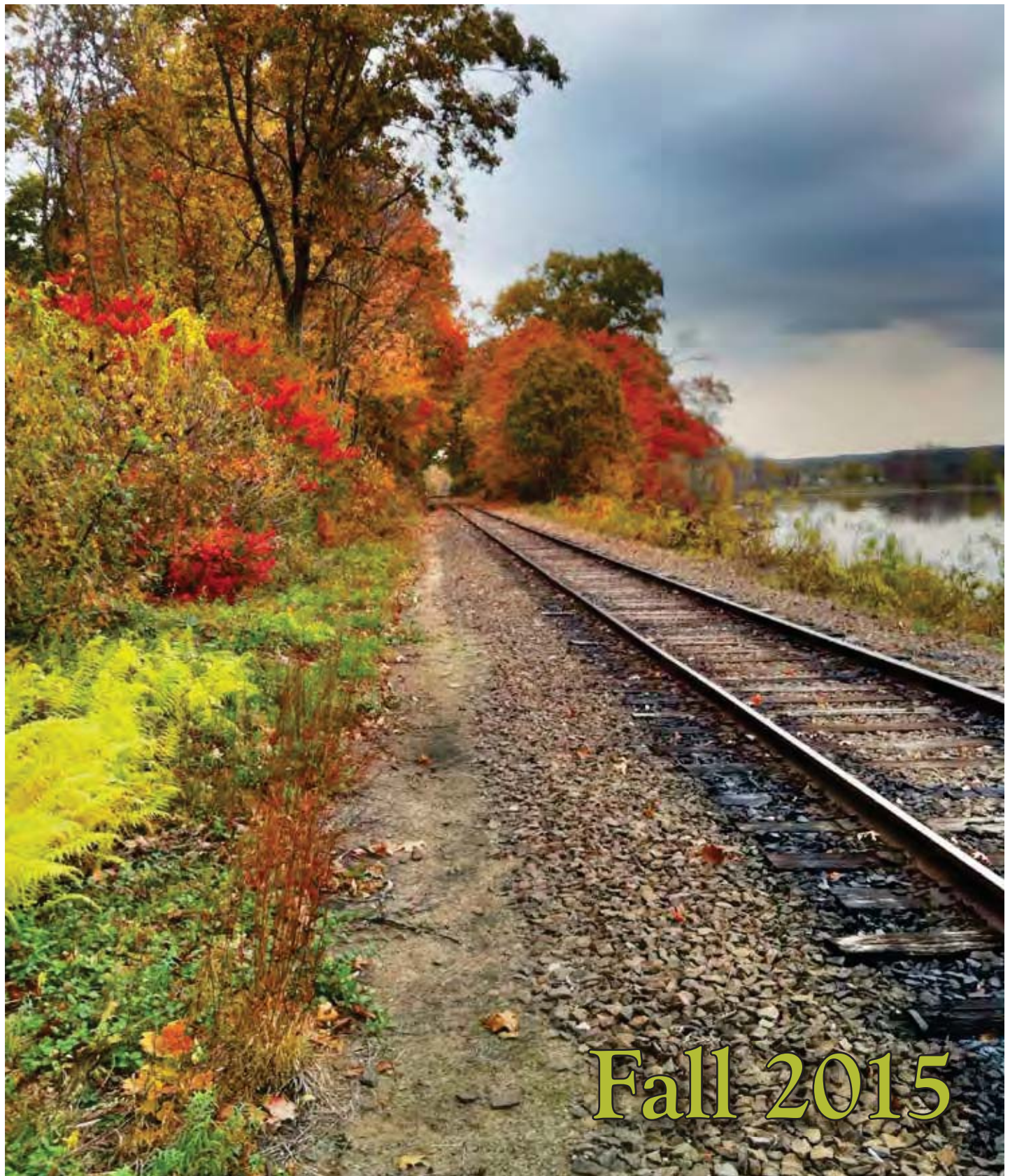




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Up Coming Events

Deep River Fire Department

Antique Auto Show

Sunday, September 27th

9:00 am - 2 pm

Devitt Field

Harvest Fest!

Saturday, October 3rd

5:00 - 9:00 pm

The Academy at Mt. St. John

Octoberfest

Saturday, October 17th

6:00-10:00 pm

The Academy at Mt. St. John

Presented by Deep River Rotary Club

Halloween Parade and Festivities

Friday, October 30th

Starting at 6:30 pm

Presented by Deep River Parks & Recreation

Stuff a Cruiser

Sunday, November 15th

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Adams Hometown Market

Presented by the Deep River Police
and Community Health Committee



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Selectman's News

Grants: Capping the Landfill

I am pleased to report that my application for a grant to fund the decommissioning of the Town's former bulky waste area at the Transfer Station has been approved by the Connecticut Bond Commission. The \$500,000 award will enable us to complete the closure, or "capping", of the site.

This grant is very important. Like many municipalities, Deep River has been under a consent order from the D E E P to meet current environmental requirements. Although the total cost of the process will likely exceed \$600,000, some requirements have already been met. Recent Town budgets have included funding for installation of six monitoring wells, which are sampled and analyzed quarterly.

Engineering plans, prepared by the engineering firm of Nathan L Jacobson and Associates, have been approved by the D E E P. Now, with funding assured, the Town can advertise for bids. The major portion will be the actual capping; 1) trucking in hundreds of yards of approved material, to a depth of approximately two feet; 2) grading; 3) four inches of top soil, and 4) seeding.

To compensate for the increased height of the landfill surface, we will raise the concrete block retaining wall that protects the bulky waste rollofts. My thanks to the DEEP staff for their assistance and patience as we developed our plan, and to Governor Dannel Malloy for his support of our grant application to the Bond Commission.

2015 Projects:

Deep River Elementary School

At the Deep River Elementary School the section of roof between the 70's wing and the new gym has been a maintenance problem. The flat roof, installed in 1997, has leaked when it rained and has failed under the weight of the heavy, wet snows of recent years. The replacement, a more traditional pitched roof, will prevent further interior damage

From Kirtland Street to LaFayette Avenue, Plattwood Park to the Connecticut River, big yellow machines are digging, piling, trucking, dumping, screening, grading, rolling...it seems that a fair proportion of Deep River's surface has been disturbed in some manner or other.

Water

Along Main Street, cast iron pipe dating to 1895 has been replaced by ductile pipe that should well outlive the 120-year-old cast iron. B & L, the Connecticut Water Company's contractor, completed their work on schedule, in early August, and relocated to Read Street, which will have municipal water service for the first time. Then, beginning on River Street, B & L will follow sewer



construction, replacing old pipe and, in some cases, providing new service.

Our thanks to Connecticut Water and B & L for scheduling their Main Street work for the overnight hours. By choosing to have their excavators and other heavy equipment idle during the daylight hours, they avoided the disruption to Main Street commerce that daytime work would have caused.

Gas

By publication time, the Southern CT Gas Company will have begun installation of the six-inch diameter natural gas pipeline, from Centerbrook, north on Route 154 to the intersection with Winter Avenue. This process will be speedier than water or sewer construction—the trench is narrow, approximately 18 inches, with a maximum depth of four feet, and will be above all other utilities. Gas should be flowing in time for the upcoming heating season.

Sewer

Although work fell behind by about a month, the pace has picked up—we expect most areas to be done by October. With increased funding from the USDA, we have awarded the contract for Alternate #1—Kirtland Street between Phelps Lane and the Town Landing. That phase will begin when work on River Street is complete.

With the utilities safely underground, it's the Highway Department's turn: they'll upgrade or replace storm drains and culverts, repair or replace sidewalks, then step aside (temporarily) so that reclamation, grading and rolling can be completed. Proper drainage, reclama-



Selectman's News, cont.

tion, and compaction will add to the life of the pavement. Kirtland Street, River Street and every intersecting byway and cul de sac will be well-drained and smoothly surfaced. After two years of noise and dust, bumpiness and detours, we'll be back to normal... almost.

The first (binder) course of asphalt will be installed this fall, but we know from experience that no matter how carefully we roll and compact the reclaimed roadbed, winter's freezes and thaws will leave behind at least a few heaves and hollows. In the Spring of 2016, the finish overlay will compensate for any unevenness.

We will take advantage of the sewer expansion to finally complete the missing link in our pedestrian-friendly, walkable town—the 200 or so yards of sidewalk that will close the gap between the landing and the annoyingly abrupt terminus at River Lane.

Plattwood Park

Venuti Construction is close to fulfilling their mission to turn funding of \$443,000 into a top quality ball field, with engineered drainage and irrigation. The exercise trail, with five workout stations, will circle the field.

A Course in Cartoons

A few weeks ago, I took a time out from concerns infrastructural to join 53 Parks & Rec summer campers in the Carriage House of the Deep River Historical Society. Divided into four groups, the children—mostly of elementary school age, first toured the C. D. Batchelor exhibit in the Society's Stone House. Then under the tutelage of the multi-talented Tim Haut, and inspired by the trio of artists' models shown here, the budding caricaturists boldly took up their paper and pencil and offered 53 distinctly different interpretations of Miss Pat, Smitty and Jonathan.



The Importance of Infrastructure

Infrastructure = Economic Development;;
Economic Development = Grand List;
Grand List = Revenue.

Oversimplified, perhaps, but true. It is the formula for

maintaining both our quality of life and our Town's financial strength.

Our Main Street Streetscape is the most obvious example. The project, completed in five phases over a ten year period, has come to define the look and spirit of Deep River. I know this because, through my travels, meeting with State Legislators, the Chamber of Commerce or lobbying groups such as the Council of Small Towns or the Connecticut Council of Municipalities, when people hear "Deep River" their response is "brick sidewalks."

Of course the bricks and lampposts have done much more than make us pretty. The Streetscape has encouraged property owners to spruce up their buildings, attracting more shoppers and ensuring that storefronts are rarely vacant. Over time, Deep River becomes a destination.

Serving a growing customer base requires more workers... who themselves become customers. The owners of industrial forms find our Town attractive, and locate their companies in our industrial parks. The taxes on their property and equipment strengthen our Grand List, which translates into increased revenues. And with the increased income, we can better afford to maintain our infrastructure.

Welcome New Businesses

Starting a business takes courage and commitment. Our thanks to this trio of entrepreneurs, and to all the shop owners who have built Deep River's reputation as a retail center. Your success is integral to our economy—and to our quality of life.

Bennett's Books: if you prefer words on paper to pixels on an LCD screen; if bookshelf browsing is your idea of time well spent—visit Bennett's Books. Colin Bennett's shop is tucked away behind Cumberland Farms—look for his sidewalk sign to point the way. Take care not to trip over the alliteration: Bennett's Books' neighbor is the Beauty Barn. 171 Main Street (860) 395-8392

Deep River Farms: Beyond the tidy new retail stand, the neatly fenced and trellised garden, with row after lush row of organically grown vegetables. 362 West Elm Street (860) 227-6728

Edward Jones: You'll easily find the new office of financial advisor Ken Chmielewski right beside Dunkin' Donuts. 246 Main Street (860) 526-0880.

Selectman's News, cont.

Plattwood Industrial Park



At Plattwood Industrial Park, construction of Mislick Drive was a cooperative effort. Top: while the town's front end loader (foreground) goes for another load of gravel, the excavator in

the background nudges some of the bountiful harvest of rocks to the side. Tim Lee, whose Top Notch Electrical will be one of three companies chosen to build on the newly expanded industrial park. Rocks removed during construction of the roadbed are re-purposed as rip-rap along a wetlands crossing.

The Transfer Station — Recycling

It seems that every subject, every activity, requires a report. Whether monthly, quarterly or annually, a report must be generated. Our Transfer Station is no exception, and you

may be interested to see just how many tons, pounds and gallons passed through between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2015:.

Commingled (paper, cardboard, bottles & cans—what we call recycling) 424.66 Tons; Batteries: 1,050 Pounds; Electronics: 78,725 Pounds; Scrap Metal: 152.59 Tons; Waste Oil: 3,775 Gallons; Tires: 5 Tons; Bulky Waste (Deep River): 546.96 Tons; (Chester): 479.88 Tons; Municipal Solid Waste (we call it trash or garbage): 3,670.96 Tons.

Thank You for Your Patience

From Main Street to the Town Landing, construction has disrupted our daily routines, necessitated traffic detours, brought the unwelcome roars and clanks of machinery and deposited layers of dust on windowsills. You - especially the residents and businesses most directly affected—have exhibited uncommon patience and noteworthy understanding. By all estimates the majority of work should be completed by the end of November.

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Savings on Medical Expenses

Since the text below appeared in the Fall 2013 issue of the *News*, updated figures show that the PRO ACT card has provided real savings. The card's effectiveness varies, depending on your present medical coverage, but it costs nothing to find out if it will work for you.

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 have simply mislaid it, they are available from the Town Clerk or the Selectman's Office.

Month	Total Claims	Total Cards Used	Member Rx Cost	Avg Member Rx Cost	Price Savings	Avg Price Savings	% Price Savings
Aug 2013	3	3	\$ 112.17	\$ 37.39	\$ 45.37	\$ 15.12	29%
Sep	21	12	\$ 619.89	\$ 29.52	\$ 555.74	\$ 26.46	47%
Oct	20	9	\$ 394.96	\$ 19.75	\$ 1,311.30	\$ 65.57	77%
Nov	8	8	\$ 245.07	\$ 30.63	\$ 251.26	\$ 31.41	51%
Dec	10	9	\$ 421.34	\$ 42.13	\$ 1,223.59	\$ 122.36	74%
Total 2013	62	41	\$ 1,793.43	\$ 37.39	\$ 3,387.26	\$ 54.63	65%
Jan 2014	12	9	\$ 251.74	\$ 20.98	\$ 465.11	\$ 38.76	65%
Feb	7	6	\$ 913.33	\$ 130.48	\$ 569.12	\$ 81.30	38%
Mar	12	9	\$ 662.00	\$ 55.17	\$ 660.03	\$ 55.00	50%
Apr	10	8	\$ 688.05	\$ 68.81	\$ 1,054.25	\$105.43	61%
May	8	5	\$ 323.99	\$ 40.50	\$ 174.91	\$ 21.86	35%
Jun	13	9	\$ 766.52	\$ 58.96	\$ 222.47	\$ 17.11	22%
Jul	5	4	\$ 114.01	\$ 22.80	\$ 200.66	\$ 40.13	64%
Aug	10	9	\$ 828.30	\$ 82.83	\$ 778.26	\$ 77.83	48%
Sep	3	3	\$ 417.98	\$ 139.33	\$ 65.93	\$ 21.98	14%
Oct	8	5	\$ 773.36	\$ 96.67	\$ 624.05	\$ 78.01	45%
Nov	7	6	\$ 259.55	\$ 37.08	\$ 867.90	\$ 123.99	77%
Dec	6	5	\$ 412.30	\$ 68.72	\$ 258.88	\$ 43.15	39%
Total 2014	101	78	\$ 6,411.13	\$ 63.48	\$ 5,941.57	\$ 58.83	48%
Jan 2015	11	5	\$ 287.89	\$ 26.17	\$ 394.65	\$ 35.88	58%
Feb	2	4	\$ 19.34	\$ 9.67	\$ 13.69	\$ 6.85	41%
Mar	5	4	\$ 123.70	\$ 24.74	\$ 441.64	\$ 88.33	78%
Apr	11	6	\$ 546.47	\$ 49.68	\$ 380.24	\$ 34.57	41%
May	2	2	\$ 107.65	\$ 53.83	\$ 271.06	\$ 135.53	72%
Jun	8	4	\$ 174.90	\$ 21.86	\$ 463.18	\$ 57.90	73%
Total 2015	39	25	\$ 1,259.95	\$ 32.31	\$ 1,964.46	\$ 50.37	61%
TO DATE	202	144	\$ 9,464.51	\$ 46.85	\$ 11,293.29	\$ 55.91	54%

Town Clerk's Office

Welcome New Residents & Property Owners

Sandra K. & Peter A. Niesyn	63 Castle Heights	02/05/2015
Lisa Marie Wickstrom	110 West Bridge Street	02/17/2015
Ronald O. Nash	101 Meadow Woods Road	02/20/2015
Melissa Symonds	141 Cedar Swamp Road	02/23/2015
William H. Hutchings	173 Westbrook Road	02/24/2015
Virginia Pyne	391 Main Street, #405	02/25/2015
Deep River Farms, LLC	362 West Elm Street	02/26/2015
Paul A. & Tiffany A. Bouthillier	66 Scenic View Drive	03/10/2015
Janet J. Zink	391 Main Street, #506	03/17/2015
Michael P. & Carolyn P. Osborne	Lot 11 Merriwold Lane	03/20/2015
Alza Investments, LLC	97 Lords Lane	03/25/2015
Daniel Nadeau	101 Bushy Hill Road	04/30/2015
Barry A. & Agata M. Luff	21 Huckleberry Drive	05/04/2015
Brenda L. Kollmer	14 Sylvan Terrace	05/21/2015
Thomas Martin	61 Essex Street	05/27/2015
Siobhan Stack	73 Scenic View Drive	06/22/2015
Rigoberto Chirinos Galindo	127 Main Street	06/22/2015
Jillene A. Bertolini	12 Jones Lane	06/23/2015
Derek & Kristin Rand	49 Winterberry Road	06/24/2015
Kathleen E. DeGrand	77 Scenic View Drive, #14	06/29/2015
Molly Penkala	77 Scenic View Drive, #4	07/01/2015
Frances R. Kurtz &		
Harold F. Mangler, III	13 Sylvan Terrace	07/02/2015
Michael DelMonaco, Jr.	7 Cloverdale Circle	07/06/2015
Robert E, III & Sarah E. Herrick	87 Rattling Valley Road	07/08/2015
Joshua Stankiewicz	92 Main Street, #214	07/21/2015
Leonard Nuzareno Feroletto	77 Scenic View Drive, #20	07/22/2015
Christian E. & Elizabeth M. Hart	14 Everett Lane	07/27/2015
Liam O'Rourke	345 Winthrop Road	07/29/2015

Passings

Agnes Irene Hager	64 Winter Avenue	01/03/2015
Claire Krawiec	4 Bahr Road	01/11/2015
Ruth K. Schweitzer	79 Westbrook Road	01/29/2015
Robert F. Johnson	14 Lafayette Avenue	02/08/2015
Frederick Trojan	1 Union Street	02/28/2015
Peter E. Fraser	15 Prospect Street	03/05/2015
Frederick C. McPherson	44 Cedar Swamp Road	03/10/2015
Jane Marvin Jones	486 Winthrop Road	03/17/2015
Sondra Carlin Scott	631 Winthrop Road	04/24/2015
William J. Lentz	92 Main Street, #413	04/29/2015
Virginia S. Fanning	60 Main Street, #407	05/10/2015
Mary Grieder	12 Lords Lane	05/15/2015
Margaret C. Bill	116 Rattling Valley Road	05/17/2015
Theresa F. Wester	58 River Street	05/18/2015
Robert B. Blake, Jr.	212 Westbrook Road	06/05/2015
Carol A. Smith	37 Elm Street	06/11/2015
James J. Darcy	132 West Bridge Street	06/22/2015
Elizabeth Woodland	51 Rattling Valley Road	06/27/2015
Douglas H. Ingraham	132 Main Street	07/10/2015
William E. Clayton	61 Bokum Road	07/14/2015
Eileen Winschel	60 Main Street, #308	07/24/2015
Holly M. Lewis	12 Rattling Valley Road	07/27/2015



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Marriages

TNeil P. Hosking & Shannon E. Gates	02/14/2015
Benjamin M. Wetmore & Elizabeth D. Bartek	03/15/2015
Clement Langellier & Freyda Nilda Santiago	04/18/2015
Julio A. Cajamarca Villavicencio & Polaxeni Takos	04/20/2015
George C. Munzner, Jr. & Migdalia Maldonado	05/15/2015
John W. Botticello & Lindsay R. Thomas	05/16/2015
Daniel A. Martinez & Stephanie S. Emmons	05/23/2015
Christopher J. Jagiela & Julia M. Fullick	05/29/2015
Stephen T. Giangrande & Colleen E. Lynch	05/29/2015
Rob David Twiddy & Kristina A. Sawicki	05/30/2015
Jordan C. Jarvis & Rachael E. Cisz	06/06/2015
Ryan T. Heffernan & Karyn M. Figlewski	06/13/2015
Genaro R. Labriola & Chelsea D. Taylor	06/13/2015
Jose Fernando Meraz & Licza Y. Chirinos Paz	06/15/2015
Jesse M. Tucker & Jessica K. Millette	06/19/2015
Christopher A. Parcels & Amy W. Eckenroth	06/20/2015
Daniel C. Carini & Elinor A. Watts	06/27/2015
Nikita Peperni & Rachel E. Fournier	06/29/2015
Jae D. Wolf & Kimberly A. Shea	07/02/2015
Richard L. Cummings, Jr. & Allison I.C. Schrempp	07/11/2015
Jonathan F. Bristol & Brie E. McDonald	07/17/2015
Sean J. Cody & Caitlyn N. Hardy	07/24/2015
Daniel B. Ormrod & Heather E. Tettelbach	07/24/2015
Charles L. Ollero & Emilee M. Roethlein	07/31/2015
John C. Schildbach & Megan L. Forte	08/01/2015
Eric T. Cantlin & Haley R. Macauley	08/01/2015
William J. O'Lynneger & Kristin L. Madden	08/08/2015
William B. Richards, III & Heather E. Shea	08/08/2015
Corey E. A. Stratidis & Heather L. Wright	08/08/2015
Anthony Molina & Christine A. Oliver	08/09/2015
Michael A. Mansi & Brittany A. Ciecierski	08/21/2015
Matthew W. Ramsdell & Jessica R. Molyneux	08/22/2015

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:

Economic Development Commission	term to expire 12-01-2016
Economic Development Commission	term to expire 12-01-2017
Parks & Recreation Commission	term to expire 12-01-2016
Parks & Recreation Commission	term to expire 12-01-2016
Parks & Recreation Commission	term to expire 12-01-2017

Regional Agencies

Agent for the Elderly
CATV Advisory Council District V

Town Clerk's Office, cont.

New Trade Name Filings

Richard Belton	Wild Fire Ventures, LLC	02/19/2015
Janet Rayner	Rayner Art	02/25/2015
Net Commerce Group, Inc.	Victory Payments.com	03/03/2015
Dicknorton Jean-Pierre	DNA Landscaping	03/03/2015
Dione + Soares, Inc.	Shining Stars of South Central CT	03/11/2015
George J. Bahner III	Sea Level Detailing	04/01/2015
Jennifer Fogg-Donahue	Marie Dougherty-Fogg Memorial Fund	04/02/2015
Ian Malli	I L M Construction	04/08/2015
Heather Riebold	Heather Riebold DBA	04/10/2015
Christopher Marra	Leaf Jumpers Music	04/15/2015
Jeffrey Anderson	Americlean Janitorial LLC	04/20/2015
Jean S. Maignan	JM Translations & Services	04/21/2015
Susan A. Schneider	Shandell's	05/19/2015
Net Commerce Group, Inc.	ACH Check.com	06/05/2015
Google Payment Corp.	Android Pay	06/08/2015
Brigida Balbuca	Frida Housecleaning	06/09/2015
Heather LaDucer & Kenneth Chmielewski	Edward D. Jones + Co, LLP	
07/30/2015		
Julia A. Whalen	Frog Hollow Media	08/13/2015
Meredith Dow	Blue Moon Yoga Fitness	08/26/2015

News from the Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES: State law requires all dogs to be licensed in their Town of residence. Dog licenses needed to be renewed during the month of June to avoid a late fee. If you missed it, hurry in to the Town Clerk's office to avoid a larger fee. (New dogs will not be charged a late fee).

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS: Municipal Elections will be held November 3, 2015. Students away at college download and mail in their applications for an absentee ballot for November's Election. Go the Town Clerk's department on our website: www.deep-riverct.us. Once this signed application is on file, the Town Clerk will mail the ballot as soon as it becomes available. The office is open Monday-Wednesday 9-4, Thursday 9-6:30 and Friday 9-noon.

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9 Town Transit

9 Town Transit Unveils New Slogan

This spring, 9 Town Transit (9TT) asked the public to help with a new slogan for the region's bus system. After reviewing the nearly 50 submissions, the district now has a new tag line.

"We wanted something that conveyed the impact public transit has on people's lives," explains 9TT Chairperson Leslie Strauss, "We think 'connecting your Connecticut' does just that."

The winning entry came from Alejandro Callirgos, a local freelance copywriter. He stumbled across the contest on Google. "I liked the idea of public transportation that connects so many Connecticut towns and neighbors", explains Callirgos.

The district plans to use the new slogan to help promote public transit, and will use it on most marketing materials. As the winner, Callirgos received forty transit ride tickets which he will be donating to a local charity to make transportation a little easier for those in need.

9 Town Transit provides service to all parts of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, 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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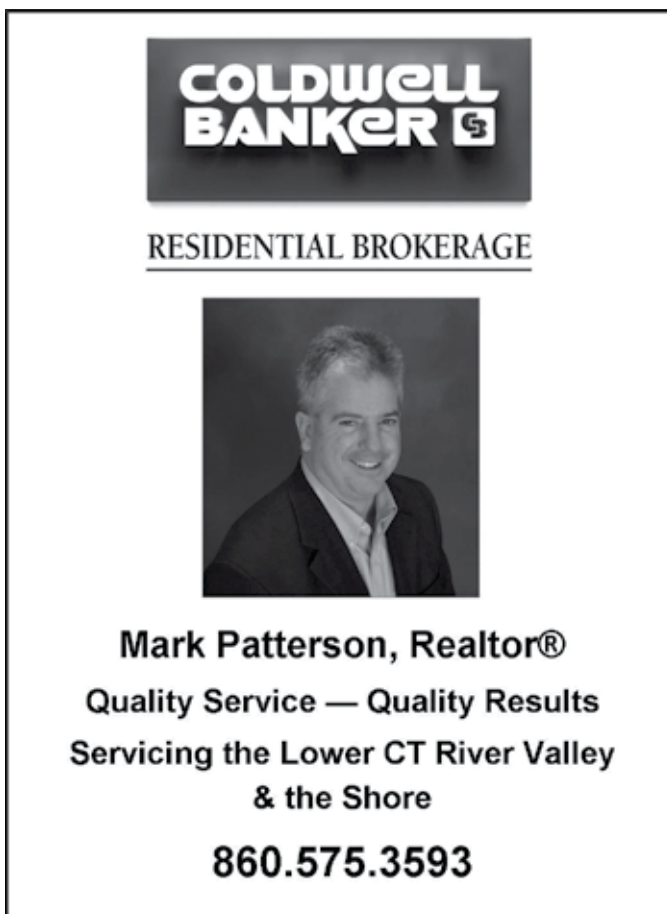
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2015 Revaluation

The latest update on the Town's Revaluation:

As has been reported over the last few months, the Town of Deep River hired Vision Government Solutions, Inc. to assist in its state-mandated revaluation program, required every five years. The reassessment project will establish market value as of October 1st, 2015 and will be reflected in the tax bills issued in the summer of 2016.

The data mailer phase is now complete. The company has sent a data mailer to all residential taxpayers by US Postal Service. We are now jointly in the process of reviewing those that were returned and making appropriate changes in the Assessment database. Any field checks that are needed due to these returns will be made over the next few months.

Vision Government Solutions is now conducting the sales verification process to check that all sales used in the valuation steps are indeed arms length. Additionally, the Assessor's Office and the company are collecting information on all building permits. We continue to try and make our inventory as accurate as possible, only by insuring that we have accurate information can we develop accurate values during the revaluation process.

During the months of September and October, the Assessor's Office and Vision will be conducting the field review portion of the project. This will entail a drive by review of all properties from the street to ensure consistency and uniformity of data and value decisions. In the fall months we will also be updating the image data base with exterior photographs. During the month of December, we anticipate that taxpayers will be receiving a notice of valuation at which time you'll have an opportunity to meet with a member of the Vision staff or the Assessor's Office.

Any property owners who have questions concerning the revaluation process, or questions about what to expect during the data verification process, can contact the Assessor's Office during business hours at 860-526-6029.

October 1, 2015 Revaluation Timetable (Approximate)

Data Collection – Residential/Commercial
October 2014 – October 2015

Residential Data Mailers
May 2015 – June 2015

Data Collection & Image Database
July 2015 - November 2015

Market Analysis and Review
July 2015 – October 2015

Assessor's Review of Valuation
September 2015 – October 2015

Effective Date of Revaluation
October 1, 2015

Notices of New Values Mailed
November 2015 – December 2015

Informal Hearings Conducted
December 2015

Results of Informal Hearings Mailed to All Who Appealed
January 2016

Board of Assessment Appeals Meets
March 2016

Board of Assessment Appeals Decisions Mailed
April 2016

Town Budget Process
February to April 2016

Mill Rate Established
May 2016

Tax Bills Based on New Assessments and New Mill Rate Mailed
June 2016

Tax Bills Due and Payable
July 1, 2016

Deep River Community Health Committee



Hello again from the Deep River Community Health Committee!

We welcomed 3 new members in June: Janice Kmetz, Lori Gregan and Kim Olson. They each bring unique skills and a lot of energy and we are very happy to have them onboard. Our current goal is to increase our visibility and make it easy for people to find the social services they need. Social media is always the best way to spread news so be looking for us on the town website and Facebook.

Today's top story is the Food Pantry: During the summer months, things tend to slow down a bit but once Labor Day is gone the need for a well stocked pantry increases again. As always the most needed items are canned tuna, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and pasta sauces, cereal, juice, boxed macaroni and cheese, and canned fruit. Donations may be left at the Tri-town building on High St. If the social service office is not open, there is a drop-off box in the lobby. We know many of you would like to donate food but find the hours restrictive. The committee is working to find ways to make donating easier. We hope

to set up some places and times outside of weekdays and regular work hours for dropping off food.

The CHC will be in front of the Town Hall on Family Day. Bring a food donation (naturally, we accept monetary donations as well) and be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate to the Deep River Toy Company. Come meet us and let us hear your feedback.

Our 2nd Annual Soup for You fundraiser will be held in October. Delicious soups prepared by local chefs will be offered. One ticket gets buys you as much soup as you can eat. Try them all and vote for you favorite. We'll keep you posted with details as the time draws closer.

This fall we will also undertake our biggest fundraiser of the year, our annual letter writing appeal. Last year residents were extremely generous with donations and it made us very happy to know you care about your neighbors. Deep River is great place to live and these are some of the reasons why. Keep an eye out for our letter!

Have a safe, healthy and happy fall!

Maura Carver, Chairwoman

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American Legion Post 61

This spring proved to be very busy for the members of Post 61 IBELL-JACOBSON-SMITH. Once again, the town of Deep River had a beautiful Memorial Day celebration. Nobody prepares a better breakfast for the veterans than the students at John Winthrop Middle School and Mr. Duffy. It's a wonderful thing to see our local students be able to honor their own grandfathers, grandmothers, parents, uncle and aunts, older siblings who have served this nation. All of us are so proud to see how these students grow into responsible, refined, accomplished Valley Regional High School graduates who exude hope and confidence for the future. And it all starts in Deep River Elementary School. We are blest with the best here in Deep River.

For over 160 years the historic Winthrop Baptist Church on Route 80 has held a Memorial Day Service for the veterans of Deep River and the surrounding area. The people of Winthrop Baptist Church present this service as a tribute to veterans both deceased and living to demonstrate respect for the sacrifices that were made. At our June fifteenth meeting, Reverend Amy Hollis was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. Pastor Hollis has a son and two daughters. She and her husband live locally.

Post 61 was happy to send Francis Stino, now a senior at Valley Regional High School to Boys State. Francis reported that the program was truly outstanding and provided good insight to many career opportunities. He was impressed with several speakers. Francis plans on a career in accounting but is keeping some options open. For more information on this program, please check the web site under Boys State or contact Post 61.

Every year our Deep River Auxiliary Unit 61 is scheduled to provide entertainment and support to veterans at the Rocky Hill Veterans Home. A Post 61 veteran attends as well. The residents very much appreciate a few games of bingo and a diversity of people visiting.

Also in June, the Flag Disposal Ceremony took place in Meriden. Deep River residents returned approximately one thousand worn flags. Post 61 thanks Deep River Hardware for acting as the collection depot for this program.

The American Legion in Connecticut will turn one hundred on June 10, 2019. The 2015 American Legion Department of Connecticut 97th Convention took place in Trumbull in July. Awards were granted for Americanism, Community Service, and to individuals. Post 61 was recognized in all areas.

For Americanism: The John J. Fee Plaque was awarded to Post 61 for our sponsorship of the current winner of the Oratorical contest for the state of Connecticut. Christina Mitchell of Valley Regional High School was awarded the K. Robert Lewis Plaque. This is presented annually to the individual who has been judged on the presentation and knowledge of the United States Constitution and the duties of citizenship; and represents our state in the national finals. Tina is recognized for her outstanding citizenship exemplified in the youth of today. Tina is a senior at VRHS.

The Herbert L. Emanuelson Plaque was presented to Donald Grohs of Post 61 for outstanding contributions to community service.

The Richard W. Anderson Plaque was awarded to Richard Nagot of Post 61 for his active support of the Americanism Program.

Our Post 61 Historian, Ludwig Spokas received an Honorable Mention for maintaining outstanding records and a scrapbook of the current year activities.

The Henry Mayer Plaque for District Commander of the Year was presented to our District 7 commander Robert DeCarlo who is an active member of Post 61.

For outstanding and unusual service performance during the past year the Legionnaire of the Year Award for the State of Connecticut was presented to Cheryl Ely-DeCarlo of Post 61.

The American Legion Department of Connecticut recognizes Deep River Fire Department as the Fire Department of the Year. This is awarded annually to that fire department either paid, or volunteer of any town or city for exceptional service in their member's pursuit of safety awareness for the community and youth of their geography, and their participation of patriotic observances.

Post 61 Commander Cheryl Ely-DeCarlo (860-227-7712) cordially invites interested U.S. military veterans to telephone for more information. Our meetings are held at 7:30pm on the third Monday of the month from September to June at the Deep River Public Library. We have both men and women from all services who regularly attend Post 61 meetings.

Eileen B. Richard, Chaplin Post 61

American Legion Post 61, cont.



American Legion members are pictured with some of the winners of the 2014 Veterans Day Arts and Essay contest.

On November, 11, 2014 the American Legion held its annual Veterans Day Arts and Essay Contest award ceremony at Deep River Elementary School. I am very proud to announce the winners:

Kindergarden:

1st place: Clementine Lavezzoli for her drawing of the Statue of Liberty

2nd place: Tyler Trojan for his multiple drawings

1st & 2nd Grades:

1st place: Addie Gazallis for her painting of the U.S.S. Monitor

2nd place: Regan Grow for his drawing of the U.S.S. Monitor

3rd Place: There was a three way tie Reed Schmelzer for his drawing of the U.S.S. Monitor

Adam Schmelzer for his drawing of the U.S.S. Monitor

Connor Dickson for his painting of Uncle Sam

3rd & 4th Grades:

1st place: Lenette Spanner for her essay on the Battle of Midway Island

2nd place: Joanna Petrone for her essay on the Battle of Midway Island

5th & 6th Grades:

1st place: Grace Cassineri for her essay on the Marshall Plan

2nd place: Ava Schmelzer for her essay on the Battle of Midway Island

3rd place: Jack Whittaker for his essay on the Battle for Midway Island

One behalf of myself and the American Legion we would like to thank all the students who took the time to enter the contest and to the Deep River Toy Co. and Pizza DaVinci for their donation of awards!

Richard Nagot, Children & Youth Officer

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Troop 13 Boy Scouts - Chester/Deep River

Troop 13 Boy Scouts serves the boys ages 11-18 of Chester and Deep River. The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to help young men develop their character and life skills all while having fun. There is much emphasis placed on assisting these young men to develop into strong healthy citizens who will lead our communities and country in the years ahead. The Boy Scout methods help to promote these ideals through the challenge of putting them into practice with the Troop Program. This is done in a way that is both challenging and fun.

A Busy Year for Troop 13:



Chester/Deep River Boy Scouts Troop 13 Wilderness Survival Campout at Cockaponset State Forest. Photo by: Michael Rutty

The Boy Scouts of Troop 13 have also been actively camping and enjoying the outdoors this spring. They have camped as a troop and worked on earning merit badges in Wilderness Survival, Scouting Heritage, Family Life and Fishing at June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford, CT and at Cockaponset State Forest. The troop attended the district spring camporee held at the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds in May. In April scouts from Troop 13 also attended the Merit Badge Madness held at Xavier High School. The boys have certainly had a busy year of fun and learning leadership skills.

June Court of Honor:

Troop 13 held their June Court of Honor at the Camp Hazen Pavilion on June 10, 2015. 87 merit badges were earned by the boys since February 2015.

The Following Boys Earned Rank Advancements:

Second Silver Eagle Palm: Gregory Merola, awarded for remaining active in the troop and earning 30 merit badges after earning the Rank of Eagle Scout.

Star: Jared Hart, Alec Hoehnebart, Edward Lenz, Drake Peterson and Samuel Rutty

First Class: Sean Davis, Gavin Hauswith, Axel Johnson, Anthony Joia, Trey Neubert, Nate Northgraves, Michael Raymond

Second Class: Michael Roise, James Tedeschi, Carter Tiezzi

Tenderfoot: Aiden Bahner

Scout: Parker Gingrave, Zach Kirla, Samuel Iselin, Benjamin Safran, Jack Whittaker

Troop 13's Newest Eagle Scout!!



Troop 13 - Boy Scouts of America would like to congratulate Peter Jones of Deep River for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held for Peter on Sunday August 16, 2015 at the Deep River Town Hall Auditorium.

To become an Eagle Scout, Peter earned 38 merit badges and advanced through the seven scout

ranks by learning Scout and Life skills while simultaneously providing leadership to his Troop and service to his community. One of the final requirements for the Eagle Rank is to show leadership in and complete a service project that benefits the boy's community, school, or religious institution.

Peter's project was to reconstruct a 20 foot long stone wall to enhance the corner of The Deep River Congregational Church's cemetery along Platt Lane and Essex Street. The original wall had fallen into disrepair over the years from erosion. The completed wall complements the existing front wall of the cemetery and new plantings were added to accent and beautify the area.

Completing this project entailed meeting with the church to determine they stone they preferred, securing donations for supplies, designing and overseeing volunteers through the construction and installation of the wall and plantings. The completed project provides an important service to the residents of Deep River and members of Deep River Congregational Church by improving the look of the area.

Information:

To learn more information about joining Troop 13 please contact our Scoutmaster, Steven Merola @ 860-526-9262.

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Connecticut River Area Health District

Connecticut River Area Health District offers flu shots, flu clinics

The 2015-2016 flu season is fast approaching. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that nearly everyone six months of age or older should be vaccinated. The Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD) is proud to announce that we are now able to provide flu shots, and we are approved as a flu vaccination provider with Medicare, Anthem and Connecticare. Applications are pending with additional insurances.

We are planning flu vaccination clinics for the 2015-2016 flu season. Our program is managed by our Public Health Nurse, Sherry Carlson, R.N., and overseen by a local physician. We will likely start this program in the latter half of September and continue into the winter.

If you are part of a group or organization, please let us know if you are interested in having a flu clinic at your facility. We have the ability to take our clinics on the road and set up in a convenient area. We will be happy to arrange a clinic at your convenience. Please call Sherry Carlson, R.N. at 860-661-3300 ASAP for further information and/or to arrange a clinic.

We will also be holding walk-in flu clinics at our office, 455 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, every Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30 starting October 1st. You may get vaccinated without an appointment. Just please remember to bring your insurance card with you.

Thank you for supporting your local health department as we provide this additional service in the name of disease prevention. For clinic information visit our website: <https://sites.google.com/a/crahd.net/crahd1/>

CT River Area Health District Receives approval for environmental class for real estate agents

The Connecticut River Area Health District has received approval from the CT Real Estate Commission for its course offered to real estate agents titled: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND THE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION.

Jim Monopoli, director of health at CRAHD, challenged his staff of 3 Sanitarians, Scott Martinson, Steve

Yenco and Ryan Grenon, to develop a course that would encompass most environmental issues that arise during the real estate sale. "Our staff deals with these issues as part of their daily jobs, and they also receive ongoing training to maintain certifications and to be better Sanitarians," stated Monopoli, "They are our local subject matter experts in these areas, and it is just a natural fit for our staff professionals to pass on their knowledge to RE agents. The better informed the agents are, certainly makes for an easier transaction for all involved."

The 3 Sanitarians worked on the course and completed it in time to offer it last winter of 2015. The course was well received and feedback from attendees indicated it is a good quality environmental primer for RE agents. During the early part of 2015, Monopoli worked with the New Haven/Middlesex Association of Realtors to get the course approved so that attendees would earn continuing education credits to attend. He was informed recently that the 3 hour course was approved for 3 CE credits. A total of 12 credits are required by agents to maintain their licenses.

The course covers topics such as asbestos, lead paint, moisture and mold, radon, drinking water wells and treatment, septic systems and lot improvement requirements.

For more information or to register for the course, Monopoli recommended that agents go through their respective realtor associations. "We anticipate that this course is one that could be offered annually, on an ongoing basis," stated Monopoli.

The Connecticut River Area Health District is the local health department for the towns of Old Saybrook, Clinton, and Deep River.

Dry Pants Model Yacht Club

After a late thaw at the pond, 2015 has turned out to be another wonderful year of sailing for the Dry Pants Model Yacht Club (DPMYC) at Plattwood Pond.

Regular sailing and serious competition happens every Sunday at 10:30am until noon as well as every Thursday at 5:30pm for an hour or so. Sailing on Sundays tends to be more competitive while sailing on Thursdays is more relaxed and focused on sailing skill development. Only bad weather (eg, thunderstorms or major fronts) keeps us from the pond. Light rain is not an excuse to stay home.


Regional New England regattas are a major part of our annual schedule. Routine events have included regattas at Larchmont Yacht Club and Marblehead Model Yacht Club. These are reciprocal visiting events.

In 2015, DPMYC hosted its 10th Annual New England Spring Regatta on May 16. Competitors came from five different regional clubs. Mother Nature cleared out the rain and we had a beautiful sunny day with great sailing wind. As usual, the event was a great success. On October 10, we will be holding our first annual New England Fall Regatta. This will be a one-day event.

Deep River residents are always welcome to give radio-control sailing a try. All you have to do is stop-by the pond and ask any one of us. If you are a sailor, the best thing we can do is get a controller in your hands. The experience is addictive! We also welcome new members and are happy to help with sailing development.

For more information about the Club, visit our website: www.dpmyc.com. Also, feel free to give me a call@ 860-767-5052.

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Deep River Social Services

Energy Assistance

As the weather turns colder, statewide energy assistance programs that help residents with heating bills and conserving energy will begin. Programs are available from September 15th through March 31st. Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) helps income eligible households pay their heating bills. State Appropriated Fuel Assistance (SAFA) helps the elderly and disabled individuals with their heating bills. If you received assistance last winter, you must reapply each year to receive additional assistance. Deliverable fuel applicants, (oil, propane, kerosene, coal, wood) are urged to apply early, as deliveries will begin November 15th. To make an appointment to fill out an application, please contact Rosie Bininger at 526-6033, Tuesday 9:00 – 12:00 or Thursday 1:00 – 4:00 or leave a message with your name, phone number, and best time to reach you.

Operations 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 2015-2016-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, 2015 and runs through May 31, 2016 or when funding runs out. Contact Social Services (526-6033) to see if you qualify.

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Fun For the Kids



Exciting things are happening in Miss Elaine's department at the library! To celebrate our Summer Reading Program, Bam! Pow! Read! Every Hero Has a Story, we hosted Family Night programs every Wednesday. Our line up of programs include live animal shows from Animal Embassy and Stamford

Museum and Nature Center, music and magic offerings, such as Ed Leonard's Silly Song Sing A Long and Mr. Magic, as well as shadow puppet theater celebrating American folk heroes, by Nappy's Puppets. We ended our SUPER SUMMER with a twist when Hula Hooping with Amanda Blake came to visit in August. Everyone was excited to give this program a twirl!

The Children's Department has also continued FUN FRIDAY'S programming throughout the summer, at 10:30 am. In addition to drop in story times, we had several guest presenters for the summer! Our preschool crowd has enjoyed Spanish story time with ABC Amigos and local author, John-Manuel Andriote read his picture book, *Wilhelmina Goes Wandering*.

Elementary school children were encouraged to read 20 minutes a day and bring their log in at the end of the week for a prize and a chance to put their name in for a raffle. Middle and High School students received a raffle ticket each time they checked out books.

This fall Miss Elaine looks forward to continuing FUN FRIDAY'S, every Friday at 10:30am. This program is a power hour filled with stories, songs, open craft, parachute play, sensory table and magic bubble show. We will also be adding the Wednesday night Bedtime Bunch at 6:30 pm, a short and sweet story time for working parents.

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Deep River Garden Club

Come Grow with us! See what the Deep River Garden Club (DRGC) has been up to lately. This is the Winthrop planter, one of many beautification projects members participate in and around our town. We cleaned and planted at the town landing, Veteran's Green, Devitt Field and the library. Thanks to Selectman Dick Smith, several townspeople and local businesses for all their generous support as we continue to add projects and locations to benefit in our plantings and maintenance of town parks and properties. A special thanks to The Whistle Stop for a generous donation from a special Earth Day Dinner celebration and Acer Gardens for donating the plants for the Winthrop planter.

For the first time the DRGC assisted students from the elementary school's Green Club with May Day baskets presented to every resident at Kirtland Commons. Future joint projects are encouraged.

The Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Deep River Ambulance Association building on West Elm Street. We welcome anyone interested in joining our group to contact our club president, Janice Kmetz at Janice.kmetz@gmail.com or 860-790-0432. We hope to add to our annual projects and welcome any suggestions from town residents on what projects they might like to see us consider. We are also on Facebook so please like us, see what we post and join in the fun.



Did you make history by attending our first and hopefully Annual Mad Hatter's Garden Party held jointly with the Deep River Public Library? Fun was

had by all those who attended. Another exciting event to raise money and awareness to the library, children's garden and garden club. Plus non-perishable items collected support our food pantry. Deep River is a gem of a place to live.

Please join us for our annual daffodil bulb sale at the town hall lawn on Family Day 10:00am-2:00pm.

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GrowSMART: A Lower Connecticut River Valley Economic Growth Strategy

If you haven't heard about the Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments, also known as RiverCOG, we are an association of seventeen towns represented by their chief elected officials. Our purpose includes facilitating solutions and planning between the seventeen towns, the State of Connecticut, Federal agencies, and non-profits for land use, transportation, agriculture, emergency management, conservation, and economic development. One of our foremost goals is to encourage a safe and open venue to discuss shared regional options and projects.

GrowSMART, a RiverCOG project, is looking for how the region can collaborate to attract workers and

retain and grow businesses while also conserving our natural resources that are so vital to the region's infrastructure, housing values, and tourism industry.

As you drive, walk, or bike around our region in September and October, you may notice signs, posters, and banners around town. You may see an advertisement while reading a local newspaper or local on-line news. The signs or advertisements may ask a question, such as: "Why can't you find qualified help?" or "Who is going to buy your house?"

Why are we asking these questions? Our Regional Strategic Economic Growth Committee is working with Ninigret Partners to create a regional economic growth strategy. We invite you to visit the project website, www.GrowSMARTregion.org, and learn about our travelling mobile workshop and public forums. There is also an opportunity at the www.GrowSMARTregion.org website to submit your ideas.

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Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley

Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley Announces 2015 Scholarship Award Recipients

In honor of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murtha of Essex, the Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley awarded scholarships to 5 local high school seniors. Scholarships were awarded on the basis of academic achievement, volunteerism and motivation.



Left to Right: Ashley Joie, Ashley Savino, Marina Kohary, Kelly Feola, Stephanie Clapp

"We were delighted to have such hard-working, intelligent and highly motivated candidates", said Susan D. Murphy, co-chair of the scholarship committee and member of the board of directors of Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley, Inc. "It was truly a pleasure to meet these young ladies and it was an honor to award them with these well-deserved scholarships."

Katherine Bender, APRN, board President, stated, "These students can bring a very bright future to healthcare. On behalf of the board of directors of Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley, congratulations and best wishes for successful careers to each of these fine young women!"

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Connecticut River Area Health District

The Connecticut River Area Health District has received approval from the CT Real Estate Commission for its course offered to real estate agents titled: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND THE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION.

Jim Monopoli, director of health at CRAHD, challenged his staff of 3 Sanitarians, Scott Martinson, Steve Yenco and Ryan Grenon, to develop a course that would encompass most environmental issues that arise during the real estate sale. "Our staff deals with these issues as part of their daily jobs, and they also receive ongoing training to maintain certifications and to be better Sanitarians." stated Monopoli, "They are our local subject matter experts in these matters, and it is just a natural fit for our staff professionals to pass on their knowledge to RE agents. The better informed the agents are, it certainly makes for an easier transaction for all involved."

The 3 Sanitarians worked on the course and completed it in time to offer it last winter of 2015. The course was well received and feedback from attendees indicated it is a good quality environmental primer for RE agents. During the early part of 2015, Monopoli worked with the New Haven/Middlesex Association of Realtors to get the course approved so that attendees would earn continuing education credits to attend. He was informed recently that the 3 hour course was approved for 3 CE credits. A total of 12 credits are required by agents to maintain their licenses.

The course covers topics such as asbestos, lead paint, moisture and mold, radon, drinking water wells and treatment, septic systems and lot improvement requirements.

For more information or to register for the course, Monopoli recommended that agents go through their respective realtor associations. "We anticipate that this course is one that could be offered annually, on an ongoing basis." stated Monopoli.

The Connecticut River Area Health District is the local health department for the towns of Old Saybrook, Clinton, and Deep River.



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Deep River Congregational Church

The Deep River Congregational Church invites you to join us for worship each Sunday. We have two worship services: 8:30 a.m., a shorter, intimate service and 10:00 a.m., traditional service with choir. Our Sunday School classes are held during that service.

We've had a busy summer and early fall sharing the good news of Christ's love.

- Our church continues to reach out to our local community by hosting Shoreline Soup Kitchen here every Thursday at 5:00 p.m.; contributing food to the local food pantry every month; serving a hot meal to the Eddy Shelter in Middletown once each month.
- We reach out to the global community, as well, with collections of school and health kits for Church World Service, and contributing to One Great Hour of Sharing. In November and December, our Christian Service Board collects donations for blankets for Church World Service, which are distributed during emergencies around the world.
- Our church hosted a Faith Adventures instead of our tradition Vacation Bible School Program. From June 29th to July 2nd, the focus was on Noah's Ark, and the children created scenery, learned songs and lines and performed a play about Noah and his Ark on the final evening.
- On July 1, Chelsea Chiappa began to serve as our interim Youth and Family Director. She can be contacted at yandfm.drcc@snet.net for information about church youth group activities.
- On the weekend of July 31, our men departed for their 26th Annual Men's Hike. This year they went to Joe Dodge Lodge in Pinkham Notch, NH.
- Our youth scheduled a camping trip on the same weekend to Wolf's Den in East Haddam, to regroup and plan for activities for the coming year.
- Our Annual August Flea Market/Rummage Sale, on August 15th, brought over 80 vendors and many visitors to our church. We were so pleased with the response and the huge amount of donations we received for the church rummage sale. The Rummage Sale has grown to a 4 day event. There was a pre-sale on the night before, the sale on Saturday, a "Trash Bag Sale" on Sunday following worship, and a Boutique Liquidation Sale on the following Wednesday evening. Part of the proceeds for the rummage sale support our Youth Mission Trip Fund. We are so pleased with the community support of this event and are appreciative of all those who rented spaces, donated to the rummage sale, and shopped.

- Parking Lot Fundraiser is underway. The rear parking lot of the Deep River Congregational Church will be completely refurbished this fall. The church is currently raising funds to pay for this work which will cost approximately \$50,000. Since this lot is used by many in the community for functions not necessarily connected with a church service or event, we are asking townspeople to consider a donation to help meet this goal. Parishioners are now making donations or pledges. Donations may be sent to Deep River congregational Church, Box 246, Deep River, CT 06417 with a notation that it is for "Parking Lot Fundraiser".

Please consider worshipping with us this fall as we begin our new Sunday School year and other activities of our church.

- Our new Sunday School season begins on September 13th, along with our Annual Sunday School Mission Fair
- Our 2016 Confirmation Class will be commissioned on Sept. 27th.
- On Saturday, October 3rd, at 10:00am, we will observe the Annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's birthday.
- World Communion Sunday is on Sunday, October 4th, as is our Second Sunday School Chowder Challenge. Come and sample chowders made by members and friends of the church and vote for your favorite!
- On Homecoming Sunday, October 11th, we will recognize those who have been members of our church for 25 years or more.
- On the last Sunday of October, we will celebrate our Joyful Pumpkin Festival and the "Great Pumpkin Launch!"
- November 2nd – Annual Harvest Dinner Theater, 5:30 p.m.

The month of December is an especially busy time for our congregation and offers many opportunities for members of the community to join us as we celebrate the Christmas season. Begin the month by attending our 49th Annual "Ye Olde English Christmas Faire" Week-end. To order tickets for the Dessert by Candlelight or Festival of Music Concert, call (526-5045) or stop in at the church office, which is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 2:00. At this time of publication, Dessert by Candlelight and our Music Concert times are subject to change. Please call the church office to confirm times.

Friday, December 4th ~ Dessert by Candlelight ~ Two Seatings: 6:30 & 7:30 p.m. Enjoy our gourmet desserts & Coffee/Tea ~ \$5.00

Deep River Congregational Church, cont.

Saturday, December 5th ~Ye Olde English Christmas Faire, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Stroll among decorated booths with unique gifts and baskets filled with surprises; home baked pies, cakes and sweets; knitted and crocheted items; toys & games for the children; and of course photos with Santa. Stop by the Country Kitchen and take home sea-food bisque, chili or a fresh-made loaf of bread. Be sure to visit Reindeer Restaurant for a light lunch or snack.

Sunday, December 6th ~ Festival of Christmas Music, 3:00 p.m. featuring Pianist, Bil Groth followed by a reception hosted by Adult Fellowship. Tickets: \$5.00, Children under 6: Free

Other December services and events:

- Sunday, December 13th ~ Las Posadas Parade, 3:00 p.m. Deep River Congregational Church will sponsor a Christmas Procession down the Main Street of town. It will be led by Mary and Joseph and their donkey in the style of the 400-year-old Mexican tradition. Meet at the Deep River Public Library.
- Sunday, December 20st ~ Festival of Music Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. Our church's Senior and Junior Choirs and our Chancel Handbell Choirs will present the gift of a Service of Music for Christmas. The church will be decorated with poinsettias given in memory and celebration of loved ones. A special coffee hour will be held after worship in Fellowship Hall.
- Thursday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve Pageant, 5:30 p.m. On Christmas Eve for over 50 years, young people from the Deep River Congregational Church have performed the nativity pageant, "Thy Light Is Come." Costumed shepherds, angels, and wise men have sung carols and told the Christmas story as envisioned by the late Rev. Walter Euston, former minister of the church.
- Thursday, December 24th ~ Candlelight Communion Service, 11:00 p.m. During the service we share in Communion in the front of the church. The celebration closes as we light individual candles and sing "Silent Night" together.
- Sunday, December 27th ~ Family Worship Service with a special Christmas story by Rev. Timothy Haut, 10:00 a.m. (no 8:30 service)

Please check our church website, www.deeprivercc.org for more information about our church. You may also contact the church office at 860-526-5045 or email: office.drcc@snet.net.

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Each year, our community gathers to enjoy delectable appetizers and desserts from area restaurants and caterers. Last year's winner, Kenwood Catering, returns to defend their title! Other participants include La Vita, Bliss Gourmet, Saybrook Soup and Sandwich, and Essex Coffee and Tea. Be prepared to cast your ballot for the restaurant who takes home the coveted Taste of the Valley fork this year!



The Taste of the Valley Committee is excited to announce changes to the format of the event this year, bringing it back to its roots with the inclusion of a silent auction, making the event BYOB, and focusing on talented local music acts; this year, Arrowhead will be opening for Tri-Town favorite The Dizzy River Band!

Tickets are \$30/each, or two for \$50. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Tri-Town Youth Services at 860-526-3600 or visit our website, www.ttysb.org. Note: This event is for adults age 21+.

Taste of the Valley is made possible by the generosity of our sponsors, including Middlesex Hospital, Tower Labs, and PCI Medical.

To be a sponsor or donate an item for our silent auction, email Dawn Niles at dawnee718@aol.com.

Be sure to "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tasteofthevalley for the latest event information.

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Deep River Historical Society

In a collaborative effort The Deep River Historical Society Trustees, Rhonda Forristall, Kathy Schultz, Jeff and Linda Hostetler joined forces with local legends to create a summer adventure for 50 Deep River Park and Rec Summer Campers on July 9th, that was interactive, fun and (don't tell the campers) educational. "Hunt for History", a scavenger hunt designed by Mrs. Kathleen Mozzochi, is an adventure map created to locate objects from the Deep River Historical Society's collection. Using reading and problem solving skills, campers searched for a variety of items such as a sextant used by Deep River's sea captains, a walking stick that belonged to C.D. Batchelor made from a shark's vertebrae and many more. The program meets a number of points on the State's Common Core State Standards. Additional manpower was acquired with help from Trustees Pattie Unan and Marian Staye as well as our summer interns Zach Just and Elizabeth Toles under the direction of Mary Hambor.

C.D. Batchelor, editorial and political cartoonist for the New York Daily Post and Pulitzer Prize winner was an integral part of our Deep River community for more than 50 years. He gave "Columbia" to us at the height of his career and today our campers pass this wonderful piece of art on their way to and from school. The Park and Rec campers were able to view his most powerful work up close and learn more about the man and his gift to communicate to the world through his cartoons.

The campers then had the opportunity to create their own cartoons using local legends Dick Smith, Ms. Pat Maikowski and Jonathan Kastner as models. Very few people in town know of the



hidden artistic talent of Rev. Tim Haut but he did an amazing job of helping the campers to characterize our local legends. Marilyn Malcarne, art instructor from John Winthrop, worked with the campers to bring their work to life. The results were amazing. Popsicles were awarded to all of the campers for their morning's hard work. Linda Hostetler began the entertainment portion of the program by playing a few tunes on our newly repaired Pratt Read Player Piano made right here in Deep River. Then

Jeff Hostetler thought he could surprise the campers by playing the piano without using his hands. The campers were eager to take a turn at the magic keyboard. While some campers got a big charge out of playing the piano without their hands a few campers turned the tide by playing with their hands. It was the presenters turn to be surprised at a group of very talented young musicians. The excitement in the room was palpable and truly a magical moment.

"Draw Your Own Conclusions: The Political Cartoons of D. D. Batchelor is open weekends through September 20th from 2 to 4 pm. Don't forget the Waterfront tours which continue every other Sat through September.

"Batch" still has a number of friends in town with wonderful stories about the man. Come to our Cracker Barrel discussion to share your story of C.D. Batchelor on August 4th at 7 pm in the Carriage House.

Then come back on September 12th at 7pm to hear Bob Englehart, editorial cartoonist for the Hartford Courant to speak about "C.D. Batchelor and the Golden Age of Editorial Cartoons".

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Mad Hatter's Garden Party



Co-sponsored by the Deep River Public Library and Deep River Garden Club, the first annual Mad Hatter's Garden Party brought guests and hats from far and wide. The fundraiser, held in July on the library's front lawn, featured live music, great food, drinks, prizes and awards for the most creative hats. See the article on page 21.

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Tri-Town Youth Services

Tri-Town Youth Services has a number of programs lines up for fall. Please join us whenever you can! To register, call Tri-Town at 860-526-3600.

Babysitter Training

Learn how to become a safe and responsible babysitter! Tri-Town is offering the American Heart Association's Pediatric First Aid and CPR course along with a babysitter training certificate program. This course provides an excellent opportunity to help youth, 12-17, to build self-confidence as well as job leadership and decision-making skills. Completion of this course is a plus on your Job Bank application. The \$75 fee includes instruction, books, and certificate.

The fall session will be held on Wednesday evenings, October 7, 14, and 21. The winter session will be held on Wednesday evenings, January 20, 27 and February 3. All classes will be held 6:00-8:00pm at Tri-Town Youth Services, 56 High Street in Deep River. Classes fill quickly, so register soon – online (www.tritownys.org) or by calling 860-526-3600.

Tri-Town Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

The first meeting of the new school year will be held at Tri-Town Youth Services at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2015. The Tri-Town Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition is a grassroots organization whose membership is open to all who live or work in the tri-town area who are concerned about substance abuse and committed to its prevention. Many "sectors" of the community are represented on this council: schools, youth serving organizations, law enforcement, government, civic groups, parents students, the faith community and health care to name a few.

At the September meeting we will discuss prevention programming already in place as well as ways of strengthening our coalition. Future meeting dates for this year are: November 18, 2015; January 20, 2016; March 9, 2016; May 18, 2016. For further information, please call Tri-Town at 860-526-3600.

Outstanding Ones

This Parent/Child Play and Support Group is for children 12-24 months.

Meet: Wednesdays (Session 1: Sept. 9-Nov. 18)

(Session 2: Jan. 6-March 9)

Time: 11:00-11:30am

Place: Tri-Town, 56 High Street, Deep River

Tuition: \$45 tri-town residents; \$55 others

Terrific Twos

This Parent/Child Play and Support Group is for children 24-36 months.

Meet: Wednesdays (Session1: Sept. 9-Nov. 18)
(Session 2: Jan. 6-March 9)

Time: 9:30-10:30am

Place: Tri-Town, 56 High Street, Deep River

Tuition: \$60 tri-town residents, \$70 others

Mother-Daughter Night Out: Getting Ready for Change

Join health educator Patricia Cournoyer during a one-evening program, "Getting Ready for Change," designed specifically for girls in fourth or fifth grade and their mothers. Together you will learn about what happens to girls' bodies as they go through puberty.

Meet: John Winthrop Middle School Library

Date: September 30, 2015

Time: 6:30pm

Tuition: \$25 per mother/daughter pair

Counseling

Tri-Town continues to offer confidential, short-term counseling to youth and families residing in Chester, Deep River, and Essex, with daytime and evening appointments available. If you would like to come in to discuss issues of concern to you, please contact our office at 860-526-3600 to schedule an appointment with licensed professional counselor, Gail E. Beck, M.S.

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Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Date: Sunday, October 4

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Deep River Rotary Club

The Deep River Rotary Club heads into the fall season with a number of exciting programs ahead that will help make our community a better place. This year's officers include Stacia Rice Libby, president; Desiree Richard-ell, President-elect; Tim Haut, Secretary; Jill Merola, Treasurer and Kevin Brewer, Sergeant-at-arms. The officers were inducted at the end of June at the annual Rotary Summer Celebration held at Griswold Point in Old Lyme.



At this festive June event, the Rotary Club presented the annual "Deep River Citizen of the Year" award to Jayne Mather Pitts, a local resident who has been involved behind the

scenes in numerous community organizations, including the Deep River Board of Finance, the Historical Society, the Fountain Hill Cemetery Board of Directors, and the Deep River Congregational Church.

The Club also has awarded its 2015 Rotary Scholarship to Valley Regional High School senior Marina Kohary. Marina is an honor student and is planning to attend Central Connecticut State University in September as she prepares for a career in nursing.



The Club supports local projects including the annual early morning Tai Chi class, which met twice a week throughout the summer at the Deep River Town Landing. It will also be partnering with the Deep River Park and Recreation Board to help sponsor the annual 5-K Deep River Run held on Deep River Day, this year on Sept. 19th. The goal this year is 200 runners

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Fourth Annual Deep River Octoberfest will be held on the great lawn of the Academy at Mt. St. John on Saturday, October 17, from 6 to 10 p.m. German music and food will be featured, along with beer and other beverages. A fantastic silent auction will be held, along with the added entertainment of a number of Octoberfest traditions,

including a German cake eating contest and a Beer Stein Hoisting challenge. Of course, everyone will be encouraged to join in the Chicken Dance and make merry in one of the most beau-



tiful locations along the Connecticut River as well. Tickets are \$65 for individuals and can be ordered in advance on line through the link on the Deep River Rotary Club Facebook page. They are also available from Deep River Rotary members. Why not get a group of six friends or co-workers together and sponsor a table with your name on it for \$450! It will be a great time again this year at what is becoming a wonderful Deep River tradition.

The Club honors a Valley Regional Student of the Month throughout the academic year. This Spring the Club's honorees included Francesca Daniels, nominated by biology teacher Donna Marie Peano; Bobby Hamblett, nominated by math teacher Kathleen Bergman; Emily Robbins, nominated by English teacher Cynthia Gallipeau; James Whalley Jr., nominated by math teacher Kathleen Bergman; and Aidan Walsh, nominated by Coach Kevin Woods.

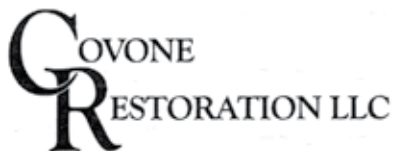
Deep River Rotary Club also invested \$2,000 in the 'Backpack Program' at John Winthrop Middle School and Valley Regional. The program was founded to provide support to students whose families are experiencing financial difficulties. Backpacks are provided each Friday during the school year so that these students can take home a pack full of snacks and nutritionally balanced food to eat over the weekend. The program is sustained by community volunteers who shop and pack the bags themselves. Jessica DiLuca, one of the founders of the program, came to the May 19 Rotary meeting to receive the check from Club Treasurer Jill Merola, noting that the program will need \$5,000 in individual and organizational donations to keep going for a year.

One of the Deep River Rotary Club's projects was the placement of the elephant statue in front of our Town Hall. It has become a community landmark,

Deep River Rotary Club

with visitors often stopping to take their pictures with our elephant. The bronze statue reminds the people of Deep River that this town was once the epicenter of the world's ivory trade. Great ships brought tons of elephant tusks from Africa for use in the industries that abounded in the Connecticut River Valley. These included factories that made ivory combs and buttons, billiard balls, and piano keys. Ivoryton itself bears witness to this trade, as do local landmarks like Keyboard Pond. Unfortunately, thousands of great creatures were massacred to provide the ivory that made Deep River prosperous, and Deep River has been at the forefront in raising awareness of the need to save the elephants worldwide today. Our Rotary Club held a contest to name our elephant, and the winning name was "Hope," submitted by Deep River resident Rose Quinn. She was awarded a "vegetable ivory" bracelet at a ceremony held at the Red House Restaurant this Spring. We share a "hope" that the use of elephant ivory throughout the world will come to an end.

The Club is a local chapter of Rotary International, devoted to the club motto of "service above self." The Club meets at the Ivory Restaurant every Tuesday at 12:15 and guests are always welcome. The Club is always seeking new members who enjoy the fellowship as we look for new ways to support Rotary's goals. A "Meet and Greet" session to learn more about Rotary will be held this fall and interested men and women are encouraged to come and find out about our Club. Members of the Club include Kevin Brewer, Kenneth Chmielewski, Tim Haut, Phyllis Haut, Chuck Hedge, Stacia Libby, Tom Lindner, Jill Merola, Lorrie Milton, Lorianne Panzara Griswold, Arlene Pressman, Linda Rice, Desiree Richardell, Skip Routh, Nancy Simonds, Dick Smith, Gina Sopneski, Hedy Watrous, and Ken Wood.



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The Fountain Hill Cemetery wishes to thank the Valley Regional students who came on May 19th to decorate the graves of our veterans as part of their Warriors in the Community Project. These students covered 50 acres of ground, replacing 650 flags to honor our veterans. It was a job well done.

Work continues on the chapel with the repointing of the exterior granite by John Dube. We would like to thank Whelen Engineering for the use of their lift to assist John in this project. We were fortunate to find two wall sconces in the chapel however, four are missing. Grayson Reinhold is working on refurbishing the two and recreating four more to complete the room. Interior electrical work has started and we hope by fall to have light in the chapel. Mark Lowrey has been working all winter on the benches, refinishing and rebuilding when needed. Anyone interested in making a donation in memory of family members to the bench or light projects should contact Mark Lowrey at 860-526-4259.

Planning for the future? Plots are available. Plots are also available in the Pet Cemetery. Our Fall Walk with Tim Haut will be in late October. Watch for details.

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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 promotion and more!

Ongoing Activities for DRES parents and the residents of Deep River that can help support DRES PTO:

Box Tops for Education - Box Tops offers 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. Shop — 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.

In addition to Box Tops, DRES PTO collects Labels for Education and IGA Brand Labels to earn money for DRES. Each bundle of 500 IGA Brand labels is worth \$50.00. Please send in any IGA Brand labels to DRES and the PTO can earn money from them.

Adams Community Rewards – Please register your Adams card at <https://adams.reachoffers.com> and choose Deep River Elementary School – PTO for the Community Rewards. This will help raise money for the DRES PTO while you shop at Adams.

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PTO - DRES PTO signed up to receive donations from the AmazonSmile Foundation. The AmazonSmile Foundation is a private 501(c)(3) foundation created by Amazon to administer the AmazonSmile program. If you shop on <http://smile.amazon.com/> and choose Deep River Elementary School Pto Inc as your charity, then 0.5% of the price of your AmazonSmile purchases is donated to DRES PTO.

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!

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.

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.

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Deep River Parks and Recreation

As fall approaches we are gearing up for the annual 5K run/walk and 1 mile fun run. Save the date of September 19th as we celebrate family day. As usual, the day will kick off with the fun run at 8:15 am and road race at 9:00 am. and will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display at Plattwood Park, sponsored by Haynes Materials and Whelen Engineering. The fireworks will begin at approximately 8:30 pm.

On-line race registration is open now at <http://raceroster.com/events/2015/5992/21st-annual-deep-river-5k>. Register early and receive a discount. Free t-shirts to the first 100 paid 5K participants. Mark your calendars!

The Commission has sponsored many bus trips this year and all have been well received. Our trips have taken people to the RI garden show, to Broadway, the 911 museum in NYC and to Hyde Park, New York to the homes of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt. We have rooted for the Red Sox at Fenway Park and took in the beautiful views of Narragansett Bay aboard a catamaran during a steady summer rain. Our calendar of trips for 2015 isn't done! Don't miss out on the fun! We have four trips left this year.

- On Sunday, September 13th, travel with us and cheer for the Bronx Bombers at the new Yankee Stadium .
- On Wednesday, September 23rd, jump on the bus and join us at the Bronx zoo and/or Botanical garden. This is a school holiday so bring the whole family.
- In October on Saturday, the 17th , we will travel to the Northwest "quiet" corner of Connecticut to see the fall foliage and sample some local wine.
- Rounding out our year will be a festive trip to Newport, Rhode Island, on Sunday, December 6th, to see three of the Newport mansions decked out in their holiday splendor. Shopping time in downtown Newport is also included.

See all the details for these trips on the town's web site and sign up today! Spaces are limited.

Our summer was a busy one. In June we held the 7th annual Deep River carnival at Devitt Field. The carnival brought out hundreds of local families who enjoyed this summer tradition. Local bands played, Irish step dancers performed and people enjoyed all that the carnival had to offer.

Our summer concert series concluded on Thursday, August 13th, when Shore Grass performed on the Town Green. The series ran for eight weeks and was well attended each week. We were lucky as Mother Nature only forced one concert indoors! The concert line up was as follows: Say What?, Ryan Hart and the Blue Hearts, Old Lyme Town Band, Gatekeepers, Brad & Brian, The Meadow Brothers and Java Groove. Thanks to all of the area restaurants who offered their tasty food items during the concerts for all to enjoy.

The summer youth camp ran for six weeks, from June 22nd to July 31st. It was very popular this year and was filled to capacity every week. The camp ran from 9:00-3:00 with a pre-camp and an after camp care option available. There was also an option to enroll for a half-day camp session; either 9:00-12:00 or 12:00-3:00. The campers enjoyed field trips to Hammonasset State Beach, Chatfield Hollow State Park, Knight's Quest/Fun Squared Laser Tag, miniature golf, Harvey's Beach, and to Bounce U in Branford. The camp was so well attended that the Commission will be investigating whether or not to extend the length of camp to 8 weeks.

Looking back to May, the 30th annual Sonny Stebbins Memorial Fishing Derby was held at Plattwood Park. It is always held the second Saturday of May, rain or shine. The derby, which began in 1983, was later named in honor of Sonny, a Deep River native, who had an abiding



love of fishing and grew up enjoying the town's parks. The family has supported the derby every year with their donations of time, energy and financial assistance. Now at their request, Sonny's name will be removed from the title, but not from its heart and soul. The derby will continue so that all area youth can feel the thrill of catching that prized trout for years to come.

To mark this special anniversary, Richard Smith, the First Selectman of Deep River along with Parks and Recreation members presented a plaque and flowers to the Stebbins Family as a token of the Town's gratitude for their continued support.

Deep River Parks and Recreation, cont.

Congratulations to all who participated and enjoyed a wonderful day of fishing. Prizes were awarded for largest catch of the day and in three separate age categories as follows:

Overall winner for the biggest rainbow trout, measuring 14 1/2 inches, went to Griffin Smith, in the 12-15 year old division. Besides winning a new fishing pole and tackle box, Griffin's name will be engraved on the Fishing Derby Plaque located at Deep River Elementary School.



AGES 12-15 YEARS OLD WINNERS:

1st Prize - Griffin Smith	14 1/2 inch trout
2nd Prize - Allie Champion	14 inch trout
3rd prize - David Uphold	13 3/4 inch trout
4th prize - Dale Robinson	13 1/2 inch trout

AGES 9-11 YEARS OLD WINNERS:

1st Race Greenawalt	8 inch trout
No 2nd and 3rd prize winners	

AGES 5-8 YEARS OLD WINNERS:

1ST Prize- Joanna Petrone	10 1/2 inch trout
No 2nd and 3rd prize winners	

Back in the spring, The Parks and Recreation Commission offered a photography course taught by local professional photographer, Steve Nadler. The students learned basic as well as advanced photography and camera techniques. If you missed it, don't fret as he will be offering a fall class

as well. Check the website for all of the details. Get outside and capture the world! Classes include time in the field, personal instruction and classroom critique.

The Commission continues to sponsor the 'Misfit Cruisers' Cruise night at Plattwood Park. Weather permitting, every Tuesday through September 16, 2015 starting at 5 pm you can head down to the park and enjoy some antique, classic and unique cars. Food is available for purchase from Chris' Hot Dogs, so plan to head down for dinner and enjoy the trip down memory lane.

New this summer at the Town landing, has been the addition of the Simon's Marketplace vending boxcar. The menu offers many of the favorites that are served up at their downtown Chester location. While parking issues remain a concern, people have been heading down to the landing and discovering how beautiful the park is. Drive down there for lunch or dinner and enjoy the gorgeous views of the Connecticut River, its flora and fauna and of course, the passing of the steam train and river boat.

Our always popular 'movies on the beach' series concluded on August 28th. Many enjoyed the free family movies every Friday night by spreading out a blanket or setting up lawn chairs. Some families spent the whole day at the park playing basketball, swimming or climbing on the playground before settling down to catch the featured movie with friends.

At Plattwood, work is ongoing on the new ball field along with the walking and fitness trail. At Devitt field after years of fundraising efforts, the new playscape is finally going to be a reality. The Commission is anticipating placing the order for the new structure soon.

The Commission is always looking for ideas and input from town residents. Give us a call or send an email if you have a program or bus trip idea in mind. Better yet, consider joining us. Currently we have vacancies on the board. We need your help to keep all these exciting programs going!

Don't forget to check us out on the Town's web site to keep up on all our latest news and programs!

Board & Commission Meetings

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: Maura Carver

Deep River Elementary School Board of Education

3rd Thursday of each odd numbered month (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: Michelle Grow

Design Advisory Board

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

Deep River Town Hall Auditorium Restoration Committee

2nd Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.
Chairperson: Arthur Thompson

Board of Finance

4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Chairperson: George Eckenroth

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: Michelle Emfinger

Park & Recreation Commission

2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Chairperson: Justin Waz

Planning & Zoning Commission

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

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: Chris Riley

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.
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Chairperson: Don Grohs

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

Note: If a scheduled meeting falls on a legal holiday, check with board or commission for rescheduled date. You may also check the meeting calendar on our website: www.deepriverct.us.

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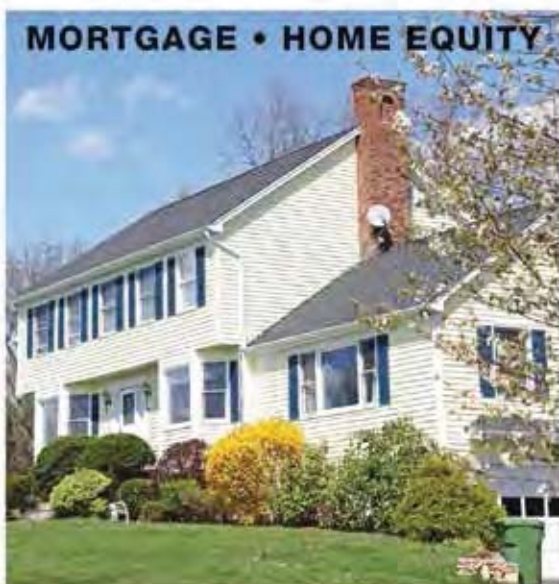
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