



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

JULY 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](#).

- [7/1 - The History of Beekeeping and Connecticut's Role in Apiculture](#) - 6:30 PM @ WTML
- [7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, and 7/31 - Glastonbury Farmers Market](#) - 4:00 - 7:00 PM at Town Hall
- [7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30 and 8/6 - Child and Adult Fun Runs](#) - 6:50 PM at Smith Middle School
- [7/9 - Kidding Around the Center: 20th Anniversary Event](#) - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Center Green (Hosted by Glastonbury Town Center Initiative)
- [7/9 - Independence Day Luncheon at the RCC](#) - 11:45 AM - Tickets must be purchased by July 3rd!
- [7/13 - Teen Outdoor Yoga](#) - 10:00 AM @ WTML
- [7/17 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event](#) - 3:00 - 7:00 PM at the Manchester Transfer Station - Appointments Required!
- [7/17 - Family History Workshop](#) - 1:00 PM @ the RCC (see page 8)
- [7/22 - Intro to Composting at Home](#) - 6:30 PM @ WTML
- [7/23 - CT Museum Presents: Katharine Hepburn from Hartford to Hollywood](#) - 1:00 PM at the RCC (see page 6)

Poetry in the Parks: Lifting Up Teen Voices

Poetry in the Parks banners have again been installed at various parks located throughout the community and this year's theme is 'Lifting Up Teen Voices'. Featured poems were written by local students at GHS, RHAM, and Rockville High School and selected by the Town's Poet Laureate, Andrea Barton. This initiative is a collaborative effort between the Town, (WTML and Parks & Recreation), and the WTML Second Century Fund. To view a list of poems by location or to learn more about the Poetry in the Parks program, please visit www.glastonburysct.gov/poetry.

Riverfront Music Series

This summer, join us at the beautiful Riverfront Park on Wednesday evenings to enjoy music, food trucks, and more at the annual Riverfront Music Series. Concerts are free to attend and family/pet friendly. If it rains, concerts are postponed to the following evening, same time/place. Be sure to [follow Parks & Recreation on Facebook](#) for weather and event updates. This program is co-sponsored by the Town of Glastonbury and CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce. We hope to see you there!

- 7/10 - School of Rock
- 7/17 - Boondocks
- 7/24 - White Wedding
- 7/31 - Town Band
- 8/7 - Town Band
- 9/4 - Shaded Soul

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Town facilities will be CLOSED on July 4, 2024, in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. This includes Town Hall/Academy, the Riverfront Community Center, the Welles-Turner Memorial Library, Youth & Family Services, the Bulky Waste Facility and the Transfer Station. Wishing you a fun and safe holiday!

MEREDITH WILLSON'S THE MUSIC MAN

This year Glastonbury Youth & Family Services' Creative Experiences division is celebrating their 50th summer producing musical theater with a production of Meredith Willson's "The Music Man". Shows will be held at 7:00 PM at the Glastonbury High School Auditorium on July 25, 26, and 27. To purchase tickets, please visit www.ourplay.org

Featured Artist at WTML

“This is Not a Zoo” by Susan Terni Taff

June 29 – August 29, 2024 in the WTML Gallery

Artist and photographer, Susan Terni Taff, has dabbled in a variety of art media over the years, including watercolor painting, mixed media, textile arts, and botanical printing. However, the medium she returns to time and again is nature photography. Her photographs have won awards in Audubon nature contests and Connecticut Shoreline Land Trust contests.

“This Is Not A Zoo” is a collection of 18 photographs of wildlife taken in 2016 at the Nambiti Game Reserve in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. In the display case, you’ll find examples of bags made from cloth Taff wove on her Japanese Saori loom, hand woven paper baskets, and art journals from her travels around the world. Susan lives in Glastonbury with her husband, Rick, and their Golden Retriever, Malu, a rescue from Turkey.



Sign-Up for the WTML Summer Reading Program!

WTML’s Summer Reading Program, “Read, Renew, Repeat!”, is underway and it's not too late to sign up! With programs and prizes for children, teens, and adults, everyone is invited to participate. Join any time – the fun continues through August 3. [Learn more here](#). This program is generously supported by the Friends of Welles-Turner Memorial Library.

Kids Receive Bike Donations through Town/Community Effort

Through a collaboration between Glastonbury Youth & Family Services (Y&FS), Friends of Glastonbury Youth (FOGY), and local business Bicycles East, many bikes have recently been gifted to Glastonbury children in need. Since 2020, over 30 children have received refurbished bikes with 12 bikes gifted this calendar year alone. The program originated as a helmet donation program during the pandemic, and, after learning that many children did not have bikes to accompany the helmets, the program organically evolved to include the collection, refurbishing, and distribution of bikes to eligible Glastonbury families. The Town extends its sincerest thanks and appreciation to Bicycles East, FOGY, and everyone who donated time, bikes, and effort to this program.

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 (25 Risley Road) at the following times to participate:

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.



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Tax Bills Become Due and Payable July 1, 2024

The first installment of Real Estate, Personal Property, and the entirety of Motor Vehicle taxes for the Town of Glastonbury will become due & payable Monday July 1, 2024 and delinquent after Thursday August 1, 2024. These bills are based on an assessment date of October 1, 2023. Past due balances will be subject to interest at the rate of 18% annum, 1 1/2% per month or any fraction of a month from the due date. A minimum of \$2.00 interest will be charged for each delinquent tax bill and installment. Any Real Estate or Personal Property bill of \$100.00 or less shall be due in full. No separate mailing will be sent for the second installment (January). Beginning July 1, you may also access your bills by visiting the Town website at www.glastonburyct.gov/taxpmt. Questions may be directed to the Revenue Collection office at (860) 652-7612 or revenuemanagement@glastonbury-ct.gov.

Refuse Permits on Sale Beginning July 1

Refuse Disposal Permits will be available for purchase at the Transfer Station and Bulky Waste Facility during normal operating hours starting July 1. To view current permit fees, please visit the [Refuse Permit page](#) on the Town website. Acceptable forms of payment at these sites are credit card, cash, or check.

Permits may also be purchased at the Customer Service Center in Town Hall, Monday - Friday, from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM (excluding national holidays) by check or cash payment only. Credit cards NOT currently accepted at Town Hall. Questions regarding refuse permits and waste disposal guidelines may be directed to the Sanitation office at (860) 652-7772 or sanitationclerk@glastonbury-ct.gov.

Summer Safety

Summer Pests

Mosquitoes & Ticks - Mosquitoes and ticks can spread germs that cause diseases like West Nile and Lyme disease. You can Fight the Bite and learn how to protect yourself and loved ones from mosquito and tick bites. The CDC now offers the "Tick Bite Bot", an interactive tool that can assist you with removing ticks and determining when to seek health care. To access the bot, visit the [CDC website](#).

Rattlesnakes - Rattlesnakes can be particularly active during the summer and early fall, and there is a sizeable population in Glastonbury and in neighboring communities. If you see a rattlesnake, calmly and slowly back away and allow the snake to move on. Quick movements can provoke a defensive strike. Be mindful of rattlesnake presence when outdoors with children and pets. To help prevent incidents, walk your yard thoroughly and regularly to ensure there are no Timber Rattlesnakes out warming themselves. They can be identified by colors of yellow or black striping and a rattle at the end of their tail. If you spot a Timber Rattlesnake, please call Glastonbury Animal Control at (860) 633-7227 or the Department of Environment & Energy Protection (DEEP) to have the snake removed and safely relocated back to their den area. If your pet is bitten by a rattlesnake, IMMEDIATELY take them to the closest ER Veterinary hospital that carries Anti-Venom serum to save your pet's life. We recommend calling ahead to confirm that the hospital carries the serum, as not all of them do. For additional information, please visit the [CT DEEP website](#).

UV and Heat Protection

The CDC recommends [layering](#) sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and protective clothing for optimal sun protection. Be sure to apply broad spectrum sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher every 2 hours and after swimming, sweating, or toweling off. During extreme heat, remember to stay hydrated, wear loose and light-colored clothing, seek shade often, and avoid high-energy activities. NEVER leave a child, adult, or animal alone inside a vehicle as the temperature can rise extremely quickly.

Visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov to view more helpful guidance to protect yourself and your family from sunburn and heat-induced illness this summer.