

Deep River News

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Plattwood Park's Surprise

32nd Birthday Party

On the morning of Tuesday, July 29th, First Selectman Dick Smith received a phone call from the state's Office of Policy and Management, the agency responsible for administering Small Town Economic Assistance (STEAP) Grants concerning a grant for which the Town had applied. Barely 48 hours later, Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman (center), smiling from behind a display of improvements proposed for the park, joined State Representative Phil Miller, Dick Smith, former First Selectman Joe Mizejeski and State Senator Art Linares. Just a few short speeches and the ceremony was



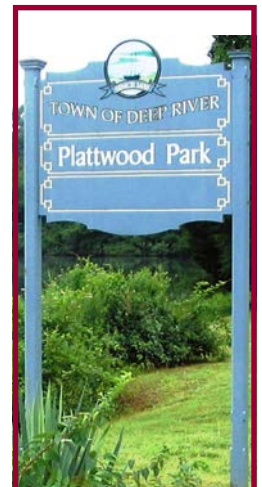
over. The Lieutenant Governor had brought the official word that our application for a Small Town Economic Assistance Program grant—\$400,000—had been approved. STEAP is the same program that, over the past decade, has enabled us to transform our downtown streetscape. This award, for Plattwood Park, will fund upgrades to existing facilities, with a focus on accessibility to the handicapped, and add a baseball field, exercise trail and other recreational opportunities. (Photo courtesy Richard Esposito/The Courier, August 8, 2013).

Joe Mizejeski was First Selectman when the proposal to purchase land for a recreational park was brought before a Town Meeting. The call of the August 27, 1981 meeting attracted so much attention that it was held in the capacious all-purpose room of the Elementary School. On the agenda was the purchase of 47± acres—part of what had been both a sand and gravel pit and pasture for the cows of the Plattwood Dairy Farm. The price: \$75,000, a little less than \$1,600 per acre. The terse minutes of that Town Meeting offer no insight into the tenor of the dialogue, but residents who attended recall that discussion was heated; although the “yeas” had it, approval was far from unanimous. Three decades later it is hard to imagine Deep River without its Plattwood Park.

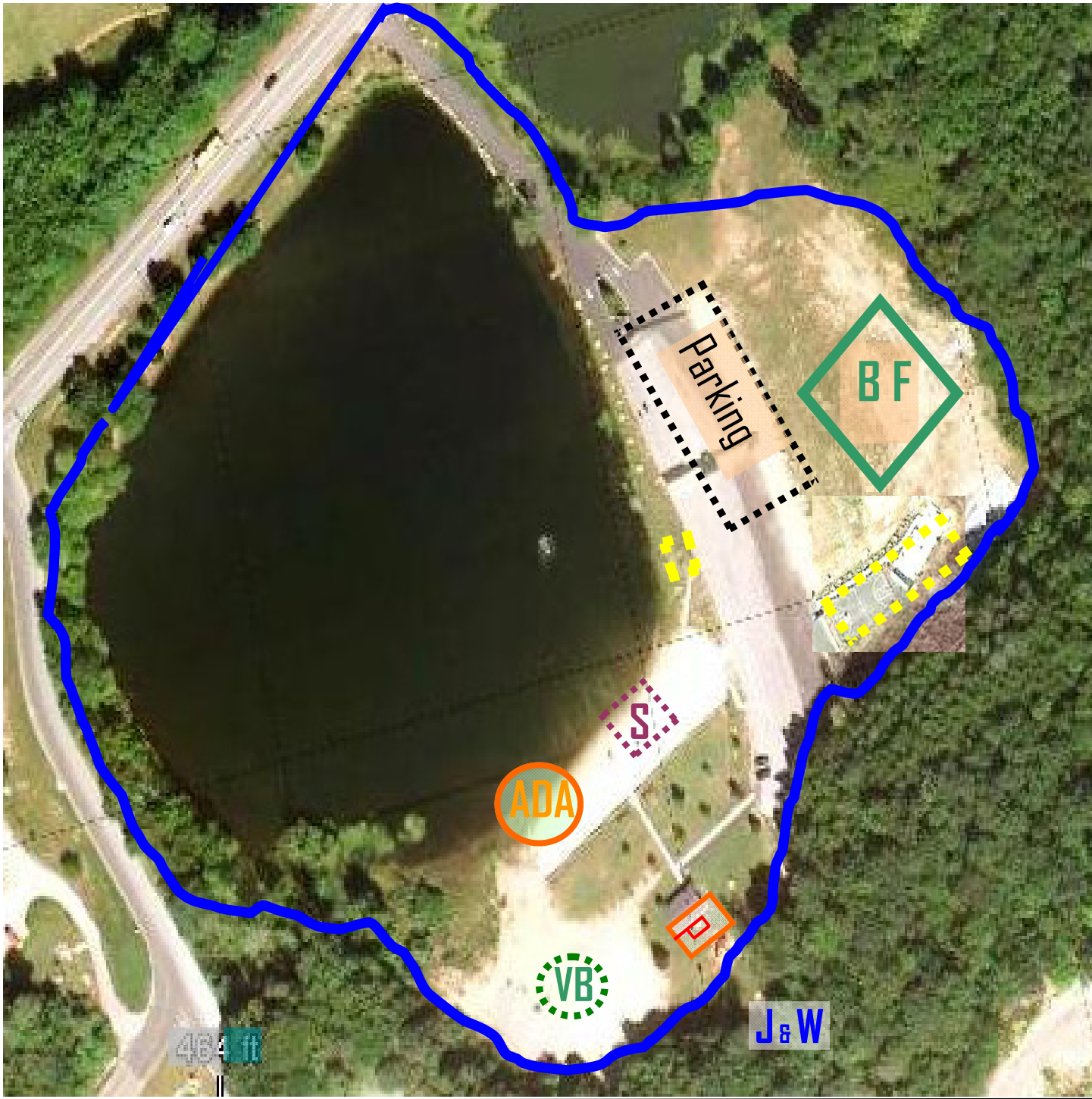


The skateboard park was unexpected, but timely, as evidenced by its popularity, and by the dramatic decrease in downtown skateboarding.

“Economic Development” can take many forms. The funding for Plattwood Park upgrades is classified as “Economic Development.” It was awarded under the same program as our series of Main Street Streetscape grants. Although it is three miles from downtown, there is a direct connection between Plattwood Park and Main Street. Our town of fewer than 5,000 depends on visitors to patronize our merchants. Our focus, at Plattwood and throughout Town, is to meet our own needs. But we are proud of our accomplishments; we welcome visitors. If they enjoy Plattwood Park they will visit again. They will hike our trails, put in kayaks at Brockway Ferry Park, picnic at the Landing, take in a performance at our historic Auditorium. And, increasingly, our guests will patronize our Main Street shops and eateries.



A Plentitude of Potential Plattwood Possibilities



<p>Enlarged, A D A Pavilion</p> <p>A D A-accessible recreation</p> <p>Baseball Field</p> <p>Jogging & Walking Trail</p> <p>Splash Pad</p> <p>Volleyball Court</p> <p>Parking upgrades</p>	<p>P</p> <p>ADA</p> <p>BF</p> <p>J & W</p> <p>S</p> <p>VB</p> <p>Parking</p>	<p>Google Earth’s satellite image serves as the background for projects past, present and future. STEAP-funded projects have solid outlines, Town-financed improvements have dotted outlines. All will be ADA-compliant, including upgrades to the Pavilion. The Splash Pad and parking area are already included in the Town’s budget; the Snack Shack, Iestyn Norton’s Eagle project, will be ready for service next summer, while the popular basketball court (2008) was followed by the instantly successful skateboard park (2009). All three are shown outlined in yellow.</p> <p><i>NOTE: the scale and proportions of the Google image have been altered for publication. Location, size and scope of projects are approximate and subject to change.</i></p>
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Upcoming Events

Holiday Stroll

Deep River Town Hall
December 6th
6:00pm to 9:00pm

- Horse and Carriage rides with a new route!
- See the Fire Juggler on the lawn of the Town Hall.
- Come enjoy free movies in the Auditorium.
- Cast a vote for your favorite gingerbread house.
- Come greet Santa as he arrives by fire truck at 5:30pm and he helps light the holiday Evergreen tree.
- Carolers from Deep River Elementary School will be on hand to lead the songs of the season.
- Local Merchants will be open late and offering some holiday specials.

Festival of Trees

Deep River Historical Society
December 6th 5:00pm to 9:00pm
December 7th 9:00am to 3:00pm
Peoples Choice Awards
3:00pm Saturday

Ye Olde English Christmas Faire

Deep River Congregational Church
December 7th
8:30am to 2:00pm
Dessert by Candlelight on the 6th at 7:00pm
Christmas Concert on the 8th at 6:00pm

Holly Day Faire

Winthrop Baptist Church
December 7th
9:00am to 2:00pm
See page 20 for details



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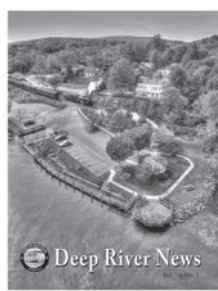
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Selectman's News

Plattwood Park Grant

I am very excited to report that the Town has been awarded a grant of \$400,000 for improvements to Plattwood Park. Our application emphasized funding to build a baseball field, for handicapped access and other upgrades to the Pavilion and an exercise trail. We will begin planning this winter; if all goes well construction will begin in 2014.

Back in 1981, when the opportunity to purchase the land we now know as Plattwood Park came before a Town Meeting, the \$75,000 price met with opposition. I have had the opportunity to attend many town meetings over the years, and I felt that this project was especially important. Our only park at that time was Devitt Field, and I felt strongly that more recreation opportunities were needed. I commend First Selectman Joe Mizejeski for his foresight and commitment for proposing the purchase.

About half of the parcel—approximately 23 acres—was to be resold for industrial use. Although the Plattwood Industrial Park share remained inactive through the 1980s, the Board of Selectmen made its development in the 1990s a priority. Now fully built out, it is home to more than 20 businesses, with a total employment of approximately 100.

You can find a brief history of Plattwood Park and details of planned improvements in the color pages at the front of this issue.

Savings on Medical Expenses (see article on page 3)

Several months ago you should have received a large, colorful postcard that offered savings in the costs of medicines. The PRO ACT program is sponsored jointly by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) and its participating members. It offers savings on prescriptions (for pets, too), as well as on some vision and hearing related services. I have heard from several residents that the card has been of benefit to them.

The major benefit of belonging to CCM is its focus on legislation that affects Connecticut's towns and cities. Programs such as PRO ACT add extra value to our membership. My suggestion is to present your card the

next time you visit your pharmacist, to see whether it may be beneficial to you and your family. If you did not receive your Pro ACT card or simply mislaid it, they are available from the Selectman's Office.

Village View (Formerly Putnam Park)

52 Essex Street opened as Putnam Park Apartment more than 50 years ago. The story of its initial success, gradual decline and now, its rebirth as Village View appears in the history section at the back of this issue.

Developer Paul Kaplan has a track record of redeveloping properties to their full potential. We have worked closely with Paul to assist in several ways to help make this endeavor a rousing success. If you haven't stopped by to see the difference, I know that you'll be pleasantly surprised when you do. I'm sure that residents in the neighborhood are especially pleased.

In addition to the aesthetic improvement, the Town stands to gain from higher tax revenues based on the property's increased values, as well as tenants' motor vehicles. Because the complex will be connected to the Town's sewer system, Village View will add approximately \$12,000 to the annual revenues of the WPCA.

Paul Kaplan's decision to invest in Deep River represents a vote of confidence in our local economy and the Town's recent improvements, public and private, in our infrastructure. Village View represents a major residential investment.

Projects

Trees: You have probably noticed increased trimming and, when necessary, removal of diseased trees along Town roads. In consultation with our contracted tree experts, we identified areas in which damage to wires and utility poles by falling limbs and trees has been a recurring problem. We have no direct control over power losses caused by the failure of substations or high voltage lines beyond our borders, but we can minimize local failures. Throughout town we have acted to prevent future damage, but Union Street, River Road, Rattling Valley Road, Westbrook Road and Kelsey Hill Road have been our focus.

In conjunction with our efforts, CL&P has trimmed

Selectman's News, cont.

and removed additional trees that posed a danger to their infrastructure. One critical area is West Elm Street, where damage high voltage distribution wires has caused significant power outages, some as long as six days, to large areas of town. Together with CL&P and their arborist we concluded that a row of aging evergreens on the south side and a number of large unstable maple trees on the north side would continue to endanger utility poles and wires. The effect of severely trimming or completely removing trees in such concentration will undoubtedly be jarring at the outset. Town policy has been to plant new trees every few years, for environmental reasons and to maintain our rural atmosphere. On West Elm Street we will work with the property owners to plant replacement trees of a type less hazardous to electric and other utility lines, and at an appropriate distance from.

Town Roads: By the time you read this, storm drainage along Laurel Wood Drive will have been brought up to current standards, the roadway itself reclaimed and paved, new curbing in place, with topsoil and seeding.

Main Street Streetscape – Phase 5: In addition to Phase 5, the Town has completed the section at the southeast corner of Main and River Streets.

Family Day 19

I offer my thanks to the Merchants Association and Parks & Recreation for another outstanding job in producing Family Day 19. The festivities for the day went smoothly, and the feedback I received that day and then that evening at Plattwood, was entirely complimentary. Special thanks to Haynes and Whelen Engineering for their generous support (once again) of the fireworks.



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In Connecticut, over 10 percent of Connecticut residents, nearly 360,000 people, currently lack health insurance and prescription plans and another 800,000 residents are underinsured. There are over 50 million uninsured individuals living in the United States.

The “Town of Deep River Prescription Drug Discount Card” helps residents save money on their prescription medications any time their prescription is not covered by insurance. This new prescription discount card will provide immediate fiscal relief at the pharmacy counter for uninsured and underinsured residents and offers them following features and benefits:

Anyone can participate regardless of age or income. All prescription medications are covered including pet prescriptions that can be filled at a pharmacy. There is no cost to the municipality or to participating residents. Cost savings average 45%; there are over 63,000 participating pharmacies nationwide, including CVS, Rite-Aid, Walgreen's, Wal-Mart, Stop and Shop, and Big Y, and many independent pharmacies. Discounts are also offered on other medical services including vision, hearing and Lasik services.

Each residence in Deep River will receive a “Town of Deep River Prescription Discount Card” by direct mail, which they may use at any participating retail pharmacy. All town residents regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage may use cards. There are no enrollment forms, membership fees, restrictions or limits on frequency of use for residents. Cardholders and their family members are encouraged to use the cards any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance.

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Bruce Kovalenko	42 Winterberry Road	05/17/2013
Robert D. Christensen	35 High Street	05/31/2013
John & Carla Woitovich	222 Cedar Swamp Road	06/18/2013
Erinn Butler & Jeffrey Cohen	15 Cedar Swamp Road	06/28/2013
Suzanne Grella	92 Main Street, #231	06/28/2013
Ryan Gallacher	92 Main Street, #112	06/28/2013
Paul & Kristen Caramanica	72 Witch Hazel Drive	07/01/2013
Peter W. Weiss	92 Main Street, #212	07/16/2013
Thomas MacLean	37 Hillside Terrace	08/06/2013
Joseph E. Boccia	11 Burcam Circle	08/09/2013

Passings

Harvey N. Ely	11 Prospect Hill	05/15/2013
Violet Deary	256 Winthrop Road	05/16/2013
Pasquale Dibenedetto	57 River Lane	06/12/2013
Florabel S. Babcock	57 Main Street	06/23/2013
Dolores Davis	16 Fox Run Road	07/06/2013
Doris T. Cain	34 Elm Street	07/22/2013
Dennis P. O'Keefe	42 Scenic View Drive	07/28/2013
Eleanor C. Bradford	129 Union Street	07/31/2013
Donald C. LaCourse	6 Colonial Drive	08/17/2013
Linda L. Gill	128 Kirtland Street	08/22/2013
Fenton L.B. Brown	105 River Road	09/03/2013

Board and Commission Vacancies

If you are a registered voter and are interested in serving on a Board or Commission, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 526-6020. Currently there are vacancies on the following Boards:

Community Health Committee	term to expire 10-30-2014
Economic Development Commission	term to expire 12-01-2013
Economic Development Commission	term to expire 12-01-2014
Park & Recreation Commission	term to expire 12-01-2013
Park & Recreation Commission	term to expire 12-01-2013
Park & Recreation Commission	term to expire 12-01-2014
Park & Recreation Commission	term to expire 12-01-2015
Water Pollution Control Authority	term to expire 12-01-2014
Zoning Board of Appeals	term to expire 12-01-2014
Agent for the Elderly	
Long Island Sound Council	
Region II Regional Mental Health Board	

Town Clerk's Office, cont.

Marriages

Henry D. Haff & Hollie V. Cottrell	05/18/2013
Selvin N. Gimenez Hernandez & Flora S. Fuentes Flores	05/26/2013
Laura Z. Hyde & Erin L. Hult	05/26/2013
Ricardo A. Carrillo & Jennifer R. Sheehan	05/29/2013
Daniel R. Rynaski & Lindsey L. Larocque	06/01/2013
Christopher A. Desrosiers & Nicole E. Gerard	06/01/2013
Jeffrey P. Argersinger & Joanne Barnes	06/22/2013
Thomas K. Seymour & Brenda L. Boisvert	06/22/2013
Scott A. Wilmore & Natalie F. Wilson	06/22/2013
David A. Preble & Katherine E. Rae	06/22/2013
Jorge J. Pani & Alba R. Lopez	06/25/2013
Aaron E. Reich & Catrina R. Howell	06/29/2013
Jeremy I. Worthley & Amanda C. Szivos	07/05/2013
Kevin D. Morrison & Annmarie Riccio	07/12/2013
Andrew D. Scott & Karen A. Abercrombie	07/13/2013
Michael R. Anderson & Amy M. Murphy	07/13/2013
Robert W. Flannigan & Lana M. Garboski	07/13/2013
David A. Beaudoin & Sarah E. Sullivan	07/13/2013
Seth D. Walker & Kathrine A. Wight	07/20/2013
Travis W. Smith & Leah C. Miner	07/28/2013
Avital Dubnov & Amber M. Meimers	08/02/2013
Mark R. Reyher & Debra S. Deutermann	08/09/2013
Wesley G. Bassett & Kathryn A. Lanfair	08/10/2013
Bryan M. Taylor & Emily L. Peloquin	08/10/2013
Christopher M. Kingston & Angelita J. Marion	08/17/2013
Daniel A. Kollmer & Sage G. Novak	08/17/2013
Dale W. Robinson & Elvia J. Calderon	08/19/2013
Emery B. Westlake & Rebecca I. Goldstein	09/01/2013

New Trade Name Filings

Erin Smith	Lady Chatelaine's, Too	06/11/2013
Sandy Elizabeth Jolon	The Biker Chickz	06/11/2013
Sandy Elizabeth Jolon	Two Wheels and Heels	06/11/2013
John R. Nelson	Southern New England Technical Staffing	06/18/2013
Selvin Jimenez	Jimenez's Painting	07/10/2013
Dione and Soares, Inc.	HappyFeet of South Central CT	07/26/2013
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Hedy's Health Tips

Food as Medicine in the Fall Season Welcome to Fall!

This is a time for pulling inward with our activities and also the energy (Chi) of the body.

It is the beginning of the Yin properties of gathering, storing and contemplation.

If we look at the human species for the last few thousand years we would have been very busy creatures sowing, planting, hunting and harvesting.

It has only been in the last 100 years we have developed refrigeration and trucking which has not given the body and its digestive function time to catch up with this evolution. It is no wonder that we could feel out of balance, tired and stressed with our very complex diets and work schedules.

In TCM (Traditional Chinese Medicine) there are very specific exercises (Qi Gong) and dietary principles that help to keep us aligned with the seasons and our emotions. It really only takes small changes in what we eat, think and do that can make significant improvements to our health both physically and emotionally.

This season in particular is the metal season and guards the energy of the lungs and large intestine.

Its emotion is grief and the color is white or silver. This grief relates to our judgments and actions. When the metal element is distorted, judgments can be cruel. People may be self-righteous and overly judgmental of others. Overbearing judgment can lead to punishment and penalties instead of upholding righteous actions.

Honoring our grief involves mourning EVERY loss we feel, BIG or SMALL. What we "ought" or "ought not" feel with righteous actions.

Some common signs of an imbalance in this system might include:

Swollen tonsils, dry skin or rash, nasal mucous, dry constipation, neurotic behavior, judgmental or holding grudges, achy stiff neck and or shoulders. Cough, cold, chills, runny nose, aversion to wind.

Luckily for us, the autumn is harvest time giving us so many wonderful choices for food:

Apples, pears, peaches, late corn, oats, broccoli, pumpkins and gourds, potatoes, leeks (any onion) Fennel, garlic and pungent foods are highlighted. Chili peppers, horseradish, cinnamon, cloves, peppers. All root vegetables. Foods should be cooked and very little raw eaten.

If you visit a local farmers market and purchase the foods that are locally grown there are huge benefits to your health and it takes the entire guess work out for you.

If it is locally grown it is almost guaranteed to be a healthy choice in which ever season you are eating in!

You might consider using a few Feng Shui tips for your environment as well; white roses in a silver vase for the table; white sheets or throw pillows and mirrors or crystal make a room more metal. As with all things this is with balance and moderation for optimal health. Enjoy this season of bounty with balance and joy in your heart!

Be well, Hedy



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Just another note I would like to address; I saw on the news that an Animal Control Officer, caught on tape, was arrested for cruelty to animals while in his care. This doesn't happen in our pound. I give a lot of loving care to all the animals in our pound. They get walked twice a day, given clean water, food and, if needed, medical care. So when you call for a stray dog that showed up at your home, rest assured they will be taken care of in the best possible way. All dogs picked up without tags on them are advertised in the newspaper. Once the paper comes out, if the animal is not claimed after seven days they are put up for adoption.

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9 Town Transit Welcomes Eight New Buses

Shoreline transit users are getting a more comfortable, and colorful, ride thanks to eight new buses introduced over the past several months.



The new buses rolled out by 9 Town Transit (9TT) include the region's first two low-floor buses. These buses have no steps inside, making it easier for passengers to board. Each bus also offers a ramp for people utilizing wheelchairs or walkers instead of the traditional wheelchair lifts. With this delivery, the fleet now has five hybrid electric buses. Hybrid technology saves fuel and emissions, resulting in reduced cost and environmental impact. The 9TT fleet is now 40% hybrid electric.

9TT does not only rely on hybrid vehicles to save fuel. There are two diesel buses and one mini bus that also service the district. The diesel powered buses consume 40% less fuel than their gasoline counterparts. The mini bus has improved gas mileage over the traditional

12 passenger buses and is easier to navigate into residential driveways for our dial-a-ride passengers.

The purchase represents the largest single year vehicle investment in 9TT's history at a total price tag of \$873,073. The project was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Federal Transit Administration, the Connecticut Clean Fuels Program and the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

9 Town Transit provides service to all parts of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook, with connections to New Haven, New London and Middletown. All services are open to the general public. Additional information, route maps and schedules are available online at www.9towntransit.com or by calling 9 Town Transit at 860-510-0429.



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Teenzone



Teenzone is a program that enforces positive self esteem in young ladies between the ages of 13 and 17 years of age. It was started 5 years ago by myself, Victoria Taylor, Founder/

Facilitator. I started the program after a stint of volunteering in a residential treatment program for girls in Waterford, CT.

I realized that some of the girls had no social skills due to their backgrounds, as the girls come from many different walks of life. I also realized no matter whatever economic background any teen girl has, some girls thought they were either not bright enough, thin enough, pretty enough, and all lacked self esteem. So Teenzone was born! The first program was in Essex, and was very well received and the program has been ongoing since then.

The goal is to help the girls navigate through the tricky years of their life with self confidence and a positive self image. The program is usually held at a library community room, and is held over 8 weeks, with 1 1/2 hr sessions. There is a different topic each week, and may include a visit to a hair salon to learn which style is appropriate for them, but also how to take care of their hair; a visit from a skin specialist/makeup artist to learn how to take care of their own, unique skin, but also some make up tips; a chef may come and teach the girls how to make a simple dish and explain the nutrition behind it as well.

I have been very fortunate in being able to utilize the skills of local professionals in the area, from the Spa of Essex to Linda Guica, chef, Straight from the Hearth., to Belinda Murano of It's Your Thyme. Many have declared their own enjoyment at teaching the girls.

At the end of the program, I take the girls out to a local restaurant, where they can practice the skills they have learned, including etiquette. This is always a favorite time for the girls, as they have to dress up, have their hair and makeup in place, as they have been shown. It is also a time to enjoy themselves with their fellow new friends.

In the past I've been very fortunate in obtaining funding from Essex Community Foundation and the Valley Shore Collaborative, and private donors.

To learn more about the program, please visit www.teenzonect.com.



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Connecticut River Area Health District

District offers Education on Skin Cancer Prevention

The health district has developed a program for SKIN CANCER EDUCATION. Through a preventative health block grant, the CT River Area Health District has been offering small groups education on the risks associated with over exposure to the sun. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer by far. However, in most people, it is entirely preventable. This short, but informative presentation offers valuable advice on how to protect oneself from skin cancer. If you have a small group that would be interested in receiving this free education, please contact Sherry Carlson at 860-661-3300. The presentation is free, offered year round, and takes about 30 minutes.

Remember the Swine Flu?

Although the big scare of the "swine flu", and later H1N1, has waned in recent years, there are still variants of swine flu that continuously circulate out there. In 2012, and more recently this year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an alert about a variant of the swine flu (H3N2v) which has caused small numbers of illness in humans. This flu does not appear to spread from person to person, but cases have been seen in people in close proximity to pigs at agricultural fairs. In short, pigs could carry the virus, and may or may not become ill from it. This is not meant to scare anyone, but just to raise awareness that catching this flu virus from pigs is possible, and like with any other flu, take simple precautions to avoid it. Health authorities are also looking at other flu strains, such as the H7N9 avian flu strain in China, to see if they become a cause for concern.

Does any one Remember Legionnaires Disease?

For those of you who do, (the over 50 crowd!) you may remember the intense media attention paid to this outbreak. For those who don't, the disease is a bacterial infection which was first "discovered" back in the mid-1970s. The bacterium, Legionella, is named after a 1976 outbreak, when many people who went to a Philadelphia convention of the American Legion suffered from this disease, a type of bacterial pneumonia. It was also later found to be present in unmaintained air conditioner cooling towers and even in misters used to keep produce fresh at supermarkets. We seldom hear about Legionellosis anymore, but since being put in the spotlight nearly 40 years ago, it has been a reportable disease ever since, and is monitored for numbers of confirmed cases. Annually, there are small numbers of cases reported to health authorities. Interestingly, there has been a small but noticeable increase in the number of cases in the Northeast USA this year. Although this bacterial infection is not passed from person to person, there is interest as to why we are seeing the increase. Is there a common source of

exposure? As investigators explore this over time, we may know more about the reason for the increase.

Mosquito Update

By the time you read this section, there have likely been reports of mosquitoes testing positive for West Nile Virus from several towns in Connecticut. There may also have been reports of other mosquito carried viruses in the state. Although mosquito numbers decrease in late summer and fall, they are still around until the first hard frost. We urge people to remain vigilant and take precautions to avoid mosquito bites throughout the latter months of the year.

Remember to Get Your Flu Shot!

During the 2012-2013 flu season, we saw a huge spike in cases and hospitalizations in the annual flu from the 2nd week in December thru January. Last year's flu hit early and hit hard. We urge you to get your flu shot this year. The Centers for Disease Control is recommending that everyone over 6 months old should get the flu shot. Please make this part of your autumn/early winter routine this year!

Get your Flu Shot! Get your Flu Shot! Get your Flu Shot! Get your Flu Shot!

P.S. The health district is planning public flu clinics for this upcoming flu season with the VNA of Southeast CT.

Jim Monopoli, Director of Health



Attention all Deep River Businesses!

The Deep River Merchants Association (DRMA)
has recently created a website for its merchant members!

We invite you to join the DRMA and benefit from being a member,
including increased public visibility from placement onto our website.

Membership fee is only \$50.00 per calendar year!

You can view the website at
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For more information, please contact:

Cindy Lignar, Squared Circle Studio, Phone 860-526-8738
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A broad coalition led by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) is developing a Plan to help Connecticut residents become healthier by 2020.

DPH is holding public forums in each of Connecticut's eight counties to help develop the Plan. We will share key information about our population's health, and want to hear what issues and problems affect your community's health, and how your community can become a healthier place to live.

All Connecticut residents are welcome, including state, local and tribal government agencies, academic institutions, businesses, health care providers, and community, recreational, philanthropic, and faith-based organizations.

Time: All forums are from 6 to 7 p.m.
Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.

Registration requested. Walk-ins welcome!

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For more information, please visit the DPH web site:
www.ct.gov/dph/SHIPCoalition

**LOCATIONS**

TOLLAND COUNTY: September 10, 2013
Rockville High School Auditorium, 70 Loveland Hill Rd., Vernon

WINDHAM COUNTY: September 12, 2013
EASTCONN Capitol Theater, Magnet High School, 896 Main St., Willimantic

HARTFORD COUNTY: September 24, 2013
Legislative Office Building, Room 2C, 300 Capitol Ave., Hartford

LITCHFIELD COUNTY: September 26, 2013
Torrington City Hall, Council Chambers, Rm. 218, 140 Main St., Torrington

FAIRFIELD COUNTY: October 8, 2013
Discovery Magnet School Cafeteria, 4510 Park Ave., Bridgeport

NEW HAVEN COUNTY: October 10, 2013
Hill Regional Career High School, Auditorium, 140 Legion Ave., New Haven

NEW LONDON COUNTY: October 17, 2013
Three Rivers Community College, Multipurpose Rm. F117, 4574 New London Turnpike, Norwich

MIDDLESEX COUNTY: October 21, 2013
Connecticut Valley Hospital, Paige Hall Solarium, 1000 Silver St., Middletown

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American Legion Post# 61

The September meeting opened with some good news. Another new member has joined the Ibell-Jacobson-Smith American Legion Post 61 over the summer. He is retired military and will surely keep us in step. Additionally, three members are celebrating sixty years of continuous service to our town and the American Legion. Deep River residents know them well. They are Raymond Mozzochi, Edmund Negrelli, and Arthur C. Winschel. We thank them for their service, their participation in local activities, and are proud of them.

Our adjutant received a very nice letter about the activities of two young women supporting veterans by selling wristbands. Jessica Markland and Lauren Webb raised sixty dollars to donate to Post 61. Miss Markland is the great-granddaughter of one of our members, Herbert Kurze. This donation will be applied to the Flag Fund managed by Mr. Don Grohs.

Our summer time break delayed the announcement about our Boys State candidate. Bobby Hamblett found the Convention to be an enjoyable way to learn about vocations in government service and leadership positions. He was "elected" to the role of selectman. During this program, everyone serves in some "government" position. Over the summer, Bobby traveled with his church's youth group for a third mission trip to the Cheyenne River Reservation in La Plant, South Dakota. While there, he helped with building projects and ran a guitar camp for kids and adults. The "Simply Smiles" program is dedicated to improving the lives of impoverished kids, preventing suicide in children. Bobby is a member of the Student Council at Valley Regional and president of the National Honor Society. He enjoys history, social studies and contemporary issues classes. He is also exploring music industry opportunities. Bobby is an Eagle Scout with a project at the Deep River Elementary School that is near completion. Bobby started school here when he was six years old and moved here from England with his parents, Neil & Jane Hamblett. (Also attending Boys State were Jake Luster from Essex & Dash Krempel from Chester.)

Post 61 meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the Deep River Library. FMI : please telephone Commander James Marshall at 860-526-2983.

American Legion Auxiliary Post# 61

Was your husband or father a veteran? If so, do come to our meeting, held the third Monday of the month September through June at 7:00pm at the home of Grace Stalsburg. More information is available from Lillian Beardsley at 860-391-5346 or Gail Breslin at 860-663-0322.

We were very honored to have Helen Goewey, Department President and Joe Anne Jackson, Department Senior Vice President install our officers; Lillian Beardsley (President), Gail Breslin (Sr. Vice President and Secretary pro-tem), Virginia Buracchi (Chaplain and Jr. Vice President), Alice Johnson (Treasurer). Lovely refreshments followed the installation.

We are first in Connecticut to have a father and daughter both elected to the following: Jim Beardsley is American Legion Commander of the seventh district and Lillian Beardsley is president of the seventh district.

Every month there is a special veteran's project that our unit is involved with. In June 2014, we will put on a bingo at the Rocky Hill Veteran's Hospital.

Recognition was given to our American Legion Auxiliary Unit 61, who received honorable mention certificates of appreciation at the Department of Connecticut Convention for Highest Per Capital Contributions to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund; unit of 50 members or less sending in the highest average of coupons per member; unit of 70 members or less with the largest number of coupons; and unit for participation in the project of the month.

There are so many more activities like marching in the Memorial Day Parade, collecting voluntary donations for poppies made by disabled veterans, walking for the children's hospital, collecting tabs for Ronald McDonald House, Laurel State Girls' seminar and support of the Fisher House.

Patriotically yours,
Virginia Buracchi, Chaplain/Junior Vice President



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BR, 2 baths, 2100 sqft. Wideboard floors, 4 fireplaces need to be inspected to be opened up. Detached garage w/tractor shed area under. One story barn w/water, electric & concrete floor is a great workshop. Nice lawn w/vegetable garden slopes to pond frontage w/large Evergreens & Maples. Asking \$245,000.



CHESTER - *Space galore for the active family.* Cape style but mostly one level living. 9 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 3½ baths, 3563 sqft. Optional rooms for possible in-law, media room. Formal dining room, family room with fireplace. Spacious basement with pool table, entertaining area with bar, possible play room. On 2 acres. Listed at \$459,000.



CHESTER - *Ideal for extended family.* 3300 sqft home has separate living areas but must be sold as a single family. 10 rooms, 5 BR, 4 baths, w/o basement, large decks, walk to the village. **Offers encouraged.** Asking \$249,900.



DEEP RIVER (WINTHROP) - Center Chimney Colonial on 75 ACs. Great place for a gentleman farmer w/some work & land clearing. Once home to horses & ponies, sheep, goats & llamas. Had 14 ACs of field in the 80's. Barn (22'x33') has 6 stalls & 400 bale storage. Woods rds for riding & hiking. Old stone walls all through the forest, interior pond & borders Cockaponsett State Forest w/a beautiful wide rushing stream w/dam & trout pool just off the property. Home has 7 rms, 3 BR, 1½ baths, wb flrs, formal DR, parlor & spacious open kit/DA to LR w/fpl (wood stove) w/bake oven. This property needs someone to take care of it. Asking \$680,000. Take a look. Make an offer.



75 ACRES

DEEP RIVER - With Hazel Estates. Saltbox on 3.88 acres with year round brook. Great spot for the kids. Country kitchen, LR with fireplace, 3 BR, 2 baths, plus finished upper level for BR or optional uses. 2 car garage. Wonderful open back porch to relax & enjoy the natural surroundings. **Reduced to \$289,000.**



DEEP RIVER - The location & one floor living make this a nice retirement home. Enjoy the expansive level backyard with room for gardens. Relax on the deck. Easy walk to town. Fireplace with brick wall open to kitchen & living room. Offered at \$209,000.



NEW LISTING

IVORYTON - Small embankment Ranch with privacy on 1.47 acres with stream. 5 rooms, 2 bedrooms, family room on walkout lower level. **Reduced to \$154,000 to settle estate.**



ESSEX - Free standing commercial condominium. One floor, open & spacious 1056 sqft. sparkling clean. Excellent parking. Included is long established Beauty Salon fully equipped w/4 stations. Other possible uses: offices, medical & health related, laboratory, professional services, retail. Just listed at \$195,000.

COMMERCIAL CONDO



MULTI-FAMILY

DEEP RIVER - Early 1900's home on nice little lane with only 4 houses. Walk to town over the new bridge and Deep River stream. 7 rooms, 3 BR, 14 x 25 FR w/fpl, wood floors. Needs some work. **Motivated Seller** reduced price to asking \$187,000.

DEEP RIVER - Center Chimney Colonial Two Family on Main St. Neat & tidy 4 room apt. Main house needs work. 7 rms, 3 BR, wb floors, large eat-in kit. Present income \$1950 mo. **Motivated Seller** has reduced asking price to \$199,000. **Make an offer.**



COMMERCIAL ZONE MULTI-FAMILY



ESSEX (CENTERBROOK) - Commercial zone, presently residential use. Potential to renovate to commercial or raze existing buildings & construct new complex on 1.54 acres bordering Falls River on lower portion. Early 1900's home, 7 rooms, 3 BR, 1½ baths, 1884 sqft. and small 3 room home. Outbuilding is 2641 sqft. Original one story w/late 2 story addition. Priced at \$299,000.

Dry Pants Model Yacht Club

Fall Sailing, Potential for Chaos Arrives



Members of the Dry Pants Model Yacht Club (aka the Plattwood Sailors) look forward to some of the most exciting sailing of the year. The Summer doldrums are gone and Mother Nature is letting us know she is back.

The 36" boats we sail are called CR-914s and are extremely competitive. All boats are identical and must meet rigid inspections before any nationally- sanctioned racing events. The only differences between our top sailors is the tuning of individual boats and the skill of the person at the radio-control helms..

In Fall, the pond winds tend to be higher and more predictable. That leads to the potential for chaos and damage to boats and their rigs. To protect against damage, all boats must have a rubber bow bumper to minimize hull damage if contact is made. As the wind velocity increases, it requires much more concentration to sail these boats and can lead to bow plunging on downwind legs. When a strong puff of wind hits, the boats can either start to plane or can bury their bows. While spectators really enjoy seeing this, the helmsman who forgot to close their hatches or put their drainage plugs in the boats will pay a serious price..Yes, these boats will sink..And, sink quickly...But, that's another story.

The DPMYC welcomes new sailors and members...When the pond is not frozen, members sail every Sunday between 1030 and noon and Tuesday evenings until dark. We also welcome residents of the area to come try sailing one of the boats.

For more information, Google "Dry Pants Model Yacht Club" or "DPMYC". Model sailing is a lot of fun. Come join us.

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Deep River Social Services

Energy Assistance

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Operation Fuel

Operation Fuel is a statewide private, nonprofit organization that provides emergency energy assistance to: low income and moderate income, elderly, and disabled households, which are either ineligible for government energy assistance or have exhausted their benefits. Eligibility is determined by Deep River Social Services and is based upon review of a client's completed application and satisfactory documentation of household's income, liquid assets, and crisis situation. For the 2013-2014-program year, household income for a 12-month period must fall between 200% of the federal poverty guidelines and 100% of the state median household income.

The Operation Fuel season begins December 1, 2013 and runs through May 31, 2014 or when funding runs out. Contact Social Services (526-6033) to see if you qualify.

Good News for DSS Clients

There's a new way to get service and benefit information by phone – it's quick, easy and available 24/7. Try the new DSS Client Information line & Benefits Center service.

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DSS's new automated 'interactive voice response' telephone system will help you get the information you need without waiting to speak to a DSS worker. You will also have the option of speaking to a worker, if you choose. Please use this new, toll-free service instead of the local DSS numbers you have been using. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also connect directly to a worker in our Benefits Center by following the phone menu prompts,

Monday through Friday, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The benefits Center is staffed with workers dedicated to answering your questions, processing change requests and providing you with information about other resources.

If you receive HUSKY Health, SNAP, TFA, SAGA, State Supplement, or Medicare Savings Program or other service, please call 1-855-6-CONNECT (1-855-626-6632) to receive information about:

1. Replacement EBT card
2. Your benefits or application status
3. How to contact Child Support, Social Work, Fair Hearings and Investigations
4. Application forms, redetermination forms and budget sheets.
5. Your local DSS office
6. Local community resources

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Rosie Bininger, Social Services Director

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Winthrop Baptist Church

Special Christmas Events!

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Our annual Holly Day Faire will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 9AM – 2PM. Stop by or stay a while on this fun-filled day for the community. Browse a range of holiday decorations, crafts and gift items, canned good, baked goodies, tag sale, and more...all while sharing time with others in the community – breakfast and lunch will also be available. Everything is made locally by members and friends of the congregation.

Seeking singers and musicians to share their gifts during the Holly Day Faire. All ages and abilities, individuals and groups are welcome to contact Pastor Amy for more information.

Join us each Sunday during Advent! We will be lighting candles in our morning Worship at 10:00AM. All are welcome to share in the season of light leading us to Christmas.

Candlelight Christmas Eve worship begins at 5:00PM on Tuesday, December 24. This family-friendly service will include many favorite carols. Come share in the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child through word, song, and light.

The Winthrop Baptist Church is located at the junction of Routes 80 and 145. The building is accessible via a ramp on the east side of the building. For more information, call (860) 526-5241, email Pastor Amy at amysrainbow@comcast.net or find us on Facebook!



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Deep River Republicans

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The Deep River Republican Town Committee thanks you for your votes of confidence for our 2013 slate of candidates on Election Day, November 5th. Our team brings experience, enthusiasm, and a love for our town and its future and we look forward to working together for the best interests of Deep River. Our goal is to maintain Deep River's "small town" feel and historic importance while enhancing the schools, town services, and continuing to make Deep River more attractive to families and businesses who want to call us home.

Here is a brief introduction of the newly elected or re-elected Republican Ticket slate.

Incumbents - Three members of our slate are incumbents, returning for an additional term of dedicated service to our town. All have demonstrated attentive and quality service to our community. Dave Oliveria will sit for a third term on the Board of Selectman, Amy Macmillan Winchell, now a Certified Connecticut Town Clerk (CCTC), will sit for a third term as Town Clerk. Tom Lindner will serve his thirteenth term as Town Treasurer!

Newly Elected Candidates - We are delighted to introduce new candidates to the slate this year, each uniquely qualified for their offices; Nelle Andrews and Michelle Grow are candidates for the Deep River Board of Education. Nelle, a lifelong Deep River resident, is active in education as a high school English teacher & coach and has three children, two in the elementary school. Michelle is a thirteen year resident of Deep River with three children at Deep River Elementary and is very active at the school and community through the PTO, coaching Park & Rec Basketball and Valley Soccer.

Patricia Unan, another life-long resident of Deep River and Air Force veteran, will be on the Deep River Library Board of Trustees. Patty has been very active in our community through the Deep River Historical Society, Deep River ancient Muster Committee and several other community organizations.

If you are interested in joining the DRRTC, serving on a committee or commission, or being a part of a group

to share ideas or goals for the future of Deep River, we welcome you! Contact Greg Alexander, DRRTC Chairman, at 860-526-9661 or Tom Lindner at 860-575-0871 for more information and to learn how to become active in affecting real change in our amazing town.

Please join us at our next DRRTC meeting to learn more. Meetings are held at 7pm the 2nd Monday of every month at Liberty Bank and all residents are welcome to attend. Join us in our quest to build and even better community in which we live.

Deep River Fire Department

Trick or Treating at the Firehouse

Last Halloween after Super Storm Sandy left most of Deep River without power on Halloween night, the members of the Deep River Fire Department decided to set up their Rescue Truck in the driveway and with its light tower illuminate the intersection at Elm and Union as well as open the Firehouse for trick or treaters. Needless to say it was a huge hit with nearly 200 kids and families coming by. So again this year with hopes of continuing an annual tradition, the members once again opened the station to trick or treaters. This year was no exception with well over 300 kids and families coming by. In addition, we'd like to thank Deep River resident, Mrs. Margaret Eagan for donating approximately 240 Candy Apples, which were huge hit with the children!



Fountain Hill Cemetery



The restoration of the Fountain Hill Cemetery Chapel presents a unique opportunity for anyone to have their name, a name in memoriam or their business name mounted on a plaque below one of our new windows. There are twelve large windows and five small windows in the main room and seven additional windows in other rooms. The costs are \$1,000 for each large window in the main room, \$500 for one of the small windows in the main room or \$250 for a window in other areas of the chapel. Your donation will provide for new leaded glass inside with a custom "invisible" storm window outside for each window. This is a great way to memorialize loved ones in a beautiful setting, for all to see. They are selling fast, so if you are interested please call 860-526-5086 and ask for Mark.

Restoration of the chapel benches provides a second opportunity to get involved with the chapel restoration. A few of the original benches remain in the chapel, but need refinishing. Others will need to be built to complete the seating in the chapel. If you are interested in helping with this project, a donation of \$500 will provide a refinished or replica bench with an engraved plaque at the end of the bench in memoriam of a family member.

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Deep River Library

Up Coming Events!

Toddler Time (Ages 2 & 3)

Thursdays 10:30am

Caregivers attend this program with their child. Toddlers will be introduced to sounds, letter recognition and new words that will help them grow into pre-readers. This interactive program will feature stories, finger plays, flannel board activities, simple crafts, action rhymes and songs.

Preschool Storytime (Ages 4 & 5)

Wednesdays 3:30pm

Help your preschooler get ready to read! This program will feature stories and a variety of activities such as storytelling, crafts, flannel boards and interactive activities. Come check out what the library has to offer!

Teen Craft Night beginning in October Make Cool Stuff!

All supplies will be provided.

This program is free and open to the public. Recommended for ages 10 and up. Check the website or call the library for upcoming dates and times.

The library will be offering movie nights for adults and families. Pick up a copy of our newsletter at the circulation desk or on our website for more information.

Have you tried the new Universal Class and IndiFlix? Check out the website for these FREE resources.


Friends of the Deep River Library

For over thirty years, the Friends of Deep River Public Library have helped your library bring quality service to you and everyone in the community.

The Friends want to keep helping, but are going into suspension because there are not enough Friends to continue running the board or attending the monthly meetings. We all need a little help from our friends and we need you - your support, talent, energy, and your ideas. As a Friend, you can be proud to know you have enriched someone else's life. For years they've have provided free and discount passes to various museums, including the Children's Museum, CT River Museum, CT Science Center, Florence Griswold Museum, Mystic Aquarium, Peabody Museum, Roger Williams Park Zoo, Wadsworth Atheneum and many more. The Friends spearheaded the drive to raise funds for the 1982 Children's addition to the library.

The Friends purchase big items that the library could otherwise not afford, including the Children's AWE computer, a movie projector, printers, computers, and children's programs. They also supplement our book budget, sponsor the yearly bake and book sale, and the yearly ornament.

We will all feel the loss when our Friends are gone. Won't you please help support your public library? Please contact the library for more information about joining the Friends group.



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Deep River Parks & Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Commission continues to offer Deep River residents many exciting programs and events.

The 19th annual 5K road race/walk and 1 mile fun run kicked off another beautiful Family Day. Almost 200 people participated in the annual event. This year, the race was electronically timed by Greystone Electronics using BibTag technology. The USATF certified course took runners and walkers through beautiful downtown Deep River and down to the CT River before looping back to Devitt Field Park. There was also a 1 mile fun run. Trophies were awarded to the top three finishers in each of the 8 age categories for the 5K race. All finishers in the 1 mile fun run were awarded a medal of completion. The following is a list of the top finishers in all categories.

Female Best Overall- Danielle Castellano 20:24

Male- Best Overall – Darren Walden 16:32 (course record)

Female

Age category: <14

1st Gabby Ehlert	24:45
2nd Emma King	24:45
3rd Alena Crosby	25:24

14-18

1st Liza Goldberg	28:49
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19-29

1st Madelene Holly	26:45
2nd Amy Papartonio	29:14
3rd Lesley Colburn	29:14

30-39

1st Meghan Pagliuco	21:40
2nd Susan Board	22:03
3rd Christine Korytko	24:01

40-49

1st Laurie Willsey	24:31
2nd Julie Steevens	24:54
3rd Traci Aglio	25:35

50-59

1st Reagam Krane	26:54
2nd Eileen D'Mello	27:07
3rd Cindy Lignar	27:14

60-69

1st Janit Romyak	27:54
2nd Jane Sable	28:49
3rd Patricia Phillips	31:46

70-79

1st Kay Tucker	32:00
2nd Sarah Mason	54:10

Male

Age category: <14

1st Cole Ensinger	23:25
2nd Dean Kollmer	24:07
3rd Sean Davis	24:09

14-18

1st Jake Dare	27:05
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19-29

1st Sean Maginess	21:29
2nd Marc Bilodeau	22:03
3rd Timothy Perkins	22:56

30-39

1st Greg Paul	19:48
2nd Brian Checko	21:27
3rd Travis Board	21:57

40-49

1st Soren Moller	19:21
2nd Brian McConnell	19:38
3rd Todd LeMire	22:23

50-59

1st John Minervino	19:13
2nd Ken Lignar	22:34
3rd Bob Fitzgerald	22:40

60-69

1st Paul Rabenold	23:48
2nd Brian Walker	25:11
3rd Robert Habenreiser	28:14

70-79

1st Carl Fuller	25:57
2nd Edward Drotman	33:58
3rd William Gagnon	34:12



We would like to thank the 46 sponsors of this year's race. The following businesses contributed either a monetary donation or a free service for the raffle. In alphabetical order they are: Adams Super Food Store, Anchor and Compass-A Store for Guys, Atlantic Building Supply, Atwood's Auto, Ashleigh's Garden, Brewer Deep River Marina, Calamari's, Celebrations, Child and Adult Orthodontics, Chris' Dog House, COLANAR, Daniels Energy, Deep River Design, Deep River Garden Club, Deep River Pizza, Deep River Rent All, DLS Insurance Services, Essex Mail Mart, Face Arts Music, Finkeldey Septic Service LLC, Gorilla Graphics, Hally Jo's Restaurant, Haynes Materials, IFoundFitness, I Hate Running Club, Machine Repair, Mather & Pitts Insurance, Inc., Milton Realty Co., Inc., Morrissey Engineering, LLC., My Fair Lady, Pizzeria DaVinci, Red House Restaurant, Riverview Lodge, River Wind Antiques & Appraisals, Salon 154, signs & Digital GraphX, Shoe Box on Main Consignments, Squared Circle Studio, Susan's Kitchen, Tangles Salon, The Ivory Restaurant and Pub, The Lace Factory, Tri-Town Precision Plastics, Inc., Whelen Engineering, Whistle Stop Restaurant and the Deep River Merchants Association.

The evening concluded with a fantastic fireworks display at Plattwood Park. Parks and Recreation once again sold glow sticks which one could see illuminated all around the park! This year, "Mad Men", a popular local band played live music as families enjoyed their picnic dinners and the beautiful evening at Plattwood Park. The band was made possible by a generous donation from the Deep River/Chester Lions Club. Parks and Recreation would like to express our gratitude to the DR Fire Police, the DR Fire Department, the Town Constables, the Resident State trooper and especially to our big sponsors, Haynes Materials and Whelen Engineering.

A complete listing of race results can be found at <http://www.greystonetracing.net/pages/results.html> or on the Town of Deep River web site www.deepriverct.us.

Deep River Parks & Recreation, cont.

October brought Halloween festivities, which included the annual costume parade and entertainment for all the kids. The children marched down Main Street from the Adams' parking lot and were treated to sweets handed out by the local merchants. The parade route brought the children to the historic Town Hall auditorium where they were entertained by Mad Scientists who concocted bubbly witch's brew! Following the show by the group from Mad Science of Southern Connecticut, the kids were treated to a screening of the Halloween classic movie, "Casper the Friendly Ghost". The children left with several treats and goodies. A big thank you goes out to the DR Fire police who once again helped out with traffic control and our Resident State trooper and Deep River constables who ensured that the parade participants remained safe.



Dash Krempel, Ben Giangrande, Mark Breault, Eric Rannestad, Sam Krempel, Xander Hougrand, Justin Craco, Oskar Partyka. Coach John Rannestad, Assistant coach, Bob Breault.

The growth of our basketball program continues to amaze us. Again this fall, we have over 200 youth in grades 1-12 participating in the program. With this growth came the realization that more gym space was needed as fitting 22 teams into the DRES gym on a weekly basis was very tricky indeed. All teams were forced (without complaint, I must add!) to share the gym as there wasn't enough room for everyone. Now we are excited to announce that Mt. St. John's has opened up its doors to us so that our program can enjoy their spacious, newly painted gymnasium! Currently most of the grade 7-12 teams are utilizing that space. It has certainly helped to alleviate the overcrowding issue at the elementary school. A big thanks to our friends at Mt. St. John's! Once again, the year will culminate with the Valley Cup tournament in early March. Pictured here are the Bulls, winners of last year's 10-12 grade division.

Parks and Recreation is excited to offer an overnight shopping trip to North Conway, New Hampshire. The trip is scheduled for November 22-24th 2013. What a perfect time to start your holiday shopping while enjoying some time with friends. The coach bus will leave the Exit 4 commuter lot at 6:00 pm Friday evening and will leave New Hampshire at approximately 3:00 pm Sunday afternoon. The group will stay at the Green Granite Inn in North Conway. Single, double and triple accommodations are available. Call the Parks and Recreation Office for cost information and details and to secure your spot. Space is limited.

Come winter, the Parks and Recreation Commission anticipates working once again with the DRES PTO to offer some after school enrichment programs. Last year, we were able to help offer an art class, science class, Lego Robotics, a young carpenter's class and a chance to meet and greet small animals, as Curious Critters visited the school once a week.

The Commission is always looking for ideas for programs that residents would love to see occur. Consider giving us a call to discuss what we can do for you. Better yet, join the Commission and help offer programs that you are interested in.

The Commission remains dedicated to bettering the town parks. Have you seen the new swings up at Devitt Field? The new tire swing has become a favorite. How about the new snack shack at Plattwood Park? This was the work of Troop 13 Boy Scouts and Iestyn Norton who completed the project for his Eagle Badge. The town crew will finish off the inside of the building which we anticipate will be ready to go for the 2014 season.

Save the date for the annual Holiday Stroll, Friday, December 6th, 2013. There will be Horse and Carriage rides, caroling, tree lighting ceremony with Santa and so much more! Come have a free cup of hot chocolate and support the merchants as well!

Check us out on the town's web site to keep up on all our latest news and programs!

Deep River Land Trust

Now is a good time to think of the many things families and individuals do to provide a better quality of life for our community. There are so many things, and we can see many of them in the pages of this magazine every quarter. Take a moment to look at the reports from all the organizations and the Selectman's page to get a sense of this. I enjoy looking at the news from each group just because I see so many things that volunteers have done to enrich our lives.

A good example of the many contributions that are made is the Bidwell Sanctuary of the Deep River Land Trust that is on Rattling Valley Road, a short walk from the intersection of that road with Essex Street and Book Hill. The Bidwell family came to New England before the American Revolution. Florence Bidwell, whose house was on this property was born in New Haven in 1885 and eventually married and settled in Deep River. Her son John Blair, who is living now in Florida and 91 years of age, donated this property to the Deep River Land Trust. In fact it was this piece and the Smyth Sanctuary on Essex St. donated around the same time that was the basis for the formation of the land trust. So for almost 30 years, the land trust has grown to preserve properties throughout our town. None of this would be possible without John Blair's generous donation and the volunteers who have made up the Deep River Land Trust over the years.

But there was no path on Bidwell Sanctuary, not until now. Josef Lenz who lives with his family near the property, walked there with his parents when he was a young boy. Now as a young man and an Eagle Scout candidate, he chose for his community project to design and construct a wonderful path and parking area at the Sanctuary. He essentially "gave back" something because of the enjoyment he had on these walks. On August 24th, over 30 people gathered to say "Thank You" to Josef and to all those who have made this land and path possible and also to celebrate the opening of the path with the new sign at the entrance. When you have time, please stop by and "take a hike."

Josef explained how he designed his path constructed with the help of other scouts. Janet Stone, a geologist and Vice President of the DR Land Trust Board, gave a fascinating and enlightening explanation of the geology of the Bidwell property and helped explain some of the decisions Josef had to make to take advantage or to "work around" the complexities of the terrain. This talk was just a

whetting of the appetite as we plan to have geology walks at Bidwell to explain some of the peculiar things about the rocks in the area. In addition, our resident geocache expert, Jim Lockhart, aka GO Jim, who you read about in the summer issue of this magazine, donated a cache to the property, named, if you go to www.geocaching.com to look it up, "Eagle Scout Rocks", a perfect name. Alas, Chester residents were the first to find it, but I am sure that Deep River geocache experts will add their name to the roster. And after all we are all part of this great community of small towns, just a few hours away from some big time cities.

So you see here an example of how people from different directions throughout the years have come forward to create pleasure and utility for our town. We enjoy these gifts and we in turn give back to add to them. In the winter issue of this magazine, we will go into more detail about the event, the importance of the Eagle Scout program for our town, some notes on geology, and some tips on how to design a path. We will reveal how Rattling Valley Road got its name. We will also provide some photos of the people who came to celebrate and walk the path because they really represent all of us. For more info: drlandtrust@gmail.com



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Cede Cares

For six weeks Mercedes Peno ran a farm stand under a purple tent every Saturday to raise money and awareness for the Shoreline Soup Kitchen. She assisted her grandfather, Sam Riggio, in growing and caring for a garden from which the vegetables were sold. She made 300 jars of jelly and baked every Friday. Cede raised \$2000 and donated 160 pounds of food to the Shoreline Soup Kitchen.



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Occasionally, other town meetings are also broadcast such as Special Town Meetings and Public Hearings.

Following the broadcasts, discs of the meetings are available in the Deep River Public Library.

Anyone interested in helping with the recording and broadcast of these meetings is welcome -- please contact Margo at 860-526-8933. A short training session at the Valley Shore Community Television studio in Westbrook is required to become familiar with the equipment used.

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Deep River Elementary School PTO

The mission of the Deep River Elementary School (DRES PTO) is to support excellence in education by promoting closer ties and communication among parents, faculty, administration and the Board of Education. Our goal is to provide curriculum and social enrichment activities for all DRES students as well as support to the administration, faculty and staff throughout the academic year. The PTO raises funds to support cultural arts programs at DRES, grade level field trips, field day, 6th grade graduation and more!

This fall, the PTO planned four fundraising activities:

October - Halloween Costume Fundraiser - *Halloween is Around the Corner!* - Please support our school and purchase your costumes at: www.wholesalecostumeclub.com/fundraiser and use Promo Code: FUN1715. You will receive a discount and DRES receives 15% of the profits! Costumes are shipped directly to your home.

Fall Used Goods Drive - The PTO collected the following items:

- Wearable & Usable Clothing (Men's, Women's & Kids)
- Shoes, Belts, Handbags
- Linens (Bedding, Curtains, Towels...)
- Stuffed Animals
- Hard Toys

Ongoing Activities for DRES parents and the community that can earn money for DRES:

Box Tops offer three easy ways to earn cash for our school through everyday activities such as buying groceries, shopping online and purchasing books.

1. Clip — Box Tops coupons are worth 10¢ each when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

2. Stop & Shop through the Box Tops Marketplace (www.btfe.com/marketplace). Up to 8% of each qualifying purchase is automatically donated to DRES. There is no additional cost to you.

3. Buy books — Purchase books online at Barnes & Noble through the Box Tops Reading Room. DRES will receive 6% of your new book purchases and 3% of all other online purchases.

One of the easiest ways you can help is to sign up to support DRES at www.btfe.com. You will learn about new and easy ways to help our school earn the extra cash it needs.

A+ School Rewards Program - Shop at Stop & Shop and earn cash for DRES! The PTO has added the Stop & Shop Reward Program to our fundraising! Simply register your card at www.stopandshop.com/aplus or call 1-877-275-2758 - Use school id# 11128 and KFAB for the password. We need your support!

eScrip Recycling Program - This program is FREE and provides a convenient location for collecting laser & inkjet printer cartridges, used cell phones, iPods, laptops, digital cameras, GPS devices and media (CDs, DVDs/Blu-rays, video games) while raising funds for DRES. You can drop off your items in the collection bin outside the DRES main office whenever it is convenient for you. Periodically, DRES PTO will ship the items collected at DRES to eScrip Recycling and they will then deposit funds electronically in DRES PTO's account!

PTO membership is open to all parents and guardians of all DRES students as well as all DRES staff. All are welcome to attend the PTO meetings to find out more about its activities. If you are interested in helping out with PTO activities or if you have any suggestions for new PTO activities, please feel free to email us at drespto@gmail.com or drop a note in the PTO mailbox in the DRES teachers' lounge. We will be updating the DRES PTO items on the DRES website and the DRES PTO Facebook page regularly. Please check there for more information about DRES PTO activities in the future.

Thank you, 2013-2014 DRES PTO Officers - President: Leslie Sheehan, Vice President: Stacy Meisner, Secretary: Jeni Gray-Roberts, Treasurer: Cari Kirla, Recording Secretary: Amy Petrone

Tri-Town Youth Services

Tri-Town Youth Services has many programs and events planned for fall. Please join us!

American Red Cross Babysitter Training

Learn how to become a safe and responsible babysitter! This course will be offered at Tri-Town, 56 High Street in Deep River, 6:00-8:15 p.m. on Monday evenings, November 4, 18, and 25. Classes fill quickly! Call 860-526-3600 to register. The \$70 fee includes materials, course, and certificate.

Music with Margie

"Music With Margie" is back! Music With Margie is a pre-school music and movement program for 2-6 year-olds and their caregivers, though siblings and home school families are also welcome! This learning environment "is so much fun, you don't even realize your children are reaching developmental goals they need to proceed to 'big kid' school." Join us for this 6-week session! The group will meet on Monday mornings, 10-10:30, October 21-December 2, with no class on Veterans' Day, November 11. Fee: \$35 per child. To register, call Tri-Town at 860-526-3600.

Telethon 2013

Volunteer callers, your friends and neighbors from Chester, Deep River, and Essex will be making calls to fellow residents of the tri-town area during the evenings of Nov. 12, 13 and 14, to seek your support. A nonprofit agency, Tri-Town Youth Services receives some state and municipal funding, several miscellaneous grants, holds fundraising events, collects program fees, and is dependent on donations to meet its annual operating budget. In these difficult economic times, your donations in response to our 14th annual Telethon will be deeply appreciated, as they will help us to continue to provide a wide array of services to local youth and families as we continue to build youth assets.

If you would like to volunteer to help make some calls, please let us know by calling our office at 860-526-3600.

Discipline Techniques

There are many discipline techniques to choose from, but they essentially come down to a few important ideas, such as clear expectations, consistent consequences, and picking your battles. Learn more about the essential tools of discipline and what other books and resources might help you navigate the ins and outs of parenting.

Meet: Thursday, Nov. 14

Time: 6:30-8 p.m.

Place: Tri-Town Youth Services

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Deep River Garden Club

The Deep River Garden Club would like to thank all those who supported our annual daffodil fundraiser held on Family Day and various weekends at the Transfer Station. With your generosity we continue our beautification projects at various town wide locations. Our latest addition was planting under the Veteran's Green sign and flag pole area. We welcomed a few new members recently which also allowed us to work on weeding at Devitt Field entrance area and the squares surrounding the trees on Main Street. We are requesting help in keeping our town litter free. Please properly discard cigarettes and garbage and if you see litter pick it up. Everyone's help makes a difference. Your efforts are most appreciated.

We hope to remove and replace the overgrown shrubs around the Town Landing Gazebo with the help of the town crew members. Autumn clean up, weeding and perhaps mulching the perennial garden also at the Landing will occur. We encourage any feedback from residents for suggestions of what you might like to see done around town. Consider joining us.

The Deep River Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Town Hall at 7pm. We encourage anyone interested to join us. All levels of experience are welcome. Contact Janice Kmetz by e-mail, janice.kmetz@gmail.com or phone 860.790.0432.

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All meetings are held at the Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Board of Assessment Appeals

March and September
Date & times to be announced.
Chairperson: Mark Reyher

Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission

2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Chairperson: Alan Mizejeski

Community Health Committee

3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Chairperson: Russell Marth

Deep River Elementary School Board of Education

3rd Thursday of odd numbered months (except for July) at 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school. Joint meetings with other Region 4 boards during even-numbered months at JWMS
Chairperson: Christine Daniels

Design Advisory Board

4th Thursday of each month (as needed) at 6:30 p.m.
Chairperson: Alan Paradis

Deep River Town Hall Auditorium Management Committee

3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Chairperson: Carol Jones

Board of Finance

4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Chairperson: John Bauer

Board of Fire Commissioners

1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire House
Chairperson: William Spitzschuh

Library Board of Trustees

2nd Monday of each month (except for July) at 7 p.m.
at the library.
Chairperson: AC Proctor

Parks & Recreation Commission

2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Chairperson: Tracy Woodcock

Planning & Zoning Commission

3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Hearings may be scheduled separately.
Chairperson: Jonathan Kastner

Regional 4 Board of Education

1st Thursday of each month, except July and August.
Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at John Winthrop Middle School.
Chairperson: Linda Hall

Board of Selectmen

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Water Pollution Control Authority

1st Monday of each month.
Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at the Treatment Plant.
Chairperson: Ted Mackenzie

Zoning Board of Appeals

3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
(only when there is a case to be heard.)
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Fri. 9am-12pm, Closed every day 12pm-1pm

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Conservation & Inland Wetlands

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Public Works Department

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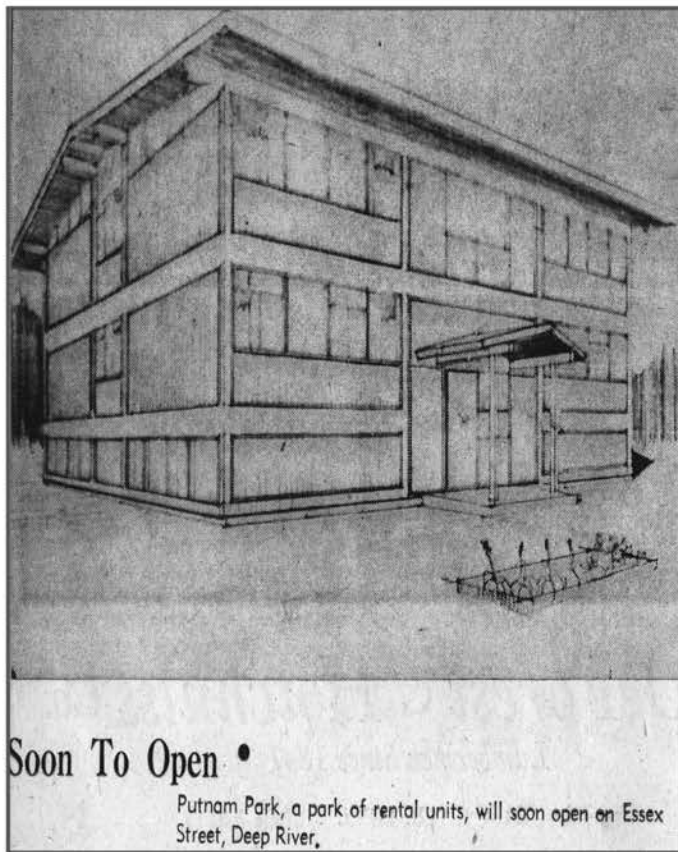
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Deep River déjà vu

March 26, 1959. The back page of the weekly *New Era*, devoted entirely to real estate advertisements, announced the soon to be Grand Opening of the Putnam Park Apartments with this architect's rendering of the four-unit building at the entrance of the complex.

The Putnam Park of a half-century ago represented the finest in apartment living. Long before cable or satellite, every unit at 52 Essex Street was connected to a community antenna system that provided clear reception of all three television channel, no rabbit ears necessary. Through the sixties, seventies and well into the 1980s Putnam Park was the choice of singles and young couples starting out. At the other end of the age range, downsizing empty-nesters traded house maintenance and lawn mowing for a more manageable living space.

By the 1990s Putnam Park had lost its luster. Changing ownership resulted in maintenance deferred. Despite offers to purchase and renovate the property, the owners of the property showed no inclination to sell.

November 15, 2012. Concluding months of negotiations, Paul Kaplan becomes the new owner. After more than a half-century, 52 Essex Street is poised for its second Grand Opening, this time known as Village View.



Deep River déjà vu — Again

Easily recognizable, though less dramatically portrayed in life than in the architect's rendering of 1959, the four unit building that advertised Putnam Park still overlooks the entrance of the complex as it has for 54 years. To help ensure the timely completion and success of the undertaking, the Town made a rolloff available for the removal of demolition debris: the sooner renovations are completed the sooner the apartments will be occupied, and the more quickly the increased property value will show up as higher tax revenues. And once again, companies that contract with the Town generously offered to extend to developers the Town's favorable prices.

Of even greater importance was the agreement to connect Village View to the sewer line that already serves Devitt Field. The investors are freed from the expense to the reconstruction and future maintenance of the original septic system. The Town will gain from the income from the additional user fees, and the increased user base will help stabilize the entire system's operation by spreading the costs over a larger user base.

Unlike dramatic changes along Main Street, the conversion of 52 Essex Street into a bright, new, inviting residential community has gone relatively unheralded. But Village View represents an important vote of confidence in our future. The steady growth of commercial and industrial investment, coupled with Plattwood Park, the Streetscape and other municipal improvements, has affirmed that Deep River is sought after as a place to call home.





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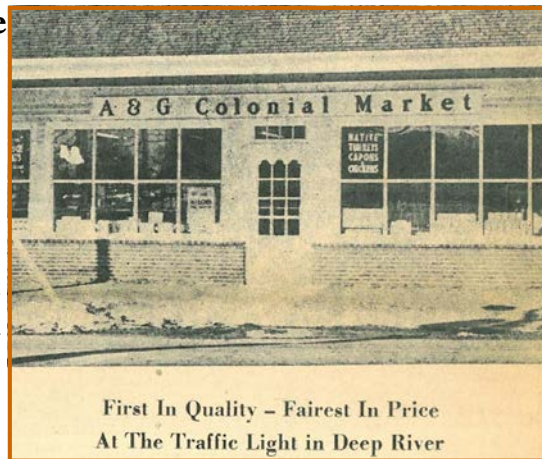
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In 1970 Cumberland Farms identified the Deep River Hardware Company's property, across Main Street from Town Hall, as the ideal location for a convenience store. The parcel, which included the wood frame Arba Banning Homestead, soon had a new owner. The hardware store building was not an issue, and the business continued, now leasing its space from Cumberland Farms. There was no saving the house that Arba built. It was replaced by the CF store.

Meanwhile, across the intersection, opposite Town Hall on Elm Street, first the A & G Colonial Market, then its successor, the Hawk's Nest gift shop, closed. The hardware store, short on parking and with no room to expand, happily traded spaces. The Old Hardware Store, as



it came to be called, lay dormant. It reawakened briefly, welcomed as storage for merchandise salvaged following the fire that spectacularly destroyed LaPlace's Furniture store. Two decades later it served as a way station for inventory en route to Neil Smith's store, the Finishing Touch. Then, in 2008, nearing its merciful demise (to make way for the new Cumberland Farms) the Old Hardware Store performed a final act of noble public service as a setting for firefighters' practice exercises. It was the ideal venue for drills involving interior search and rescue and the techniques of building ventilation. It was the perfect prelude to the Grand Finale: demolition.

For youngsters under 40, and older residents whose late introduction to Deep River has left them historically deprived, the Old Hardware Store was a decaying hulk. But for a slice of our lives, most likely briefer than memory might claim, a group of coffee break buddies brightened the view from across the street. Dick Daniels, who had owned the business and overseen its transition to its new location, resumed proprietorship. He and his friends laid claim to the sidewalk, or during inclement weather, the sheltered entryway.



Peter's high sign is easily understood. As for the others: we are assured that they were merely stating that Deep River is Number One.

Though the cast varied, this group, caught by the shutter's snap is representative. Retiree Dick, with none of the responsibilities typically related to employment, needed no understudy. Peter Nucci worked his attendance around a commute to Middletown. Neil Smith, whose teaching career had been interrupted by a period of entrepreneurship, had returned to teaching, the profession of his choice—he was rarely absent during school recesses. Steve David's schedule depended on the immediacy of the heating and cooling needs of his clients.

Progress can be bitter-sweet. We gain a commercially successful Main Street; we sacrifice a bit of local color. But that is the purpose of memory. There the cheerful band (including Neil, whom we lost in 2011) will wave to us in perpetuity.

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