



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

FEBRUARY 2024

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.

- 1/31: [Parent Caregiver Support Group](#) 6:30 PM @ YFS (6 Weeks)
- 2/3: [Take Your Child to the Library Day "It's PAWSitively Awesome"](#) 9:00 AM @ WTML
- 2/6: [Holyoke Mall in Massachusetts Trip](#) Depart RCC @ 4:45 PM
- 2/6: [The Charles Restaurant- Lunch Bunch Trip](#) Depart RCC @ 4:45 PM
- 2/12: [Indigenous Peoples of Glastonbury](#) 6:30 PM @ WTML
- 2/13: [Bedtime Stories](#) 6:00 PM @ WTML
- 2/13: [College Admissions Timeline \(Teens & Adults\)](#) 6:30 PM @ WTML
- 2/15: [Sweetheart Serenade; A Valentine's Luncheon](#) 11:45 AM @ the RCC
- 2/20: [Mystic Aquarium Trip](#) Depart RCC at 12:45 PM
- 2/20: [Bingo Bonanza!](#) 1:00 PM @ the RCC
- 2/21: [Penguins, Polar Bears, Peaks, and Playas: Geographical Journeys to the Four Poles](#) 6:30 PM @ WTML
- 2/22: [Teen Yoga](#) 6:30 PM @ WTML

Summer Employment with Parks & Recreation

APPLY NOW! PRIORITY DEADLINE MARCH 8, 2024

Despite recent frigid temperatures, now is the time to "think summer" if you are interested in seasonal employment! The Parks & Recreation Department is now recruiting for several positions, some of which start in mid-April. Others are typical summer jobs that are great for college students, teachers, and anyone seeking seasonal employment.

There are a wide variety of camp counselor positions available. The Town is also recruiting staff to work as lifeguards and swim instructors at the outdoor pools. All of the jobs offer much more than a paycheck: they are positions that give staff lots of responsibility and real-world opportunities to develop leadership skills.

The Department is also recruiting tennis instructors and park maintenance positions. For a complete list of available positions, job requirements, start/end dates, specific program information, and application instructions, please visit the Town website at www.glastonburyct.gov/prjobs.

Holiday Facility Closures

Town facilities will be CLOSED on Monday, February 19, 2024 for the Presidents 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, February 20, 2024. Enjoy the holiday weekend!

Reminder to Clear Snow

With the winter weather season upon us, property owners are reminded of their obligation to clear snow from the sidewalks on their property. While no such regulations govern the clearing of fire hydrants, the Glastonbury Fire Department asks that residents please do their part in clearing snow from these vital areas in a timely manner following storm events. In a fire response, the time required to clear snow can mean the difference between crucial seconds or minutes needed to save a structure and its inhabitants. When clearing snow this winter, please also keep in mind that Firefighters need access to roughly 1 foot of space below the hydrant valve and another 2 feet of space all around a fire hydrant. A few minutes of work may prove vital to the safety of you or your neighbors! Please do your part to keep our community safe and thank you for your support.



Town Welcomes New Revenue Collector and Interim Facilities Director

The Town of Glastonbury is pleased to announce the appointment of Bridget Ann Boucher as the new Revenue Collector, effective December 18th, succeeding Denise Talbot, who retired earlier this month after 32 years of dedicated service to the community. Bridget brings a wealth of experience to this vital role, having previously served in assessment and collections for the Town of Plainville and as Assistant Revenue Collector for the City of New Britain. Bridget's extensive background in revenue collection is bolstered by her professional credentials. She is a Certified Connecticut Revenue Collector and is pursuing certification as a Connecticut Municipal Assessor. She is an active member of the Connecticut Tax Collectors Association, the Hartford County Tax Collectors Association and Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers. Bridget's credentials, coupled with her professional experience, position her exceptionally well to oversee the town's revenue collection, efficiently and effectively.

In her new role, Bridget will be responsible for the collection of all municipal revenues, including taxes and fees. Her appointment is a testament to her dedication and skill in the field of public administration and finance. The Town looks forward to the positive impact Bridget will make in her new position, enhancing the town's financial health and serving the community with dedication and expertise.

The Town of Glastonbury has also hired John Elsesser to serve as Interim Director of Facilities. Mr. Elsesser succeeds David Sacchitella who retired on January 5, 2024, with nearly 29 years of service to the Town of Glastonbury. Mr. Elsesser has worked in municipal government in Connecticut since 1981, including Wethersfield, Avon and Coventry where he retired as Town Manager this July after 35 years of service. He brings with him extensive experience of grants, building maintenance, budgeting, personnel, and building construction and renovations.

During his interim service, Mr. Elsesser will administer the day-to-day work and conduct an overall review of the department so that the Town Manager can gain a different perspective on the department's needs in both the short-term and long-term. As for his appointment, Mr. Elsesser stated "I look forward to assisting the Town of Glastonbury in this review and in the recruiting process for a permanent departmental leader. There are a lot of projects and grants to administer as well as properly maintaining current facilities and looking toward the future." It is anticipated that Mr. Elsesser will assist the Town of Glastonbury for approximately three months.

Heart Health Month

Is getting healthier one of your New Year's Resolutions for 2024? Life's Essential 8 can help with a few easy steps you can take to live a healthier lifestyle.

Life's Essential 8 are the key measures for improving and maintaining cardiovascular health, as defined by the American Heart Association. Better cardiovascular health helps lower the risk for heart disease, stroke and other major health problems. Life's Essential 8 focuses on two major areas: Health behaviors and health factors.

Health Behaviors

- ♥ Eat Better
- ♥ Be More Active
- ♥ Quit Tobacco
- ♥ Get Healthy Sleep

Health Factors

- ♥ Manage Weight
- ♥ Control Cholesterol
- ♥ Manage Blood Sugar
- ♥ Manage Blood Pressure

For more information, visit <https://www.heart.org/en/healthy-living/healthy-lifestyle/lifes-essential-8>

Crumbling Foundation Funding Now Available for Qualified Recipients

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) recently announced the opening of an application opportunity for low and moderate income families whose homes are affected by crumbling foundations. Rep. Joe Courtney, CRCOG, the Connecticut Foundations Solutions Indemnity Corporation (CFSIC), and the Northeast Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG) launched the new Crumbling Foundation Remediation and Restoration program to help low and moderate income homeowners with access to financial assistance for necessary repairs caused by crumbling foundations.

Low and moderate income definitions differ from town to town but to approximate, the range is \$66,150 max income for family of one and \$94,500 max income for a family of four. Funds will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Like many towns in the area, Glastonbury has had instances of homes afflicted by crumbling foundation. For more information and to obtain an application, please visit CRCOG's website [HERE](#).