



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER 2023

Upcoming Events

The list below is a SAMPLING of upcoming events. For a full list of programming and associated registration requirements and fees/details, please review the Town Events Calendar: www.glastonburyct.gov/events; [Parks & Recreation brochure](#); Sharing Tree Newsletter: www.glastonburyct.gov/sharingtree; and WTML website: www.wtmlib.info.

- [10/2 - Peter Biedermann Concert](#) - Acoustic Guitarist @ WTML (6:30 PM)
- [10/3 - Casino trip to MGM](#) - Depart RCC @ 10:00 AM
- [10/7, 10/21, 10/28 - Saturday matinees @ the RCC](#) - 11:00 AM
- [10/10 - Goths, Gargoyles, & God: Building the Magnificent Cathedrals of Europe](#) - 6:30 PM Lecture @ WTML
- [10/14 - Free Brush Disposal Day](#) - 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Transfer Station)
- [10/18 - Good Sleep and Brain Power](#) - 1:15 PM @ the RCC
- [10/21 - HHW Collection Event](#) - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM in Manchester
- [10/21 - Ukelele Big Sing!](#) - 12:00 PM @ the RCC
- [10/28 - Drug Take Back Event](#) - 10:00 AM @ the RCC
- [10/28 - Breaking the Silence Documentary](#) - 11:00 AM @ the RCC
- [10/28 - Paper Shred Event](#) - 9:00 AM @ the Highway Garage
- [10/31 - Basketball Hall of Fame and Leone's Restaurant](#) - 11:00 AM

Apple Harvest Festival - October 13th - 15th

The CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce will host their 48th Annual Apple Harvest and Music Festival at Riverfront Park on Friday, October 13 through Sunday, October 15. This year's festivities will include a full midway of amusement rides, food trucks, live music, and more. [Learn more here](#).

Halloween-Themed Events

- **Wednesday, 10/18 - Spooky Story Stroll** - Join Parks & Recreation and Welles-Turner Memorial Library for a Halloween Story, treats, goodies, and maybe a few tricks! Event starts at 4:00 PM with groups departing from the RCC every 10 minutes. [See page 14 of the P&R Fall Brochure](#) for more details.
- **Friday, 10/27 - Halloween with Hometown Heroes** - Enjoy raffles, crafts, entertainment, and dancing in the company of our local public safety professionals. [Learn more here!](#)
- **Tuesday, 10/31 - Halloween "Spook-etti" Luncheon & Costume Party** - 11:45 AM at the RCC - Purchase tickets by October 27th.
- **Saturday, 11/4 - Pumpkin Smash at the Transfer Station** - Bring your rotting pumpkins to the Transfer Station for the Town's first Pumpkin Smash event! Pumpkins can be dropped into a designated container and will be hauled to Quantum Biopower where all pumpkin (food) waste will be converted into renewable energy through their anaerobic digester!

Holiday Facility Closures

Town facilities will be CLOSED on Monday, October 9th, for the Columbus 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, October 10th. Enjoy the holiday weekend!

Flu Clinics

The Glastonbury Health Department will host its annual flu clinics at the Riverfront Community Center on the dates below. For more details, visit glastonburyct.gov/flushot.

Tuesday, October 10th; 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, October 24th; 3:00 - 6:00 PM
Thursday, November 9th; 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Tee to Green Golf Tournament

Minnechaug Golf Course will host the 'Tee to Green' Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 14th to benefit the Tunnel to Towers organization. Event will include prizes, a buffet, raffles, a cash bar, and more. Tickets are \$125/person, which includes 18 holes with cart. [Click here to register or learn more](#).

Fall Musical: Godspell

Save the Date! Glastonbury Youth & Family Services will present Godspell, a rock musical based on the Book of Matthew, on November 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. All shows will be held at 7:00 PM in the Gideon Welles Auditorium. The show is appropriate for all ages and tickets can be purchased online at www.showtix4u.com. (\$12.50/person) We hope to see you there!

Updates from the Sanitation Department and WPCA

Free COVID test kits

As of Sept. 25th, the federal government is again providing free COVID-19 test kits to families through their online web form. Households can obtain 4 free tests by visiting www.covid.gov/tests.

Transfer Station Hours

The Transfer Station (TS) is open for extended WEDNESDAY hours, (7:00 AM - 6:00 PM), from Sept. 27 - Oct. 25. Beginning November 1, the Wednesday hours will revert back to the 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM schedule. [Learn more here](#). Additionally, the TS will offer expanded SUNDAY hours for leaf/grass clippings disposal only from Oct. 22 - Nov. 19. [Read more details here](#).

WPCA Public Hearing re: Sewer Use Rate - October 11th

The Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) will host a Public Hearing as part of their [regular meeting](#) on Wednesday, October 11th to discuss the proposed adjustment to the sewer use rate for the November 2023 billing period. The WPCA has recommended a 3% rate increase, from \$3.30/ccf to \$3.40/ccf, to cover the increased costs of electricity and diesel fuel. The WPCA meeting is open to the public, and will be held in-person at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Changes to State Bottle Law

Earlier this year, the State of Connecticut expanded the \$0.05 bottle deposit to include juice, sports drinks, tea/coffee, kombucha, and other items. ([See expanded list here](#).) Effective January 1, 2024, the state will also increase the bottle deposit to \$0.10/item. According to DEEP, the state only sees a 45% redemption on bottles and cans, leaving an approximate \$30-\$40 million in unredeemed deposits. Residents are encouraged to recycle bottled items to redeem the deposit. [Click here to read more about changes to the State Bottle Bill law](#) or [visit the Recycling Makes Cents](#) website to learn more about the redemption process.

 COLLECT Collect cans and bottles that are eligible for a deposit refund. Find out which are eligible here ↗.	 RETURN Return containers to participating locations. Find a return location near you . ↗	 REDEEM Exchange containers for money by inserting containers into Reverse Vending Machines or handing over the counter. RVMs provide a voucher that can be redeemed for cash at customer service counters or credited towards your grocery bill.	 RECYCLE Containers are picked up and delivered to recyclers throughout the Northeast where 100% are recycled, most back into cans and bottles or products of similar high quality.
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State Project No 53-196: Route 2 Eastbound Lane Modifications

The CT Department of Transportation (DOT) hosted a virtual public meeting on September 13th to review Project No. 53-196: Route 2 Eastbound Lane modifications to Exits 6 - 8 in Glastonbury. The meeting included a presentation of project work and a Q&A session. If you were unable to attend the meeting, a recording is available on the [DOT YouTube Channel](#). Additional meeting resources can be found on the [state DOT project web page](#).

Welcome to new Controller, Chris Liebel!

The Finance Department is pleased to welcome Chris Liebel to the Town organization. Chris has over 20 years of combined Audit and Accounting experience in the Insurance, Municipal, and Non-Profit sectors. Chris comes to Glastonbury from Prudential Financial, where he held several different Accounting and Financial Reporting roles over the past 11 years, most recently as a Director in the Finance Shared Services organization. Chris is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from UCONN and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Hartford. A long-time Connecticut resident, Chris currently lives in Glastonbury with his wife and children, who attend the Hebron Avenue School.

Volunteer with Senior & Social Services!

Are you friendly and outgoing, and enjoy meeting new people? The Riverfront Community Center is seeking volunteers to serve as greeters to help welcome community members into our building and programs. Volunteer shifts are available Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. We are also seeking volunteers to help with food pickups for the Glastonbury Food Pantry. To apply, please [fill out an application online](#) or call (860) 652-7605 for more information.

We're Hiring!

The Town offers diverse and rewarding employment opportunities for a wide range of skills and interests. View all current openings at glastonburyct.gov/employment.