



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

NOVEMBER 2023

Upcoming Events

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

- [11/2 - Open House at Herbert T. Clark Assisted Living Facility](#) - 2:00 - 4:00 PM at 43 Canione Road
- [11/4 - Free Brush Disposal Day](#) - 7:00 AM @ the Transfer Station
- [11/6 - Tips for Better Sleep](#) - 6:30 PM @ WTML
- [11/9 - Learn the Ukulele: Teen Program](#) - 6:30 PM @ WTML
- [11/9 - Vaccination Clinic for Flu, COVID-19, and RSV](#) - 2:00 PM @ the RCC
- [11/13 - The History of New England's Maritime Knitting](#) - 6:30 PM at WTML
- [11/18 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event](#) - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ the Manchester facility
- [11/25 - Buy Local at the Boathouse!](#) - Visit the Glastonbury Boathouse between 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM and shop for locally-made gifts and crafts to kick-off the holiday season!
- [11/30 - Teen Watercolor Selfies](#) - 6:00 PM @ WTML

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Town facilities will be CLOSED on

- 11/10 - Veterans Day Observed
- 11/23 - Thanksgiving Day
- 11/24 - Day after Thanksgiving

This includes Town Hall/Academy, WTML, the RCC, Youth & Family Services, the Bulky Waste Facility, and the Transfer Station. Town facilities will resume standard operating hours following the holidays.

Veterans Programs

In recognition of Veterans Day, the Town is hosting the following programs for our local heroes this month:

- [11/7 - Salute to Service: Veterans Day Luncheon](#) - 11:45 AM @ the RCC - Join us for lunch as we honor Veterans, near and far, who have sacrificed for our freedom. Please register/purchase tickets by November 3rd.
- [11/11 - Veterans Day Ceremony](#) - On Saturday, November 11th, the Glastonbury Veterans Service Commission (VSC) will host their annual Veteran's Day Ceremony at 10:00 AM at the Monuments at Hubbard Green. Following the ceremony, attendees are invited and encouraged to stop by Town Hall to see the recently updated Wall of Honor, which recognizes the service men and women of the Glastonbury community. The VSC will then proceed to the Veterans Cemetery to dress the Veterans graves, and the program will conclude with a light lunch at Giovanni's.
- [11/15 - Glastonbury Veterans & Allies Coffeehouse](#) - 9:00 AM @ the RCC - This group was established to provide a comfortable location for all veterans and allies to meet, learn, and socialize. The meetings are held monthly on Wednesday mornings. This coffeehouse will deliver information relating to veteran experiences, benefits, and service. Speakers are regularly scheduled for each event. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome!

Glastonbury Youth & Family Services presents...



November 2, 3 & 4, 2023
7:00 p.m. Curtain
Gideon Welles Auditorium

Tickets \$12.50 per person
online at www.showtix2u.com
(then go to Buy Tickets and search "Glastonbury Youth")

Godspell
is presented through special arrangement with Music
Theatre International (MTI). All authorized
performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.mtishows.com

Local Crafter Pop-Up Shops at the RCC

This Winter, the Town is launching a new "Pop-Up Shop" program at the Riverfront Community Center! This unique opportunity will allow local vendors to showcase their small craft businesses during the monthly Special Luncheons, and between the hours of 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Glastonbury artisans & crafters are invited to apply for a space at one of the monthly events, and the Town will select one vendor for each Pop-Up Shop. For more information, please visit the [Pop-Up Shop web page](#) or contact Ronda Guberman, Senior Center Supervisor, at Ronda.guberman@glastonbury-ct.gov.

Save the Date for Santa's Run 2023!

The annual Santa's Run Road Race will be held on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023. (Snow Date: December 10th). Pre-registration by mail or online only is now open, and walk-in registration will begin on Monday, November 13th. To view race information, please visit www.glastonburyct.gov/santasrun.

Featured Artist at WTML: Kevin Savage

The next Featured Artist at Welles-Turner Memorial Library is Kevin Savage. His exhibit, "New England Through My Lens" features seasonal photos from locations around Glastonbury, along with a few other landscape scenes from some of his favorite places across New England. Savage's works will be on display at WTML from November 1st - January 9th, with an artist's reception to be held on November 8th at 6:30 PM.

Kevin is a self-taught, freelance photographer based in Glastonbury. His photography journey started as a hobby while hiking nearby trails and running along sections of the Connecticut River in town. Kevin's work focuses on New England landscape scenes, particularly country roads, barns, and farmland. [Click here to read more about the artist.](#)

The Featured Artist Program is sponsored by the Second Century Fund.



Sewer Use Bill - Rate Increase & Reminder

Sewer Use charges are due November 1, 2023 and payable by November 30, 2023. Unpaid Sewer Use charges will be considered delinquent as of December 1, 2023. Interest is charged at a rate of 1 ½% per month back to the due date of November 1, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of C.G.S. Sec 12-146.

Please note: The Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held its regular meeting in October, at which time they voted to approve a 3% increase to the sewer use rate, (from \$3.30/ccf to \$3.40/ccf), to cover the increased costs of electricity and diesel fuel. They also increased the minimum bill from \$60 to \$75 and the special meter fee from \$20/year to \$30/year. These adjustments will be reflected in the November 2023 bills. For more information on deadlines and payment options, visit the [Revenue Collection section of the Town website](#).

No Shave November

In November 2023, the Glastonbury Police Department (GPD) will participate in the annual 'No Shave CT' campaign. Funds raised will benefit the CT Cancer Foundation's Cancer Patient Assistance Program. This program helps Connecticut cancer patients with essential needs, including rent/mortgage, utilities, and food. For the entire month of November, GPD officers will not shave to inspire donations towards this meaningful cause. 100% of donations will go to Connecticut cancer patients. [Click here to learn more or donate.](#)

Municipal Election 2023

The Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The Registrars of Voters will also host an Election Day Registration event in Conference Room D of Town Hall from 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM. To view a sample ballot, voter registration details, or more information about the election, please visit www.glastonburyct.gov/vote.

Bamboo Ordinance Enacted to Protect Public & Private Property

On September 26, 2023, the Glastonbury Town Council adopted a Bamboo Ordinance to “protect both public and private property from the damaging effects of certain non-native plants,” including running bamboo. Effective October 16, 2023, the Ordinance prohibits the planting or growing of running bamboo on any property within town, unless done so with plans for containment and effective root barriers as approved by a licensed arborist or forester and the Town of Glastonbury.

Within the Ordinance, running bamboo is defined as “any bamboo plant in the genus *Phyllostachys*, including *Phyllostachys aureosulcata*.” The Ordinance does not cover “clumping” bamboo species, such as *Fargesia*, or ground cover/shrub bamboos such as *Pleioblastus*. Property owners are encouraged to review the “[Quick Guide to the Identification of Phyllostachys](#)” developed by CT DEEP and UCONN to learn more about how to identify bamboo species and to help determine if any plantings on their property are subject to the Ordinance regulations.

Property owners who identify running bamboo on their property should take corrective action to remove and remediate such plantings within a reasonable timeframe. Suggested removal processes are outlined in the Town Ordinance, with additional resources available through the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group website at www.cipwg.uconn.edu/bamboo.

Failure to comply with Ordinance regulations may result in Town action, including fines. Glastonbury residents are encouraged to use replacement plantings or other measures to achieve the aesthetic or screening benefits that bamboo may provide, and to maintain ongoing compliance with these regulations. Please [click here to view the full press release](#), including the new Ordinance, and answers to FAQs.

Watch Town Meetings OnDemand!

Did you know that you can watch recordings of meetings held by the boards and commissions listed below?

- Town Council
- Board of Education
- Board of Finance
- Town Plan and Zoning Commission
- Architectural & Site Design Review Committee
- Conservation Commission / IWWA
- Zoning Board of Appeals

To watch recorded meetings at your convenience, visit www.glastonburyct.gov/vod to access the Town of Glastonbury Video OnDemand portal.

Newsletter Update - Special holiday edition coming next month!

With the holiday season quickly approaching, the Town will be distributing a special *Holiday Edition* of this newsletter, *Glastonbury at a Glance*, to include news and events for the months of December 2023 AND January 2024. The *Holiday Edition* will be distributed in late-November. Accordingly, it is possible that additional programs and events may be offered during this time period that were not included in the Holiday publication. Such additions will be announced through the Town website, social media, and other communication channels. Accordingly, residents are encouraged to subscribe to Town eNotifications and follow Town communication channels to stay informed of timely opportunities. The newsletter will resume its monthly frequency with the February 2024 edition, to be distributed in late-January.

Dogs in Need of Adoption from Animal Control Facility

The Glastonbury Animal Control Facility currently has 2 adult rabbits and several dogs who have been in their care for many months and are seeking good homes. A photo and biography of each dog is provided below. If you would like to consider adopting one of these furry friends, please contact the Animal Control Shelter at **(860) 633-7227**. Thank you in advance for your consideration!



Hank the Tank:

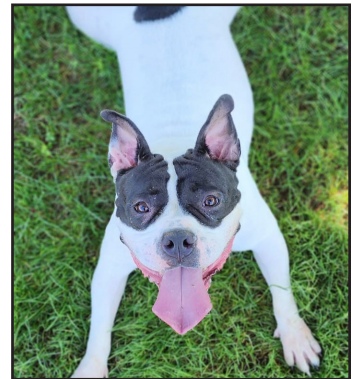
Approx. 4 years old; ~80-85 lbs

Hank is our longest tenant here! Hank is a very high energy bulldog mix. We love to call him a bowling ball of love with how he greets us. Our unit would love to see him paired with a family with bulldog/Pitbull experience. Hank is a neutered male, up-to-date rabies vaccinated, good with children, housebroken, and could possibly be homed with one other large dog. Hank has not been cat tested.

Mama Lilly

Approx. 4 years old; 55 to 60 lbs

Mama Lilly loves her cuddles, pets, and pretty much anything that involves her human companion. Her favorite thing is going for walks and sniffing around, or finding a nice soft patch of grass to lay on. Lilly walks well on leash, although she can always use a tune-up. Lilly loves to "zoomie" around the backyard, especially after bath time, and take toys available to her back to her kennel. Lilly is an unaltered female, Staffordshire Terrier mix, up-to-date rabies vaccinated, dog selective, loves people, would do well with kids 10 years of age, and not cat tested.



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Rocky

Approx. 2 years old; 55- 60 lbs

Rocky is high energy and willing to adventure. He loves to cuddle, but loves to play more. Rocky can be quite stubborn, but snaps out of it quickly when he is presented with a treat. Rocky loves routine: the same thing at the same time, every single day. He would benefit to be with an active family that has Staffordshire Terrier experience and willing to become his best friend. Rocky is an unaltered male, not kid/cat tested, high prey drive, housebroken, and up-to-date rabies vaccinated.

Rufus

Approx. 1 year old; 50 - 55 lbs

Rufus is a high energy, Staffordshire Terrier mix who has a lot of personality, and goes from being super playful to cuddling until he starts snoring. He loves tugging on his leash at the beginning of his walk and then quickly settles into a rhythm. His favorite thing to do is have a ball or rope in his mouth while walking with his human. Rufus is an unaltered male, up-to-date rabies vaccinated, friendly with people, not cat tested. Could be homed with children over 12 years of age. Rufus is currently very jumpy and has a lot motivation to run and would be best matched with an active person/family.



Stella

Approx. 2 years old; 50-55 lbs

Stella is a sweet little girl. She lives for cuddles and prefers to have all the attention to herself. Stella is very high energy and would love a fenced in yard where she can do her "zoomies" around her person/people. Stella is not fond of prong collars (metal or plastic). Stella is a Pitbull mix, unaltered female, UTD rabies vaccinated, dog selective, good with children, almost housebroken, and okay with cats, but needs more training.