



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 2023

Upcoming Events

The list below is a SAMPLING of upcoming events. Please review the following resources for a full list of programming and associated fees/details:

- Events Calendar: www.glastonburyct.gov/events
- [Parks & Recreation brochure](#)
- Sharing Tree (Senior) Newsletter* - www.glastonburyct.gov/sharingtree
- WTML website at www.wtmlib.info

**Note: The FINAL bi-monthly edition of the Sharing Tree was distributed at the end of July to make way for a new seasonal newsletter to begin this coming January! The seasonal schedule will support the alignment of registration dates for Senior Services and Parks & Recreation programming. In anticipation of this change, the last-issued newsletter includes programs for September - December that were solidified at the time of publication. As such, it is possible that additional activities may be scheduled that were not included in the last newsletter. Please follow the Town website, Facebook page, and other channels to stay up-to-date on programming that may arise between now and January.*

- 9/8 - Thimble Islands Cruise & Eli's of Branford - Depart from RCC at 10:45 AM. [Click here for cost and registration details.](#)
- [9/9 - Teen Craft: Dragon Relief](#) - 1:00 PM (WTML)
- [9/11 - Composing a Photograph](#) - 6:30 PM (WTML)
- 9/19 - The 10 Early Signs & Symptoms of Alzheimer's - 6:00 PM in the RCC Special Activities Room. [Click here for more info \(see page 9\).](#)
- **Bus Trips** - Join us for a selection of upcoming bus trips including Salem, MA; the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island; and the Radio City Christmas Spectacular! [Visit the MyRec website](#) to register/learn more!

Meeting Re: Route 2 Eastbound Modifications

The Department of Transportation (DOT) will host a VIRTUAL meeting on Wednesday, September 13th to discuss Project No. 0053-0196 - Route 2 Eastbound Lane Modifications. The purpose of the project is to improve the lane configuration along Route 2 Eastbound (EB) between Exits 6 and 8 to reduce the weaving movements and maintain the continuity of traffic flow. The virtual meeting will begin at 7:00 PM and registration is required. [Click here to view the project notice, proposed plans/maps, and meeting details.](#)

Town & Community Tag Sale

The Annual Town & Community Tag Sale will be held from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 23rd behind the Academy Building. The Town will be selling bikes, tools, jewelry, and other items, and residents can purchase a space to sell their wares. Spaces fill quickly, so register today! [Visit the MyRec website](#) for more details.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Town facilities will be CLOSED on Monday, September 4th, for the Labor Day holiday. This includes Town Hall/Academy, the RCC, WTML, Youth & Family Services, the Transfer Station, and the Bulky Waste Facility. Standard operating hours will resume on Tuesday, September 5th. Wishing you a safe and fun-filled holiday weekend!

September is Library Card Month!

September is Library Card Month! During this month-long celebration, libraries across the country encourage citizens of all ages to sign up for a library card, granting them access to a world of knowledge, resources, and entertainment.

Your WTML Library card provides you with free access to books, e-books, audiobooks, magazines, research databases, museum passes, and so much more. Getting a library card helps showcase your support of the Library, signaling that you appreciate its role in the community and the work it's doing to foster a love for reading, learning, and community engagement. Whether you use your card daily or a few times a year to explore new interests, conduct research, or simply to enjoy the beautiful community space, support your library during Library Card Month by registering (or renewing) today! Residents can obtain their card by visiting the WTML during open hours with a photo ID and proof of address. Otherwise you can [apply online](#) and follow up with a visit (with ID and proof of address) within 60 days to retrieve the card.

September is National Senior Center Month!

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) recognizes September as National Senior Center Month. This awareness month provides an opportunity to showcase how local Senior Centers are engaging residents, supporting a positive image of aging, and offering programs and activities that contribute to a high quality of life. This September, Glastonbury is hosting the following events in recognition of Senior Center Month:

Senior Month Celebration Luncheon - Sept. 19th (11:45 AM)

Indulge in a delicious meal of Caesar Salad, Deconstructed Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Veggies, and Strawberry Shortcake! Enjoy lovely music by Mike Armentano and meet the new Senior Center Supervisor, Ronda Guberman! Please register by September 15th. Tickets are \$6 per Resident, or \$8 for Non-Residents.

Pickleball Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Sept. 19th (11:00 AM)

Join us at the RCC at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, September 19th to celebrate the recent opening of the new Pickleball Courts. This event is being held in September to coincide with National Senior Center Month, and the Senior Center Luncheon, which will begin immediately following the ceremony as noted above. Formal comments will begin promptly at 11:00 AM. This event will be held rain or shine, so please dress accordingly. More details will be [shared through the Town website](#) over coming weeks.

Funky Friday Bingo - Sept. 8th (1:00 PM)

Join us for Bingo with a fun twist! Enjoy refreshments while you play as well as regular and special prizes! No registration required.

Fluid Painting with Austyn & Christine - Sept. 12th (1:00 PM)

A fun experience you won't want to miss! Join Austyn & Christine for a guided class on fluid painting. You'll get your own canvas, choose your own colors, and create your own masterpiece! Please be sure to register as space is limited!

Manicures with Austyn & Christine - Sept. 22nd

Treat yourself to some FREE pampering and get your nails filed and painted with Gel polish! Call or stop in to the Main Office at the RCC to schedule your appointment! Please be sure to remove any polish prior to your visit.

It's Showtime! Pizza & A Movie! - Sept. 26th (1:00 PM)

Join us for a fun, FREE afternoon with pizza, beverages, other refreshments, and a hilarious movie all can enjoy - 80 For Brady! Please register for this event.

Welcome to new Senior Center Supervisor, Ronda Guberman!

This September, Glastonbury will welcome new Senior Center Supervisor, Ronda Guberman, to the team. Ronda has worked in the Plainville Senior Center as the Assistant Director for the past 36 years. In accepting this new role, Ronda said, "It is with great joy that I join the Town of Glastonbury staff as your new Senior Center Supervisor! While at the Plainville Senior Center, my proudest accomplishments were designing an active, state-of-the-art fitness center, creating a Cafe serving fresh and delicious foods, and developing an active outdoor adventure program promoting kayaking, snowshoeing, hiking, and other activities [...] I look forward to saying 'hello', getting to know you, and learning how we can make the Glastonbury Senior Center a dynamic place to be."



Wellness Programs

Flu Clinics - The Glastonbury Health Department will offer its annual flu clinics at the RCC beginning this October. Save the dates below and keep an eye out for more details to be announced over coming weeks.

- October 10; 2:00 - 5:00 PM
- October 24; 3:00 - 6:00 PM
- November 9; 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Blood Pressure Screenings - The Health Dept will offer blood pressure screenings from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the RCC on Sept. 5th and 19th. Screenings will be done by a registered nurse and take approximately 10 minutes. Please call **(860) 652-7637** to make an appointment in advance. ([See page 9.](#))

Walk 4 Fun! Group - Join the Town's walking group to enjoy socializing and exercising with your neighbors. Register in advance to join the weekly mailing list. [See page 9 of the Sharing Tree Newsletter.](#)

Footcare with Nurse Jessica - Appointments will be offered on Saturdays beginning September 9th. Folks on the waitlist will be contacted first for appointments. Contact the RCC for more details at **(860) 652-7638.**

UPDATES FROM THE TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

Town and Housing Authority Close on Nye Road Properties

The Town of Glastonbury has purchased the office building at 50 Nye Road and has assisted the Glastonbury Housing Authority (GHA) in purchasing the adjacent office building at 55 Nye Road. The Town will continue to lease the office space at 50 Nye Road to businesses while it develops a long-term plan for use of the property. The tenants at 55 Nye Road will see their leases wind down over the next 11 months. After that, the GHA plans to demolish the building and build housing – the vast majority of which would be affordable as defined by the State of Connecticut.

The GHA has begun to move the affordable housing proposal through the planning and zoning process. From a financial perspective, the 50 and 55 Nye Road lots were purchased for a total of \$3,250,000. The Town contributed \$2,775,521 towards the purchase in the form of federal grant dollars. The Housing Authority contributed \$402,581.69 towards the purchase, and also committed to making payments totaling \$97,418.31 to buy out the lease option of a 55 Nye Road tenant. The Town will also need to invest approximately \$795,700 in parking lot improvements at the 50 Nye Road property in order to make way for the proposed housing.

Future updates regarding this project will be shared through the Town website and other channels as applicable.

Right to Farm Ordinance

At its regular meeting on July 25th, the Town Council approved the Right to Farm Ordinance to be effective August 11, 2023. This ordinance formally recognizes the importance of farming and agricultural opportunities in the Glastonbury community. [Please click here to view the Right to Farm ordinance.](#) Questions may be directed to the Office of Community Development at **(860) 652-7510**.

Glastonbury Receives GFOA Award for Financial Report

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Glastonbury for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental and financial reporting.

Citizen Feedback Requested for Draft Design Guidelines

The Town is seeking community input to help finalize the Design Guidelines for the Town Center Village District. The Guidelines will ultimately regulate future development in the Town Center area. Residents can review the current draft and submit their comments through an electronic web form **between now and Friday, September 8th**. [Review the document and contribute your feedback here!](#)

Inclusionary Zoning Updates

On August 1, the Town Council adopted new zoning laws that will require housing developers to price a portion of their rental units at a rate that is affordable to households earning up to 80% of the state median income. This zoning tool, known as inclusionary zoning, was identified in the Town's 2022-2027 Affordable Housing Plan as a key strategy to induce private development of affordable housing in mixed-income communities.

The Town's new inclusionary zoning regulations require developers of 10-unit or larger rental projects to set aside 10% of the dwelling units for moderate-income households through deed restrictions. These units would be affordable in perpetuity. Over time, this program will help the Town increase the availability of affordable housing, which currently comprises 5.6% of the Town's approximately 14,000 housing units.

Questions about these regulations can be directed to the Office of Community Development at **(860) 652-7510** or planning@glastonbury-ct.gov.

Bike Parking Audit in Progress

As part of the Town's Bike-Friendly Community Designation, the Bicycle Advisory Group is currently conducting a [Bike Parking Audit](#) of organizations located in the Town Center and/or proximate to biking trails. Auditors will be capturing photos and taking inventory of bike parking, water fountains, public restrooms, and other amenities at each establishment. The Audit is currently in progress and slated to continue through October 2023. If you want to ensure that your establishment's bike parking is included in the audit, or have questions regarding this initiative, please contact the Glastonbury Health Department at **(860) 652-7534**.

Automated License Plate Readers

The Glastonbury Police Department (GPD) has recently received several inquiries about new devices popping up along roadways around town. These are our new Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR). They are small cameras on black poles with a solar panel attached to the top.

The decision to begin utilizing ALPRs was made in 2022 in response to public and police concerns over an increase in stolen motor vehicles and related crimes. Before funding the program, the GPD held an informational meeting to allow the public an opportunity to make comments. Funding for the cameras was subsequently approved through the yearly budget process.

ALPRs are now commonplace throughout the state and country, playing an important role in improving public safety and police effectiveness. They are integral in helping police solve crime, and they save valuable personnel hours. Glastonbury Police frequently utilize other agencies' ALPR technology in their investigations.

ALPRs use high-speed cameras and sophisticated technology to identify license plates, vehicle makes, models, colors, and styles. The information is automatically compared against a customized list of values that are of significance to law enforcement, such as those associated with missing persons, AMBER Alerts, stolen vehicles, as well as others reasonably believed to be involved in outstanding law enforcement actions or investigations.

The GPD takes privacy concerns seriously. ALPRs do not collect personal identifying information. Only a photo of the registration, vehicle, date, time, and location will be collected. Officers who are conducting a criminal investigation would need to access additional information through a separate law enforcement database. Data will only be retained for 30 days (unless necessary for an investigation), after which it will be deleted. ALPR data will not be shared with agencies in support of administrative and criminal law enforcement missions related to immigration matters. [Our policy on ALPRs can be found on the General Orders web page.](#)

National Night Out Event a Success!

GPD held its first 'National Night Out' (NNO) on August 1st. This annual, community-building campaign is designed to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Furthermore, it provides an opportunity to bring police and citizens together under positive circumstances. The GPD values its relationships with Glastonbury Fire, EMS, Parks & Recreation, and Youth & Family Services, all of whom play an ongoing role in making Glastonbury a safe and welcoming community, and they were proud to partner with these departments on this event. Nearly 1,000 visitors came to enjoy the evening's festivities, which included a 'meet and greet' with GPD staff, games, police/fire/ems equipment demonstrations, food, and a dunk tank! (Fire Chief Thurz and Police Chief Porter were great sports!) Thanks to all who helped make the night a success, and special thanks to all who attended. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Planned Paving Work

The Town's annual paving project is well underway and will continue on the following streets over coming weeks/months:

Cavan Lane	Tara Lane
Crestdale Road	Fairview Terrace
Glenwood Road	Grindle Brook

Paving operations will include grinding of old road surface followed by grading and compacting, and top course paving. Work will occur Monday – Friday, from 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM, with Saturday work scheduled as necessary. Motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians are advised to practice caution in the work area, and to heed all signs/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.

The full 2023 Street Paving Program can be viewed [on the Town website.](#)

Protect your Groundwater!

More than 820,000 Connecticut residents, (about 23% of the state's population), are served by private, residential wells and these critical water systems should be inspected every year. To that end, September 5th is national 'Protect Your Groundwater Day', an awareness initiative designed to encourage well owners to take action to ensure the safety and quality of their water system. As part of this annual event, the National Ground Water Association reminds well owners to [Test, Tend, and Treat](#) their well water.

EV Charging Stations Available on Main Street

Did you know that the Town offers Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations for public use? The EV charging stations are conveniently located in the town center at 2327 and 2143 Main Street. Usage fees reflect market rates and cover direct electrical costs as well as associated Town operating expenses. For more information, please visit www.glastonburyct.gov/EVSE.

We're Hiring!

The Town of Glastonbury offers diverse and rewarding employment opportunities for a wide range of skills and interests. As of this writing, we are looking for candidates to fill the following positions:

- Outreach Clinician
- Police Officer
- Program Specialist
- Custodian
- Mental Health Clinician
- Resident Services Coordinator

To apply or to view more details, please visit www.glastonburyct.gov/employment.

Seasonal Jobs

Glastonbury Parks & Recreation is currently recruiting for fall employment opportunities. To view a complete list of all openings within this Department, visit www.glastonburyct.gov/prjobs.

Volunteer with the Fire Department!

The Glastonbury Fire Department is seeking new members to join their team! Firefighters will gain experience in a range of areas including fire behavior & suppression, life-saving rescue techniques, and fire prevention. Apply today or learn more at www.glastonburyfd.org.

Volunteer Your Time & Talents!

Glastonbury is continuously seeking volunteers to support Town programming and community services. Please see below for more details on how you can help your neighbors and reach out to the contact provided if you would like to learn more.

Emergency and Storm Response Support -

Glastonbury is recruiting citizens who can be called upon in the event of a significant storm event or local emergency to support storm response efforts. Volunteer activities may include data entry, monitoring shelters, equipment setup/breakdown, and other tasks as needed. To learn more, please contact Fire Chief Michael Thurz at michael.thurz@glastonbury-ct.gov.

Parks & Recreation - Support Town summer camps, the annual Santa's Run Road Race, and other programming as a volunteer with the Parks & Recreation Department! [Learn more here.](#)

Senior & Social Services - Volunteer opportunities are available to help lead group activities & discussion groups, serve as Ambassadors who greet and guide visitors at the RCC, food service assistance, administrative support, and more! [Click here to submit your application.](#)

How to Stop Unwanted Delivery of Hartford Courant Ads

Many residents have contacted Town staff to inquire as to how to stop the unwanted delivery of advertisements from the Hartford Courant. To assist, the Town reached out to the Courant and received the following guidance that community members can follow to discontinue this unwanted service:

If you are receiving the "HC Insider Shopper" publication there is a phone number located on the lower right-hand corner to contact their Customer Service for Starts and Stops: **(860) 525-5555**. For printed ads/copies that arrive in bags, there should be a contact phone number listed on the bag itself to discontinue service. Otherwise, you can email their customer service department at custserv@courant.com. We hope this is helpful!