



Town of Glastonbury

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ITEM #7
06-11-2024 Meeting

Jonathan K. Luiz
Town Manager

June 7, 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 At A Glance**

The June edition of the Town's monthly newsletter is attached.

3. **Grant Award – Connecticut Recreational Trails Program**

The Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) has been awarded a \$340,000 State of Connecticut Recreational Trails Grant by the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP). The CRCOG grant will be used to buy trail maintenance equipment for the benefit of the Towns of Glastonbury, Wethersfield, Rocky Hill, Newington and the non-profit group Riverfront Recapture. The equipment list is as follows:

EQUIPMENT	DESCRIPTION	COST ESTIMATE
Mini-Excavator	Bobcat E35 R2 Series Bobcat Compact Excavator	\$72,575
Paving Box	4' – 7' width – LeeBoy 5300B Paver	\$254,804
Gator	John Deere Gator XUV 835R with cab and plow	\$42,806
Roller	small roller for stone dust paths	\$50,659
Additional Accessories	Additional Accessories / contingency	\$4,156
TOTAL		\$425,000

The grant request was for \$340,000, or 80% of the equipment purchase price. The remaining 20% would be covered by CRCOG (\$42,500) and the applicants (\$42,500). Glastonbury's anticipated share for the purchase price would be \$8,500. At this time, I anticipate that the Town Manager's budget could handle that expense. The next step in the process is for CRCOG to attend an upcoming webinar hosted by the State on the grant process.

4. **Farm Assistance Grant Program Launched**

The Town has officially launched its grant program for local farmers and is now accepting applications for the 2024 Farm Assistance Program, a one-time grant program that will provide financial assistance to eligible farmers who were negatively impacted by the significant weather events of 2023. Eligible farmers can apply for reimbursement grants of up to \$10,000 to help sustain or grow their business. Interested farms are required to submit a letter of intent by no later than July 1, 2024 to be considered for a grant award. At the time of this writing, the Town has received 8 letters of intent and 2 applications. The application and supplemental documentation requirements can be accessed through the Town website at www.glastonburyct.gov/FAP

5. Eversource Transformer Replacements Project

Eversource has advised the Town that the second of two new transformers being replaced at the Hopewell Substation is expected to be delivered to the substation on Wednesday, June 12th. Once in Glastonbury, the "wide load" truck is slated to travel off of Route 2 via Exit 10/Route 83 to New London Turnpike, to Chestnut Hill Road and end at the Hopewell Substation. This route is subject to change based on DOT approvals and permitting. Eversource says the new transformer will remain on the site, with construction slated for 2025.

6. Glastonbury Farmers Market

June 5th was the first Farmers Market of the season and the inaugural event at the Town Hall location. The vendors and community appeared to be pleased with the new setup, noting the improved access and parking options. Town staff will continue to evaluate event logistics to implement additional improvements, as possible, throughout the remainder of the season. The Town will also continue to promote the market through the website, social media, and other channels.

7. Route 160 Milling and Resurfacing

The Connecticut Department of Transportation has announced that a milling and resurfacing project will be performed on State Route 160 in Glastonbury. The project consists of milling and resurfacing a 1.27-mile segment of road from West/East Bank of the Connecticut River to Route 17/Main Street. This project is scheduled to run from Friday, June 7 to Tuesday, June 11, 2024. The resurfacing segment of this project is anticipated to begin on Wednesday, June 12 to Monday, June 17, 2024. This project is included in the District 1, CTDOT's 2024 Vendor Resurfacing Program.

Motorists can expect lane closures on Route 160 in Glastonbury from West/East Bank of the Connecticut River to Route 17/Main Street. Traffic control personnel and signing patterns will guide motorists through the work zone. The work schedule for this project is June 7 to June 17, 2024, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Motorists should be aware that modifications or extensions to this schedule may become necessary due to weather delays or other unforeseen conditions.

8. Forest Lane Culvert Replacement

Highway Division staff recently completed replacement of a failed steel pipe culvert on Forest Lane at the Roaring Brook Crossing. The pipe failure required road closure, however, work to restore traffic was completed in an expeditious manner. Installation of the new concrete pipe was a "fit in the field" type of installation which included challenges associated with a shallow, active natural gas main within the project limits and the need to handle brook flow in an environmentally sensitive manner. Ancillary work on the downstream end of the crossing remains to ensure ongoing future stability. This work will be undertaken shortly.

9. Poetry Banners & Summer Reading

"Poetry in the Parks" banners have been installed for the 2024-2025 season. This is truly a community project! The poetry was selected by our Poet Laureate, Library staff handled the formatting and layout for the banners and signs, Parks & Recreation staff took care of production and hanging of the banners, and volunteers put out the signs in some of our open spaces. This year's poems are all written by local High School students (GHS, RHAM, and Rockville High School).

The Library's Summer Reading Kickoff Concert is Friday, June 7th, in "the Commons," the new upstairs program area in the library and will feature the Armentano Duo and include a visit from Dr. Seuss' "The Lorax." The concert kicks off a summer of reading for the community with programs, events, and reading challenges for citizens of all ages. People can find more information and registration links on the library's website. The program is sponsored by the Friends of Welles-Turner Memorial Library.

10. Bikes for Kids

Through a collaboration between Glastonbury Youth and Family Service, Friends of Glastonbury Youth (FOGY), and local business Bicycles East, many children in town who did not own a bike have received a bike to enjoy this summer. While this partnership began in 2020 with providing only helmets to children, it was soon discovered that many children did not actually have a bike. To date over 30 freshly tuned -up, refurbished, and properly functioning bikes have been supplied to families in our community.

11. Summer Senior Programming

Summer programming for Glastonbury seniors is ramping up. Below are programs of note:

- Summer Bucket List - Participants will complete their own personalized Bingo card with bucket list ideas they wish to complete over the summer. Completed Bingo cards returned to the Riverfront Community Center (RCC) by September 20th will be entered into a raffle to win a fun prize. Stop by the RCC any time after June 20th to pick up a card.
- Summer Olympics Fitness Challenge - Participants will log their daily exercise from July 26th - August 11th and compete for gold, silver and bronze prizes! Fitness activities include walking, running, swimming, playing a sport, pickleball, bocce, biking, going to the gym, etc. Call 860-652-7638 with questions.
- Are You as Smart as Your Grandchild? - Grandparents and their children will test their knowledge with trivia and brainteasers geared towards all generations, including spelling, math, geography, music and more! This event will be held on Saturday, July 6th. Call 860-652-7638 to register.

12. MLK Mural – Coordination of Painting Logistics and Public Celebration Event

At this time, I think it would be appropriate for the Town to: 1) finalize the painting logistics, 2) begin planning the location, materials, and content of the commemorative plaque, and 3) begin planning a public event that would serve as the "grand opening" of the MLK Mural. The Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative (GMLKCI) has expressed an interest in helping plan, effectuate, and raise additional funds to support the event with performances and activities. Tentative plans are for the event to take place on a Saturday in September. I propose that I work with RiseUP and the Mural Community Advocate Group on the painting logistics and the plaque, and that the Director of Parks and Recreation work with RiseUp and GMLKCI on the event. Absent objections from the Town Council, work on all three items would begin immediately. Updated definitive details will be provided in a future Town Manager's report. The following is the website for the GMLKCI: <https://glastonburymkci.org/>

13. Fire Department Updates

The two rescue pumpers are nearing completion. Firefighters that are also members of the truck committee will be traveling to Wisconsin in early July for the final inspection of the vehicles. The department anticipates the new vehicles will arrive in Cheshire, CT at the vendor's facility by the end of July. While at the vendor's facility, installation of the radios and associated equipment brackets will take place. Both vehicles should be in Glastonbury by August.

The Fire Department will be participating in the Pride Festival scheduled for Sunday, June 9, 2024 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hubbard Green. The department will be promoting fire prevention, as well as recruitment.

The Town Manager's Office and the Fire Department developed a flyer that will be included with the July tax bills as another effort to help promote recruitment of new members.

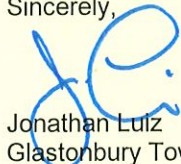
14. Dan Pennington Named Interim Director of Facilities

John Elsesser's role as Interim Facilities Director ended in May. John stayed with the Town longer than originally anticipated, and I am grateful for that. The recruitment process for a permanent Facilities Director continues. In the meantime, Dan Pennington, Town Engineer/Manager of Physical Services, has been appointed as Interim Facilities Director.

15. Summer Music Series

Attached is a schedule of the 2024 Riverfront Summer Music Series.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Luiz
Glastonbury Town Manager

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Attachments

Glastonbury EMS Weekly Update

May 26 - June 1



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

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Full time employees	7
Part time employees	27
In training employees	5
Volunteers - Active	5
Volunteers - On leave	3
Volunteers - Training	2

On Duty Ambulance Schedule for week of May 26 - June 1

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Midnight - 7am	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7am-7pm	2	2	2	1	2	2	2
7pm - Midnight	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Special Event	None	None	None	None	None	BP Screening	None
EMS Calls	13	7	9	5	9	14	14

On Duty Ambulance Schedule for week of June 2 - June 8

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Midnight - 7am	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7am-7pm	2	2	2*	2	2	2	2
7pm - Midnight	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Special Event	None	None	None	None	None	BP Screening	Lobsterfest

* 1 crew until 9 am.

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GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

JUNE 2024

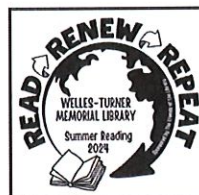
Upcoming Events

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 (CRCOG) 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](https://www.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.](#)

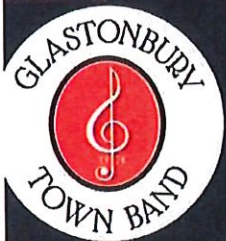
The Riverfront Music Series is an annual event co-sponsored by the Town of Glastonbury and the CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce. We hope to see you there!

Town of Glastonbury & Chamber of Commerce

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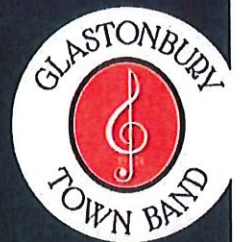
2024 RIVERFRONT MUSIC SERIES

Featured on Wednesday nights all summer! Head down to Riverfront Park for great music and more! Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. Rain dates will be the day after!



June 19
Town Band

June 26
Town Band



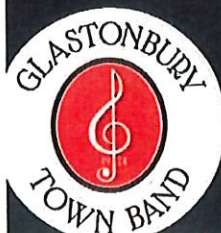
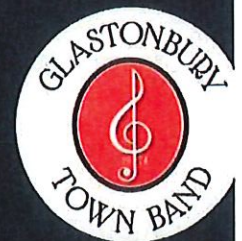
July 10
Featured Concert
School of Rock

July 17
Featured Concert
Boondocks



July 24
Featured Concert
White Wedding

July 31
Town Band



August 7
Town Band

September 4
Featured Concert
Shaded Soul

