



GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER 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](#).

- [10/3 - Intergenerational Bingo Bonanza](#) - 1:00 PM @ the RCC (see page 6)
- [10/7 - GPIP Fall Educational Presentation and Member Meeting](#) - 6:00 PM @ the RCC - "Winter Herb Gardening with Hydroponics" presented by Brenda Sullivan
- [10/8 – Artist Reception: “The Works of David Magee”](#) – 6:30 PM @ WTML
- [10/15 - 200 Years of Presidential Campaign Songs](#) – 6:30 PM @ WTML
- [10/17 – Harry Potter Book Day](#) – 4:15 PM @ WTML
- [10/18 - Middle School Night Out](#) - 6:00 PM @ Academy
- [10/24 - Tweens and Teens - Healthy Relationships and Boundaries \(6th-8th grades\)](#) - 6:30 PM @ the WTML 2CF Studio
- [10/26 – Yoga Storytime](#) – 10:30 AM @ WTML

Refuse & Recycling Opportunities

- [10/12 - Free Brush Disposal Day](#) - 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM @ the Transfer Station (Refuse permit required)
- [10/19 - HHW Collection Event](#) - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ the Manchester Transfer Station - Appointment Required
- [10/20 - Leaf/Grass Disposal](#) - The Transfer Station will be open additional hours on SUNDAYS ONLY from 10/20 through 11/17 to accommodate leaf and grass disposal. Permits required and all existing rules/guidelines apply.

HALLOWEEN PROGRAMS

[Spooky Story Stroll - 10/23](#) - Follow us on a “Spooky Story Stroll” behind the RCC, presented by WTML and Parks & Recreation. Along the way, enjoy stops for a Halloween story, treats and maybe even a few tricks! Strolls run every 10 minutes from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Join us before or after your time block to enjoy cider, donuts, music, dancing, and crafts! Sponsorships available for local organizations! Please email partner@glastonbury-ct.gov to inquire.

[Halloween “Spook-Etti” Luncheon & Costume Party - 10/31 @ 11:45 AM](#)

Join us for a “screamin’ time” at the RCC! Come in costume to eat, sing, and dance! Enjoy a “spook-etti” dinner, The Airborne Jazz Trio, and prizes for best costume! Please register/purchase your ticket by October 25. (See page 1.)

[Thrifed Ghost Painting - 10/26 @ 10:00 AM \(RCC\)](#) - Transform an old piece of framed art from a thrift store into something new by painting over the original scene with Halloween-inspired images. (See page 9)

[Music Bingo - Halloween Hits - 10/12 at 11:30 AM](#)

Rather than a number, listen carefully to the song being played and check your Bingo card! (See page 10.)

Holiday Closures

Town facilities will be CLOSED on Monday, October 14, 2024 for Columbus Day. Standard operating hours will resume on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

Tuesdays with Teens: New Games Group!

Senior Services and Youth & Family Services are teaming up to offer an intergenerational “Games Group” for seniors and teens featuring Wii bowling, Pickleball, Bocce Ball, board games, and card games. “Tuesdays with Teens” will meet at the RCC from 2:30 - 3:30 PM on October 15 & 29, November 12 & 19, and December 3 & 17 with complimentary and seasonal refreshments served.

For more information, please contact Christine Avery, Program Coordinator for Senior Services at (860) 652-7655 or Jason Stankowski, Youth Program Supervisor for Youth & Family Services at (860) 652-7675.

2024 ELECTION UPDATES

Important Dates

- October 18** ● Last Day for online, DMV, and mail-in voter registration*
- October 21 - 31 and November 1, 2, & 3** ● Early In Person Voting Dates
Early voting is 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM on all days excluding Oct. 29 & 31 when it is extended 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM.
- November 5, 2024** ● Election Day

In Person, Same Day Voter Registration

Same Day Voter Registration begins October 21, 2024 at the Early Voting location - Academy Building All Purpose Room, 2143 Main St. Enter through Parks & Recreation office entrance.

You can register to vote any day during the Early Voting period or on Election Day and vote immediately after.

*Voter registration is available through the SOTS website at <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do>

For timely election news, visit myvote.ct.gov.

WPCA Public Hearing Re: Sewer Use Rate - October 9, 2024

On October 9, 2024, the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) will host a Public Hearing as part of their regular meeting to discuss the proposed adjustment to the sewer use rate for the November 2024 billing period. The WPCA has recommended a 5.7% increase from \$3.40/ccf to \$3.60/ccf to cover the increased costs of electricity and solids transportation and disposal. The WPCA meeting is open to the public and will be held in-person at 6:00 PM in Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 2155 Main Street.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Vaccination Clinics for Flu, COVID-19 and RSV

Flu, COVID-19, and RSV can cause serious illness. Some people, including young children, older adults, pregnant women, and those with underlying medical conditions, are at higher risk of severe illness from these fall and winter viruses. However, anyone can experience these outcomes. Vaccines work by imitating an infection to engage the body's natural defenses. This doesn't cause illness, but it does cause the immune system to produce immune cells to fight off what it thinks is an infection. The body is left with a supply of these cells and will remember how to fight the real infection in the future. Vaccinating against Flu, COVID-19 and RSV is the best way to help prevent or reduce severe illness.

The Glastonbury Health Department hosts annual vaccination clinics to help protect community members from these seasonal viruses. 2024 clinic dates are detailed below. Visit glastonburyct.gov/vaccine to schedule an appointment (through SignUp Genius), access required forms, and view more information about the vaccines offered at each clinic.

- Friday, Oct. 4, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ RCC
- Tuesday, Oct. 22, 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM @ Smith Middle School
- Wednesday, Oct. 23, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM @ RCC
- Monday, Oct. 28, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM @ RCC
- Thursday, Nov. 7, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM @ RCC
- Monday, Dec. 2, 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM @ RCC

Mosquitoes and Protection Measures

The end of mosquito season is coming soon, but we're not there yet! Disease-causing mosquitoes are still active, particularly at dusk and dawn. Mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) [have been identified throughout our region this year](#). Protect yourself against mosquito bites by using insect repellants as instructed on the product label, including repellants designed for children and pets. Mosquitoes will be with us until the first hard frost, which may be as late as November! Visit the [CDC website](#) for guidance on preventing mosquito bites.

PUBLIC SAFETY GUIDANCE

Fire Safety Week: October 6-12, 2024

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) announced “Smoke alarms: make them work for you!™” as the official theme for Fire Prevention Week™, October 6 – 12, 2024. This year’s focus is on working smoke alarms, in response to data that indicates the majority of U.S. home fire deaths continue to occur in homes with no smoke alarms, or no working smoke alarms. Having working smoke alarms in the home reduces the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half. Roughly three out of five fire deaths occur in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Additionally, more than one-third of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.

Smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a home fire, but they must be functioning properly to deliver the needed protection. This year’s Fire Prevention Week (FPW) campaign reinforces the critical importance of smoke alarms and what’s needed for proper installation, testing, and maintenance. Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years or immediately if they don't respond when tested. This fall, take the time to test your smoke alarms and replace batteries or units as needed. Additionally, ALWAYS be mindful to inspect your fireplace before lighting the first fire of the season and NEVER leave burning candles unattended.

For more fire safety guidance, please visit the NFPA website at [FPW.org](https://www.nfpa.org).

Reminder of Traffic Laws Regarding School Buses

With school now in session, the Glastonbury Police Department reminds local motorists of the laws regarding school buses.

- In Connecticut, it is illegal to pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing. Motorists must stop their vehicles at least 10 feet away from the school bus and wait until the bus has retracted the stop-arm AND deactivated the red flashing lights before proceeding. This law applies on highways, private roads, school property, and in parking lots.
- At intersections, it is illegal to turn a vehicle toward a school bus that is onboarding or discharging passengers. Violating this law can result in a \$450 fine for the first offense.
- When approaching a school bus that has its yellow lights flashing and is slowing down to eventually discharge or onboard students, drivers should be prepared to stop. Do not accelerate to pass the bus.

School bus operators are now permitted to report violations and submit video evidence directly to DMV. This, in turn, could result in citations issued to the vehicle's registered owner without involvement by local police departments. Please heed these important laws to protect our youth!

Sign Up for Emergency Alerts

The Town of Glastonbury issues emergency notifications through the state of Connecticut alert system, Everbridge. It is critical that you subscribe to safeguard yourself and your family from hurricanes, disasters, and other imminent threats to life and safety. Through the system, emergency messages are sent by land line only, unless you provide additional contact information. Create your account to receive emergency messages via voice, text, or email based on your preferences. You can also select multiple locations to stay informed where you live and work.

✧ **If you believe you have already signed up, YOU MAY NEED TO RE-REGISTER or update your account information based on recent system changes!** ✧

Visit <https://portal.ct.gov/ctaalert> to subscribe or to update/verify your account.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Tax Credit Opportunity through Neighborhood Assistance Act - DEADLINE IS 10/1!

The Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS) recently approved the proposals submitted as part of the 2024 Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program. This year, the two program proposals submitted by Glastonbury-based municipal and tax-exempt organizations were approved: Town of Glastonbury Reserve for Land Acquisition and Preservation and Expanded Services for Children at the South Glastonbury Public Library. A complete list of proposals approved for the 2024 NAA is available on the DRS website.

**FINAL
DAY!**

Businesses that sponsor approved programs can receive a tax credit equal to 60% of their cash contributions. The tax credit is facilitated by the Connecticut DRS. If you are interested in pursuing the NAA tax credit, you must submit Form NAA-02 through the DRS website for each program your business plans to sponsor. **Form NAA-02 is available through October 1 and must be submitted electronically.** Visit www.glastonburyct.gov/NAA for more information.

SBA Loans Available following Mid-August Disaster Declaration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Federal Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience recently announced that SBA funds, in the form of low-interest and long-term loans, are currently available to eligible local businesses. In mid-August, a disaster was declared in Fairfield, Litchfield, and New Haven Counties following the severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides. The SBA has extended associated relief funds to Hartford County and other communities within the "zone of economic impact" via the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program. Interested business should please review the [SBA fact sheet](#) for more information and important filing deadlines. Visit <https://lending.sba.gov> to learn more or contact the SBA's Customer Service Center at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or 1-800-659-2955 for further assistance.

Partner with Parks & Recreation to Support Community Programs and Grow Brand Awareness!

Glastonbury Parks & Recreation offers a wide variety of partnership opportunities for local organizations and community members. The Department hosts a wide range of special events, programs, and digital campaigns throughout the year which are well attended and cater to individuals of all ages and backgrounds.

Please consider partnering with us to support these upcoming Special Events:

- Puzzle Palooza (October - December)
- Family Paint Nights (October - December)
- Friday Night Club (2x/month)
- Childrens' Performances (December)
- Bingo Bonanza (December)
- Santa's Run (December)



Eat a Burger, Support Your Community

Supporting the Glastonbury Food Pantry is as easy as going out to eat! Local restaurant [Cotton Hollow Kitchen](#) (CHK) is generously donating 10% of proceeds from their Glastonburger to Glastonbury Gives, the umbrella program that encompasses the food pantry and other resident assistance programs. The Town extends its thanks and appreciation to CHK and all who participate in this effort to support Glastonbury Gives.

To donate directly to the Food Pantry, or to learn more about eligibility and food assistance, please visit www.glastonburyct.gov/foodpantry.