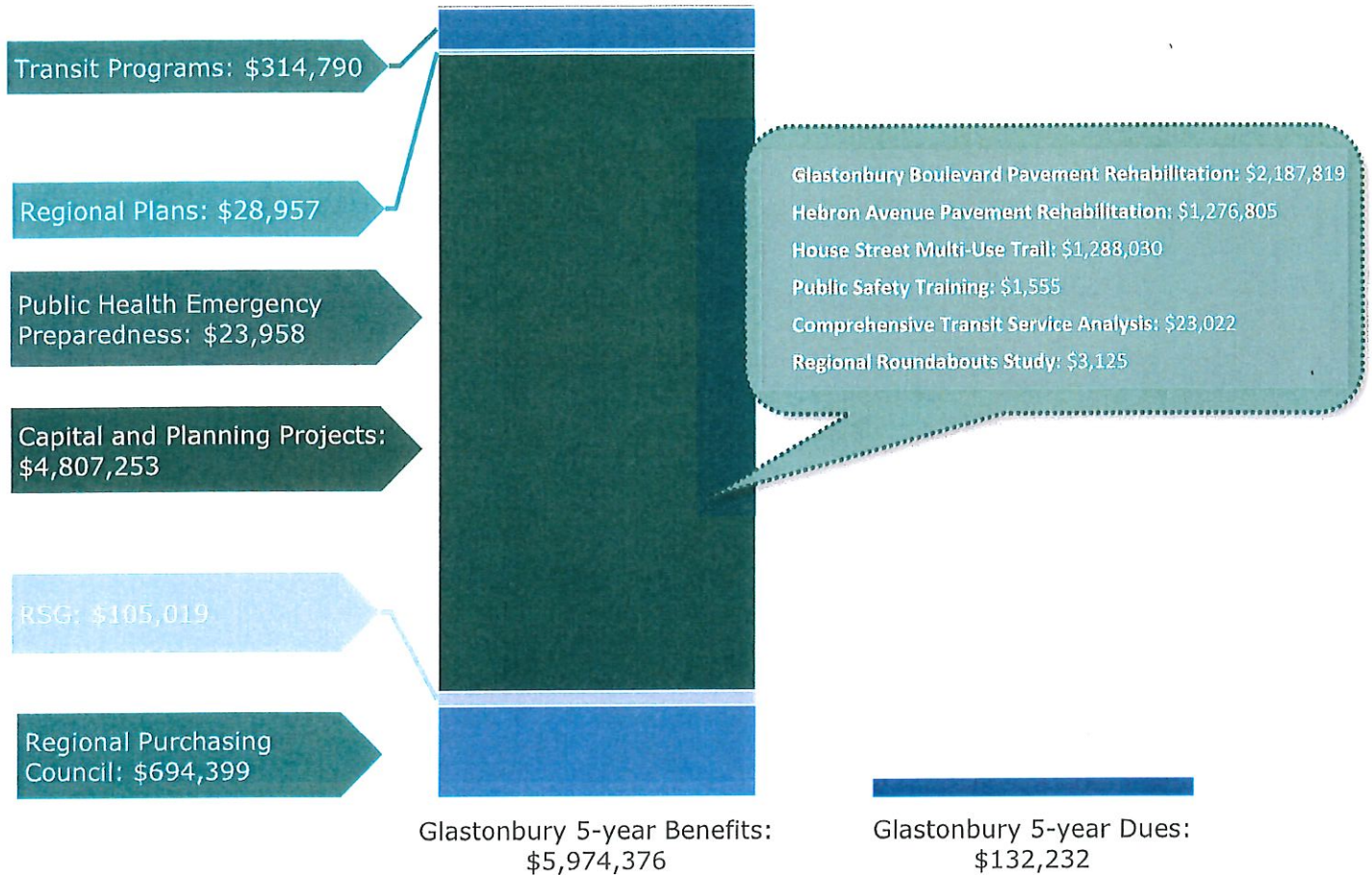
NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Five-Year Membership Benefits FY 2018-2022



Descriptions

RSG: CRCOG receives an annual grant from the state to undertake regional initiatives. This represents your portion of that benefit.

Regional Plans: CRCOG undertakes a number of regional planning projects. These include: Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan; Regional Complete Streets Plan; and MetroHartford Future (CEDs).

Transit Programs: CRCOG assists the Department of Transportation with municipal coordination and project selection for the FTA 5310 program and the Municipal Grant Program.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness: CRCOG manages CDC funds on behalf of local public health departments and districts. A Health Care Coalition has been created for the purpose of public health emergency preparedness.