



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 2024

Featured 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](#).

- [9/4 - Senior vs Staff Bocce Competition](#) - 1:00 PM @ RCC
- 9/4 - Riverfront Concert Series Presents [Shaded Soul](#) - 6:30 PM @ Riverfront Park
- [9/5 - Glastonbury Poet Laureates, Past and Present](#) - 5:00 PM @ WTML
- [9/6 - 9/8 - Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale](#) - 3 day event at Town Hall/Academy (new location!)
- [9/7 and 9/8 - Native Plant Sale](#) - Hosted by Pollinator Pathway & TALK - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM @ Town Hall
- [9/9 - True Crime: Murder and Mayhem in CT](#) - 6:30 PM @ WTML
- [9/9 - Registration Begins for Early Literacy Storytimes](#) - Fall Sessions begin on 9/24 at WTML
- [9/11 - Senior vs Staff Pickleball Competition](#) - 10:00 AM @ RCC
- [9/13 - Ukulele Lesson](#) - 10:30 AM @ the RCC
- [9/17 - Crumbling Foundations Update and Program Overview Hosted by CRCOG](#) - 6:00 PM @ the Ellington High School
- [9/18 - Greater Glastonbury Veterans and Allies Coffeehouse](#) - 9:00 AM @ the RCC
- 9/18 - Riverfront Concert Series Presents [Boondocks](#) - 6:00 PM @ Riverfront Park (Begins 30 mins earlier than usual!)
- 9/21 - Annual Town & Community Tag Sale - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM - [See page 14 of P&R brochure](#). (Rain date is 9/22)
- [9/23 - The Thin Blue Lie: An Honest Cop vs. the FBI](#) - 6:30 PM @ WTML
- [9/26 - Cardio Drumming](#) - 10:00 AM @the RCC
- [9/26 - Teen: Intro to Calligraphy](#) - 6:30 PM @ WTML 2CF Studio

Holiday Closures

Please note that Town facilities will be CLOSED on Monday, September 2 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. We will resume standard operating hours on Tuesday, September 3.

Arts & Culture

MLK39 Mural Painting and Dedication Event

A dedication event of Glastonbury's MLK39 Mural Project will be held on **Saturday, September 14 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM** at Town Hall. The mural, which now adorns the exterior wall of Town Hall, is a collaborative effort of local residents, the Town of Glastonbury, artist Micaela Levesque, RiseUp for Arts, the Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative, Sustainable CT, and SunLife. Additional event details will be shared through the Town website as available at www.glastonburyct.gov/mural. In the event of inclement weather, the celebration will be held inside the Academy building.

The Works of David Magee (1938-2020)

Available for public viewing at the WTML Gallery from September 5 – October 28, 2024

Former Glastonbury resident, Dave Magee (1938-2020), lives on in his artwork, which includes hundreds of paintings, limited edition prints, and sculptures made from metal, wood, tiles, and found items. Known mainly for his local scenes rendered in watercolor, Dave painted, sculpted, and created in hundreds of locations across the U.S. and abroad. Dave was passionate about community causes and created a painting of WTML with the accompanying prints sold to help raise money for the first major library addition. Dave Magee's work is now managed by his surviving wife and partner in life, Wendy Kolanz.

Y&FS Creative Experiences Presents its Fall Production of *Celebrate a Dream Come True: A Magical Cabaret*

Auditions for the Y&FS fall theater production, which are open to students in grades 7-12, will be held on **Tuesday, September 3rd from 3:30 - 5:30 PM**. For more information, please contact Jason at jason.stankowski@glastonbury-ct.gov or (860) 652-7675 or Jessica at (860) 652-7664 or jessica.palazzo@glastonbury-ct.gov.

Health and Safety Events

Brain Fitness and Prevention Strategies for a Healthy Brain

Presented by LiveWell - Monday, 9/16 at 1:00 PM @ the RCC

In this interactive presentation, participants will engage in activities to exercise the six major cognitive domains of the brain while having some fun! Learn about the modifiable risk factors associated with dementia, what you can do to have an active role in your health and wellbeing, and local resources. [Register through MyRec](#) or contact Senior/Social Services at (860) 652-7638.

Vaccine Clinics for Flu, COVID-19 and RSV

This fall, the Glastonbury Health Department will host a series of vaccination clinics on the dates below to help protect community members from Influenza (flu), COVID-19, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). Visit glastonburyct.gov/vaccine to schedule an appointment (through SignUp Genius), access required forms, and view more details about vaccine availability.

- Saturday, September 21 - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ Academy parking during Annual Town/Community Tag Sale
 - NOTE: Only FLU and RSV Vaccines available
- Friday, October 4, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ RCC
- Tuesday, October 22, 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM @ Smith Middle School (Citizens ages 4+ only at this clinic)
- Wednesday, October 23, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM @ RCC
- Monday, October 28, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM @ RCC
- Thursday, November 7, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM @ RCC
- Monday, December 2, 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM @ RCC

Car Seat Inspection Clinic - September 19

Motor vehicle traffic crashes are a leading cause of death of children in the U.S. Each year, about 5,000 children are involved in car crashes, and 18% are unrestrained. Car seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71% for infants (younger than 1 year old) and by 54% for toddlers (1 to 4 years old) in passenger cars. To help ensure the safety of our youth, the Glastonbury Police and Fire Departments are hosting a Car Seat Inspection Clinic on **Thursday, September 19, between 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM at Fire Company 1 (2825 Main St.)**. No appointment required. Residents will be assisted on a first come, first served basis.

In September, we celebrate...

Library Card Month!

Library Card Sign-up Month is a nationwide celebration! A library card provides access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programming that transforms lives and strengthens communities. Whether you're upgrading your skills, searching for information, or connecting with other readers, your library card keeps in-library and online resources at your fingertips. Furthermore, once you register for a card at your home library, you can use it across the state of Connecticut! Your free [Library Card](#) grants you access to millions of resources at nearly 200 locations. Visit WTML to see what's new, take part in the 2024 celebration, and renew your card (if needed)! Do your friends have a library card? If not, encourage them to sign up and share your love of the library and all it has to offer this September.

National Senior Center Month!

September is national Senior Center Month, a nationwide campaign that encourages centers to promote a positive image of aging and to showcase the services and resources available to community members. In celebration, the Glastonbury Senior Services Department is hosting its Annual Senior Luncheon at the RCC on **Tuesday, September 24th at 11:45 AM**. Join us for a decadent "Tour of Italy" meal featuring meat lasagna, fettucine alfredo, and chicken parmesan with dinner rolls, Caesar salad, and Tiramisu! Vegetarian & gluten-free options also available. We'll be twanging to the tunes of the Country Duo, so, bring your dancing shoes!

Please **register by Sept. 17th**. For more details, view the [front page of the Sept/Oct 2024 Sharing Tree Newsletter](#).

Support for Local Businesses

Local Crafter Pop-Up Shops at the RCC

The "Pop-Up Shop" program at the Riverfront Community Center provides a unique opportunity for local vendors to showcase their small craft businesses during the monthly Special Luncheons (held on weekdays) and the monthly Big Sing concerts held on Saturdays. Hours are 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Glastonbury artisans & crafters are invited to apply for a space. If you are interested in participating, please visit the [Pop-Up Shop web page](#) or contact Ronda Guberman, Senior Center Supervisor, at (860) 652-7646 or Ronda.Guberman@glastonbury-ct.gov.

Notary Services at Town Hall

Notary services are available at the Customer Service Center in Town Hall on a first come, first served basis. Stop by **Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM or 2:00 - 4:30 PM** for assistance by our Customer Service Representative. To expedite your visit, please visit glastonburyct.gov/notary to review helpful guidance including applicable fees and documentation.

Reminder: Tell us What You Think about Community Forest Lands!

The Town is seeking community feedback through a public survey concerning Town forest lands. Data collected through this process will help inform the future development of a Forest Management Plan and may support associated grant funding. The survey will be **open through September 30th** so please [click here to contribute your thoughts!](#)



For more details about this initiative, please visit www.glastonburyct.gov/forestry.

LoCool Government Scholarship Opportunity

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is hosting their annual LoCool Government Scholarship Program. Middle and High School students are invited to "tell them what's cool about local government" for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship. Entries are **due October 4, 2024**. [Visit the CCM website](#) for more details and to access the entry form.

2024 Election Updates - November 5, 2024 Election

Poll Workers - Thank You and Recruitment

The Registrars extend their thanks to the poll workers who served during the April Presidential Primary and the August Republican Primary. If you are interested in serving the community as a poll worker during upcoming election events, please contact the Registrars at ROV@glastonbury-ct.gov or (860) 652-7268 and 652-7627.

Early Voting - November 5, 2024 Election

For the November 5, 2024 Election, there will be **14 days of Early Voting available from October 21, 2024 through November 3, 2024 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM**. Two extended days will be scheduled as the election date approaches and announced through Town communication channels. Early voting will be available in the All Purpose Room at the Academy Building (2143 Main St.) On early voting days, voters will appear in person, check in, and will be handed a ballot to vote. Upon completing the ballot, the voter will place it in a secure box for counting on Election Day.

Voting on Election Day, November 5, 2024, will be at your regular polling location.

Election updates will be shared through the Town website at www.glastonburyct.gov/vote. Questions should be directed to the Registrars at ROV@glastonbury-ct.gov or by phone at (860) 652-7268 or 652-7627.

September is Hurricane Season. Take Steps to be Prepared!

This time of year is the peak of hurricane season and weather professionals are forecasting 2024 to be a highly active storm year! To help prepare your family, please review the guidance below. A little planning can go a long way!

Prepare your family and home!

If a severe storm event is anticipated in our community, please take the following actions to protect your home/family:

- WELL USERS - Fill your bathtub(s) with water that can be used to fill your toilet tank(s) and allow you to flush toilets as needed.
- Charge phones, electronic devices, and medical devices
- Confirm you have a multi-day supply of food, drinking water, and medications for all family members and pets.
- Test your generator and make sure it is set up to run efficiently. Generators should be properly grounded and should never be plugged directly into a home's wiring. Place them OUTSIDE, (not in garages), with the exhaust facing outward and as far away from your home as possible - e.g. away from doors, windows, and air vents - to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Do NOT fuel your generator while it's running.
- Test flashlights and replace batteries as needed.
- Bathe/shower in case extended power outages make showering impossible for several days.
- Park vehicles in garages/carports or away from trees to avoid damage from fallen trees and debris.
- Bring in outdoor furniture and other items that could be picked up/blown away by high winds.

Sign Up for...

CT ALERT - Emergency Notification System

CT ALERT enables state and local 911 emergency communication centers to provide essential information quickly in a variety of emergency situations. Glastonbury residents are strongly encouraged to sign-up for this service! If you think you are already a subscriber, please take a moment to verify that your account is active and reflects accurate information, such as your address, phone number(s) and preferred contact methods. Please use the following web links to:

- Register for CT Alerts - <https://portal.ct.gov/ctalert/common-elements/common-elements/sign-up-for-ct-alerts>
- Sign-in to Verify Account Information - <https://member.everbridge.net/892807736721724/login>

Note: This system is used for EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS ONLY impacting the Glastonbury community. The Town will continue to distribute non-emergency updates through our other communication channels, such as eNotify, MyRec, social media, eNewsletters, etc. Your subscription to CT Alert is independent from these other services.

Eversource Outage Reporting and Updates

Eversource has a text-based alert system that their customers can use to report outages and track restoration efforts. To sign up and set your alert preferences, visit the [Eversource Power Outage Alerts web page](#).

Sign-up for the Special Needs Registry (if applicable)

The Special Needs Registry is a voluntary and confidential list of Glastonbury citizens who might need special assistance during a natural disaster, public health emergency, etc. This information can also be used by first responders (ambulance, police, and fire) when responding to a 911 call. In unique storm/emergency circumstances, the list may be shared with Glastonbury Social Services to conduct wellness checks or provide other resident support services as deemed necessary. To sign-up or register a loved one, visit www.glastonburyct.gov/specialneeds.

For more storm preparedness tips, visit www.glastonburyct.gov/storm.