



Town of Glastonbury

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ITEM #7
07-23-2024 Meeting

Jonathan K. Luiz
Town Manager

July 19, 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. **National Night Out**

This year's National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 6th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the RCC fairgrounds. This is an annual campaign that promotes police/community partnerships. The event will include entertainment, inflatables, food, etc.

3. **GFOA Distinguished Budget Award – FY2025**

Glastonbury has again received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The award represents a significant achievement and reflects the commitment of Town staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. To receive the budget award, the Town had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award. There are over 1,700 participants in the Budget Awards Program. The most recent Budget Award recipients, along with their corresponding budget documents, are posted quarterly on GFOA's website. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

4. **HEARTSafe Community Designation**

The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health announced that Glastonbury has received its three-year recertification as a HEARTSafe community. This designation recognizes community commitment to provide improved cardiac response and care to the residents of Glastonbury utilizing the "Chain of Survival" or early 911 access, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, defibrillation and advanced care. Programs that educate residents on CPR and use of the AED by GEMS, Parks and Recreation and others are key to maintaining this certification.

5. **MLK Mural Update**

Please mark your calendars for the Dedication of the Glastonbury MLK39 Mural. The event will take place on Saturday, September 14th from 2:00-4:00pm at the Town Hall / Academy Building. Details to follow.

6. **North Central Area Agency on Aging Grant Award**

The Town has received a grant award in the amount of \$7,900 from the North Central Area Agency on Aging. Senior Center Supervisor Ronda Guberman is collaborating with a local registered nurse who is currently obtaining her foot care certification. This nurse would offer services at the Riverfront Community Center. The grant will fund scholarships for individuals unable to afford foot care services, which will now be provided by the nurse. Remaining funds will be used to provide incentives for residents of the housing authority complexes to participate in Senior Center activities, lunch, classes, etc.

7. **Special Session Addresses Motor Vehicle Assessment Issues**

The Connecticut General Assembly approved and Governor Lamont signed into law [SB-501](#), which includes the following provisions:

- Addresses concerns with provisions adopted in 2022 regarding the assessment of motor vehicles, including provisions which shift commercial vehicles to the personal property declaration form which would result in higher car taxes in the 57 municipalities subject to the motor vehicle property tax cap.
- Requires municipalities and districts that impose a motor vehicle mill rate that differs from the mill rate for other taxable property to impose the lower rate on motor vehicles; explicitly authorizes them to set the motor vehicle mill rate as low as zero mills; requires OPM to send specified notices to municipal CEOs about the municipality's option to reduce its mill rate.

8. **New State Laws Affecting Housing**

The Connecticut General Assembly adopted an omnibus housing bill in 2024. [Public Act 24-143](#) includes several provisions, including:

- **Permit Reporting Requirements** - Under current law, every municipality must annually report by March 31 to Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) on the number of (1) new dwelling units permitted, including whether they are in single-family, two-to-four family, or larger multifamily properties, and (2) dwelling units demolished. The act expands the housing permit data that municipalities must submit to the DECD and requires DECD to include a supplementary questionnaire that municipalities may complete to provide information on why housing permits were rejected.
- **Middle Housing** – Allows municipal zoning regulations to allow middle housing developments "as of right" on lots zoned for residential use, commercial use, or mixed-use development. It also awards any municipality that adopts this type of zoning regulation points towards a moratorium under Section 8-30g of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- **Affordability Restrictions** - Authorizes municipalities to use tax increment district funds to renovate certain 8-30g deed-restricted affordable housing in exchange for the owner renewing the development's affordability restrictions.
- **Moratorium** - Specifies that eligible units completed before a municipality's moratorium has begun, but were not counted toward establishing its moratorium eligibility, may be counted toward qualifying for a subsequent moratorium.
- **Assessment of Affordable Housing** - Requires municipalities to assess properties used for housing only for low- and moderate-income households based on the capitalized value of "net rental income," rather than fair market value, if the property's rents or carrying charges are regulated by the federal or state government (or limited by a government agreement).

9. **Presidential Primary Election**

Early voting is available for the August 13, 2024 Republican Primary. Early voting dates for the Republican Primary for US Senate are August 5 – 11, 2024 (7 days). Early voting is available at Glastonbury Town Hall (2155 Main Street) on the lower level as follows: August 5, 7, 9, 10, and 11 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; and August 6 and 8, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Election Day for the Republican Primary is August 13, 2024. Voters should visit their regular voting locations on Election Day from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. to cast their votes. Voting locations include Smith Middle School, Hebron Avenue Elementary School, Gideon Welles School, Nayaug Elementary School, the Academy Building, and Hopewell Elementary School. Voters can visit www.glastonburyct.gov/wheredoivote to look up their voting location by their address.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Luiz
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Attachments

Glastonbury EMS Weekly Update

June 30 - July 6



	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 June 30 - July 6

	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	None
EMS Calls	11	9	14	6	8	10	10

On Duty Ambulance Schedule for week of July 7 - July 13

	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
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Special Event	None	None	None	None	None	BP Screening	None
EMS Calls	7	13	17	15	12	9	8

On Duty Ambulance Schedule for week of July 14 - July 20

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Midnight - 7am	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7am-7pm	2	1	1	2	2	2	2
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