



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

APRIL 2024

Upcoming Events

The list below is a SAMPLING of upcoming events. For a full list of programs with associated fees, details, and registration requirements, please review the [Town Events Calendar](#); [Parks & Recreation brochure](#); the [WTML website](#); and the [Sharing Tree Newsletter](#).

- [4/2 - Presidential Preference Primary](#) - All poll locations will be open from 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- [4/4 - Bella Italia Night](#) - 6:00 PM @ the RCC
- [4/4 - Teen Yoga](#) - 6:30 PM @ WTML Friends Room
- [4/4 - Virtual Public Info Meeting Re: Putnam Bridge Rehab](#) - 7:00 PM
- [4/8 - Solar Eclipse Viewing Party](#) - 3:00 PM @ WTML - Residents can also [register to pick up a pair of solar-viewing glasses](#) through the WTML.
- 4/11 - Art Mart for Kids - [10:00 AM](#) and [2:00 PM](#) @ WTML
- [4/16 - Swing into Spring Luncheon](#) - 11:45 AM @ the RCC
- [4/20 - Annual Youth Fishing Derby](#) - 8:00 AM at Eastbury Pond
- [4/23 - Mashantucket Pequot Museum Trip](#) - 10:45 AM departure from RCC
- [4/25 - GHS Evening of Rhyme and Rhetoric](#) - 6:00 PM @ WTML
- 4/27 and 4/28 - [Friends of WTML Spring Book Sale](#) @ WTML

Main St. Reconstruction

Beginning the week of April 8th, the Town will commence reconstruction work on Main Street from Ripley Road to New London Turnpike. Project details and updates are available at www.glastonburyct.gov/mainstreet. To receive email notifications with project updates, visit www.glastonburyct.gov/enotify and subscribe to the "Main St Reconstruction" category.

Notary Services at Town Hall

Glastonbury offers notary services at the Customer Service Center in Town Hall. Stop in Monday - Friday between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM or 2:00 - 4:00 PM to have your documents notarized by our friendly and efficient Customer Service Representative. Fee is \$5 per signature. [Learn more here](#).

Pop-Up Shop Opening

The Town's "Pop-Up Shop" program provides a unique opportunity for local vendors to showcase their small craft businesses during the monthly Special Luncheons at the RCC. Luncheons are held between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, and Pop-Ups shops are set up in the highly visible, well-trafficked front lobby area. Local artisans/crafters can apply for a space at one of the monthly events and the Town will select one vendor per luncheon, in exchange for a \$25 participation fee. [Please click here to apply or to learn more](#).



6-Week Parent/Caregiver Support Groups Starting April 3, 2024

This spring, Glastonbury Youth & Family Services and the Glastonbury Public Schools are co-sponsoring a series of support groups for local families. 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 PM beginning April 3rd and continuing for six weeks thereafter. Attendees can join the group for parents/caregivers of elementary-aged children as well as middle school and high-school aged children.

Residents are invited to attend one or many/all sessions. For more information, please [visit the Youth & Family Services page of the Town website](#).

Extended Wednesday Hours at Transfer Station

The [Transfer Station](#) is now open for the extended hours of 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM on Wednesdays only. This schedule will continue into September.

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

International Dark Sky Week: April 2-8

According to DarkSky.org, "International Dark Sky Week is a worldwide event that draws attention to light pollution, promotes simple solutions to mitigate the issue, and celebrates the irreplaceable beauty of a natural night." This year, the event will occur the week of April 2-8, which is the week of the new moon when the night sky is the darkest. To review ways you can celebrate, visit www.darksky.org.



Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snow-melt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

There are many small ways you can help prevent stormwater pollution, such as selecting environmentally-friendly cleaning products and inspecting your septic system annually. [Visit the EPA website to view some helpful guidance](#). If you witness stormwater pollution in Glastonbury, please report it through the Town's Citizen Request System at www.glastonburyct.gov/citizenrequest.

Refuse & Sanitation: Sustainability Events in April 2024

Free Brush Disposal Day - April 20: Residents may dispose of brush only at the Bulky Waste Facility (BWF) or Transfer Station without disposal fees on Saturday, April 20. Community members are encouraged to use the BWF because it's the final drop-site and therefore most cost-effective. (Minimizes Town operating expenses/tax dollars!)

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event - April 20: Residents can safely dispose of HHW by visiting the collection facility in Manchester on 4/20 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Appointments (required) can be [made online here](#).

Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sales Event - May 4: Community members can purchase compost bins, rain barrels, and related items at a 50% discount through the Town's annual sales and pick up event. This opportunity is made possible through a partnership with BrandBuilders, LLC. Orders must be placed by May 2 for pickup at the Academy parking lot (2149 Main St) on Saturday, May 4. To shop items, or to review helpful resources and videos for composting or rain barrel use, please visit www.glastonburyct.gov/compost.

Reminder to Remediate Running Bamboo

Community members are reminded that the planting or growing of running bamboo is prohibited in the town of Glastonbury. Running bamboo can encroach on neighboring properties and creates substantial fire and safety hazards due to its density and composition. Per the Town Ordinance, property owners who identify running bamboo on their property should take corrective action to remove and remediate such plantings within a reasonable timeframe. Please see the following resources for more information:

[Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group](#)
[CT Agricultural Experiment Station](#)

Glastonbury Senior Center Achieves Reaccreditation through NISC

This February, the Glastonbury Senior Center earned its reaccreditation from the National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC) and the National Council on Aging (NCOA) for the 2024 - 2029 term. This is the fourth consecutive term in which Glastonbury has achieved this prestigious designation. Through this program, the NISC/NCOA recognizes Senior Centers nationwide that demonstrate leadership, community collaboration, and success across nine operational standards ranging from facility amenities to program planning and administration. The Town's 2024 reaccreditation report specifically acknowledged the Glastonbury Senior Center for the following strengths:

- Outstanding leadership and commitment to quality programs and services
- Age-Friendly community designation and the Town's commitment to working with residents of all ages and abilities.
- Wide range of programming - including Friendship Circle for Early Dementia seniors, the Parkinson Mobility Exercise program, the newly restructured Self-Select Food Pantry, Monthly Veterans Coffee Hour, extensive Outreach to underserved seniors, and a sound transportation program (Dial-A-Ride)
- Town staff who are enthusiastic, creative, and engaged with their work with older adults, as well as enthusiastic Commission on Aging members
- Strong Volunteer Program with ongoing efforts to increase participation

To learn more about the accreditation process and the National Institute of Seniors, please visit www.ncoa.org.

Farmers Market Relocating to Town Hall for 2024 Season

The Glastonbury Farmers Market will open for the season on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 and will 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.

Police CADET Program

This spring, the Glastonbury Police Department (GPD) will launch a police cadet (aka "police explorer") program and is seeking participation by youth residents. The police cadet post is an official program of GPD and operates in collaboration with the North East Regional Law Enforcement Educational Association (NERLEEA). The program is designed to expose young men and women (ages 14-21) within the Glastonbury community to the vast responsibilities in law enforcement today. Many program alumni from other posts have continued on to successfully achieve positions in local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies throughout the country and including the GPD itself!



Police cadets will learn in the classroom and through hands-on field experience to prepare them for a future career in law enforcement. The program also aims to develop, mentor, and promote leadership, personal growth, physical fitness, and social responsibility. Regular meeting presentations will include training from sworn police officers on law enforcement duties, tactics, criminal and procedural law, forensic science, self-defense, and investigation techniques. Police cadets will have a rank structure similar to that of the police department, will assist officers in various community events, and may participate in the department ride-along program. Police cadets will also participate in regional training and competition events with other police cadet posts to include a week-long summer police academy in Massachusetts.

Glastonbury youth/parents who are interested in obtaining an application or learning more should please email GlastonburyExplorers@gmail.com or contact the GPD's Youth Unit supervisor, Sgt. Barao, or the Police Cadet Lead Advisor, Ofc. Maloney, at (860) 633-8301.

Town Seeking Applicants for next Poet Laureate

Calling all poets! Applications are now being accepted for those interested in serving as Glastonbury's Poet Laureate. As the town's representative poet, the Poet Laureate serves as an advocate for poetry and promotes appreciation of poetry and the participation in poetry and literary arts activities among Glastonbury residents. [View application information here.](#)



Host your next Corporate Function at the Glastonbury Boathouse!

The Glastonbury Boathouse is a beautiful location for corporate functions, non-profit events, and private parties. The modern banquet hall offers panoramic river views and a stunning venue for events in any season! As a self-sustaining property, all rental funds help offset the operating and maintenance costs for this exceptional community amenity.

For more information, or to begin planning your event, please visit www.glastonburyboathouse.com, or contact Event Manager Kristen Michaels at (860) 652-4640 or kristen.michaels@glastonbury-ct.gov.

Support Community Events & Programs by Partnering with Parks & Recreation

Glastonbury Parks & Recreation offers a diverse range of partnership opportunities for local organizations and community members. The Department hosts a number of special events, programs, and digital campaigns throughout each year, all of which are well attended and cater to individuals of all ages and backgrounds.

Partnership Benefits: Partnership packages support enhanced experiences at community programs/events and provide unique benefits for contributors. Involvement can help you/your business engage with your community, increase brand visibility, reach your target audience, and more!

How to get started: Visit www.glastonburyct.gov/partner to view the 2024 Partnership Package. If you are interested in partnering with the Town, please send your inquiry to partner@glastonbury-ct.gov.



Community Group App for Residents

Town residents who are NOT Glastonbury Public Schools parents, guardians, or staff members can now join the district's "community group" on the ParentSquare app. Those who sign up will receive a couple of notices every month. Notices will include updates on major initiatives and the school budget and invitations to public events such as high school drama productions and concerts. The district also looks forward to sharing stories of student and staff successes.

To sign up, please complete the [community group form](#). You will receive a confirmation email to activate your account. The district hopes the new tool will help build an even stronger community network that benefits everyone. If you need assistance signing up, please email Patti Renaud at renaudp@glastonburyus.org.

