

GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

NOVEMBER 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 <u>Town Events Calendar</u>; <u>Parks & Recreation brochure</u>; the <u>WTML website</u>: and the <u>Sharing Tree Newsletter</u>.

- 11/2 Brush Disposal Day 7:00 AM 3:00 PM @ BWF or TS
- 11/5 Salute to Service: A Veterans Day Luncheon 11:45 AM @ RCC
- 11/7 Vaccination Clinic (Flu, COVID-19, RSV) 3:00 6:00 PM @ RCC
- 11/11 Heroes Field Dedication 12:00 PM at the Riverfront Park
 Baseball Field (formerly Field No. 4) The new HEROES Monument
 will be dedicated by the Glastonbury Veterans Service Commission
 as well as members of the Glastonbury Police and Fire Departments.
- 11/15 Middle School Coffeehouse 6:00 PM @ Academy
- <u>11/16 HHW Collection Event</u> 8:00 AM 1:00 PM @ Manchester Transfer Station. Appointments required!
- <u>11/16 Mini Succulent Gardens for Teens</u> 1:00 PM @ WTML 2CF Studio
- 11/19 Turkey Day Dinner 11:45 AM @ RCC

Educational Presentations

- 11/13 Passport Adventure: The Discovery of Ramen (Grades 3-6) 3:30 PM @ WTML
- <u>11/14 Incredible India Presentation by Professor Balu</u> <u>Balasubrahmaniyan of Wesleyan University</u> - 12:30 PM @ RCC
- <u>11/18 S.M.A.R.T Social Media and Responsible Technology</u> Presentation for Adults - 6:30 PM @ RCC
- 11/25 Scam Avoidance with GPD Officer Sharov 12:30 PM @ RCC
- 11/25 Indigenous People of Glastonbury with the Historical Society
 6:30 PM @ WTML

No Shave November

This November, members of the Glastonbury Police Department will ditch their razors to show support for Connecticut cancer patients. Through this annual campaign, 100% of donations will be distributed to cancer patients and their caregivers through the Connecticut Cancer Foundation to assist with basic living expenses, such as rent, mortgage, utilities, and food. Please click here to make an online contribution in the name of "Glastonbury PD".

IMPORTANT DATES

Holiday Closings

Town facilities will be CLOSED on the following holidays:

- November 11 Veterans Day
- November 28 and 29 Thanksgiving

This includes Town Hall/Academy, the RCC, WTML, Y&FS, the Transfer Station, and the Bulky Waste Facility. All Town facilities will resume their standard operating hours following each holiday.

2024 Election - Nov. 5, 2024

Election Day is November 5, 2024. Poll Locations are open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Early In Person Voting ends on November 3, 2024 at 6:00 PM. For election details, visit myvote.ct.gov or contact the Glastonbury Registrars at (860) 652-7628 or (860) 652-7627.

Sewer Use Bill Reminder - Due November 1

Sewer Use charges are due November 1, 2024 and will be considered delinquent after November 30, 2024. Interest is charged at a rate of 1 ½% per month back to the due date of November 1, 2024 in accordance with the provisions of C.G.S. Sec 12-146. For more information on deadlines and payment options, please visit the Revenue Collection section of the Town website.

Sign up for Town emails!

Featured Artist at WTML Gallery: Dennis Stuart

Artist reception scheduled for 11/7

The works of "Dennis William Stuart: Connecticut Landscapes" will be available for public viewing at the WTML Gallery from October 30 – December 31, 2024. Painter Dennis Stuart, a nationally recognized artist from Litchfield County, has been painting for over forty-eight years. His works have been featured in a number of national exhibits and have received numerous awards. In Connecticut, his paintings are featured within the permanent collections of The Florence Griswold Museum, The Kimberly Clark Corporation, Wisdom House Retreat & Conference Center, and The Merwinsville Hotel. He is a signature member of NEWS North East Watercolor Society and a member of the Kent Art Association. More information about Mr. Stuart can be found on his website at www.dennisstuartartist.com. An Artist Reception sponsored



by the Second Century Fund will be held on November 7, 2024 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the WTML Gallery. No registration required. Light refreshments will be provided.



Fall Cabaret

Join the Youth and Family Services Fall Cabaret where a talented group of 8-12 graders will perform musical selections from Broadway's most famously beloved fairytales. Performances of "Celebrate a Dream Come True: A Magical Cabaret" will be held at Gideon Welles Auditorium at 7:00 PM on November 8 and 9, 2024.

Tickets are \$5.00/each and can be purchased online at www.cur8.com, (click "buy tickets" then search "Glastonbury"), or at the door starting at 6:00 PM on performance nights. If paying at the door, please bring cash or checks made out to the Town of Glastonbury. For more information, please contact Jessica Palazzo at (860) 652-7664.

LQBTQ+ Support Group, Pride Tribe, Now Open to Glastonbury High School Students

Glastonbury Youth & Family Services (Y&FS) is pleased to introduce Pride Tribe, a new youth support group for the LGBTQ+ community! Meetings are held bi-weekly on Tuesday afternoons from 2:15 - 3:15 PM at the Y&FS office (330 Hubbard St.) This group is open to local high school students. For more information, or to register, please contact Sophie Marder, LCSW at sophie.marder@glastonbury-ct.gov.



Secondary Cardboard Recycling Container Installed / Satellite Food Scraps Container Moved Slightly

Each holiday season, the Glastonbury Refuse division receives an increased quantity of recycled cardboard, presumably resulting from a seasonal peak in online orders/deliveries. To accommodate the growing volume of material, the Town has installed a second cardboard recycling container next to the existing one. As part of this implementation, the Satellite Food Scraps Recycling container was moved slightly and is now located approximately 30 feet to the right of its prior location near the Skate Park. All recycling containers are labelled for resident convenience.

Residents are reminded to observe all disposal guidelines, such as flattening cardboard prior to disposal in these receptacles. Questions about recycling programs should be directed to the Refuse Division at (860) 652-7772.

TOWN ACHIEVEMENTS

Glastonbury Achieves GOLD level certification through 2024 Sustainable CT Program

Sustainable CT Local Actions. Statewide Impact.

The Town of Glastonbury is pleased to announce that it has achieved Gold-level certification through the 2024 Sustainable CT Program. The Gold (highest) certification recognizes the Town's recent and ongoing successes across a vast spectrum of sustainable initiatives ranging from

training to policy development, community projects, and best practices. Specifically, Glastonbury was recognized for its energy efficiency, initiatives supporting local farms, invasive species management, recycling programs, bicycling/pedestrian improvements, arts & culture programming, affordable housing, community education, infrastructure, and equitable citizen engagement. As part of the 2024 program cycle, Glastonbury was awarded 855 points for completing 43 actions in 12 sustainable categories, well exceeding the 750 points required for Gold certification. Through these efforts, the Town of Glastonbury also renewed its Climate Leader Designation, which is presented to communities that demonstrate commitment to reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change. Read the full release here.

RCC Recognized as Featured Stop on AgeWell Across CT Tour!

The Connecticut Age Well Collaborative has recognized the Glastonbury Riverfront Community Center as a featured stop on the AgeWell Across Connecticut Tour. This initiative invited community members to nominate facilities that "demonstrate exceptional inclusivity" through the lens of aging, dementia, and/or disability. The RCC was selected for its inclusive programming, and particularly for offering age-friendly programs such as the Low Vision Support Group and The Friendship Circle Memory Program. Additionally, the nomination also celebrates the RCC's designation as a LGBTQ+ Moveable Senior Center and dedication to providing a comfortable environment for all members of the Glastonbury community.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Support the Food Pantry

Thanksgiving is a time to come together and express our gratitude, but it can also be a challenging time for some of our neighbors. Each year, Glastonbury Social Services coordinates a special collection to provide eligible residents with food items and grocery store gift cards to make sure they have something to eat for the Thanksgiving holiday. This holiday season, please consider contributing a monetary donation or non-perishable food item to the Food Pantry. View a list of most needed items here! To learn more about all Town assistance programs, visit glastonburyct.gov/glastonburygives.

Holiday Toy Drive

The Glastonbury Police Department will host its annual 'Stuff a Cruiser Toy Drive' at Pinwheels Toys & Games (60 Hebron Ave.) on Saturday, November 30 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Please consider donating an unwrapped toy to help make the holidays special for local families in need.



Glastonbury Parks & Recreation is seeking partners to support special programming scheduled for the fall and winter season! Partnership packages are currently available for individuals and businesses to support the annual Santa's Run Road Race, holiday children's performances, and special gifting programs! Review all partnership opportunities at www.glastonburyct.gov/partner.



