



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

AUGUST 2023

Upcoming Events

The list below is a SAMPLING of upcoming events. Please review www.glastonburyct.gov/events, the [Parks & Recreation brochure](#), 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 programs, as well as registration requirements, fees, and other details.

- [8/1 - Child & Adult Fun Run](#) - 6:30 PM at SMS Soccer Field
- [8/5 - Mystic Aquarium Visit for Teens](#) - 2:30 PM (WTML)
- [8/7 - Protecting, Preserving, and Valuing Long Island Sound](#) - 6:30 PM @ WTML
- [8/9 - Summer Adult & Senior Picnic](#) - 9:30 AM @ the RCC - Program includes lunch and BINGO. Tickets available through Aug. 8th.
- [8/12 - All-Ages Summer Reading Beach Party featuring Kala Farnham](#) (Part of Ella Waters Event Series) - 6:30 PM (WTML)
- **Blood Pressure Screenings - August 15, 22, & 29** - Screenings are offered on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the RCC. Screenings take roughly 10 minutes and are done by a registered nurse. To schedule an appointment, please call (860) 652-7637.
- [8/16 - Veterans and Allies Coffeehouse](#) - 9:00 AM @ the RCC
- [8/20 - Hartford Yard Goats vs. New Hampshire Fisher Cats](#) - 12:00 PM departure from RCC to Dunkin' Donuts Park.
- [8/22 - Tiki Time: A Luau Luncheon!](#) - 11:45 AM @ the RCC - Program includes lunch and music by Jukebox 45! Purchase tickets by Aug 18.
- [8/29 - Annual Doggy Paddle at Addison Pool](#) - Two swim waves will be held - one at 4:30 PM and another at 5:45 PM.
- [Friendship Circle Memory Program](#) - 9:30 AM @ the RCC. Sessions are offered on Tuesdays/Wednesdays or Thursdays/Fridays.
- [8/31 - International Overdose Awareness Day Memorial Walk and Gathering](#) - 4:30 PM at Town Hall. Walk begins at 5:00 PM.

National Night Out - August 1

On August 1st, the Glastonbury Police Dept. will host its first National Night Out Celebration, a national campaign that promotes police-community partnerships. Join us at the RCC (300 Welles St.) from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM, where we will have demonstrations presented by our officers, as well as members of the Glastonbury Fire Department and Glastonbury EMS personnel. This FREE event is open to all and will feature fun and games for the family, including corn hole, inflatable bounce houses, a dunk tank, giveaways, music, and more! Come down to meet and spend some time with the officers and first responders that serve Glastonbury while enjoying food and ice cream. We hope to see you there!

This event is being coordinated in collaboration with the Glastonbury Parks & Recreation Department.

SpongeBob Musical coming to GHS!

Come see Glastonbury Youth and Family's 49th Summer Production, The SpongeBob Musical. Enjoy a fun, family-friendly show filled with over 140 Glastonbury residents in the cast and crew.

Show dates are August 3, 4, and 5 at 7:00 PM at Glastonbury High School. Tickets are \$12.50 each and available online. To purchase, visit www.showtix4u.com then search "Glastonbury Youth".

Fall Program Registration Begins August 15th!

Keep an eye out for your Parks and Recreation / Senior Services Brochure, which should arrive by mail the week of August 7th! Fall program registrations will be accepted by mail and online beginning Tuesday, August 15th at 8:00 AM.

Enrollment Opportunities with Kangaroo Kids Preschool Program!



Limited Spots remain in the afternoon class (12:30 - 3:00 PM) of the Glastonbury Parks & Recreation Kangaroo Kids Preschool program. To learn more, visit www.glastonburyct.gov/kangarookids, or email Liz Gambacorta at liz.gambacorta@glastonburyct.gov.

Pickleball Courts Now Open!

As of July 21st, the new pickleball courts at the Riverfront Community Center Fairgrounds are open for public use! They will be open from dawn until dusk, with lighting to be installed at a later date. [Click here for more details about court rules](#). Shout out to the Glastonbury Engineering and Parks and Recreation staff for all of their great work on this project, as well as the community support from Jim Smith and Kathleen Nowosadko, who provided valued guidance along the way! A ribbon cutting and dedication celebration will be held on Tuesday, September 19th at 11:00 AM so SAVE THE DATE and stay tuned for more information to be announced over coming weeks!

Poetry in the Parks

The Poetry in the Parks program is back in Glastonbury for its second year! Poetry signs/banners are now on display at several community parks and open spaces, including Riverfront Park and the outdoor spaces at WTML. Visit glastonburyct.gov/poetry for a list of all locations and resources to plan a self-guided scavenger hunt to see them all!

Expanded Hours at Skate Park

As of July 1, the Skate Park will be unsupervised and open daily from dawn until dusk. The park will be locked and unlocked daily by Parks & Recreation staff. With the new hours, the only times the park will be reserved will be for skate lessons or camps. Such programming will be announced through MyRec, the Town website, and other Town communication platforms as appropriate. Please contact the Parks & Recreation Department with any questions.

Featured Artist at WTML: Jean Dalton

Jean Dalton is this month's featured artist; whose works are currently on display in the Welles-Turner Memorial Library (WTML) Gallery. "I have always been fascinated by the power of a painting," says Dalton. "Whether figurative or abstract, a painting can evoke emotions and feelings." Her latest show, which is comprised of a variety of pieces from across her career and hand-selected for the library, will focus primarily on her smaller abstract pieces.

Ms. Dalton, a Glastonbury resident, began her career in art with study in classical realism in a variety of media. Over the years, her strong background in the basic principles and processes of traditional painting have allowed her to experiment with non-objective works. Inspired by the act of putting paint to canvas, she allows each painting to become a new discovery, a product of endless creative possibilities. With bold colors and dynamic strokes, her works inspire viewers to take some time with each painting, searching for meaning in the often intentionally vague titles combined with abstract images, ideal for a public library where patrons are encouraged to linger and revisit often. The "Jean Dalton: Artist's Choice" exhibit is available for public viewing at the WTML Gallery through August 26, 2023.

Artists wishing to display in the Gallery should contact WTML staff or visit www.wtmlib.info for more information.



Open Space Survey

The Town is currently seeking community input as part of an Open Space Management Survey. The survey poses questions regarding J.B. Williams Park and the former MDC property, and will be open through August 13th. Data collected through this effort will be used to help shape the development of an Open Space Management Plan for both sites, therefore resident feedback is essential! To contribute your thoughts, please visit www.glastonburyct.gov/OSM.

Updates from the Refuse Division

The Satellite Food Scraps Drop-off program collected a staggering 4,050 lbs. of waste in the month of June. That's over 2 tons diverted from the landfill! Thank you to all who have chosen to participate in this program and to divert their food from the waste stream.

On a related note, compostable bags for food waste recycling can now be purchased at the Transfer Station for a fee of \$3.00 per roll. Bags can be purchased during regular facility hours and while supplies last.

Lastly, residents who purchase refuse permits are reminded that permit stickers MUST be affixed to their vehicle's windshield and clearly visible in order to access the disposal facilities. Transfer Station attendants are required to enforce this regulation and vehicles will be denied access for failure to comply. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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Summer Meal Program Available at Welles Village through 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 with no questions asked. For more information, visit www.CTSummerMeals.org.

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Algonquin Gas Update

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (AGT) will be conducting investigative project work in the vicinity of Thompson Street beginning August 7th. A letter outlining the project and work area was recently sent to the Glastonbury Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency and is [available on the Town website](#). AGT noted that this process typically requires two weeks to complete, depending on site conditions and weather. The Town will continue to share any further updates to the Town website upon receipt.

Summer Safety Tips

Summer provides endless opportunities for recreation, events, and family fun! This summer, parents are encouraged to review the "[Toolkit: Tips for a Happy and Healthy Summer](#)" developed by the Public Health Communications Collaborative. The toolkit offers helpful guidance for protecting your children against the heat, preventing summer injuries, and identifying safe ways to stay active.

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## Mosquito Protection

The best way to prevent mosquito-related illnesses is to protect yourself and your family from bites. Although most mosquitoes are simply a nuisance, some spread viruses that can cause disease. At this time, there aren't any vaccines or specific medicines available for most viruses spread by mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes bite during the day and night, live indoors and outdoors, and search for warm places as temperatures begin to drop. Some mosquitoes hibernate in enclosed spaces, such as garages, sheds, and under (or inside) homes. Mosquito season continues until the fall season when cold weather temperatures are sustained.

To help prevent bites, use insect repellent, wear long, loose-fitting sleeves and pants, use screens on windows and doors, and empty any water-holding containers on your property. The "Tip It Tuesday" campaign encourages exactly this. Property owners are encouraged to make a habit of tipping over any open containers on a weekly basis (every Tuesday) to eliminate standing water and the mosquitoes such water might attract.



For more tips on mosquito prevention, visit the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/index.html>