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THE IVORY TRADE

In 1809, George Read began a business manufacturing Ivory Products at the site now occupied by the Piano Works. The town grew up around this industry. For generations, the children of Deep River cut their teeth on ivory rings. Their parents became skilled at turning ivory into combs, buttons and especially piano keys.



The Pratt, Read & Co. Factory became the Nation's Main Supplier of Piano Keyboards. During World War II, this factory also produced more than 900 Waco CG4A Glider Aircrafts to carry troops and supplies into combat. The present building, erected in 1881, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Summer
2012

DAREing, Inventing, Scouting, Competing, Running - Exuberant Youth



DARE to say "no". Resident Trooper Cope's Class of 2012 combines graduation with a Rock Cats game.



The DARE car in the Memorial Day Parade.



Deep River Elementary School Invention Convention participants.



Brownie Troop 62142 after a civics lesson with the First Selectman.



Special Olympics torch heads south on Main Street.

The Buddy Track Team pairs special athletes with John Winthrop and Valley students. Organized by Morgan Hines, a Valley Junior, Buddy Track is sponsored by Deep River Parks & Recreation, the Town of Westbrook, Child and Adult Orthodontics, Gorilla Graphics and Wildwood Pediatrics.



Upstairs, downstairs, change is all around: at Town Hall renovations & restoration; on Village Street pedestrians only & a look ahead to electric



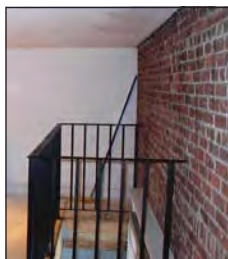
**SIDEWALK
CLOSED**



Across the river & over the bridge, to Atwoods' house we go. Ken & MaryAnn offered to share their front yard with pedestrians for the duration.



Selectman Dave Oliveria (*center*) who designed and built (and drives) his own battery-powered pickup truck, was the driving force behind the installation of this electric vehicle charging station. Supplied at no cost by CL&P, it is the first municipally-sponsored EV station in our area, and has been dedicated to local EV pioneers Bob Rice and Jack Gretta. The ceremony drew about 30 people, including these members of the New England Electric Automobile Association. The unit, which is behind the library, was installed by our Highway Department



The stairway leads from the Selectman's Office to a brand new space (*above*). The south side of Town Hall originally had 16 foot ceilings, almost two full stories high. It will be perfect for file cabinets and other storage, as well as a quiet workplace. The column at left is one of four hefty lollies with their feet on the basement floor that reach upward to support the front of the balcony.




(*Above*): Disembodied legs have been a familiar sight around Town Hall as workers snaked wires and inventively shaped ductwork to fit a 21st Century HVAC system into this 19th Century building. (*Right*): Town employee (and volunteer firefighter) John Eli, with Chief Tim Lee working from the bucket of DRFD Tower 1 gingerly removes a curved corner window for repair. To return the theater (*below*) to its original multi-function purpose, the fixed seats will be relocated to the balcony, replaced by ranks of upholstered chairs that can be folded and stored, leaving the floor clear for banquets and fancy balls.



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Upcoming Events

Deep River Ancient Muster

The DRAM is the oldest and largest gathering of fife and drum participants and enthusiasts in the world and has been referred to as "The Granddaddy of All Musters", and "A Colonial Woodstock".

TATTOO: Friday, July 20th, 2012 starting at 7:00pm at Devitt Field.

PARADE: Saturday, July 21st, 2012 starting at 11:00am. The parade starts at the corner of Main and Kirtland Streets and proceeds down Main Street to Devitt's Field.

MUSTER: Starts immediately following the parade at Devitt Field.

Summer Concerts

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Family Day

September 15, 2012
Save the Date!



Deep River News

Summer 2012

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On the Cover:

Our New Look

We hope you find our new color pages as exciting as we do. We are so used to bright colors, especially photographs. For a series of historical retrospectives we've been planning, even the black and white "before" photos that illustrate our past will show better on the higher quality paper color requires. Color is more expensive, of course, so some of the added pages have been devoted to advertising.

Our publication is among the oldest of the town newsletters in this area—Our first issue, Volume 1, Number 1, (20 pages including front and back covers), reached mailboxes in the Fall of 1995. Most recent issues have included more than 40 pages. Like our neighboring towns, we depend on the quality craftspeople at Essex Printing for our production needs.

But that is where the similarity ends

The Deep River News is the only local publication for which Town Hall staff is responsible for editing as well as advertising. This keeps our expenses low and allows us to charge substantially less for advertising than others. The Deep River News depends on advertising revenues to keep it close to a break-even operation. Our advertisers know that the Deep River News is delivered to every household and business in Deep River. They support this publication—I urge you to support our advertisers.

And now...the rest of the news.

Village Street Bridge

In early April, nearly six and a half years since the project was approved and an 80 per cent Federal Grant was awarded, work finally commenced on replacement of the Village Street Bridge. Because of the considerations due to neighbors, the Library and its patrons, utilities, subcontractors and residents who depend on the Village Street Bridge on a daily basis, the planning process was often intense. But it is just those complicated preparations that make this project an excellent example of the need for cooperation among all concerned:

The Library's routine would be altered, with a portion of the parking lot devoted to construction equipment and staging of materials, as well as the noise generated by the construction itself.

Among the elements that were considered long before the first shovel could be turned were the public utilities. The Connecticut Water Company, CL&P, Comcast & AT&T had to relocate their wires, cables, pipes and poles to allow demolition of the old bridge and to make room for construction of its replacement. Both the temporary and permanent locations required that easements be obtained from abutting property owners. There is no way to avoid all inconvenience to the neighbors, but the Town, contractors and utilities worked to minimize disruption to their daily lives.

During meetings with the utilities the Connecticut Water Company agreed to replace the existing six-inch main with an eight-inch pipe from Main Street to the west side of the new bridge. Still under discussion with CL&P, Comcast and AT&T is the possibility of placing their wires and cables below ground from Main Street as far as the intersection with Rogers Lane.

Although this embellishment would be outside the boundaries of the bridge replacement itself, it is well worth investigating the possibility. In the end the cost may prove to be prohibitive, but I feel that it is part of my job to explore every possible option. If we are successful it will be due to the spirit of cooperation among all involved.

Another issue of concern was the interruption of pedestrian traffic. Village Street is a popular route for both recreational walkers and residents from west of the stream who walk to and from Main Street to do their shopping and conduct other business. How could we accommodate that foot traffic for the eight months until the new bridge would be in place?

Nathan Jacobson and Associates, the Town's engineers, advised that funding for a pedestrian bridge would not be covered under the terms of the grant. But once again the cooperative spirit among all involved illustrated the importance of friendly relationships. During one of

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our many pre-construction meetings, when the subject was raised, the Brunalli representative offered the use of a structure left from a previous job. They would not only supply the walkway, but would install it over the Deep River if the Town would be responsible for the connecting ramps. Finally, the generosity of Ken and Mary Ann Atwood allowed us to route the foot traffic along a path across their land, with the understanding that their property would be restored by the Town when construction is over.

The first phase of construction was the installation of a steel coffer dam to isolate the area of construction from the stream and its marine life. The old bridge has served us well. I doubt that when it was built in 1915 the planners and contractors of that time envisioned the amount of traffic it would see. The replacement has been engineered to last as long. It will be wider, to better accommodate pedestrians, and has been designed to be more esthetically pleasing.

Construction is scheduled for completion in December 2012. As is true with every project we undertake, the Town has worked closely with the contractors and utilities. In some cases our assistance brings the project to an earlier completion. As in the case of the pedestrian bridge, cooperation often leads to extras that, at little or no cost to the Town, add value. Regardless of this temporary inconvenience, by this time next year we will be accustomed to our new bridge, and some other project will no doubt be the subject of this column.

Main Street Streetscape -- Phase Four

My first report on this downtown facelift appeared in the Spring 2007 issue of the Deep River News, when I announced that we had been awarded a Streetscape grant. At that time I had no idea that it was to be but the first of five phases of our Main Street makeover. At this writing we are wrapping up Phase 4, which included the approximately 1,100 feet from Spring Street to a point past Winter Avenue. Because of the amount of work done by our Highway Department (site preparation, installation of electrical conduit, top soiling and seeding, to name some of the chores they undertook) we are able to stretch the \$150,000 grant to include the east side of the block between River and Essex Streets.

In the process we created an island that will better define parking for the Pizzeria Da Vinci.

Main Street Streetscape -- Phase Five

Plans to extend our bricks and streetlamps from Lafayette Avenue to the intersection of Union Street have been approved by state agencies. By the time you read this we should be ready to advertised for bids. We anticipate that this section of the Streetscape, approximately two-tenths of a mile, will be completed before year's end.

As I look out from my Town Hall office I am pleased to see, in every direction, solidly constructed brick sidewalks that will both beautify our downtown and serve to attract walkers—and shoppers—for many years to come.

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Same name, new look! Six months in preparation, our new web site made its formal appearance on May 18th. Over time the previous version had become a little clunky—this new design offers the basic information about our town—phone numbers, office hours, locations and the like--that newcomers and visitors will find especially helpful. It is simpler to navigate and much easier for us to keep it up-to-date.

Take a look, see how it works for you, then let us know what you think. You can use the "Contact Us" button on the left side of your screen.

Memorial Day

Two nearly perfect days blessed our Memorial Day parades and ceremonies. It was inspiring to see, as I marched the two very familiar parade routes in Winthrop and Downtown, the residents who turned out to honor our veterans and to applaud the groups that marched. My thanks to everyone who organized and took part in this two-day event.

Memorial Day is a bitter-sweet holiday. We celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as we acknowledge the debt to our veterans, those who have returned—and the many who have not. It is a day of picnics and family get-

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together, the unofficial First Day of Summer. Yet the memory of "Taps," the poignant 24 notes that seem able to elicit tears with the very first sound, remain to temper our holiday spirit. I want to thank Harvey Redak who has attended Deep River's Memorial Day Parades and Ceremonies playing taps for many years.

Deep River has the distinction of marking the holiday with not just one, but two Memorial ceremonies. Following the smaller Sunday parade and ceremonies in Winthrop, marchers re-assemble at the John III Sobieski Club on Woodland Road. Like many such organizations, the Sobieski Club was established to act as support for, in this case, Polish immigrants, many of whom settled in that neighborhood (which explains why the main road is named Warsaw Street). Poland took an active part in our Revolutionary War. Two generals in particular, Casimir Pulaski and Thaddeus Kosciuszko, fought on the American side. After the war Kosciuszko became an American citizen, and was given a grant of land in honor of his service. Pulaski fared less well. His service was so appreciated that he was granted citizenship, but he did not live to enjoy his citizenship—he died in the Battle of Savannah in 1779. (Thank you Jonathan for providing me with the information about General Pulaski and Kosciuszko)

A New Fiscal Year:

The budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13 is complete. Although the turnout for the referendum on May 31st was light (a total of 193, including absentee ballots), it was decisive, with 146 in favor and 47 against. On June 4th the Board of Finance met to officially set the new mill rate of 24.68, an increase of 4 tenths of a mill. If you would like to know the impact of this mill increase please contact me at the town hall. I have prepared a master list of all properties in Deep River and can provide you with that information.

As we do every year at budget time we have scrutinized the budget requests from every department to ensure that our bottom line is as lean as it can be, while still reflecting a realistic view of the cost of operating our town and we continue to seek savings through competitive bidding and by taking advantage of lower prices available from companies that win State Con-

tract bids. When advances in technology can provide services—especially in the energy fields—for less, we upgrade. The electrical upgrade of the Elementary School the year before last, for example, has not only repaid the Town's outlay of \$19,310.73, but now provides an annual savings of more than \$13,000 in the school's electricity costs.

The HVAC portion of our Town Hall renovations (some of which are illustrated in our new color pages). It is my hope that the new HVAC system, which will be more energy efficient than our old steam boiler and window air conditioners might lower our fuel oil and electricity bills. Equally important, employees and visitors alike will conduct business in a comfortable environment. Our auditorium (theater) will benefit immensely, especially in summer. Elsewhere in this issue the new Deep River Town Hall Auditorium Restoration Committee reports on its progress. That project is one of the most exciting I have encountered in my 23+ years as First Selectman. Although it is still very much a work in progress, the important word is progress. You are welcome to stop by and view results to date. We are so fortunate that, more than a century ago, the people who planned this building did so with such forethought.

We expect that by this coming fall renovation of Town Hall offices will be complete, and that restoration of the auditorium (theater) will be all but done. I have scheduled an Open House for Saturday, September 15th—Family Day—from 9 till noon, so that you can tour our wonderful, re-made Town Hall. Members of the Restoration Committee and Town Hall Staff will be here to greet you and answer your questions. Refreshments will, of course, be served.

I look forward to crowds of visitors. In the meantime, may I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer with family and friends.

Dick Smith, 1st Selectman



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CHESTER - Center chimney Colonial on 1.9 acres with barn. 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 fireplaces are presently blocked but can be opened. Mostly open land with garden area, ledge formations in rear. Just a short jaunt to the village. Reduced to \$229,000.



DEEP RIVER - Nicely maintained ranch home on short dead-end street convenient to town & Route 9. 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Lower level walkout family room w/ wet bar, storage, workshop and 10x36 enclosed porch w/ stone floor & bbq. Lovely landscaped yard w/ variety of flowers, flowering plants & hedges. Asking \$239,000.



DEEP RIVER - Center chimney Colonial on over 75 acres borders State Forest. Potential for horses or gentleman farmer. House has 3 BR, 1½ baths, 1900 square feet, wide board floors, large stone fireplace with bake oven. 6 stall barn. Fields need attention, had 14 acres of cleared land near the house. Now overgrown with newer growth but a brushhog could do wonders in a few days. Interior pond, thousands of feet of old stone walls. Listed at \$739,000.



DEEP RIVER - In-town home in need of major renovation. 7 rooms, 3 or 4 bedrooms, 1 bath. Original trim & doors, wood floors. Interior lot on Main Street. Asking \$111,300.



DEEP RIVER - Circa 1910 two story home on dead-end street, Walk to town & CT River. First floor Master BR & bath, laundry room & deck all added in 2001. 4 BR, 2½ baths, formal DR, eat-in kitchen, vinyl siding, thermal pane windows. Needs some work. Asking \$215,000.



EAST HADDAM/ MOODUS - Two small ranch homes and a two family house on one property. Substantial improvements have been made over the last several years. One ranch renovated for handicapped. Opportunity for family compound, home with income or investor. **MOTIVATED SELLER - Asking \$289,900.**



DEEP RIVER - 1800's Two Family Center Chimney Col. on Main St. Larger unit 1680 sqft needs work. 7 rms, 3 BR, 1 bath. Features large eat-in kit., w/laundry, LR w/stone fpl. Neat & clean smaller unit 600 sqft ±, 4 rms, loft BR, 1 bath. Tenants pay heat & electric. Potential for conversion to single family. One new furnace, new oil tanks. City water & sewer. Two 100 amp services. Vinyl siding. **Asking \$224,000. OFFERS!**

LAND FOR SALE

CHESTER - Approved for year round, boat storage & servicing facility. May be possible to store as many as 75 boats. Private road, adjoins one yacht club & near another. Across street from CT River. Clean Phase II Environmental. Offered at \$175,000.

DEEP RIVER	COMMERCIAL RENTALS	DEEP RIVER
High visibility office suite in center of town. Located adjacent to large parking lot of shopping center. Great for doctor, lawyer or small professional practice. 4 rooms: 2 private offices, waiting room, secretary's office & lav. Approx. 600 sqft. Heat, water & sewer incl. A/C cost proportionally shared w/other tenant. \$700 per month.	First floor, of attractive Cape Cod style office building. Great location & visibility on south end of Main St. near Rt 9, Exit 4. 500 sqft of open area w/wall dividers, 2 lavs, C/A. \$1,000 per month.	Office space on Main St. in Industrial/ Commercial building. Total of 7 rooms & reception area. 2 lavs, 1526 sqft. Flexible floor plan would allow for this space to be leased in separate portions. \$7.50 per square foot. Very reasonable.
		First floor, Good exposure at traffic light. In rough shape cosmetically. Former print shop. Approximately 950 sqft. \$850 per month "as is" or will renovate to suit. Owner/Broker.
		First floor office or retail space available. Barn style building, 3 rooms, 600 square feet on Main Street (rear). Next to a beauty salon. \$700 per month. Owner/Broker.

Town Clerk's Office

Absentee Ballots

Applications for the upcoming Presidential Election can be filed with the Town Clerk anytime. College students might want to file their application before leaving for school so an absentee ballot can be mailed to them as soon as they become available on October 5, 2012. The Presidential Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at the Deep River Public Library from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Announcing the 2nd Annual Top Dog Drawing

Connecticut State Statutes require ALL dogs to be licensed in their town and to renew that license every year. Dog licenses for the 2012-2013 year will be sold in the Town Clerk's office starting on June 1st. All dogs licensed by June 30th will be entered into a drawing to determine Deep River's TOP DOG. In addition to winning a prize, the Top Dog will have the optional honor of leading the Pet Parade on Family Day. Any dog owner renewing a license after June 30th will be charged a late fee.

Welcome New Residents

James J. & Krista D. Farrell	95 Bushy Hill Road	02/21/2012
Paige M. Anderson	26 Riverview Avenue	03/01/2012
Catherine W. Cotton	68 West Elm Street	03/15/2012
Richard P. Laudano	32 A+B Hillside Terr.	03/21/2012
Rattling Ridge, LLC	98 Rattling Valley Road	03/23/2012
James R. Wallis	162 Union Street	04/05/2012
Thomas P. Kenney	153 Hemlock Drive	04/11/ 2012
Joyce R. Hidler & Nicholas E. Incerti	111West Bridge Street	04/17/2012

Marriages

Paul W. Lane & Janet M. Norman	02/18/2012
Jordan P. Beauchemin & Elizabeth R. Clark	02/25/2012
Paul D. Etes & Danielle E. Miro	04/10/2012
William A. Gibson & Cynthia J. Milewski	04/13/2012
Charles A. Boardman & Daniel P. Higgins	04/21/2012

Passings

Michael P. D'Amato	21 Doane Road	01/15/2012
Miriam Chintall	92 Stevenstown Road	01/16/2012
Evelyn Z. Mondani	23 Riverview Avenue	01/23/2012
Woo Sung Ahn	138 Main Street	01/27/2012
Calvin C. Coburn	287 River Road	02/14/2012
Concetta Green	138 Main Street	02/16/2012
Genieva K. Stopa	31 Woodland Drive	02/16/2012
Irwin P. Wilcox	141 Bushy Hill Road	02/19/2012
Eldridge M. Kelsey	284 Winthrop Road	03/23/2012
Charles R. Hazuka	35 Hemlock Terr. Ext.	03/31/2012
Margaret B. Becker	162 Union Street	04/18/2012

New Trade Name Filings

Old World Equine	Susan Macauley Mikalsen	02/23/2012
Nails Today and Spa	Tracy Lam & Jenny Tran	03/13/2012
Christine Woodside Writing & Editing	Christine Woodside	04/02/2012

Congratulations and Welcome To Newly Appointed Board and Commission Members

Janet Klinck	Community Health Committee
Grace Krick	Community Health Committee
Elizabeth Scholfield	Park & Recreation Commission
Tracy R. Woodcock	Park & Recreation Commission
Lisa Bibbiani	Water Pollution Control Authority

Town Clerk's Office, cont.

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 10-30-2012
DR Town Hall Auditorium Restoration Committee	term to expire 11-30-2013
Economic Development Commission	term to expire 12-01-2013
Economic Development Commission	term to expire 12-01-2014
Park & Recreation Commission	term to expire 12-01-2014
Planning and Zoning Commission (Alternate)	term to expire 12-01-2013
Planning and Zoning Commission (Alternate)	term to expire 12-01-2014
Water Pollution Control Authority	term to expire 12-01-2014
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Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction for Bill Morris



The recent Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction fund raiser for Bill Morris was an overwhelming success, far beyond anything we could have imagined. We served over 700 meals that evening and this successful event would not have been possible without the help of so many people. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, attended the dinner and bid on our auction items.

Thank you to the individuals, organizations and businesses who generously donated money, silent auction items, paper goods, flowers and food.

Thank you to everyone who graciously donated their time and talent, which allowed us to turn that evening in April into a tribute to a 30 year member, and fellow DRFD firefighter, Lt. Bill Morris.

Peter L. Woocock, Benefit Chairman



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American Legion Post #61

Our veterans did their share. Now it is our turn. Your American Legion Auxiliary has been very active but it takes money. We will appreciate any amount that you can donate, because every dollar enables us to continue to serve our veterans. Please send your donation to Alice Johnson, Treasurer, 140 Stevenstown Rd., Deep River, CT 06417.

Our special Gift Shop Program in Rocky Hill allows veterans the privilege of Christmas shopping for their families at the expense of the American Legion Auxiliary. We hold a bingo for the veterans with prizes and refreshments, in Rocky Hill, every year. We thank veterans for their service and also support the Fisher House of CT project at West Haven. This is the only Fisher House at a Veterans' Hospital. We support the VA project of the month. Our members visit hospitalized veterans and sometimes give rides to their family members.

We had installation of officers and Lillian Beardsley was reelected to continue her dedicated leadership as President. Lillian has sung at veterans' services for 29 years.

This year we purchased 2000 poppies made by disabled veterans who earn a small wage for making them. The poppy is one of the most widely recognized American Legion Auxiliary programs. Each year Auxiliary volunteers distribute the bright red crepe paper poppies in exchange for contributions to assist veterans. Wearing the poppy signifies honoring the dead and helping the living.

In addition we support the Laurel Girls State which is a one week hands-on seminar in government for young women, assisted by state and local officials. This program reaches out to young women who have just completed their Junior year in high school who are willing to learn how government works to better our nation. Our Senior Vice President, Gail Breslin, went to Laurel Girls State. We also collect can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in New Haven and have a canister in the local grocery store. We also participate in the Kids Walk, for the CMldrens' Medical Hospital.

We would be glad to have you attend a meeting, held every 3rd Monday at 7:00pm, September through June, at Grace Stalsburg's home. Call Lillian Beardsley at 860 526-5555 or Gail Breslin at 860 663-0322 for information.

*Patriotically yours, Virginia Buracchi, Jr.
Vice President American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 61*

American Legion Auxiliary

The Ibell Jacobson-Smith Unit 61, American Legion Auxiliary meets every 3rd Monday, at 7:00 p.m., September through June, at the home of Grace Stalsburg. Call Lillian Beardsley 860-526-5555 or Gail Breslin at 860-663-0322 for information.

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We support the Fisher House in New Haven, which is the only Fisher House at a Veterans' Hospital, the monthly Veterans' Project, the Laurel Girls State and much more.

If you are the wife, mother, daughter, sister, etc. of a veteran consider learning more about the American Legion Auxiliary.



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Colonial style home on 6.77 ACs. Solid 1939 construction. 6 rms, stone flr, oak flrs, 3 BR, 2½ baths plus lower level FR & stone flr screened porch overlooking terraced inground pool w/ poolhouse & lav. Breezeway to oversized 2 car gar w/2nd flr. For horse lovers, we have small barn (10x20) w/paddock approx. 60x100. Property bounded by 46 ACs of open space & is across from walking preserve of several ACs. Just 5 min. from town center, RT 9 & landing at CT River. Offered at \$419,000.

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Deep River Parks and Recreation

Deep River Parks and Recreation is having a busy summer. The summer concert series has started. On Thursdays from 6:30 pm to approximately 8:30 pm, come enjoy some lovely music while visiting with family and friends. Area restaurants are on hand to provide food so pack up the blanket and chairs and head down to enjoy this summer tradition. The concerts are as follows: June 28th- 'String of Pearls', food by Chris' Dog House, concert at the Stone house lawn. July 5th- 'Say What', food by el & elas, concert at the Town Landing. July 12th- 'The Dizzy River Band', food by DaVinci and sundries for sale by the DR Community Health Committee, concert at Plattwood Park. July 19th - 'The Bluelights', food by Susan's Kitchen, concert at The Town Green. July 26th - 'Charter Oak Bluegrass', food by the Whistle Stop, concert at the Town Landing. August 2nd - 'Jim Shepley Band', food by Deep River Pizza, concert at the Town Green. August 9th - 'Shiny Lapel Trio', food by the Lion's Club, concert at the Stone house. August 16th - 'Brad & Brian', food by the Ivory, concert at the Town landing. August 23rd - 'UHF', food by DaVinci and a bake sale by the Deep River Junior Ancients, concert at Plattwood Park.

DR Parks and Recreation offers a six week summer camp for youth entering first grade through to those entering 7th grade. The camp runs weekly, Monday-Friday, from July 2nd through August 10th. The camp consists of a morning session that runs from 9:00 am -12:00 pm (with the exception of field trip days when the camp runs longer), and an afternoon workshop from 12:30-3:00 pm. Each weekly morning session of camp has a different theme and a fabulous field trip as well as in house entertainment. Field trips this year are to the Children's museum in West Hartford (formerly the CT Science Center), Fun squared laser tag, mini golf, Mystic Aquarium and to the movie theater in Westbrook. The afternoon sessions consist of a themed workshop where talented instructors share their expertise with the campers. Various workshops are offered from cooking, to sports games, to step dancing, to art, to Lego Robotics. Campers are welcome to attend the morning camp as well as the afternoon camp or choose one or the other. Space is still available so call the Parks and Recreation office to register today.

New this year, the Commission is sponsoring the 'Misfit Cruisers' Cruise night at Plattwood Park.

Weather permitting, every Tuesday through September 11, 2012 starting at 6 pm you can come enjoy some antique, classic and unique cars as they gather at one of the Town's most popular parks. Food will be available for purchase, so plan on coming down for dinner and enjoy the trip down memory lane.

With the arrival of August, comes our popular 'movies on the beach' series. Spend an afternoon at Plattwood park swimming, play some basketball, enjoy dinner and stay for a movie! Or just come down to Plattwood park and enjoy a free family movie on Friday nights during August. All movies are either rated 'G' or 'PG'. Snacks will be available to purchase.

Also in August, come join us as we take a bus trip to the 'new' Yankee Stadium in New York City to see the Bronx Bombers take on the Toronto Blue Jays. Leave the driving to us! The game is on Tuesday,



In early May, the commission held the Annual Sonny Stebbins Fishing Derby at Plattwood Park. It was a beautiful Saturday morning with the sun reflecting off the pond. Several Deep River youth from the ages of 5-15 tried their skill at landing a prized trout. The overall winner of the derby for catching the largest fish was David Uphold, who landed a 16 inch trout. David will have his name engraved on the plaque that hangs at the elementary school. The winners from each age group and the size of their prized catch are as follows:

5-8 Age Group

1st Jake Rubino	15 5/8 in.
2nd Michael Kollmer	14 5/8 in
3rd Natalie Novak	12 3/4 in

Deep River Park and Recreation, cont.

9-11 Age Group

1st Nicole Grief 1	5 5/8 in
2nd Jake Ramage	13 5/8 in
3rd Michael Raymond	12 3/4 in

Honorable Mention

Olivia Kollmer	12 5/8 in
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12-15 Age Group

1st David Uphold	16 in
2nd Gia Villafana	13 1/8 in



The 8- hour boating and personal watercraft safety certification course was offered to local residents on April 29th. The course was attended by 15 area residents.

The six week basic photography class, taught by local professional photographer, Steve Nadler, ended with an exhibit of the students work at the Deep River library. The work was all about celebrating Deep River and the opening night was attended by First Selectman Dick Smith.

On Mother's Day, a bus full of baseball fans headed to Boston, Massachusetts to see historic Fenway Park as the Red Sox battled the Cleveland Indians. All mothers were treated with the opportunity to walk around the field after the game and were also given a carnation. The day was sunny and bright and all participants thoroughly enjoyed the outing, especially since the home team won!

More information about these and other programs/ events can be found on the Town web site. Or please call 860-526-6036 to reach the Parks and Recreation office.

Brownie Troop #62142

Earth Day



Deep River Parks and Recreation along with the second grade Brownie Troop #62142, spent Earth Day cleaning, pruning, painting and planting at the Deep River Town Landing. Brownie Troop #62142 donated the azalea planted at the entrance of the park from their Girl Scout cookie sales.

A special thanks to all that gave a helping hand, Katie, Dean and Judy Roberts, Sage, Tina and Wayne Spakowski, Emily, Sarah and Jeff Kateley, Katie and Chloe Alsback, Melissa Symonds, Samantha Pierce, Sophia, Emily and Heather Surber, Grace and Jennifer Cassineri, Alexis and Campbell Massey, Elizabeth Tulledge and Sarah Shaw Tulledge, Pete Smith and John Ely. I would also like to thank the Roberts, Spakowski and Smith families for the donation of equipment that made the day such a huge success.

*Mary-Elizabeth Massey,
Parks and Recreation, Deep River Town Landing Chair
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Deep River Transfer Station

Here we go again, I guess I'll be writing about the same thing, RECYCLING.

By not recycling you're not only hurting yourself, your hurting others in Town and the environment too. It costs the Town between \$70-80 a ton to properly dispose of your household trash and bulky waste. Whereas, if you would recycle those bottles, cans, any kind of paper or cardboard. The Town actually receives \$10 a ton. That helps us defray the cost of operating the Transfer Station and with that it helps with your taxes.

Please break down those cardboard boxes before putting them into the bin. It helps save room in the container for the next person. Be considerate. Also, we don't recycle plastic bags, plastic and Styrofoam packing materials.

Don't forget to recycle anything metal on it, like those brooms or mops with metal handles or anything with a cord attached to it. The Town makes money on its metal recycling bin.

We have other recycling places. You can get rid of tires for a small fee, an electronics bin where you can put TVs, radios, microwaves, and all computer components for free and we have places for used oil and anti-freeze.

There is also a Salvation Army cloths drop box and the American Legion has a place for returnable bottles and cans. These both go to a worth case.

Here's the deal with paint. Latex paint, open the can and let it dry our completely. If you added Speedy-Dry, kitty litter or saw dust it will dry faster. Then throw the container out with your household trash. Oil and lead based paints have to go to the Hazardous Waste Facility. Pamphlets are available at the Transfer Station or Town Hall as to what should go there.

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Animal Control

Animal Control Summer Time Advice

After a mild winter and a crazy spring, you may notice a lot of wild life moving around, use caution as these animals could be looking to feed their off spring or maybe sick. Wildlife are D.E.E.P's problem, unless your pet has contact with them, and then we both end up with a headache. There are vet visits, and some times that could cost lots of money.

The next thing I would like to say as, I have in the pass, is check your rabies status and make sure it is up to date because you need this to license your dog in the month of June.

Next I would like to say, as you fertilize your lawns and use other chemicals beware of what harm it could do to your pet, read the labels. Check your storage area for any chemical containers, for any leakage. Taken your pets for car rides is a great treat for them, but taken them to a shopping mall in the hot summer days is not a good idea, as the heat in your car builds up fast, and makes it deadly. Your dog may want to stick their heads out the window, and someone walking by, may think your dog is friendly, but that is when a dog bite may happen. This could end up causing some hard feelings and hard times too.

Bob Jenkins, Animal Control Officer

Deep River Public Library

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Hedy's Health Tips

Summer is here and it is time to live our life to the fullest

This season is about the fire element in our bodies. The fire element controls the organs of the heart and small intestines.

In Chinese medicine, mental activity is associated with the heart and therefore our memory, thought processes, emotional well-being, and consciousness are also attributed to the heart and fire element. This is a time to nourish and pacify our spirits, and to realize our life's greatest potential as we find joy in our hot summer days and warm summer nights.

A picnic with brightly colored foods with lots of fresh flowers can add to this enjoyment. Summer is about abundant variety of foods. It is also about balance. Too many cooling foods can cause indigestion and can weaken the digestive system. Adding a little spice such as cayenne, red pepper, ginger, horseradish and black pepper will warm and add trace minerals that the body has depleted with sweating. Quick sauteing or steaming is the optimal style of cooking in this warm season. Also drinking warm liquids help the body to cool itself while ice cream and iced beverages cool contract the body and hinder digestion. Warm chamomile, chrysanthemum or mint tea are amazing at keeping us cool and hydrated.

When the fire element is in balance, the heart is strong and healthy, the mind is calm and sleep is sound.

When the fire element is imbalanced, we may either lack joy (depression) or have an excess of joy (mania). Indicators of an imbalance in the fire element include agitation, nervousness, heartburn, and insomnia. Fried or heavy foods create this imbalance and should be avoided.

Tips for Summer Health

To prevent summer ills and remain in harmony with the environment of summer,

- Awaken earlier in the morning and enjoy each amazing sunrise!
- Go to bed later in the evening.
- Rest at midday.
- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Add pungent flavors to your diet.
- Refrain from anger; keep calm and even-tempered. Meditation is very helpful!
- Salad Days: Eating Under the Sun

In summer, indigestion can easily occur, so a light and less-greasy diet is strongly recommended. It is the perfect season to introduce some cool, yin foods into your diet with a little spice to balance. Chinese nutrition classifies food according to its energetic qualities of temperature, taste, and ability to moisten and strengthen the body. Food with cool and cold properties can clear heat, reduce toxins, and generate body fluids.

Here are some suggestions to keep you cool and balanced all summer long. These fruits and vegetables will help your body adjust its temperature and protect you during the long, hot summer days:

Watermelon	Corn
Apricot	Cucumber
Cantaloupe	White mushroom
Lemon	Snow peas
Peach	Spinach
Orange	Summer squash
Asparagus	Watercress
Sprouts	Seaweed
Bamboo	Mung beans
Bok choy	Cilantro
Broccoli	Mint
Chinese cabbage	Dill

Other helpful tips for the summer season

- Keep a pitcher of water with slices of lemon and cucumber with you and sip it throughout the day.
- Eat in moderation. Over consumption of any food, especially cooling foods, can lead to indigestion, sluggishness and possibly diarrhea.
- Do not leave your food out for too long. The hot weather tends to increase food spoilage.
- Stay away from dairy, heavy, greasy, and fried foods.

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We Honor the Elephant

As the cover illustration indicates, ivory has had much to do with the good fortunes Deep River has enjoyed. The price of our success, however, was borne in large measure by Africans, many enslaved by their own peoples, who transported the elephant tusks from Zanzibar, in eastern Africa, to ports on the continent's west coast. But while human beings can at least entertain the concept of rising up against those who enslave them, the elephants could not.

Accounts of the numbers of elephants killed for no purpose other than to satisfy the market for piano keys vary. Some sources say that as many as 12,000 elephants a year gave their lives solely for their tusks. A History of Pratt Read Company, published in 1973 by the Deep River Historical Society, cites an earlier publication—Ivory, Scourge of Africa, by E. D. Moore, who wrote that “approximately 30,000 elephants were killed from 1905 to 1912.” Whatever the exact number, the toll on the east African elephant population must have been devastating.

Ivory was by no means Deep River's only industry, but it is fair to say that, for most of the 19th Century and into the 20th, ivory sustained us. Our Main Street commercial area, which was more heavily centered toward the north end, in proximity of the Pratt Read Company, was the important route between Old Saybrook, Middletown and points north. When, in the cause of more efficient travel, the portion of the Middlesex Turnpike that led through Chester Center was replaced by the shortcut between Saint Joseph's and the Fairgrounds, Chester merchants lost the long distance trade, and Deep River's position as a retail center solidified.

Piano keys are no longer veneered in ivory, and the ivory trade has been banned world wide since 1990. Africa's overall elephant population is estimated at 600,000, but in eastern regions of Chad poaching for sale of tusks in the black market reduced elephant numbers there from 400,000 in 1970 to a shocking 10,000 by 2006, according to Wikipedia. But it is not simply a matter of catching the poachers. Like wild creatures throughout the world, elephants suffer from human encroachment. As populations expand, forests and other formerly wild habitats give way to housing and agriculture.

Fortunately for Deep River, as the manufacture of pianos diminished, plastics and business forms took the place of ivory in our local economy. We remained a busy, largely blue collar center of commerce. In 1969, when the Route 9 we know today relieved our Main Street of almost constant

congestion, the local economy was shaken, but by then we had lost most of the retail competition from nearby towns. The shopping center, built in 1952, with its modern FINAST Supermarket anchored the storefronts along Main Street north of Town Hall, but by the 1990s we were looking a little frumpy. Main Street was still a local draw, but the glitter of malls and the bargains of big boxes lured shoppers away. Manufacturing in Deep River dwindled; the workforce (a good part of Main Street's customer base) shrank. Ivory had built us. Modern manufacturing had sustained us. The first was long gone, the second declining. At times, even in the heat of August, there was a chill on Main Street.

Then, with the refurbishing of the shopping center, and especially the introduction of Adams, the mood changed. During our heyday we had been known as “Queen of the Valley.” Now, perhaps a bit defensively, we were “Scruffy... and Proud.” Then, a bright note: It seemed that ivory might not be done with Deep River: the long-vacant Pratt Read building had a new purpose. It would be given new life as a condominium, appropriately called the Piano Works.

In recent years respect for the natural world has worked its way deeply into our consciousness. We have come to understand that although we cannot control the forces of nature, neither can the natural world continue to absorb the pressures of our presence. There may be limits to our ambitions.

How she came to be here:

Sometime in the mid '00s, John Guy LaPlante, who, himself, often appears to be one of nature's forces, conceived the idea of honoring the elephant by bringing one to Deep River, a symbol that would serve as a reminder of the tens of thousands of elephant tusks that, over two centuries, underwrote our town's success. John is an active member of Deep River Rotary. Among his previous causes was the Rotary-funded gazebo at what has come to be known as Keyboard Park. (John LaPlante has other credits, too: a couple of years in the Peace Corps in East Europe and a book or two. But that's another story).

John was on a quest, but purpose or not, his introduction to Ellen was determined by fate—or simple misjudgment: On the way to Rhode Island to visit his uncle Dennis, John took the wrong turn leaving the Interstate. Was he lost? Depends on your definition. When he stopped at the end of the exit ramp, facing him from across the road were not one, but five elephants of varying sizes. It was the hole Grail of elephant sculptures

We Honor the Elephant, cont.

Thus it was that on the morning of the 3rd of December 2010, John Guy LaPlante and Highway Foreman Ed Field headed east in the Town pickup, en route to Rhode Island. By 2 o'clock, now a trio, the group returned to Town Hall: humans in front, Ellen safely strapped in place, wrapped against the chill in a pink River Wind quilt. The elephant was here.

But where is ...HERE?

Following a brief, impromptu welcome, Ellen headed off to the Town Garage, there to rest pending a decision on her final location. Throughout the next several months discussion of Ellen's proper placement was considerable. But agreeing on a place for her display was not nearly the hot-button issue as had been the controversy over whether she should be purchased at all. She was expensive, but aside from the cost, did Rotary's mission include dealing with sensitive issues such as elephants and ivory?

Over time both issues were resolved: Ellen came to Deep River and, after consideration of many possible locations—the Piano Works (fairly obvious), the Town Landing (pretty much the same), Town Green, Library, Keyboard Park... But of all the possibilities, Town Hall seemed most logical. It made sense that a symbol of Deep River should be at our Town's seat of government. And there was the practical consideration—here, in such a public place, itinerant artists might be less apt to embellish Ellen's wrinkled grayness with inappropriate designs.

Her proper welcome:

On a gorgeous October 14, 2011, the stage was set. Ceremonies began at the Town Handing, with speeches and the stirring fife and drum music of the Junior Ancients Drum Corps, and concluded with Ellen's unveiling, a few more speeches and a "Star Spangled Banner."

At the landing we learned from Jeff Hostetler, President of the Historical Society and long-time Kirtland Street resident, that geology as well as ivory played a huge role in Deep River's success: at the base of the Kirtland Rocks—our Town Landing—the river's current, sweeping against the granite impediment, scours the riverbed to a depth sufficient for ships with a draft of 20 feet or more could tie up.

Access to the river has been essential to our industrial and economic development. And although Deep River's worldly success no longer depends upon our connection to the Connecticut River, we have spiritual needs, too. The

historical part of Jeff's speech, along with words spoken by Essex Historian Brenda Milkofski, appear in a separate article. Jeff's personal musings about the landing seem appropriate right here.

This place can be used a hundred different ways. You can come here to meet your friends, or to just get away from everybody for a little while. You can launch your canoe, teach your daughter to bait her own hook, make a phone call, watch a meteor shower, moon rise or sunrise.

You can exchange wedding vows, work out property settlements, practice your guitar, watch the ospreys, eagles, swans, swifts and herons. You can bring the dog down for a swim, check on the ducklings, feed the gulls. You can hear a single fish flop. You can hear the wind whistle under the wing of a single goose a quarter mile away, or be competed into silence by twin V8's or a locomotive blow-down. You can eat your lunch alone, share a sunrise tai-chi class, or bring the family down for a summer concert. You can solve the world's problems, or your own. You can vent, reflect, regret, repent, refocus, and reload.

You can watch the flood crest pass by and marvel at the power of the current and the size of the debris. You can watch a spring boat launch go horribly wrong. And you can watch some pretty adept trailer parking.

A trip down here seldom goes unrewarded. I am privileged to be a neighbor, and I've been a witness to this remarkable renaissance. I grew up in the Midwest, and I try to get down here frequently, just to remind myself that I do not live in Akron.

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Deep River Landing

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Reynold Kirtland built the Cape Cod house that presently overlooks the train station in 1808. The formation, hard to ignore from the river, was known as Kirtland's Rocks. The natural channel (incidentally, by definition the Lyme-DR Town Line) runs between this shore and Eustasia Island. Deep water against a solid shore made this a natural spot for shore activities, specifically a wharf and a shipyard.

Nathan Southworth ran a sawmill operating off the first dam going up the Deep River, just north of Winter Avenue. That's just on the back side of the hill where St. Johns is now. His daughter Eunice, (A recurring name in these parts) was married to Calvin Williams, one of a famous set of five Williams brothers from Essex, most of them in shipping one way or another. Calvin wanted to get into shipbuilding, but the shoreline in Essex was pretty much used up by 1820, so he bought the hill and waterfront, over 100 acres, from his father-in-law Nathan, and built the beautiful stone house just west of the St. John's gateposts. He may have had the first marine railway on the Connecticut River here. A marine railway was an improved method to launch or haul vessels with minimum stress on the hull.

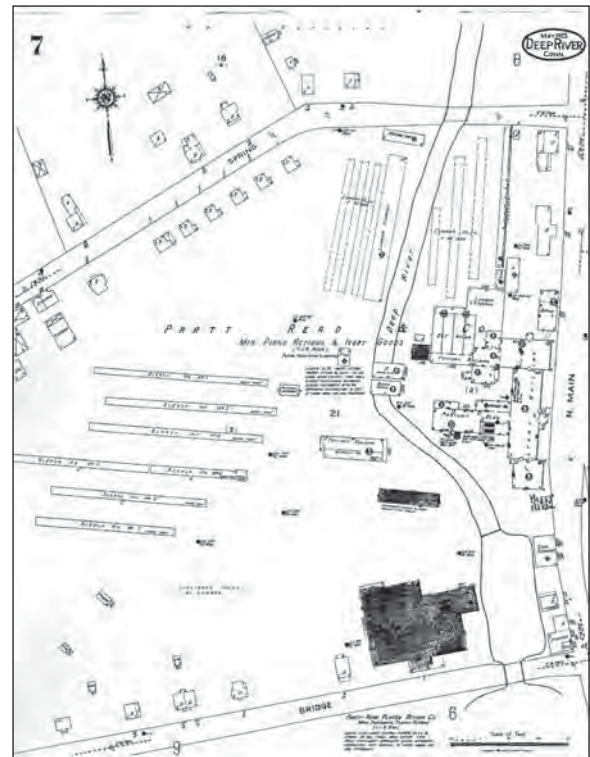
The various water-powered mills along the Deep River made this a factory town.

Factories need raw materials and transportation to take their products to market. Factory workers buy what they need from merchants. Inbound across this wharf came the sugar, rum, iron, cloth, furniture, coal, grain and raw materials that supplied any New England village in the industrial revolution, and out went livestock, stone, lumber, and the products of its factories.

Deep River is different. Our primary imported raw material was ivory. Elephant ivory, shipped from Zanzibar, on the east coast of Africa, via New York, to be made here into combs and distributed all along the east coast by the coasting trade and eventually inland by merchants and traders. Ivory was a favored comb material, despite its premium cost. The teeth were strong and smooth, so that even a very fine comb was durable, and it didn't snag like bone or horn.

The piano developed and grew to be enormously popular through the 19th century, and early in the game, players strongly preferred the touch, feel and control afforded by an ivory faced piano key. The technology to make articles of ivory was already here. Making a simple rectangle from a wafer of ivory was a piece of cake, and the decision to make the myriad little wooden parts that make up the rest of a

piano action grew the businesses and the town. Pratt, Read & Co., formed in 1860 by the combination of several ivory shops supplied keys and actions to piano manufacturers all over the country. Other shops here made auger bits, organ stop buttons and all manner of turned and milled wooden goods.



The importance of ivory is evident on this 1925 edition of the Sanborn Company's industrial map. Between Spring and Bridge Streets, bounded on the east by Main Street and including the land now occupied by Silgan Plastics—about 20 acres of prime downtown real estate—were Pratt Read's Deep River headquarters. In addition to the original building (now the Piano Works) and thousands of feet of bleaching houses, the map shows the 1914 modern marvel now occupied by Tri Town Precision Plastics (shaded) and some of the company houses along the south side of Spring Street. Sanborn's maps were for the benefit of the fire insurance companies and included notes about water supplies, chemical fire extinguishers—even the presence of a night watchman who had to punch time clocks along his route as proof that he was really watching. Every year thousands of people ride the train and riverboat, the only such attraction in America. They never know they're in Deep River, but they don't miss thinking what a beautiful place this would be to live.

Jeff Hostetler, President, Deep River Historical Society

Dedication of the Elephant

Remarks for the Dedication of the Elephant, Deep River Town Hall

Before ivory became the material of choice, before it was imported at all, local comb-makers worked in horn, discarded each fall by farmers after their cattle were slaughtered. In 1810 there were some 400 tanneries in the state, making leather the fifth largest industry. There was plenty of horn available. How was it, then, that elephant ivory, transported many thousands of miles from East Africa, become the material of choice? In words that everyone would recognize today, a "trade deficit."

Massachusetts textile merchants selling their printed cottons in Africa were looking for return cargoes. Africa had little that America needed—except for ivory. Importers sought out water-powered sites, in areas where the technology already existed, then invested in the development of an industry that would flourish. They invested here in Deep River, in Julius Pratt's factory in Meriden, and in Ivoryton.

The original corporate spin was that the tusks were salvaged from elephant graveyards. Perhaps there was a case to be made for this explanation at the outset, but as the industry adapted to the changing marketplace the demand for ivory grew. Local manufacturers went from making combs a relatively expensive product, to making key veneers, then to keyboards and then to making piano actions as consumer demand for pianos swelled. An average elephant tusk weighing 70 pounds could produce key covers for 45 keyboards. Then there was the bleaching, the matching, the ivory laying, the precise gluing of the 1/16th inch thick slips of ivory, the sawing, scraping, polishing and final assembly.

All of this complex processing created work for some 400 people (the number in 1881) and thousands of men and women over time, much of it highly skilled. The industry transformed the Deep River landscape. It transformed an exotic material into a product that transformed music in America and everyday life for millions of people who played the piano and... it transformed the distant animal source on the plains of East Africa. For the slaves and paid porters who carried the tusks from the interior to the coast, it was often the ultimate transformer.

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Deep River Land Trust



First Selectman Dick Smith and Selectman David Oliveria with Suzanne Haig, Board President of the Deep River Land Trust

The Deep River Land Trust has a new logo design, and soon you will see this design pop up all over town on new signs planned for all our preserves. First Selectman Dick Smith and Selectman David Oliveria did the “unveiling” of the first of these signs at Smyth Sanctuary on Essex Street overlooking Pratt Cove on a beautiful Sunday in May this year joined by many friends and supporters from the neighborhood. But, in addition to making it easier to find our wonderful preserves, the most important reason for our new identification program is to better communicate the important missions of the land trust.

We think this wonderful graphic design, designed by Deep River graphic artist Caryn Paradis, captures our mission in several ways.

We acquire land not only for maintaining it as open space, but also as habitat. Smyth Sanctuary, for example, is on Pratt Cove which is one of the very ecologically significant freshwater tidal wetlands along the Connecticut River. Because of the different mixture of salt water from the sound and fresh water in the river, there are wonderful and different types of “marsh gardens” depending upon how far you are from the river’s mouth,

and freshwater marshes like Pratt Cove are particularly important and beautiful examples of this phenomenon.

In Pratt and its equally beautiful neighbor Post Cove, one can count many simultaneous flowering plants in the summer all the way thru September when the red wing black birds begin to feed on the wild rice in preparation for their flight south. They return in the spring to the marsh to breed. In addition to the Red-Wing, Pratt and Post Cove are home to a uniquely wide variety of animal and plant life: fish, reptiles including big snapping turtles, various mammals, and hawks, Osprey and other water and woodland birds. Every bit of land that remains undeveloped (and there are at several areas of public land around Pratt and Post Cove) allows these species a better chance to thrive together with those people who live nearby.

But our purpose is also to impart to everyone the importance of protecting this land not only for ourselves but for future generations. There is a strong emotion that can be awakened when it comes to protecting land for future generations. The land trusts are here to acquire the land and to awaken this desire in others to protect the land. You will see that concept looking at our new signs.

The lands owned by the Deep River Land Trust are your lands. We now protect 15 pieces of land, some 200 acres all around the town. We want people to target land that is near them to enjoy and to help maintain it. We are all stewards of this land and what a better contribution to make than to adopt one of these and get some neighbors involved as well. We can give you help and support on this and put you in touch with the nearest Land Trust member.

The Deep River Land Trust is one of fourteen land trusts in towns within our lower Connecticut River valley region. Together we are playing a major role in helping the entire area maintain its unique and wonderful character.

The Connecticut River and its tidelands are recognized as ecologically important by local, state, national, and even international organizations. We sometimes don’t appreciate exactly where we live but our lower Connecticut River area is considered one of the western hemispheres 40 last great places, as a fish and wildlife national refuge,

Deep River Land Trust, cont.

and an American heritage river (and you must admit, the history of our country in its early days is seen clearly in all of our towns). And if that is not enough, this River valley area is seen as one of the most important natural, recreational, and scenic areas of the state, the northeast, and the entire country.

So next time you are at the Deep River Landing or anywhere along the river front looking up and down at that ribbon of blue and green, think of what you have and of its importance.

So, we ask you to join the land trust to show your support. Just fill out the form and send in the amount for the type of membership you would like to have. Let us know if you would like to volunteer – especially if you would like to help protect and support a Deep River Land Trust property in your area or if you have special skills and would like to help with our stewardship or educational programs.

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Deep River Town Hall Auditorium Restoration Committee

For the most part, auditorium restoration planning is complete. And work has begun!!!

For Those Who Like Lists

These tasks have been finished: (See photos at beginning of Newsletter)

1. Our stage has been enlarged to accommodate the town hall heating, ventilation, & air conditioning project (And that stage looks beautiful!);
2. A booth for controlling stage lighting and sound has been constructed in the balcony;
3. A smoke-barrier wall has been erected between the balcony and the circular stairway;
4. The lobby ticket booth has been repaired inside and out;
5. The balcony has been cleared of all debris and stored items;
6. A kitchenette has been constructed at the rear of the auditorium;
7. Under the balcony stairway, a storage closet has been built.

Purchase orders have been approved and issued for these goods and services:

1. Cleaning and application of fire retardant chemicals to all stage curtains;
2. Fabrication of 2 smoke barrier doors, one to be installed at auditorium level, the other, at the balcony exit;
3. Sanding and refinishing of floors in the Main Street entrance, auditorium, balcony, stairway landings and treads;
4. Fabrication and installation of shiny metal railings for the balcony, and stairways leading from the balcony to the auditorium, and from the balcony to the lobby via the circular stairway;
5. Replacement of glass in the balcony stairway windows with tempered glass;
6. Fabrication and installation of a metal guard in the window in the circular stairway;
7. Repair and replacement of parts of the circular stairway, from the balcony to the lobby;
8. Painting of all exposed wood, plaster, or sheetrock surfaces in the balcony, auditorium, circular stairway, and the Main Street entrance;
9. Expansion of the electrical wiring to accommodate expanded usage of the facility;
10. Purchase of 150 movable, stackable auditorium seats.

Lest you think that nothing remains to be decided, your committee must still make judgments on these issues:

1. A suitable chandelier to be installed in the auditorium dome;
2. Assessment of the sound and lighting systems, and potential upgrading of those systems;
3. Identification and correction of safety issues in the stage area.

For Those Who Prefer Narrative

So that restoration work can proceed without interruption, the Restoration Committee has temporarily halted usage of the facility until the bulk of the work has been completed.

Because the Restoration Committee is acting as its own General Contractor (thus saving a great deal of overhead costs) it is very likely that we will complete our segment of the project within the \$261,000 in funding that was passed along to us by the Restoration Association. Thus, no tax funds will be used to finish this job.

Finally, 120 years ago, the Town Hall Building Committee was about to begin the construction of the structure that is at present being so lovingly refurbished and restored. At the time, Deep River's population was slightly in excess of 1,600. Their bequest to us is this magnificent building, one that is unique, not only for its flat-iron design, but also its grand auditorium.

When the time arrives for the Fall 2012 Edition of this Community Newsletter, we hope the Restoration Committee's report will include plans for re-dedication activities and celebration of the completion of the restoration effort.

Art Thompson, Chair



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Deep River Garden Club



Deep River Garden Club members were delighted to see the burst of daffodils on the front bank of Main Street near Devitt field, at the Memorial Green and by the Plattwood

Park sign. Hopefully many of the town residents enjoyed the first burst of Spring along with us.

We have started work on our Library Project, which will depend on our funds in the treasury. Shrubs have been trimmed and some areas cleaned out. We hope to have some new plantings there soon.

Our first fund-raiser was held on the lawn of the Town Hall and we realized a nice profit to continue our effort in enhancing our town. Baskets of pansies and violas along with roses, daisies and lilies were available to purchase. We appreciated all the people that stopped by and talked with us and supported us by purchasing plants that day.



We have a full agenda planned for the rest of the year and encourage anyone, even questioning joining our club, to come to one of our meetings. We are a small but mighty group and welcome all newcomers. Most meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Some of our meetings are held at the Carriage House of the Deep River Historical House on Main Street or working meetings are held at different areas in town.

You don't have to have a "green thumb" to be a member, just an interest in beautifying Deep River. There are many ways that members can participate. COME AND FIND OUT WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT!

Please contact Janice Kmetz, President for more information at Janice.kmetz@gmail.com or call 860-790-0432.

Sue Wisner, Club Secretary

Benefits of Regular Exercise

The Benefits of Regular Exercise

Exercising on a regular basis has a multi-level, multi-system, positive impact on your entire person.

How often and how much time does it take to exercise on a regular basis? Talk to your doctor about how much exercise is right for you, especially if you haven't been active, have any health problems, are elderly or pregnant. A good goal for many people is to work up to exercising 4 to 6 times a week for 30 to 60 minutes at a time. Greater health benefits can be achieved by increasing the amount (duration, frequency and/or intensity) of exercise/ physical activity performed. Remember, though, that exercise has so many health benefits that any amount is better than nothing at all. Studies show that even the most inactive people can gain significant health benefits if they accumulate 30 minutes or more of moderate-intensity physical activity per day.

Take a look at the list below to understand the many benefits of regular exercise and why doing it should be part of your healthy living lifestyle. Use the list as a motivating reference as needed.

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Musculoskeletal Benefits

- Increased overall ability to perform activities of daily living and more
- Increased muscle strength & endurance

- Increased muscle mass
- Improved balance, range of motion & flexibility
- Improved joint stability
- Improved bone density
- Reduced muscle, back & joint aches and pains

Psychosocial Benefits

- Increased energy, self-confidence & body-esteem
- Enhanced self-esteem & feelings of well-being
- Reduced incidences of depression & anxiety
- Opportunity for shared activity with family & friends
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- Improved sleep

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If you missed the open house, it's not too late. New puppy placement classes will begin in July. For more information, visit our website at www.guidingeyes.org or call Regional Manager Maria Dunne at (845) 230-6436 or Kris Lindner at (860) 526-2345.

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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. Funds the PTO raises support cultural arts programs at DRES, grade level field trips, field day, 6th grade graduation and more! Here is a brief description of some of the cultural arts activities in May 2012 that were supported by the PTO's recent fundraisers:

Thula Sizwe, an a capella singing group from South Africa, composed of eleven voices ranging from the deepest bass to the highest of tenors, performed for the DRES students in traditional Zulu call-and-response style. And while they sing, they dance. They dance to the drum, to clapping hands, and to the sounds of their own voices. And while they dance, the audience can never sit still. This is a performance we have been looking forward to all year!

Story Tellers Ann Shapiro, Tom Callinan and Tom Lee - The husband and wife team of Tom Callinan and Ann Shapiro have toured as a duo since 1982 and performed for the students in kindergarten through 3rd grade. Their warm and inviting style quickly involves their audiences with catchy choruses and other forms of participation. Tom Lee has been a professional arts educator for twenty years, telling traditional stories, myths, and legends from cultures around the world. The stories he tells are rich with vivid imagery and compelling characters. His goal in every performance is the complete engagement of each listener. Tom performed for the DRES students in grades 4-6.

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

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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 drpto@dres.k12.ct.us or drespto@gmail.com or drop a note in the PTO mail box in the DRES teachers' lounge. We will be updating the DRES PTO webpage (linked on the Parent Resources webpage) on the DRES website regularly. Please check back there for more information about DRES PTO activities in the future.

Thank you,

2011-2012 DRES PTO Officers - Co-Presidents: Leslie Sheehan & Amy Petrone, Vice President: Stacy Meisner, Secretary: Jeni Gray-Roberts, Treasurer: Doug Gingrave

Winthrop & Fountain Hill Cemetery

State Recognition

Winthrop Cemetery and the Fountain Hill Cemetery have been added to the State's Register of Historic Sites. This acceptance by the State Historic Preservation Office was a six month long process of making contact with the right people, researching the sites, filling out the state forms using a 58 page instruction booklet, submitting maps, photographing the site and making revisions to meet the deadline of April 1. The State Historic Preservation Council unanimously voted to accept both properties on May 2nd. Listing in the State Register provides recognition and assists in preserving Connecticut's heritage.

What we know today as Winthrop Cemetery was once called, "West Yard." It is the oldest burial ground within the town and was laid out by the proprietors of the Oyster River Quarter, of the Saybrook Colony in 1748. The first known burial was Job Buckley which took place in 1750. The four acres is encompassed by a stonewall and contains a small pond, fountain and footbridge. Winthrop Cemetery is the final resting place of eight Revolutionary War veterans, two Civil War and five War of 1812 veterans. Cemetery history is chronicled in a booklet, "A Watch to Keep," by Jeanne Field Spallone.

Suffering from neglect in the 1970's the Winthrop Cemetery was restored by an energetic volunteer group spearheaded through the Bicentennial movement, which resulted in a re-dedication in 1976. Since that time the cemetery has continued the traditions of the founding proprietors and has been formally incorporated and maintained by its board and association.

Winthrop Cemetery is of great interest to the Connecticut Botanical Society for its threatened orchid, "Yellow-fringed, Plantantheraciliaris or Habenariaciliaris," which grow within its bounds. It is listed as a protected area with the Nature Conservancy and has been the recipient of an award by the Middlesex Country Nurserymen Association.

The Fountain Hill Cemetery, established in 1851, encompasses 48 acres of gently rolling hills, accented by outcroppings of stone, wild flowers and a wide variety of specimen trees. This format is a classic example of a "Rural Cemetery" which was a widespread cultural phenomenon in the mid nineteenth century. The ornamental gates and the Wooster Memorial Chapel, gifts to the Association by Rev. Russell Jennings, were built in the Gothic Revival style also popular in the mid nineteenth century. The more than 5000

grave stones range from simple fieldstone markers to the white marble obelisk of Capt. Samuel Mather, which cost \$5,000.00 in 1868 according to the local paper.

There are many areas of enrichment inherent in this site, the most obvious are the diverse fields of art, historical, cultural and architectural. These embody all aspects of life as reflected in the early and ongoing development of the prospering small town of Deep River. International trade and commerce flourished here and people referred to Deep River as the "Queen of the Valley". A walk through Fountain Hill Cemetery is a walk through the pages of history. It is an ongoing reminder of the efforts and sacrifices of a civilization that prevailed and succeeded.

We are very pleased that the Council recognized the wealth of history within these two beautiful sites. Thanks to Jonathan Kastner of the Town Hall for acquiring the right phone numbers to contact the Council and to Dick Smith for his support of this project.

Rhonda Forristall and Kathy Schultz



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Winthrop Cemetery

Winthrop Cemetery Annual Meeting and Work Day

Author and historian Dan DeLuca was the guest speaker at the Winthrop Cemetery Assoc. annual meeting on April 25. The turn out was great to listen to this interesting speaker talk about the Connecticut wanderer and folk figure, "The Old Leather Man." Dan a retired teacher, has collected newspaper articles, photographs and other documents that chronicle the mysterious life of this mournful traveler. A figure who appeared in 1856, dressed in an outfit he fastened from pieces of scrap leather, sleeping in caves, huts and lean-to shelters, the Leather Man passed through Deep River, Chester and Essex regularly. In fact, The Leather Man, traveled 365 miles every 34 days for six years! Folks of that time could almost set their clocks by him regardless of the weather. Apparently, along his systematic route he would accept food from townspeople but he is reported to have talked very little, adding to the mystery that surrounds his life. DeLuca's book, "The Old Leather Man," published by Wesleyan Press was available for purchase and signing.

Dan was joined at the meeting by Ed Laput from Colchester. Ed is photographing and data basing all cemeteries in the State of Connecticut, a project sponsored by the Godfrey Memorial Library, in Middletown. Winthrop and Fountain Hill Cemetery have been added to Ed's record and is available at Godfrey.

Officers elected at the annual meeting include Kathleen Schultz, president, Art Winschel, vice president, Alice Johnson, secretary and Rick Daniels treasurer. Richard Nagot and George Atwood were re-elected to the Board of Directors. Rich Nagot is the board chair. The three members of the Board of Selectman Dick, Dave and Angus serve on the Winthrop Cemetery board as well.

Another gathering of "Willing Workers," was held at the Winthrop Cemetery on May 5, when 37 volunteers came to help clean up the cemetery, in preparation of this years Memorial Day Parade. Mulch donated by ACER Gardens was spread, trees trimmed, plants planted and garden cleaned, while truckloads of debris was removed. The finishing touches will include a mini-work day on May 19, when Cub Scouts from

Deep River will plant flowers at the Revolutionary War Memorial and pick up sticks as needed.



World War II veteran, Herb (Bart) Kurze with his great grandson Zachary Schultz, placing flags on the veterans graves in the Winthrop Cemetery

The Winthrop Cemetery is a member of the Association For Gravestone Studies and Connecticut Gravestone Network. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated



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On Saturday, April 21, 2012 the Deep River Junior Ancient Fife & Drum Corps. held a fundraising march-a-thon. They were escorted by Deep River Officer & First Selectman, Dick Smith as they marched and performed their music from Plattwood Park in Deep River to the Company of Fifers & Drummers Museum in Ivoryton, CT. The rain held off & the sun came out as the Corps enjoyed a barbecue lunch after the march.


The DRJA is a non-profit 501c3 organization of children age 8-18 focused on continuing the spirit of our Nation's musical heritage. We have been fundraising for numerous years and would like to thank all of our sponsors, donors, supporters and the community we live and practice in for their generous donations. The DRJA kids are thrilled to have been invited to attend the first ever International Muster in Basel, Switzerland in June 2012. This is the land where fife & drum began. We hope to make Deep River proud!



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First Congregational Church of Deep River

First Congregational Church has had a busy and productive spring season. On Maundy Thursday, April 5th, our fourth grade Sunday School students received their first Communion. On May 27th, Pentecost Sunday, we had the joy of welcoming seventeen young adults as full members of our congregation at our Service of Confirmation. They had spent this past year attending regular Confirmation Classes, preparing a "Statement of Faith" to share, creating a personal stole to wear at the service, as well as visiting area churches.

We have had the blessing and privilege of having a seminary intern participate in all areas of our church life since September, 2011. Allyson Glass, a member of Killingworth Congregational Church and a student at Andover Newton Theological Seminary, near Boston, was honored during coffee hour on Sunday, May 13th. Ally, a former teacher and school administrator, will begin a residency in the chaplaincy office at St. Raphael's Hospital in New Haven this fall.

Our friends, Thula Sizwe, from South Africa visited and performed at our church on Saturday evening, May 5th. They are such an inspiring group of young men who taught us a lot about their difficult lives at home and their belief in God and fellow man. We raised \$1500 in a free will collection which will help them and their families. This was their third visit to our church and they feel like this is their home away from home.

On May 12th, Claudia Hardy headed up our annual Mother's Day Craft Fair. A variety of crafters and vendors participated and the church sold plants and baked goods, served a luncheon, and held silent auction. Thank you to all who participated and attended this annual event.

We have two youth mission groups leaving in July for one week trips to serve the needs of the people of El Salvador and West Virginia. They have been collecting supplies to bring with them, as well as holding a car wash on May 19th, among other fundraising activities.

We have some important events coming up in the life of our congregation:

- Sunday, June 10th is Children's Sunday with a special service at 10:00 with presentations by each Sunday School class. During the service, the El Salvador and New Orleans Mission groups will be commissioned and high school seniors will be honored. This will be followed by a Vacation Bible School "Block Party," immediately following the service. We will have games and activities for all ages!
- July 9th-13th – Chelsea Chiappa will be leading our Vacation Bible School program, which is open to children age 4 to entering 5th grade. Bible stories, crafts, games and snacks are all part of this special week. Please contact her at 860-391-9112 or vbs.drcc@yahoo.com. You may also call the church office, 860-526-5045 for further information. Registration forms are available on the church web site, www.deepriverchurch.org
- August 3rd-5th – Men of the church will be participating in a retreat/hike to Crawford Notch, NY. Contact the church office for more information.
- Saturday, August 11th - Our Annual Flea Market on the Green will be held from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. You may call to arrange for one of the 74 spaces available.. Spaces are 20 x 20 and the price is \$30.00. Contact the church at 860-526-5045 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to request a map and form. Forms can also be downloaded on our church web site, www.deepriverchurch.org. Please come and join us. There will be food for sale, a bake sale, as well as a tag sale inside the Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday, September 9th – We return to our normal worship schedule, with two services: one at 8:30 a.m. and the second at 10:00 a.m. This is the first day of Sunday School (10:00 service) and as a special "kick-off" event, our annual Mission Fair will be held immediately following the church service. The various church boards provide activities for the children, which help our youth see how working together can make the world a better place.

You are invited to join us for worship this summer. (8:30 a.m. each Sunday) Have a safe and happy Summer 2012! Please check our church website, www.deepriverchurch.org for more information about us.

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Public Transit Options Continue to Expand

Your lawn is not the only thing growing this spring. 9 Town Transit has once again been growing, offering more service hours and a larger service area to Deep River residents and businesses. Expansions have been made necessary by enormous growth in ridership in recent years, with passenger trips increasing over 70% in just three years.

In April, hours were expanded on Mid-Shore Express and Southeast Shuttle routes. The Mid-Shore Express, with service between Old Saybrook and Middletown, now operates Monday through Friday from 6:20 AM until 7:00 PM. The Southeast Shuttle between Old Saybrook and New London is now operating Monday through Friday 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. The new hours provide better access to educational and work opportunities.

This spring will also bring the inclusion of Haddam in the 9 Town Transit service area. Haddam will now be served by both the Mid-Shore Express along Route 154 and Dial-A-Ride throughout Haddam (with the exception of Haddam Neck). The addition of Haddam allows mobility throughout a larger region for current customers, and allows Haddam residents to access the shoreline towns.

9 Town Transit operates both scheduled route and Dial-A-Ride service throughout Deep River. Connections are available to New Haven, Middletown, Hartford and New London. Fares range from \$1.50 to \$3.00, with discounts for seniors. All services are open to the general public. More information is available at www.9towntransit.com or by calling (860) 510-0429.

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Your local health department, The Connecticut River Area Health District, has moved to new offices:

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Tri-Town Youth Services

Tri-Town Youth Services has many programs and events planned for the summer. All are held at Tri-Town, 56 High Street in Deep River, unless otherwise indicated. Please join us whenever you can!

Babysitter Training

Learn how to become a safe and responsible babysitter! This American Red Cross program includes basic child care, first aid for breathing and bleeding emergencies, and injury prevention as well as topics to prepare young adults for babysitting. This class is an excellent opportunity to help students 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 \$70 fee includes book, course and certificate.

The summer class will be offered on July 16, 17, and 19 from 6:00-8:15 p.m. This course fills up quickly, so please be sure to call 860-526-3600 to register soon.

Summer Co-op 2012:

This program is open to all incoming 7th, 8th, and 9th graders in the tri-town area. The program will operate four days each week from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., unless otherwise noted, and features three one-week sessions of events, which are focused on a particular theme.

Session I, "Surf 'n' Turf, will run July 2, 3, 5, and 6 and will include trips to Rocky Neck and CT Sportsplex Laser Tag and Arcade, bowling, indoor rock climbing, Hammonasset, and Lake Compounce. Session II, "Water Week," will include Brownstown Exploration and Discover Park, Huck Finn Adventures, Ocean Beach, and Six Flags during July 9-12. Session III is "In the Spotlight" and runs July 16-19. This week includes a trip to a recording studio, a tv studio, Lyman Allen Art Museum, "Carousel" at Goodspeed, and a trip to Boston to see Blue Man Group. (July 18 will be 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. and July 19 will run 3 p.m. to midnight. Group sizes are limited, so be sure to register early. Fee: \$185 per session.

Taste of the Valley

Friday, September 7, 2012. See the blog for updates! <http://www.tasteofthevalley.blogspot.com>

Deep River Dry Pants Yacht Club

Deep River Hosts Major Model Sailing Event

Platwood Pond was home this past month to one of the most popular model sailing events in this part of the country: the 6th Annual New England Spring Regatta for CR-914 model yachts. Once again, it was a great success for both participants and curious onlookers



Competitors were invited from all over the northeast. The top five sailors in order of finish were Ron Rhault (Mansfield Center), Doug Demarest (Essex), Bill Hincks (Old Lyme), Rocco Campanelli (Larchmont, NY) and Jim Godsman (Essex)

Deep River residents are always welcome to stop-by and visit with the sailors. If you have had some sailing experience, club members are very willing to give you a chance to take the radio-control helm of a boat or even provide you with a loaner. And, if you really like the experience, we will be very happy to have you come and sail with us as a Club member. For information, call 860-767-5052.

The boats we sail are known as CR-914's, a nationally syndicated one design class of boats that are 1/12 scale copies of America Cup racers. Over 5000 exist and can be found in every state in the nation. These boats are 36" long and can easily be carried in the trunk of most cars fully-rigged. They are fast, very competitive, and identical in every way—including weight. Winning and losing is totally dependent on the competence of the sailors

Look for us at the pond every Sunday from 1030 AM until noon as well as Thursday evenings until dark. For more information, visit the Club's website: www.drypantsmodelyachtclub.com or www.dpmyccom.com. Model sailing is a lot of fun. Join the fun!!



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

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

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

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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 each 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

Town Hall Auditorium Restoration Committee

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

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

Park & Recreation Commission

2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Chairperson: Janice Kmetz

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.
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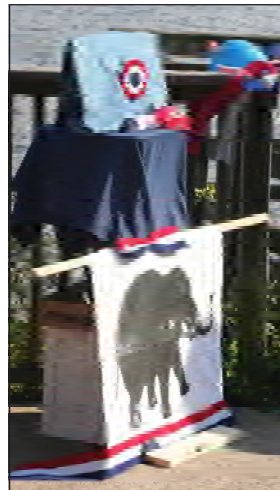
On hand to welcome Deep River's newly-arrived *Loxodonta Africana* (African Bush Elephant), from left: Bob Johnson, Hedy Watrous, Tinder Baser, Dick Smith, Tim & Phyllis Haut and (back to camera) John LaPlante.



Following historical essays and dedicatory speeches, the throng of well-wishers eagerly awaits the unveiling.



Madeline Kayser & friend will get on with the unveiling.



Ivory's Port of Entry was the Landing; appropriately ceremonies began there: The Dais awaits the oratory; the Junior Ancient's Color Guard stands at attention, ready for the march to Town Hall



After a last fond pat (*left*), John LaP. & Tim Haut confer the elephant deed to the Town, represented by Dick Smith. Afterward (*right*), an elephant meet and greet.



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Marching: Military veterans (above), Fire Department Officers (below, left). **Color Guards:** Fire Department (bottom left), veterans and Drum Corps (bottom right). **Music:** The combined Valley Regional High School and John Winthrop Middle School marching bands.

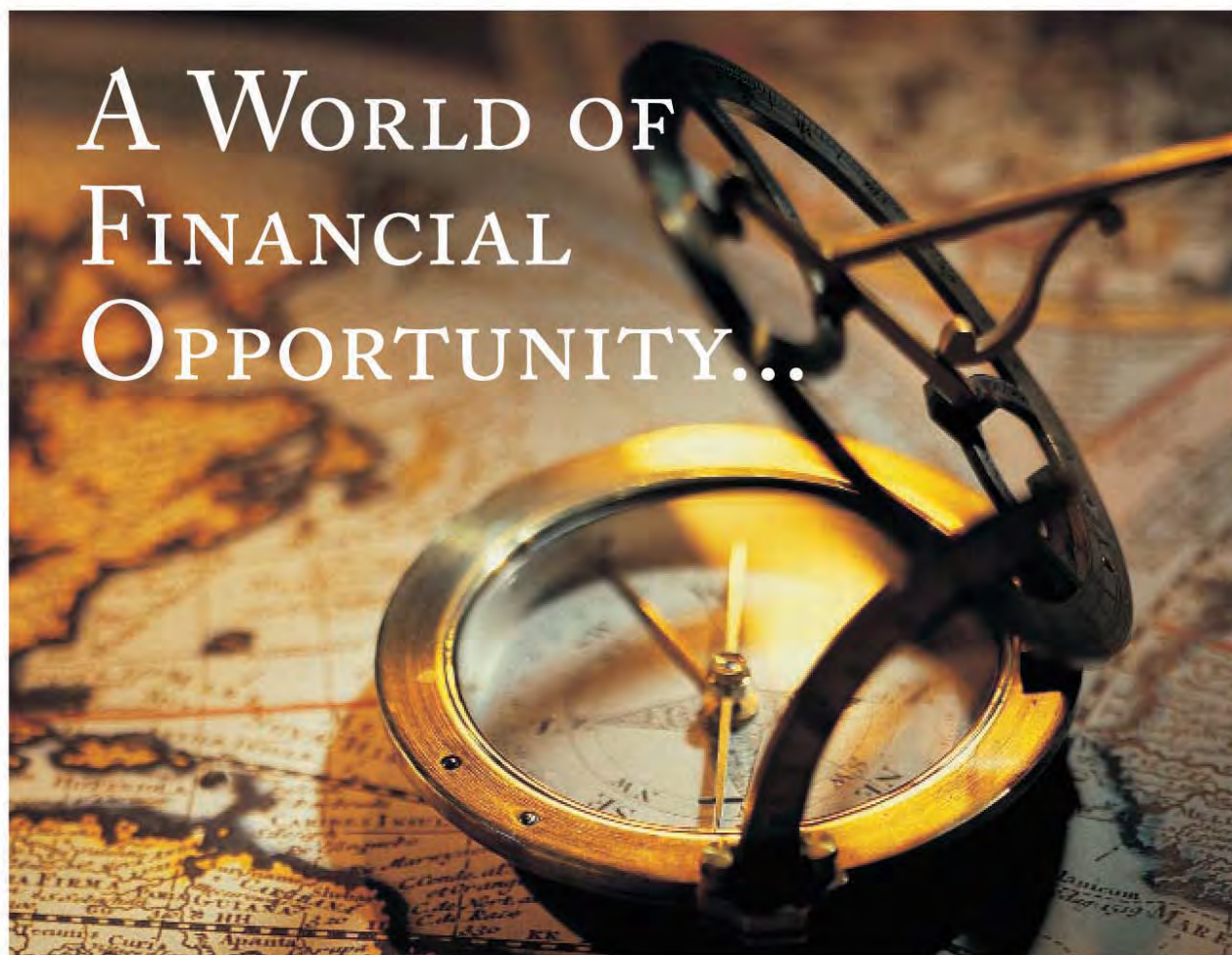




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