



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

MAY 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](#).

- [5/4 - AARP Carfit Event](#) - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ the RCC
- [5/4 - Paper Shred Event](#) - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ the Transfer Station
- [5/6 - A Year in Kimono](#) - 6:30 PM @ WTML
- [5/9 - Thursday Night Book Club: The Violin Conspiracy](#) (First Meeting!) - 6:30 PM @ WTML
- 5/9 - Opening/Ceremony @ Putnam Bridge Trail Connections - 1:30 PM on Wethersfield side. CT DOT to share more details over coming days.
- [5/10 - Coffee with a Cop](#) - 10:00 AM @ the RCC - Register by 5/8
- [5/11 - Paint Your Pet! \(for teens\)](#) - 1:00 PM @ WTML in the 2CF Studio
- [5/15 - Chapter Chasers: A New Seasonal Walking Book Club](#) (First Meeting!) - 9:00 AM @ RCC
- [5/16 - Welles Park Playground Ribbon Cutting](#) - 3:30 PM @ Welles Park
- [5/16 and 5/28 - Bocce Lessons](#) - 10:00 AM @ the RCC (See page 7)
- [5/18 - Photographing your Local Surroundings in a New Light](#) - 10:00 AM @ the RCC
- [5/18 - HHW collection event](#) - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ the Manchester Transfer Station (321 Olcott St.)
- [5/18 - Brush Disposal](#) - Dispose of brush without fees between 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM @ the Transfer Station and BWF. Permit required.
- [5/29 - Red Sox vs. Yankees: The Greatest Rivalry in Sports History](#) – 6:30 PM @ WTML

Town Facilities CLOSED on Memorial Day (5/27)

Town facilities will be CLOSED on Monday, May 27 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. This includes Town Hall/Academy, WTML, the RCC, Y&FS, the Transfer Station, and the Bulky Waste Facility. The Town will resume its standard operating hours following the Monday holiday. Wishing you a safe holiday weekend.

WTML Closed on Sundays for Summer Season

The Welles-Turner Memorial Library (WTML) will transition to its summer hours in May. Starting Monday, May 6, the Library will be open Monday through Saturday only. (CLOSED on Sundays.) Sunday hours will resume on September 8, 2024. To view Library hours, visit wtmlib.info.

Last Chance to SAVE on Compost Bins!

For a limited time, residents can purchase compost bins, rain barrels, and related items at a 50% discount from retail prices. This annual program is made possible through the Town's partnership with BrandBuilders, LLC. Orders must be placed by May 2 and picked up at Academy on Saturday, May 4. To shop available items and find helpful resources for proper use, please visit www.glastonburyct.gov/compost.

Memorial Day Programs

5/30 - Remember & Honor: A Memorial Day Luncheon - Remember & honor our heroes by celebrating them at a Memorial Day luncheon at 11:45 AM at the RCC. Menu includes pulled pork, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, sweet rolls and brownie sundaes! Entertainment will be provided by the Airborne Jazz Trio. Resident: \$7; Non-Resident: \$9. Please register by May 24. [See page 1 of the Sharing Tree Newsletter for details.](#)

Memorial Day Parade - The Glastonbury Veterans Service Commission (VSC) will host its annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 27, 2024. The parade will step off promptly at 9:00 AM. The parade will start at Main Street and Welles Street, march south down Main Street, proceed past the reviewing stand on Hubbard Street and end at the monuments on the Green. [View details on the Town events calendar.](#)



Ribbon Cutting Celebration at Welles Park Playground - May 16, 2024

Community members are invited to attend a ribbon cutting celebration at the soon-to-reopen Welles Park Playground. The renovated playground is slated to reopen in May and will feature new equipment for youth ages 2-12. Playground equipment was selected in response to community feedback and includes 2 new swing sets, slides, and climbing nets. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 3:30 PM on Thursday, May 16th to coincide with Youth & Family Services programming. The event is open to all and free ice cream will be available. [See more details here](#). We hope to see you there!

Auditions Open Soon for Y&FS Summer Theater Production of "The Music Man"

This year, Creative Experiences is celebrating their 50th summer producing musical theater with a production of Meredith Willson's "The Music Man." Children currently ages 7 through 5th grade will be invited to be part of our production in an ensemble role. Everyone who registers will be cast in the production. Auditions for 6th grade and up will be held May 6 & 7 from 5:00 PM- 8:00 PM in the GHS auditorium. Rehearsals will start June 10 and run until the performance dates of July 25, 26, and 27. For more information and to pre-register, please visit the "[Upcoming Theatrical Productions](#)" [web page](#). You can also contact Jessica at jessica.palazzo@glastonbury-ct.gov or (860) 652-7675.



Outdoor Adventures

- **Fly Casting with L.L. Bean** - May 14 (Rain Date: May 29) - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Cost: \$46.00. Register by May 7.
- **Hike at McLean Game Refuge and Maple View Brewery, Granby** - May 17. Leaves RCC at 1:00 PM. Returns approximately 5:45 PM. Cost: \$10.00 per person includes transportation and leader (Pay at RCC when reserving your spot).
- **Walk at Pistol Creek, Berlin** - June 5. Leaves RCC at 1:00 PM. Returns approximately 3:30 PM. Cost is \$7.00 for transportation / leader.

[See page 4 of the Sharing Tree Senior Newsletter](#) for more details.

Chamber Corner

Save the Date for these annual programs, sponsored by the CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce:

- **June 4** - [Annual Classic Golf Tournament](#) - 11:00 AM @ Glastonbury Hills Country Club
- **Oct. 18-20** - [Apple Harvest & Music Festival](#) - Details coming soon!

[Visit their website](#) to learn more.

Important Notice Regarding Homeowners Tax Relief Program Deadline is Wednesday, May 15, 2024

The Homeowners Tax Relief program is available to Glastonbury homeowners who turned 65 prior to December 31, 2023 and whose 2023 income was \$69,700 or less. New applicants must submit an application and proof of income by the filing deadline of May 15, 2024. The application and detailed instructions are available at www.glastonburyct.gov/taxrelief. Re-application packets were mailed out to those participants required to reapply for the program during the February 1, 2024 - May 15, 2024 filing period.

Questions should be directed to the Assessor's Office or the Social Services Department:

Assessor's Office: (860) 652-7600; assessor@glastonbury-ct.gov

Social Services: (860) 652-7638; socialservices@glastonbury-ct.gov

Police Department Earns Reaccreditation through CALEA



The Glastonbury Police Department has achieved accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) for the eleventh time. This program recognizes Departments that demonstrate dedication to continuously improving the delivery of public safety services.

CT Law Enforcement Torch Run Supporting Special Olympics CT

On May 30, 2024, Glastonbury Police Department (GPD) officers will be participating in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics CT. The runners will leave the parking lot of Taco Bell on Main Street at approximately 1:00 PM and proceed down Main Street towards the Glastonbury Police Department. Minor traffic delays are expected as the runners pass intersecting streets. Community members are encouraged to cheer the runners on to show support for this annual event!

Every year, the CT Law Enforcement (LE) Torch Run raises funds and awareness of the Special Olympics movement. It is their belief that people with cognitive disabilities, by their involvement in Special Olympics, can show the community at large that there are no limits to human potential or the human spirit. Approximately 1,300 coaches and 16,000 volunteers support nearly 7,000 athletes competing in 26 sports ranging from curling to sailing.

Sponsorship Opportunity! - This Olympic and Paralympic year, GPD is expanding its sponsorship program to offer local businesses the 'Adopt-a-Mile' option. If you are interested in sponsoring the LE Special Olympics Torch Run, please contact Officer Sharov for details at (860) 652-4286.



Election News 2024

Glastonbury voters should please take note of the following election updates from the Registrar of Voters Office.

The Party Transfer deadline for an elector of one party to enroll in another major party to participate in any upcoming primaries is May 13, 2024.

Electors can view their current voter registration details, including party of enrollment, as follows:

- Online – Visit <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR> to register online
- In-person - Voter Registration is available through the Registrars' Office and the Glastonbury Town Clerk's Office. The Registrars' Office is located on the lower level of Glastonbury Town Hall (2155 Main Street). Their office hours are Tuesday - Thursday, from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Voter registration forms can also be downloaded from the Town of Glastonbury website at www.Glastonburyct.gov/vote.

WHERE DO I VOTE – Visit www.Glastonburyct.gov/wheredoivote to find your voting location. Please note: Redistricting in 2022 assigned those electors who vote at Academy Building, voting district 7 and Hopewell School, voting district 9, to Congressional District 1. All other electors are part of Congressional District 2.

Questions regarding voter registration and election events should be directed to the Registrars' Office at (860) 652-7627 or (860) 652-7628.

Main St. Reconstruction Work to Begin Early May

Due to difficulty in procuring some necessary construction materials, the contractor has advised the Town that project work on Main Street will be delayed until on or around the week of May 6, 2024. Future project updates will continue to be shared through Town communication channels. To view an overview of this project and all updates issued to date, please visit www.glastonburyct.gov/mainstreet.

Sign-up to receive updates like this directly to your email inbox! Simply visit www.glastonburyct.gov/enotify and subscribe to the "Main St. Reconstruction" category.

Reminder to Remove Unpermitted Signage in Town Right of Way

As a friendly reminder, the installation of temporary signs of any kind is NOT permitted in the Town's right of way. Community members are encouraged to remove any non-compliant signage as soon as possible to avoid removal by Town staff. These regulations are designed to help maintain the beauty of Glastonbury streetscapes and the Town appreciates your understanding and cooperation.

Read more about this effort here, and refer to [Section 10 of the Town's Building and Zoning Regulations](#) for a detailed overview of these regulations.

Council Adopts New Fee Schedule for Community Development

The Glastonbury Town Council has adopted a new fee schedule for the Community Development Department, which encompasses the Building Inspection & Zoning, Fire Marshal, Health, and Planning & Land Use divisions. Effective May 15, 2024, the revised fee schedule accounts for inflation and reflects the consumer price index (CPI) for the state of Connecticut.

Building permit fees, which are among the Town's most commonly collected fees, have remained unchanged since 2003, while other Department fees have not been adjusted since 1989. The revised fee schedule is consistent with best practices implemented throughout the state, and will be available on the Town website over coming days. If you would like to receive an email update when the fees are published, please email marketing@glastonbury-ct.gov with "Fee Schedule Notice" in the subject line.

Road Paving Program 2024

[Click here to view the list of roads to be paved in 2024 as part of the Town's Annual Paving Program.](#)

Eversource Tree Work

As part of its ongoing efforts to reduce tree-related power outages, Eversource is addressing trees that threaten electric reliability in communities across the state. The energy company's vegetation management team is assessing and inspecting trees along 95 miles of electric lines in Glastonbury this year and will perform tree work to maximize reliability for the greatest number of customers. Tree crews hired by Eversource will begin work in Glastonbury within the next few weeks and continue through mid-to-late summer in the following areas: Hebron and Naubuc Avenues; Hickory, Marilyn, Oakwood, Randolph, Sunny Slope, Sunset and Walnut Drives; Button Ball, Cricket, Forest, Jagger, Peach Tree, and Webster Lanes; Addison, Bellridge, Birch Mountain, Candlewood, Chestnut Hill, Coldbrook, Coleman, Country Club, Curtis, Daly, Diamond Lake, Douglas, Fox Den, Great Swamp, Knob Hill, Little Acres, Marlborough, Manchester, Millstone, Neipsic, Olde Stage, Quarry, Robin, Shoddy Mill, Staples, Stonepost, Wassuc, Wickham, Windham and Wood Pond Roads; Bailey, Bell, Griswold, Hill, House, Hubbard, Keeney, Main, Mill, North, Oak, Orchard, Strickland, Sycamore, Thompson and Welles Streets; Birch, East, and East Lake Shore Trails; Moseley Terrace and New London Turnpike.

The energy company is coordinating its plan with community leaders and communicating with property owners to explain details of the work being done and their option to keep the wood cut on their property. As a reminder, all contractors carry proper identification, will never ask to enter a private residence, and there is no cost to the property owner for this work. Residents with questions or concerns about the upcoming work can contact Eversource arborist, Jesse Fedak at (860) 267-3806 or jesse.fedak@eversource.com or Glastonbury Tree Warden, Gregory Foran at gregory.foran@glastonbury-ct.gov.