



# Town of Glastonbury

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ITEM #7  
03-26-2024 Meeting

Jonathan K. Luiz  
Town Manager

March 22, 2024

The Glastonbury Town Council  
2155 Main Street  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

**Re: Town Manager's Report**

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up to date on various topics.

**1. Weekly Update from Glastonbury Emergency Medical Services**

Attached are recent weekly updates from GEMS.

**2. Glastonbury Farmers Market Relocating to Town Hall for 2024 season**

The Glastonbury Farmers Market will open for the season on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 and continue weekly from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM each Wednesday through September. This year, all Farmers Market events will be held on the Town Hall campus lawn near the flag poles. Previously hosted at Hubbard Green, the Farmers Market staff believe the new location will result in increased attendance. Community members often visit the Town Hall campus to take advantage of the walking trails, dog park, athletic fields, and town programming, and both parties are hopeful that the new arrangement will improve community access to locally grown food and homemade products. To learn more about the Glastonbury Farmers Market, including special events and offerings, please visit [www.glastonburyfarmersmarket.com](http://www.glastonburyfarmersmarket.com).

**3. Welles Park Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

Town staff is busy installing new playground equipment at Welles Park, with the goal of completing installation by mid-April. A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned at the Welles Park Playground on Thursday, May 16th at 3:30 p.m. The playground is expected to be complete in April and open for use. The event will include a Youth and Family Program, ice cream truck, and other activities that are currently being planned.

**4. North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA) Grant**

Senior Center Supervisor Ronda Guberman has submitted a grant proposal to the North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA). If awarded the grant, up to \$14,000 would go towards enhancing our foot care program, fitness center scholarships, and outreach activities for low-income seniors in Town.

**5. Demand is High for Parks & Recreation Programs**

March 12th was opening day to register for the upcoming season of Parks & Recreation Programs. By 4:30 p.m., there were 3,846 registrations with revenues totaling \$876,759. In 2023, those figures were 2,918 and \$614,375 respectively. Camp/program registrations will continue, and swim registrations will begin in June.

**6. Campaign to Prevent Stormwater Pollution**

The Town is running a social media campaign during March and April that is geared towards preventing stormwater pollution. Posts will be shared through the general Town Facebook page. Staff will also include stormwater info in the Town's April newsletter. Attached are some materials that will be posted online.

**7. Board of Finance Sets Mill Rate**

At its meeting of Friday, March 22nd, the Board of Finance voted to set a Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle mill rate of 31.93, calculated at a 99.20% collection rate in accordance with the FY 2024/2025 adopted budget. The 31.93 mill rate is the same mill rate calculated at the Town Council's final budget meeting.

**8. Town Hosting Spring 2024 Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale**

From now through May 2nd, Glastonbury residents can purchase rain barrels, compost bins, and related products from the Town at 50% off retail prices. Orders must be placed by no later than May 2nd and picked up at the Academy parking lot on Saturday, May 4th between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. The online store is available at [www.glastonburyct.gov/compost](http://www.glastonburyct.gov/compost). This program is available to all Glastonbury residents. Questions may be directed to the Glastonbury Refuse Disposal Division at (860) 652-7772 or [sanitationclerk@glastonbury-ct.gov](mailto:sanitationclerk@glastonbury-ct.gov).

**9. Parent/Caregiver Support Groups**

This spring, Glastonbury Youth & Family Services (Y&FS) and the Glastonbury Public Schools are co-sponsoring a series of support groups for local caregivers. The groups will offer a safe and non-judgmental environment for parents and caregivers to share their challenges and gain new insights. Group sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings at the Y&FS Annex Building from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. beginning April 3<sup>rd</sup> and continuing for six weeks.

Residents are invited to attend one or many/all sessions. Please click the links below to view group details based on your child's age.

[Flyer for Support Group for Parents/Caregivers of Elementary-Aged Children - April-May 2024](#)

[Flyer for Support Group for Parents/Caregivers of Adolescents in Middle and High School - April-May 2024](#)

For more information, or to register, please visit the [Youth & Family Services web page](#).

**10. 2024 Glastonbury Exchange Club Officer of the Year Banquet**

The 2024 Glastonbury Exchange Club Officer of the Year Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024 from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 85 Glastonbury Boulevard. Cocktail hour is from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m. It has been several years since this event has been held and the three Glastonbury Officers will be honored at this year's dinner are:

- Agent John Cagianello (2020)
- Sergeant Brandon Ritchie (2022)
- Officer Steven Moyer (2023)

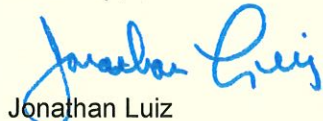
This is a prestigious award and event at which to recognize the above individuals. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$50 each (cash only) and available from Dawn Luke, Lt. Kevin Szydlo, Lt. Anthony Pagliughi, and GPD Dispatch. Please contact Dawn Luke at 860-652-4202 for further information.

## 11. Library News

The following upcoming programs are being offered by the Welles Turney Memorial Library:

- WTML is hosting a "Solar Eclipse 101" Lecture on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for patrons to learn about the upcoming Eclipse and pick up Eclipse glasses before the big day. For those preferring only a pair of glasses, the Library will be distributing to those who register via the Library's website at <https://www.wtmlib.info/> or by calling the Library at 860-652-7719. WTML will also hosting an Eclipse viewing party on the lawn for folks who want to experience the Eclipse with others on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
- The first of two spring book sales will be held indoors at the Library on the weekends of April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. This sale will focus primarily on adult fiction and non-fiction materials. There will be a second sale later in the spring featuring children's materials and details will be provided as they become available.
- The Library Board has created a subcommittee to select Glastonbury's next Poet Laureate. Applications are being accepted via the Library Director through the end of April. See the library website at <https://www.wtmlib.info/> for more information.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Luiz  
Glastonbury Town Manager

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Attachments

# Glastonbury EMS Weekly Update

February 18- February 24



	Position
Chief	Chris Ferrall - Interim
Traning Coordinator	Carrie Yarina-Rich
Duty Shift Supervisor	Multiple
Quality Assurance	John Pelow II
Office Manager	Melissa Kutka
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Treasurer	Heidi Heim
Secretary	Carrie Yarina-Rich

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### Calls for week of February 25 - March 2

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Calls	7	12	9	5	15	9	8

### Schedule for week of March 3 - March 9

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6am-6pm	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
7am-7pm	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	Covered	Covered	Covered
6pm-6am	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
Special Event	None	None	None	File of Life	None	BP Screening	None
EMS Calls	11	8	12	11	6	13*	

\*as of 2200

### Schedule for week of March 3 - March 9

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6am-6pm	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
7am-7pm	OPEN	Covered	Covered	Covered	Open	Covered	Open
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Special Event	None	None	None	None	None	None	None

Wednesday GEMS was at Knox Ln to assist residents with Files of Life.

Friday GEMS staff provided blood pressure screenings for 20 individuals. The event took place at the RCC

GEMS also participated in the Health Fair with the Health Department. Files of Life were given out and training opportunities were discussed with attendees.

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Calls	11	8	12	11	6	15	10

### Schedule for week of March 10 - March 16

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6am-6pm	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
7am-7pm	OPEN	Covered	Covered	Covered	Open	Covered	Open
6pm-6am	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
Special Event	None	None	None	File of Life	None	BP Screening	None
EMS Calls	7	14	15	11	17	6*	
						*as of 2200	

### Schedule for week of March 17 - March 23

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6am-6pm	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
7am-7pm	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
6pm-6am	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered
Special Event	None	None	None	None	None	BP Screening	None

Full time employees	8
Part time employees	17
In training employees	2
Volunteers - Active	5
Volunteers - On leave	3
Volunteers - Training	2

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Wednesday GEMS was at Center Village to assist residents with Files of Life.  
 Friday GEMS staff provided blood pressure screenings.

# Stormwater Pollution Prevention Social Media Campaign - 2024

Shared to Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/glastonburyconnecticut>

*Note: Campaign content was also shared to the Town website at [www.Glastonburyct.gov/stormwater](http://www.Glastonburyct.gov/stormwater)*

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Post date: Wednesday, 3/20 at 10:30 am

Wash your car with care!

If you wash your car/vehicle on a driveway or other paved surface, soap and other cleaning substances flow down into community storm drains. These chemicals ultimately end up in Glastonbury's water bodies, which can damage wildlife and water quality.

Always wash your car on GRASS or GRAVEL surfaces, or at a commercial car wash, to help reduce water pollution.

Please keep this in mind as the weather gets warmer and share this environmental tip with your neighbors.

Visit [www.Glastonburyct.gov/stormwater](http://www.Glastonburyct.gov/stormwater) for more pollution prevention tips for homeowners.

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#carwashwithcare #cleanwater #stormwaterpollutionprevention #themoreyouknow #doyourpart

Impressions -  
Total reach:  
Engagement (clicks):



Post date: Thursday, 3/28 at 11:00 AM

Be a good pet parent!

Pet waste can contribute harmful bacteria to our watercourses and wildlife, so you should NEVER throw pet waste bags into the storm drains!

ALWAYS carry pet waste bags with you when walking your pet and dispose of them properly in the nearest trash can.

Visit [www.Glastonburyct.gov/stormwater](http://www.Glastonburyct.gov/stormwater) for more information.

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#goodpetparent #stormwaterpollutionprevention  
#cleanwater #themoreyouknow #doyourpart

Impressions:  
Total Reach:  
Engagement:

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**Post: Post on Wednesday, 4/3 at 11:00 AM**

Storm sewers drain directly into Glastonbury lakes, streams, and other water bodies. When pet waste, garbage, and other pollutants are thrown into the storm drains, they are passed along to contaminate our water sources!

If you wouldn't want to drink it or bathe in it, DON'T put it in the storm drains! Find the nearest trash barrel and do your part to keep our community healthy!

Visit [www.Glastonburyct.gov/stormwater](http://www.Glastonburyct.gov/stormwater) for more information.

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#stormwaterpollutionprevention #cleanwater  
#themoreyouknow #doyourpart

Impressions:  
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**Post date: Friday, 4/19 at 11:00am**

Did you know that heavy rain can cause excess fertilizer to pass into storm drains and travel to Glastonbury's local bodies of water? Fertilizer pollutes community water and can also effect oxygen levels for various fish species.

When planning your lawn fertilization, check the weather and AVOID fertilizing before heavy rain or severe storms.

It's also best practice to sweep up excess fertilizer from paved surfaces to ensure it doesn't end up in our storm drains/water sources.

Visit [www.Glastonburyct.gov/stormwater](http://www.Glastonburyct.gov/stormwater) for more information.

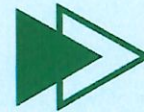
#lawncare #planahead #stormwaterpollutionprevention  
#cleanwater #themoreyouknow #doyourpart

Impressions:  
Total Reach:  
Engagement:

## Practice Mindful Lawn Care Prevent Stormwater Pollution!



**Avoid fertilizing your lawn before storms or heavy rain**



**Sweep up excess fertilizer from paved surfaces**

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**Post: Post on Wednesday, 4/24 at 10:30 AM**

Spring Cleaning season has arrived and the Town is encouraging local business owners to sweep their parking lots to rid them of any debris/substances that could potentially wash away into community storm drains!

Keeping lawn fertilizers, de-icers, and other substances OUT of the storm drains helps keep Glastonbury water sources free from pollution!

Community businesses are also encouraged to clean parking lot drainage systems annually (e.g. catch basins, swales, etc.) to eliminate accumulated sediment and debris.

Please share these tips with your fellow entrepreneurs and thank you in advance for doing your part to prevent stormwater pollution!

#stormwaterpollutionprevention #sweep #cleanwater #themoreyouknow #doyourpart

Impressions:  
Total Reach:  
Engagement:



Post date: Saturday, 4/27 at 1:00 PM

Oil leaks pollute our water! If you have an oil leak issue with your vehicle, please address it as soon as possible and make every effort to prevent motor oil / oily substances from entering and polluting our storm drains. This is essential to protecting Glastonbury's lakes, rivers, and water sources.

If you have unwanted oil and antifreeze, drop it off at the Transfer Station for safe/proper disposal.

Visit [www.Glastonbury-ct.gov/stormwater](http://www.Glastonbury-ct.gov/stormwater) for more information.

#fixit #oilspill #stormwaterpollutionprevention #cleanwater  
#themoreyouknow #doyourpart

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Total reach:  
Engagement:

