



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

JUNE 2024

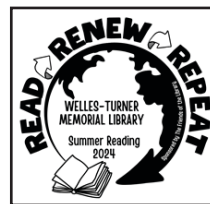
Upcoming Events

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](#).

- [6/1 - Friends of the WTML Children's Book Sale](#) - 9:00 AM @ WTML
- [6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29 - Saturday Matinees at the RCC](#) (11:00 AM)
- [6/4 - ESL Conversation Club](#) - 6:30 PM @ WTML
- [6/7 - Handcrafted with Austyn and Christine](#) - Make your own summer door hanger through this fun and crafty class! - 1:00 PM @ the RCC
- [6/15 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day](#) - 8:00 AM -1:00 PM @ the Manchester Transfer Station (Appointments required)
- [6/21 - Strawberry Festival](#) - 12:30 PM @ the RCC
- 6/24 - Beardsley Zoo: [Teen Critter Chat \(5:00 PM\)](#) and [CT Conservation \(6:30 PM\)](#) @ WTML
- [6/25 - Child and Adult Fun Runs](#) - 6:50 PM @ Smith Middle School - This is the first Fun Run of the Summer Season!
- [6/26 - Riverfront Music Series](#) - The Town Band will be playing the first concert of the 2024 music series. Head down to Riverfront Park with your picnic, family, and friends to enjoy entertaining music.

Read - Renew - Repeat

The Annual Summer Reading Program at WTML encourages reading books, e-books, and audiobooks, both independently or with friends/family. The program offers challenges and prizes for all ages. Sign-up online, at the library, or at the [Summer Reading Kickoff Party on June 7th!](#) This program is generously supported by The Friends of Welles-Turner Memorial Library.



Farmers Market 2024

The Glastonbury Farmers Market will open for the season on **Wednesday, June 5th**. This year, the market will RELOCATE to Town Hall to improve community access. Markets will be held every Wednesday from 4:00 - 7:00 PM from June 5 through September. For more information about the Glastonbury Farmers' Market, please visit their NEW website, www.glastonburyfarmersmarket.org

Summer Fun through Parks & Recreation

Glastonbury Parks & Recreation offers an endless variety of programming for residents of all ages, abilities, and interests. Review the [Summer Programs brochure](#) to find opportunities and adventures available for your family!

Pride Month Events

[June 3 - The LGBTQ+ Experience: A Panel Discussion with CT's Stonewall Speakers](#) - WTML and TALK invite you to kick-off Pride Month with CT's Stonewall Speakers to learn more about their organization; hear real-life journeys of self-discovery; and learn how you can be a better ally to the LGBTQ+ community. (WTML @ 6:30 PM)

[June 9 - Glastonbury's First Annual Pride Festival](#) - Celebrate and support the LGBTQ+ community on Sunday, June 9th from 3:00 - 7:00 PM. The festival will be held at Hubbard Green and is free for all. Stop by to enjoy music, food, hands-on crafts, performances, vendors, and more. Glastonbury Youth & Family Services, the Glastonbury Fire Department, and the Commission on Aging will be attending. We hope to see you there.

[June 11 - LGBTQ+ Slipaway Tours CT River Cruise](#) - The Glastonbury LGBTQ+ Moveable Senior Center is hosting a 1-hour boat tour on Tuesday, June 11th on the CT River.

Free Summer Meals for Youth

This summer, Glastonbury youth under the age of 18 can access free breakfast and lunch meals through the CT Summer Meals program. Interested residents should visit the Housing Authority located at 25 Risley Road at the following times:

Breakfast: 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Lunch: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Meals will be available from June 13 - August 9, 2024. This federally funded program provides free, nutritious meals to kids during summer break. Summer Meals meet federal nutrition guidelines and are composed of milk, fruits, vegetables, grains, and meat or another protein.

In Glastonbury, this program is sponsored by Community Renewal Team (CRT) and facilitated by the Glastonbury Youth & Family Services (Y&FS) Department. For more details, please contact Y&FS.

Summer Safety Tips

The Fire Department wishes to remind you of these timely tips for summer safety.

Cooking and entertaining:

- Use chimineas, fireplaces, and fire pits outdoors only and at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn.
- Use propane, charcoal, and wood pellet barbecue grills outdoors only. Indoor use can result in fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Do not use or store your grill on a porch or balcony. When using, position your grill far away from siding and deck railings. Never place grills under eaves or overhanging branches.

Swimming:

- Never swim near a boat, marina, or boat launch ramp.
- Always use U.S. Coast Guard approved life safety jackets.
- Keep pools and decks clear of floats, balls, toys, and other tripping hazards when not in use.

Bicycling:

- Keep reflectors on your bike and always wear a bike helmet and bright clothes when cycling so people can see you.
- Ride with both hands on the handlebars.
- Ride in single file with traffic and obey all traffic signs/lights.



Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Program a Great Success!

Community members purchased 24 composters and 20 rain barrels through the Town's annual sales and pickup event. Through the Town's partnership with BrandBuilders, LLC, residents were able to obtain these items at discounted rates from retail prices. Overall, 36 residents utilized this program to aid their water conservation and food waste recycling practices. Thank you to all who participated in this sustainability initiative!



Renew Your Dog License Online this Month

Dog licenses are due for renewal every June. To renew quickly and easily online, have your license year, dog tag number, current (non-expired) rabies vaccination, and recent spay/neuter documents ready and visit www.glastonburyct.gov/doglicense.

Alternatively, dog owners can renew licenses by mail or using the Tax Drop Box located outside of Town Hall. If you use the Drop Box, please follow the "renewal through U.S. mail" instructions outlined on the Dog License web page and clearly write "Town Clerk" on the outside of the envelope before putting it into the Drop Box.

Town Receives Funding for Community Projects

LOTICIP - The Capital Region Council of Governments (CROG) Policy board recently selected Glastonbury as a recipient of its annual State Local Transportation Capital Improvement Plan (LOTICIP) grant program. The New London Tpke Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Signal Improvements project was selected for an award of \$1,298,800 to fund 100% of construction costs. This summer, the Town will initiate the design phase of the project.

PEGPETIA - The Town recently received \$22,263 in PEGPETIA funding from the CT Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) to support improvements to the MakerSpace at Welles-Turner Memorial Library. Grant monies will be used for essential infrastructure, equipment, and software to maximize the resources available through the recently constructed MakerSpace. The Library had requested \$74,000+ through the grant, however the \$22,263 grant was the maximum awarded to all recipients. To help supplement this funding, the Second Century Fund donated \$22,000 for the MakerSpace equipment.

PEGPETIA is the Public Educational and Governmental Programming and Education Technology Investment Account.

Main Street Reconstruction

The Main Street reconstruction project is well underway. New medians were recently constructed near Town Hall and the project team is currently focused on minor widening and resetting of granite curb at School Street and along the frontage of the Center Green. Town staff will continue to share regular updates as the project progresses.

Interested residents can receive real-time email updates by subscribing to the Town's [eNotification system](#). Simply sign-up or update your account preferences to include the Main St Reconstruction category. Project details are also available at www.glastonburyct.gov/mainstreet.

Forestry Inventory Project

This summer, the Town will initiate efforts to conduct a comprehensive forest inventory of our open spaces. The goal is to collect data that will allow us to better manage the health of our forests and ensure they are protected for the enjoyment of future generations. Over coming months, you may see the forester or Town staff in the field with survey equipment, cameras, and other gear necessary to obtain the desired data. They will be wearing visible identification during this work. Throughout this process, the Town will also mark boundaries along private properties but will not disturb any adjacent private land.

Updates regarding this project and the forester's findings will be shared through Town communication channels. Questions can be directed to the Glastonbury Community Development Department.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Medicare Counseling Volunteers Needed

Glastonbury Social Services is seeking volunteers to offer Medicare counselling to Glastonbury residents. Medicare counselling, known as CHOICES in Connecticut, provides free, one-on-one benefits counselling and assistance with Medicare plan comparisons and applications.

Volunteers may not have a conflict of interest, such as insurance agents or brokers. Training is provided over 8 sessions with periodic update sessions. Volunteers would meet with residents at the Riverfront Community Center.

For more information, please contact Theresa Buckson, Outreach Social Worker & CHOICES counselor, at **(860) 652-7640** or Theresa.Buckson@glastonbury-ct.gov.

Water Chestnut Pull

The Town is seeking volunteers to help remove invasive water chestnut from Keeney Cove. Glastonbury and East Hartford have partnered with the Connecticut River Conservancy to organize "pull" events to eradicate this invasive plant from Glastonbury waterways. Events will be held on select Saturday mornings in June, July, and August.

[Read the full press release](#) to learn more about this invasive plant and its impact on water bodies, wildlife, and recreation.

To sign up as a volunteer, [visit the CRC website!](#)

Preparing for Storm Season

Hurricane season officially begins June 1 and continues through November 30, with activity typically occurring between mid-August and mid-October. The following resources can help you prepare your family/home for future storms.

- Power outages should be reported to Eversource by calling **(800) 286-2000** or through their website at eversource.com. Don't assume Eversource is aware of the outage.
- Eversource has a subscription service through which you can receive alerts regarding outages and restoration updates for your home or neighborhood. Visit their website to subscribe.
- Storm-related resources can be accessed by calling 2-1-1 or visiting www.211ct.org. The Town of Glastonbury also shares local resources on the Town website at www.glastonburyct.gov/storm.
- Subscribe to CT Alerts - The State of Connecticut uses the CT ALERT system (Everbridge) to efficiently provide citizens with essential information in a variety of emergency situations. Glastonbury residents are strongly encouraged to subscribe to this system because they can't alert you if they can't reach you! Please visit <https://portal.ct.gov/ctalert> to register. If you believe you're already signed up, check the site anyway to verify your account and to ensure your contact information is up to date!
- If you lose phone or internet access due to a storm, please contact your provider(s) for more information about projected restoration timelines. In the event of significant storms/outages, the Town will provide resources for Wi-Fi access, charging stations, and other accommodations as deemed appropriate.

Election News June 2024

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

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

- Online
 - To register, visit <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR>
 - To view Important Voter Information, visit myvote.ct.gov
- In-person - Voter Registration is available through the Registrars' Office and the Glastonbury Town Clerk's Office.

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

Questions regarding voter registration and election events should be directed to the Registrars' Office at **(860) 652-7627** or **(860) 652-7628**. The Registrars' Office is located on the lower level of Glastonbury Town Hall (2155 Main Street). Office hours are Tuesday - Thursday, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

2024

FREE

GLASTONBURY RIVERFRONT MUSIC SERIES



SCHOOL OF ROCK EAST HARTFORD
EAST HARTFORD SCHOOL OF ROCK
JULY 10

BOONDOCKS
JULY 17

WHITE WEDDING
JULY 24

SHADED SOUL
SEPTEMBER 4

ALL CONCERTS FROM 6:30-8:30PM
RAIN DATES THE NIGHT AFTER

RIVERFRONT PARK
300 WELLES STREET
GLASTONBURY, CT



Riverfront Music Series

The Riverfront Music Series is coming soon! Stop by the beautiful Riverfront Park on Wednesday evenings this summer to enjoy music, food trucks, and more! Concerts are free to attend and family/pet friendly! If it rains, the concerts take place the following evening.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available and range from \$500 to \$3,000. [Learn more here.](#)

The Riverfront Music Series is an annual event co-sponsored by the Town of Glastonbury and the CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce. We hope to see you there!