



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

JULY 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 of scheduled programming, as well as registration requirements, fees, and other program details.

- [Saturday Movie Matinees](#) - 11:00 AM at the RCC. Enjoy a different movie feature each week!
- Child and Adult "Fun Runs" - Tuesdays at 6:30 PM @ Smith Middle School. [See page 6 in the Parks & Recreation brochure](#) for details.
- [Glastonbury Farmers Market](#) - Saturdays @ Hubbard Street Green - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- [7/6 - Independence Day Luncheon](#) - 11:45 AM @ the RCC - Attendees must purchase tickets by July 3rd!
- [7/19 - Household Hazardous Waste Event](#) - 3:00 PM in Manchester
- [7/19 - Greater Glastonbury Veterans and Allies Coffeehouse](#) - 9:00 AM at the RCC - Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome!
- [7/20 - College Essay Writing Workshop for Teens](#) - 6:00 PM @ WTML
- [7/25 - East Windsor Trolley Museum and Cracker Barrel Trip](#) - Departs the RCC at 11:30 AM.
- **Save the Date!** - The Glastonbury Police Dept. is partnering with Parks & Recreation, Fire, and EMS staff to host the [National Night Out](#) event on Tuesday, August 1st. Stop by the RCC at 5:00 PM for food, games, giveaways and more.

Riverfront Music Series

The annual tradition of the [Riverfront Music Series](#) continues this month with a fantastic line up! These concerts are co-sponsored by the Town of Glastonbury and CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce and offer free music and fun on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. Concerts begin at 6:30 PM at the Riverfront Community Center Fairgrounds. Free parking and shuttle service will be available at 180 & 200 Glastonbury Boulevard, which is adjacent to Somerset Square. There will be several food trucks on site to provide dinner, as well as local vendors! If it rains, join us the next night.

July 12 - Cover to Cover
July 19 - Audacity

July 26 - Boondocks
September 6 - Shaded Soul

This year, the Town is encouraging attendees to bring non-perishable (and non-expired) food items to donate to the [Glastonbury Food Pantry](#). Donations can be deposited in the collection container located at the Town booth. Currently, the Food Pantry is most in need of white rice, pasta sauce, nut butter, canned chicken, canned fruit, and apple sauce. Please consider donating a non-perishable item and thank you in advance for your generosity!

Holiday Closings

Town facilities will be CLOSED on Tuesday, July 4th for the Independence Day Holiday. This includes Town Hall/Academy, the Riverfront Community Center, Youth & Family Services, WTML, the Bulky Waste Facility, and the Transfer Station. Town facilities will resume standard operating hours following the holiday.

Transition to Retirement

Are you planning to retire soon, or are you already retired? You might be prepared for the financial transition, but you'll experience lifestyle and emotional transitions as well. Join us at the Riverfront Community Center on Thursday, July 20th from 5:30 - 6:30 PM to learn how to adapt to these upcoming changes and prepare for this exciting season of your life! Attendees will learn the answers to retirement questions, including:

- How to confidently address the financial, lifestyle, and emotional transitions to retirement
- How to guard against risks and manage those that are inevitable
- Whether you are ready for retirement

This event is free for community members but registration is required. Please call **(860) 652-7638** to sign-up / learn more.

Fireworks Safety Tips from the GPD

The Glastonbury Police Department (GPD) urges community members to take the following safety precautions this summer, and particularly over the Independence Day holiday week:

1. If you are using fountains, or attending a public fireworks display, be sure to watch from a safe distance
2. Call 911 immediately if an injury occurs as a result of fireworks
3. Be careful and use your best judgment, even when using sparklers and fountains, which burn at 1800 degrees. Any device that emits sparks can cause severe burns and serious physical injury.
4. Consider your environment – anything flammable can potentially cause structure fires and brush fires
5. Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish anything flammable
6. NEVER...
 - Allow children to handle any type of firework, noisemaker, or explosive
 - Pickup or attempt to re-light a device that has not ignited fully
 - Use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
 - Light explosives indoors
 - Point/throw explosives at another person



Photo by Sebastian Hietsch: <https://www.pexels.com/photo/fireworks-during-nighttime-10967/>

Thank you for doing your part to keep our community safe this holiday!

Paving Work Scheduled for July 2023

The Town will begin paving work on town roads/streets this July. Paving operations will include grinding of old road surface followed by grading and compacting, and top course paving. The work schedule is outlined below, including approximate start dates for each location. Please note that preparatory work, e.g. curb removal, may start sooner, and the overall schedule is subject to change based on weather conditions and other factors. Project work may take 2-3 weeks to complete.

Paving to be completed this July includes the following roads/streets:

Tall Timbers Lane	7/5/23	Opal Dr.	7/12/23
Bunker Hill Rd.	7/7/23	Skyview Dr.	7/13/23
Old Musket Rd.	7/7/23	East Opal Dr. (from Deerfield Dr. west to cul-de-sac)	7/15/23
Sulky Lane	7/10/23	Vista Lane	7/15/23
Towhee Lane	7/12/23		

Paving operations will occur Monday – Friday, between the hours of 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM, with Saturday work scheduled as necessary. One-way traffic and detours are to be expected during working hours with flaggers and/or Police present to help direct traffic and advise of changes in traffic patterns. Motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians are advised to practice caution in the work area, and to please heed all posted signs and detours.

Homeowners with irrigation systems who reside on the streets noted above should please mark or remove all sprinkler heads adjacent to the road's edge or curb line, and shut off applicable zones prior to the onset of work and through completion. Letters will be delivered to all impacted property owners to further outline these instructions.

This work is being done as part of the [Town's Annual Street Paving Program](#). Additional paving work is planned for August and September with approximate timelines to be announced once finalized.

We appreciate your patience as we work to maintain the quality of Town roads/streets.

Town Reaffirms Strong Bond Ratings

Moody's and S&P recently affirmed the Town of Glastonbury's bond ratings at Aaa and AAA respectively, the highest ratings available. As part of their report, Moody's referenced the Town's "robust reserves and liquidity supported by stable property tax revenues" and "low leverage and fixed costs" referencing the Town's manageable debt and pension liabilities. They also mentioned "management's conservative budgetary practices" as a credit strength. S&P's report mirrored many of Moody's sentiments and acknowledged the Town's "well-embedded and comprehensive policies and practices, including a long-term financial and capital plan, and formalized policies for investments, debt, and reserves, supported by a very strong institutional framework" and "annual surpluses, supporting a high reserve and liquidity position" as key characteristics to the maintenance of the AAA rating.

Summer Meal Program Available at Welles Village (June - August)

Glastonbury community members can get free meals this summer through the CT Summer Meals program. Youth under the age of 18 years old can visit Welles Village (25 Risley Road), Monday through Friday from June 14th through August 11th to get free, nutritious meals for breakfast or lunch. The meal schedule is as follows: Breakfast - 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM; Lunch - 12:30 - 1:30 PM. This program is open to anyone who wishes to participate. For more information, please visit www.CTSummerMeals.org.

What's New in Town Hall?

Refuse Permits on Sale Beginning July 1

Refuse disposal permits for the new fiscal year (FY2024) will be available beginning July 1, 2023. Permits may be purchased in-person at Town Hall, the Transfer Station, and the Bulky Waste Facility during regular business hours. Please note, Town facilities will be CLOSED on July 4th (Independence Day). For more details, please [visit the Refuse Permit web page](#).

Town Welcomes New Fire Marshal, Michael Makuch

Glastonbury is pleased to announce that Michael Makuch has joined the Town organization as the new Fire Marshal, following the retirement of long-tenured Fire Marshal, Chris Siwy. Fire Marshal Makuch is a Connecticut native who comes to Glastonbury with 40+ years of fire service and public safety experience, as well as construction project management and code consulting experience. He recently retired from the University of Connecticut, where he held many positions over 30 years, culminating with the rank of Deputy Fire Chief and managing multiple public safety programs, most state-wide, including life safety systems, code compliance, physical security systems, fire department operations, and 911 center operations. Mike is certified in Connecticut as a Fire Marshal and a Building Inspector, and has an associate's degree from Charter Oak State College. Please join us in welcoming Mike to the team!

Records Clerk Earns Certified Town Clerk Designation

The Town Clerk's office is pleased to report that Laura Sopchak, Records Clerk, recently completed her education and exam to become a Certified Connecticut Town Clerk. Please join us in congratulating Laura in achieving this career milestone.

Food Waste Diversion Program Implemented at RCC Kitchen

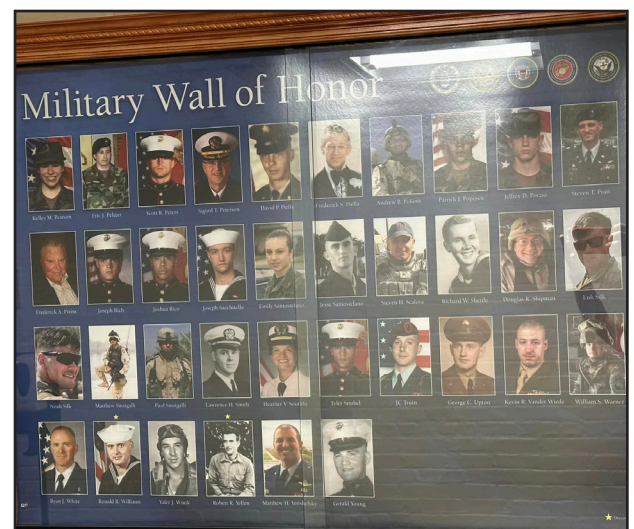
The Town of Glastonbury is pleased to report the successful implementation of a food scraps recycling program at the Riverfront Community Center. Sanitation Superintendent, Mike Manfre, coordinated with Human Services and Facilities staff to develop and launch a clean system for separating food scraps generated during the senior lunch program. This program provides 25-35 meals each day, and all of the food waste generated will now be diverted from the waste stream and converted into renewable energy. Kudos to this cross-departmental team for implementing the first kitchen diversion program in Glastonbury!

Updated Wall of Honor in Town Hall!

The Town has updated its Wall of Honor located on the lower level of Town Hall. This display has been in place for many years, and is designed to help recognize Glastonbury residents who bravely served, (or continue to serve), in the U.S. Military. Please take a moment to stop and admire the Wall next time you're in Town Hall and thank you to all community members who submitted nominations for inclusion in this special project. (See photos at right for a sneak peek.)

Town Closes on Purchase of Rose's Berry Farm

The Town is pleased to announce that it has finalized the purchase of Rose's Berry Farm, a property that encompasses nearly 23.2 acres on Matson Hill Road. Back in 2018, Glastonbury purchased the Development Rights to the 52+ acre parcel through a cooperative agreement with Belltown Hill Orchards (fee interest). On May 25, 2023 the Town finalized the \$1.09M sale of the 23+ acres. This purchase was made possible through the Town's [Land Acquisition and Preservation Program](#) and a recently successful bond sale. Glastonbury is delighted to have the opportunity to support the preservation of this agricultural land. Following the closing, the Glastonbury Town Council authorized the Town Manager to enter short-term lease agreements with two local farmers.



Reminders

July Tax Bills Due by August 1 - Tax bills will be mailed June 30, 2023. The first installment of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes on the Grand List of October 1, 2022 are due July 1, 2023 and payable by August 1, 2023. The Motor Vehicle tax is also due July 1, 2023 and payable by August 1, 2023. Questions may be directed to the Revenue Collection Office at **(860) 652-7614**.

Summer Reading Surf Club Underway! - Ride a "title" wave at WTML by joining the Summer Reading Surf Club! With programs for children, teens, and adults, everyone is invited to read for the chance to receive a number of prizes and incentives! Hop on your board and begin reading anytime - the club continues through August 12. [Learn more here](#). This program is generously supported by the Friends of Welles-Turner Memorial Library.

Networking through the CT River Valley Chamber

The CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce offers a variety of networking events and opportunities for Glastonbury professionals. To view a full list of groups, along with meeting schedules, and in-person vs. virtual meeting options, [visit their website](#), or contact the Chamber for more information.