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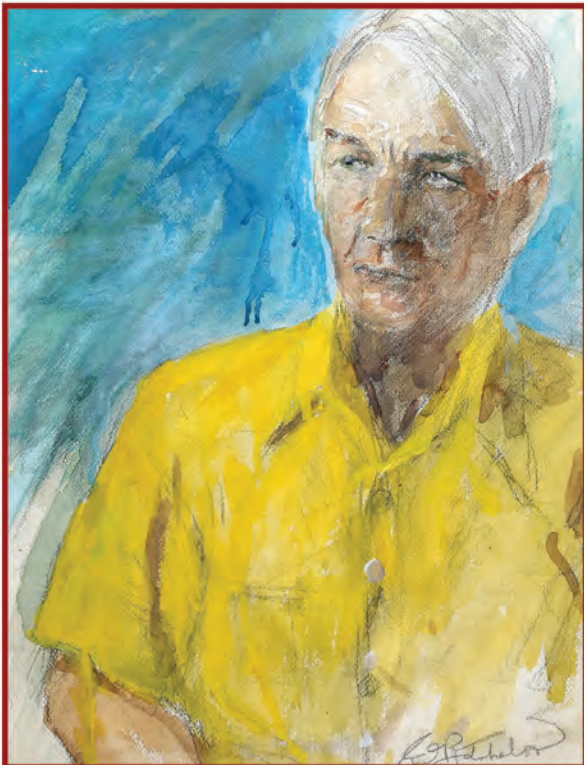
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Clarence Daniel Batchelor: the Deep River Connection

On the afternoon of Sunday, November 14, 1943, a photographer from the New York *Daily News* snapped Governor Raymond E. Baldwin in mid-speech. Meanwhile, a LIFE photographer leaned from a window on the second floor of the Public Library to capture the ceremony from behind, including the estimated 1,000 residents and distinguished visitors who filled the front lawn, both sidewalks and stood in ranks on the steps of the National Bank. It was not the gubernatorial visit that drew the attention of two giants of the American Press—it was the artist. As it happened, the story never appeared in the pages of LIFE, but the 2.4 million readers of the *Daily News* read all about it.

Why all the fuss? *Columbia's* creator was C. D. Batchelor, renowned as the Pulitzer Prize-winning political cartoonist and Chief Editorial Cartoonist of the *News* from 1931 until his retirement in 1969. Throughout his tenure at the *News*, and until his death in 1977, Batchelor lived in Deep River, in the Edmund Bushnell Homestead on Kelsey Hill Road.

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DAILY NEWS, MONI

DEEP RIVER HONOR ROLL UNVEILED



Political cartoons and the significant events of the day that inspire them are time-sensitive. The illustrated commentaries on hot topics of another day have largely lost their relevance. No longer timely, perhaps, but historical documents—with a Deep River connection. Most of Batchelor's tens of thousands of drawings have been donated to university libraries, safe from the ravages of time, but viewable only upon request. Most..... but not all. Opening June 6, and exhibited throughout the summer, *The Political Cartoons of C. D. Batchelor: Draw Your Own Conclusions* will be at the Stone House.

There was a private side of Batchelor's artistry, shared with friends and neighbors. On these pages a little history, some biography and examples of the other side of C. D. Batchelor.





A sampling of the Batchelor's holiday cards: Uncle Sam's female companion bears a resemblance to the *Columbia* of our Honor Roll (Is she peering eastward, toward Deep River?) . Was it a commentary on Twittering Carol's musical prowess that her Christmas caroling was limited to just the first four notes of "Joy to the World?" Juxtaposed with the warm rendering of their home, *Infinity* seems mysterious and other-worldly. It is a reproduction in miniature of Batchelor's original mural, which has been displayed in the Daily News Building since 1962. With so much snow, it's a bit early to expect avian guests. When Spring does arrive, birds will compete for the inexpensive space: 'A season's rent—one song.'

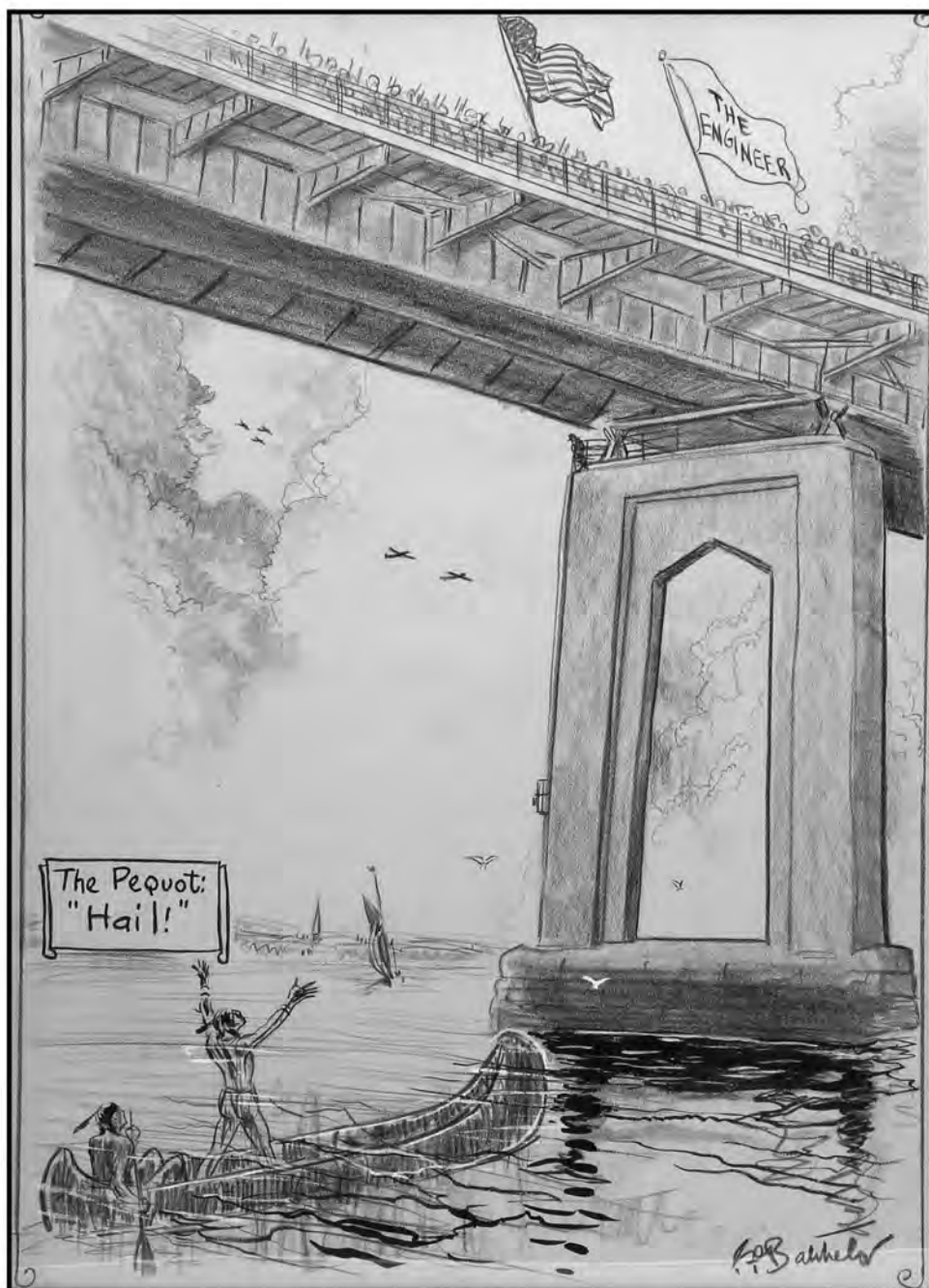


- God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
And if there is an endlessness,
How can there be a norm?
Would God give souls to sentient beasts?
Or would they still be clods?
If evolution is God's way,
Whose image, then, is God's?

- So if there is Infinity,
If endlessness is true,
Somewhere Napoleon walks again
The fields of Waterloo;
And somewhere, always, in the depths
Of Time's vast shoreless sea,
Upon the ghastly Hill of Skulls
Christ hangs upon the Tree! "

-ROSSER REEVES

May a world
of happiness be
yours in 1969
is the wish of
Allegra and
Ed Batchelor



The Baldwin Connection

Just five years after his dedicatory speech at the unveiling of *Columbia*, former Governor Raymond E. Baldwin was accorded an honor rarely bestowed on the living: the modern, four-lane replacement for the original river crossing (a 1911 drawbridge) was to bear his name. The pomp and circumstance of the span's Grand Opening prompted a celebratory Batchelor commentary—with a bit of whimsy: as the parade pays jubilant tribute to this marvel wrought by modern engineering, ghostly Pequots (the original settlers) echo their approval from the watery vantage point below.

The fuzzy photo of Batchelor, 19, from the 1907 Chicago Art Institute yearbook, was accompanied by classmates' flattering doggerel:

An artist of great fame is he;
He paints the earth, the sky, the sea;
But this is what perplexes me,
That one so skilled a 'bachelor' should be.

Deep River so revered Batchelor that his passing was acknowledged in the town's Annual Report of 1978. His photograph, in city attire, accompanied the obituary.

The self portrait, an age-adjusted version of the young art student, also bears similarity to Uncle Sam on the 1969-70 holiday card.

Batchelor relaxed by painting—for pleasure. The dreamy, muted watercolor of the mill pond in Autumn, though vastly different from the bold strokes of his cartoons, bears the familiar signature.

Here in Deep River, *Columbia* and C. D. Batchelor are nearly synonymous. Elsewhere, she bears no mention—even on the internet.

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Up Coming Events



**30th Annual
Sonny Stebbins Memorial Fishing Derby**
Plattwood Park
Saturday, May 9th
Rain or shine

C.D. Batchelor Exhibit
Opening June 6th
The Stone House
(Deep River Historical Society)



Park & Rec Summer Program
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Cover Photo:

Locally famous as the creator of the mural the *Columbia* at the Honor Roll on the Green, C.D. Batchelor was widely known for his political cartoons. Open on June 6th at the Stone House, a celebration of Batchelor's career: **The Political Cartoons of C.D. Batchelor.** Draw your own Conclusions.

Selectman's News

2014 Grand List Increase:

I'm pleased to report that in 2014 Deep River's Grand List increased by \$9,145,318, approximately two percent, from \$490,407,091 in 2013 to \$499,552,409. The Grand List is composed of:

Real Estate:	\$ 2,178,120
Motor Vehicles	\$ 289,394
Personal Property	\$ 6,677,804

At the current mill rate (25.88), revenues will increase by approximately \$236,000 during Fiscal Year 2015-2016, which begins on July 1, 2015.

Two Plattwood Parks:

Recreational

In February, the Town of Deep River received two bids for construction of Plattwood's new baseball field and ADA-compliant fitness trail.

When planning large capital projects we often request a "base bid" to cover the majority of work, with smaller portions, or "alternates," priced separately. If bids for the entire project are higher than expected, but within the range of the "base," construction can move forward, with alternate portions rescheduled as funding may allow. The two bids were as follows:

Venuti Enterprises:

Base	\$ 439,000
Alternate #1	\$ 30,000
Alternate #2	\$ 23,000

Mountain View Landscaping:

Base	\$ 519,250
Alternate #1	\$ 26,000
Alternate #2	\$ 55,750

Once the town's engineers, Nathan L. Jacobson and Associates, have reviewed the bids, checked bidders' references and certified their credentials, the Board of Selectmen can vote to award the contract to Venuti, who submitted the low bid. Our goal is to begin work by late April or May, with completion in September.

Planning for this baseball field, a longtime goal of our Parks & Recreation Commission and many residents, dates back to the mid-1980s. Its realization is due to the award of a \$400,000 grant under the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP). The new ball field, fitness trail and other ADA-compliant upgrades will complement the beach, skateboard park, basketball court and picnic areas.

Deep River is very fortunate to have received grants that have brought many major improvements to town: the Main Street Streetscape and Village Street Bridge, our Business Incubator Buildings and Public Library addition. The Plattwood grant is by far our most substantial funding for recreation.

But whether funding is through grants or the town's resources, every addition to our infrastructure carries an implicit price tag for the future costs of upkeep. Maintaining our expanding inventory of infrastructure has an impact on the Town's operating budget, a subject we address with each new budget.

This is why I find recent events at our other Plattwood just as exciting - and very important.

Industrial

In the last issue of the News we described the events that led to the expansion of Plattwood Industrial Park. We are progressing on schedule toward completing the expansion or project by this coming fall.

The three businesses that will be constructed along Mislick Drive (the new access road to the expanded industrial park) will help contribute the tax dollars necessary for the continuing maintenance of our infrastructure. Developer Teague Moyer has already completed the first phase of his new building. It will be home to a custom stone-cutting company. Groundbreaking for the other two - Winthrop Tool, LLC, and Lee Property Holdings, LLC, is planned for April. At the same time, the Town will complete storm drainage and install conduit to serve the electrical and communications needs of the new buildings. Final paving of Mislick Drive should be completed by summer.

The fiscal impact of the new buildings, along with their contents and the new motor vehicles these thriving firms acquire, will be reflected in an increased 2015 Grand List.

Selectman's News, cont.

Sewer Expansion:

In the last issue of the News we informed you that the base portion of the sewer project was under construction. Based on higher than expected costs, sections of Kirtland Street and River Lane were separated from the original project. As we stated in the previous issue of the News, we requested additional grants / loans to complete the project as originally planned. We are very pleased that the USDA recently informed us that they approved an additional \$495,000 in grant money and a low interest loan of \$605,000. After being approved by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance, residents voted in favor of the additional appropriation from the USDA at a Town Meeting held on March 5th. This will allow completion of two of the alternates as part of this project.

In November, work began on Read Street and Old River Street #1. By late January, Winter called a halt to construction; we expect that activity will have resumed by the time you receive this newsletter.

But Wait...There's More:

The combination of comprehensive planning and the welcome cooperation of the Connecticut Water Company have allowed this sewer expansion to encompass a variety of other improvements as well.

As discussed in past issues, the Connecticut Water Company will replace existing six-inch cast iron mains with new eight-inch ductile steel pipe along the same route as the new sewer line.

As sections of the sewer and water lines are completed, the Highway Department will upgrade or rebuild storm drains and repair sidewalks. High on my priority list will be to seize this opportunity to finish the River Street sidewalk. Eastward from the intersection with River Lane to the Railroad Station and Town Landing - a distance of a few hundred yards of sharp curves and ledge outcropping - we will build a brand new sidewalk, and in doing so we will complete the Kirtland/River Street walking loop.

Finally, we will solicit bids for the reclamation and repaving of affected roadways, with the contract awarded to the low bidder.

Once again I extend Deep River's thanks to the Connecticut Water Company, whose cooperation helps ensure that our well-drained, newly-paved streets should be immune from excavation for many years to come.

Our thanks, too, to the USDA. Their policy allows the re-allocation of unused funds from projects nationwide. The interest shown by the USDA staff, and their cooperation in the funding process, has been very gratifying. They attend monthly meetings with the contractor, Town engineers and Town officials to review progress and to share the benefit of their long experience.

To town residents, my special thanks for your patience during construction. I am certain that the inconvenience will be far offset by more than the new sewer. Existing water service will be more reliable and will be available for the first time to some customers.

Most notable for drivers will be the wonderfully smooth asphalt surface of the newly-paved streets throughout the area.

So long...but not goodbye

December 23, 2014 marked the end of a Deep River tradition of more than three decades. In snow-plowing or street-sweeping mode he was "Truck 8;" enticing a stray dog into the familiar white van, or wrangling an errant cow, his moniker was "K9-8."

Bob Jenkins (that's his retirement handle) stopped by Town Hall the other day, accompanied by Cathy, his wife of 36 years. He looked good. Playing hooky seemed to be having a calming effect. Cathy, who is always calm, told us (with a straight face) that having Bob around full time has been a good thing.

For 31 years (and two days, to be exact), we had Bob around. That was a good thing for us—and for you. His skills served our Highway Department well for all those years. He has a place, too, in the memories of the many hundreds of his canine charges who benefited from his kindness.

On behalf of the Town of Deep River and your fellow employees, thank you Bob. Enjoy your retirement. Keep in touch.

Selectman's News, cont.

A Precedent Broken:

At the risk of treading on the sensitivities of friends and neighbors, I have decided (after much soul-searching) to break an important precedent.

Last November, Paul Mozzochi passed away at the age of 89. Paul was a special person - to me and to his many admiring friends. But special people abound, here and throughout this world. Who am I to choose just one among many to extol in these pages?

My purpose is not to propose that this man is somehow more worthy than any others whose deaths we mourn. Every wake and funeral (events that come with increasing frequency as we ourselves grow older) is a reminder of history lost, of stories no longer told, of yet another vacancy in our lives - and of our own mortality.

It is true that Paul was my longtime friend and respected fellow peace officer; his presence also had personal meaning to his many friends and neighbors, and especially to generations of students at the Deep River Elementary School. But it is the iconic Paul Mozzochi, the man who, to me, at this moment in time, embodies the spirit of Deep River, the place he called home for his entire life.

Deep River must have had more than its share of Paul Mozzochis. How else do we explain the pervasive sense of pride, the love of place, that we lavish on this singular town?

How else might we have learned a small town imperative: know when to come to the aid of neighbors...but then respect their privacy by leaving when we have done enough.

What good fortune that, by acknowledging the spirit of one man, we recognize more clearly the legacy of so many like him. We have been granted an inheritance that will continue to add meaning to our lives.

Epilog:

Just before press time I happened upon the draft of a congratulatory card I sent Paul several years ago, on the occasion of his selection by Deep River Rotary as a Person of the Year. I tried to describe my interpretation of the essence of the man:

Paul,

Deep River is, in many ways, my family, so I especially appreciate friends like you who share my feelings. Do you know that, regardless of who is your stand-in, on those rare occasions when you are absent from your school crossing post, the Elementary School students invariably ask where you are - and how you are. How many thousands of Deep River's children have crossed that intersection under your watchful eye? Rotary and its members exemplify service to their community. By honoring you, they have honored themselves as well.

Dick Smith, 1st Selectman

Animal Control

Well spring is here after a very long cold winter. Mother Nature wasn't very nice. I hope that spring is a lot nicer. Now with all the snow melting, our yards will need cleaning from anything that could hurt our loving pets such as the tree limbs that came down and so they have a safe place to play. This could save us time and money from having to go to the vets.

This will be my last newsletter to you all as I'm retiring. I hope to see you on the streets with your smiling pets. So as my last words, be healthy, happy and keep smiling. Make the government wonder what you are up to. Enjoy life to the fullest.

Bob Jenkins, Retired Animal Control Officer

Deep River Food Pantry

People Helping People

May 7th from 5:00-8:00pm. Come to a Spring Fling at Chaos will be holding a spring fling located at 114 Main Street. When you bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Deep River Food Pantry you will receive a special gift.

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Welcome New Residents & Property Owners

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Stuart & Helen Cutler	11 Burroughs Lane	10/20/2014
Jessica & Paul Kautz, Jr.	29 Prospect Street	10/27/2014
Stephen T. & Sandra J. Bergeron	17 River Street	11/05/2014
Jason & Danielle Lucas	49 River Lane	11/10/2014
Dustin K. & Nicole Flagge	275 Westbrook Road	11/10/2014
John R. Kollmer	4 Hemlock Terrace Extension	11/18/2014
John & Jennifer Hodgson	76 Kirtland Street	11/18/2014
Marc Lewis	118 Rattling Valley Road	11/18/2014
Debra J. Marasco	92 Main Street, #228	12/04/2014
Elana Vasi	174 West Bridge Street	12/08/2014
Timothy & Phyllis B. Haut	73 High Street	12/10/2014
Neil Hosking & Shannon Gates	141 Bushy Hill Road	12/11/2014
Rembert W. Patrick, Jr.	22 Glen Grove Road	12/15/2014
Joseph E. Dalton	3 Union Street	12/19/2014
Sara & Charles Walker	103 Meadow Woods Road	12/22/2014
Margaret Phillips	163 Cedar Swamp Road	12/29/2014
Henry Britton Welch	92 Main Street, #420	01/12/2015
Peter T. Miserendino	111 River Street	01/12/2015
Christina M. Coates	28 Colonial Drive	01/21/2015

New Trade Name Filings

SNET Co.	Frontier Communications of CT	11/12/2014
SNET America Inc.	Frontier Long Distance	11/13/2014
AT&T Corp.	AT&T Mobile & Business Solutions	11/17/2014
Linalynn Schmelzer	River Valley Dance Project	11/24/2014
Glenn A. Paskiewicz	Glenn P. Art	01/20/2015
James F. Kane	Swing Bridge Arts Alliance	01/22/2015
CL&P	Eversource Energy	02/03/2015

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:

Community Health Committee	term to expire 10-30-2016
Community Health Committee	term to expire 10-30-2016
Economic Development Commission	term to expire 12-01-2016
Economic Development Commission	term to expire 12-01-2017
Housing Authority	term to expire 01-31-2019
Parks & Recreation Commission	term to expire 12-01-2017
WPCA	term to expire 12-01-2017

Regional Agencies

Agent for the Elderly
CATV Advisory Council District V
Long Island Sound Council

Town Clerk's Office, cont.

Passings

Patricia Stalsburg	348 Main Street	10/24/2014
Lawrence N. Dayett	60 Main Street, #102	10/26/2014
Richard Huston	50 Whittlesey Brook Road	10/30/2014
Domenic P. Pulcini, Jr.	20 Belmont Avenue	11/15/2014
Evelyn Camire	25 Prospect Street	11/16/2014
Dorothy M. Brusco	93 Main Street, #2	11/16/2014
Paul Mozzochi	306 Main Street	11/17/2014
Despi Renee Moutzouris	3 Old River Road	11/29/2014
Mark Urban	112 Westbrook Road	12/06/2014
Anthony Camire, Jr.	25 Prospect Street	12/22/2014

Marriages

Thomas J. Maclean & Keri A. Albanese	08/08/2014
Ryan K. McDonald & Jillian S. Jagielo	08/30/2014
John E. Ely & Katelyn M. Campbell	08/30/2014
Eric D. Sullivan & Heidi E. Martin	09/13/2014
Geoffrey R. Nichols & Lauren H. Downie	09/14/2014
David J. McCarthy & Jennifer R. Beardsley	09/16/2014
Thomas M. Butler & Jennifer A. Raucci	09/26/2014
Shane D. Scott & Andrea K. Morse	09/27/2014
Quinton H. Brogan & Katie L. Welch	10/03/2014
Adam R. Harris & Ashley M. Bartek	10/04/2014
David P. Woods, Sr. & Melanie A. Ruffino	10/04/2014
John E. Gagliardi, Jr. & Lauren B. Schneider	10/18/2014
Kyle B. Forrest & Megan A. Miller	10/19/2014
John P. Crowley & Erin M. Niles	10/24/2014
Michael J. Bagley & Maggie S. Suppe	10/25/2014
John E. Connell, III & Katherine A. Weisel	10/25/2014
Christopher P. Duby & Danielle S. Costa	11/01/2014
Richard B. Gada, Jr. & Courtney A. Doane	11/07/2014
Samuel M. Fallon & Anne H. Armstrong	11/08/2014
Luigi A. Scalo & Krista M. Wendt	12/20/2014
Tyler B. Deren & Kate M. Gedney	12/27/2014
Carl S. Kaufmann & Jeanne G. Nickse	12/27/2014

New stickers for 2015-2016 are available at the Town Clerk's office or at the Transfer Station. These stickers are for residents only and allow use of the Transfer Station as well as Plattwood Park and the Town Dock/Landing. Please remember to bring your motor vehicle registration when requesting a Town sticker.

Opening Day of Fishing Season is Saturday, April 11, 2015. This is a week earlier than usual so mark your calendars. The 2015 Hunter's Guide is currently available at the Town Clerk's office and 2015 Angler's Guides should be available the end of March. Hunting and Fishing licenses are also available at the Town Clerk's office.

If you have a dog you are required by law to have it licensed in your town of residence. We will send license renewal postcards to registered dog owners to begin renewal on June 1st. (Sorry but we can't issue licenses before that date). These renewals can be done in person or by mail but all dog licenses MUST be renewed by June 30, 2015 to avoid paying a penalty.

Amy Winchell

4th Annual Run For Chris 5K



The 4th Annual Run For Chris 5K will be held June 27 in Essex, CT. The race is held in memory of Christopher Belfoure, a 2005 graduate of VRHS, to raise money for the The Chris Belfoure Memorial Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County.



While a student at Valley, Chris went on several school trips abroad. These experiences served as catalysts for a strong desire to learn more about what lay beyond the scope of his horizon. Chris went on to major in History and Chinese Studies at West Virginia University, where he spent a considerable amount of time studying abroad in China. He developed a keen interest in and fondness for the Chinese people and their culture (all the while becoming fluent in Mandarin). Upon graduation from WVU, Chris secured employment in Shanghai working for an international information technology firm.

Inspired by his own life-altering journeys, Chris was passionate about encouraging others to broaden their own horizons and follow their own paths. And so to keep his inspiration and passion alive, The Chris Belfoure Memorial Fund was established at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County in 2011. The Fund is intended to perpetuate Chris's vision by helping local area high school students travel abroad.

To date a number of area students have benefited from the Fund, traveling to such places as Costa Rica, France and Spain. Local Essex resident David Hayes, a fund supporter and avid Run For Chris participant, had this to say about the Chris Belfoure Memorial Fund and

how it has benefitted his own daughter: "I am glad to continue to support such a worthwhile cause with such deep meaning. The way you have turned the loss of your son into supporting multiculturalism in our local community is inspiring to me. My daughter was lucky to have been involved in the VRHS language programs, and is now a college freshman out in California. She was greatly influenced by her trips abroad. As for me I will try to keep Chris in mind as I travel and run in locations near and far."

To register for the Run, go to www.aratrace.com. For more information, contact George Chapin, Race Director, at george_c@snet.net.

Deep River Elementary School

The Connecticut Association of Schools, through its Elementary Celebration of the Arts Festival annually honors two outstanding students, in the highest grade level of each elementary school in our State. Students who are chosen have excelled in the areas of visual or performing arts and have exhibited high levels of citizenship and cooperative skills. The celebration was held at the Aqua-Turf Club in Southington on Monday February 23, 2015. Students honored from Deep River Elementary School were Jaden Barclay and Madelyn Costello. Principal Strickland and Mrs. Carfi, along with their families, enjoyed the festivities.



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Deep River Assessor's Office

Important Dates to Remember

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Active Members of the U.S. Armed Forces – Any active member of the United States Armed Forces (defined as United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force and any reserve component thereof, including the Connecticut National Guard) is eligible for the exemption of one motor vehicle. Applications for the exemption must be completed annually and submitted to the Assessor's office not later than the December 31, 2015 for the upcoming billing of the 2014 Grand List.

Veterans - are reminded to file their Honorable Discharge with the Town Clerk's office on or before October 1, 2015. Those veterans who have already submitted their DD214 need not file again. Once you have reached age 65 please notify the Assessor's office so that we may reflect it on our records.

Additional Veteran's Exemption – The filing period for the Additional Veteran's exemptions is February 1, 2015 through October 1, 2015. The exemptions for income qualifying applicants will be based on the income maximums as follows: the maximum income for single applicants will be \$34,100 and the maximum for married applicants will be \$41,600.

Totally Disabled & Blind - If you haven't already filed, exemption forms for new applicants who meet the qualifications must be filed on or before October 1, 2015.

Renters Rebate – For Renters who meet the income qualifications, Public Act 12-69 extends the Renters Rebate application period. The application period for this State program is now April 1, 2015 through October 1, 2015.

Farm or Forest - New applications for property owners claiming land as Farm or Forest must be filed with the Assessor's Office before October 31, 2015. Forest applicants must have their land certified by a State Forester. The certificate from the Forestry Department must be dated on or before October 1, 2015.

Did You Register a Vehicle After October 1, 2014?

You will receive a Supplemental Bill payable in January 2016 for any new or replacement vehicle that was registered after October 1, 2014.

Did You Get Rid Of A Car Between October 1, 2014-August 30, 2015?

If you canceled your plates, have you provided the Assessor's Office with the proper documentation? Without providing the Assessor with proper documentation, will result in a 12 month bill due July 2015.

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If you need any assistance on any of the above deadlines or programs, we would be happy to assist you. Please call our office at 860-526-6029.

All information can also be found on our website in the Assessors Section at www.deepriverct.us

Deep River Community Health Committee



Happy Spring from the Deep River Community Health Committee!

Although the Deep River Community Health Committee has been around for the last several years, many don't know who we are, what we do or for that matter, that we even exist!

The DR CHC was appointed by the Board of Selectmen in October 2010 to address the public health and social service needs of the citizens of Deep River. The CHC is charged with many responsibilities. We act as a liaison between the community and the public health nursing service (Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley) and keep the Board of Selectmen informed on these matters. We work closely with the town's Social Services Director, Rosie Bininger, helping to keep the food pantry stocked and making sure our neighbors who are in emergent, temporary need of food, heating assistance, medication or clothing stay warm and well. We oversee the town's longstanding Memorial Fund and raise money to maintain the newer Deep River Community Fund.

You may have seen members of the DR CHC in front of Adams at Thanksgiving helping the Troopers and Constables stuff the cruiser with food. You may have seen us and our banner with the big yellow sun at several Misfit Cruiser nights at Plattwood Park collecting donations and non-perishables. You may have seen our table at the DR Congregational Church Flea Market in August or one of our nurse committee members taking blood pressures on Family Day. You may have come to our "Soup for You" fundraiser in November at the Town Hall and feasted on the best soups in town. And we hope you received our first big fundraising campaign letter last fall.

We would like to thank those who have helped make this past year successful for us so that we can continue caring for our neighbors in need: Face Arts Music for their annual Jams for Cans night, Shore Discount Liquors for their non-perishable food drive in December and the regular donations they collect from their customers, Adams Hometown Market, The Resident State Trooper and Constables, the Deep River Fire

Department, Don Brookes from Misfit Cruisers, the many generous people who have donated food and money to the food pantry (which serves our own town residents), the Deep River Rotary Club, and the members of the Deep River Congregational Church. Many chefs made "Soup For You" a delicious success by donating or sponsoring soups: Calamari's Tavern, Pizzeria DaVinci, Deep River Market, Deep River Pizza, Dough On Main, Fremut's service station, Hally Jo's, Russ and Lisa Marth, The Red House, Wade's market, The Whistle Stop and the winner of the Golden Ladle Award, The Ivory Restaurant with their famous lobster bisque. An extra thanks to all that so generously responded to our fundraising mailing in the fall. From the smallest donation to the largest, every dollar was greatly appreciated. Special thanks must be given to Russell Marth who was the first Chairman of the committee. Russ got us off the ground as a fledgling committee and took us from zero to 60 with his tireless leadership and selfless dedication. In his four years at the helm, he reminded us at almost every meeting, "*We do important work here.*" So hats off to Mr. Marth! If you see him around town, please thank him for all he's done.

We try to keep the Community Fund balance as healthy as possible. The greatest need and largest expenditure is one-time emergency heating assistance and it was extraordinarily COLD this winter! We ask you to imagine being without heat on one of those single digit nights and when you conclude you couldn't bear the thought, please consider making a donation, large or small, to the Deep River Community Fund. Spring may be warmer but the cold will be back. All donations can be mailed to Deep River Town Hall, 174 Main St., Deep River CT 06417, Attn: DR CHC. Stay happy and healthy!

Maura Carver, Chairman

American Legion Post 61

Don Grohs, our Youth Activity liaison, jumped into 2015 with the first round of the American Legion Oratorical Contest. This contest gives young people the opportunity to hone their speaking skills and learn about the U.S. Constitution. Ms. Barbara Nidzgorski, the VRHS Debate Coach brought us two excellent competitors. They were Zane Bourgey and Tina Mitchel. The first contest was held on January 30. Each went home with a cash prize. Tina Mitchel went on to compete against a Westbrook student in February. Tina prevailed. She will compete at the CT State Department level in March and we are confident she is prepared to win again. We are cheering for you, Tina!

This would be a good time to remind our high school juniors and their guidance counselors that the application process for Boys State must be initiated by the applicant on line. Go to www.CTBoysState.com. or to www.legion.org/boysnation (Girls State applicants are managed by the American Legion Auxiliary. Just a mention about the American Legion Auxiliary, It is the largest women's patriotic organization in the world with 9,500 units in the U.S. and about 800,000 members. Unit 61 is an award winning unit managed by Lillian Beardsley).

Within a month after this publication and after all the snow has melted this winter, it will be time to hang the flags on Main Street. Each flag costs about \$25. Donations can be made to the American Legion Flag Fund in memory to honor a family member. If you have a flag that is in poor condition, please deposit it in the disposal box at Deep River Hardware. On Flag Day in June, the South Meriden American Legion Post sponsors a large dignified disposal ceremony. For the last several years about a thousand flags have been collected each year from Deep River Hardware. We thank them for assisting us.

We have to say thank you to another Deep River business, Dunkin Donuts which is one of Connecticut's newest store locations. The franchise chose to celebrate Veterans Day last November by hosting a fundraiser for American Legion, Post 61. Veterans got free coffee and a very generous donation from Dunkin Donuts based on the sales they made for their opening day. If you contributed too, we thank you as well.

Sadly, Robert F. Johnson, a US Navy veteran from WW II and a Post 61 member for over 60 years passed on to Post Everlasting. Robert DeCarlo, the District 7 Commander as well, as Post 61 Commander, James Marshall presented his family with special recognition at his wake. His burial included full military honors. The Post Charter was draped in black at our February meeting.

Post 61 has been "ship shaping" our storage area at the Deep River Public Library. Some interesting and historical items have been discovered. If you have any photographs that would be of interest to Post 61, our district and post historians would love to see them.

By the way, Post 61 has met 100% of our membership goals once again. Additionally, so has the Deep River Sons of the American Legion. This organization was founded in 1932 to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires. There are more than 355,000 members in the U.S.

Commander James Marshall invites all honorably discharged former US military members to join us at our monthly meetings held each third Monday at 7:30 pm downstairs at the Deep River Public Library from September thru June. A warm welcome is extended to any Post 200 member who would like to attend our meetings. We have both men and women veterans who regularly participate in our activities. Also, please join us for the two parades Deep River citizens support for Memorial Day. Drivers and cars are honored to transport veterans who would prefer to avoid marching. If you are on active duty and would be visiting our area for Memorial Day, please join us. If you are an ROTC student, please give us a phone call. FMI : 860-526-9187.

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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.

Recent Troop Happenings

Boy Scouts in Troop 13 held their Winter Court of Honor Dinner & Awards on February 11, 2015 at the United Church of Chester's Fellowship Hall. After a potluck dinner and dessert the Scouts were presented with rank advancement awards and more than seventy-five Merit Badges were earned by the Troop since returning from summer camp. On February 6-8, 2015 Troop 13 proudly hosted and ran events at the Annual Mattabesett Trail District Klondike Derby held at June Norcross Scout Reservation in Ashford, CT. Eight Troops and one hundred ten Boy Scouts participated in cold weather camping games and thanks to Mother Nature, there was enough snow to make the sled races extra fun. Upcoming events for Troop 13 include, swimming nights, assisting at the Mattabesett Trail District Pinewood Derby for Cub Scouts, attending the Merit Badge Madness at Xavier High School, and spring hikes and campouts.

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



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Dry Pants Model Yacht Club



Now that Lady Winter has finally left Plattwood Pond, members of the Dry Pants Model Yacht Club (DP-MYC) are enjoying the beginning of a new sailing season. It's been a long cold winter. Just three years ago, we sailed all winter long with zero ice!!

This will be another season of fun sailing at the pond. Our primary weekly competition takes place on Sunday mornings from 10:30 until 12:30. Additional competition takes place on Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30 PM.. Guests are always welcome to stop-by and try their hands at sailing the boats. If you have an interest in sailing, these boats can be addictive. If you want to test a boat for a full sailing session, we have a loaner available. If you decide you want to get a boat, we can help with finding used boats or put you in touch with the distributor of new boats.

Who are the sailors you will meet at the pond? They include sailors from Deep River and as far away as Madison, Lisbon, and Mansfield Center. These are folks with quite diverse backgrounds. Their common denominator is a love for competitive sailing.

During 2015, DPMYC will also be hosting its very popular New England Spring Regatta on Saturday, May 16th. This event will draw competitors from all over the northeast, from Marblehead to Larchmont. Join us as a spectator!

The boats we sail are known as CR-914s, a nationally syndicated one design class of 1/12 scale copies of Americas Cup racers. Over 500 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 have no motors... They are very fast, very competitive, and identical in every way. Winning and losing is totally dependent on the competence of the sailors.

For more information, visit the Club's website: "www Dry Pants Model Yacht Club" or DPMYC. Or call, Jim Godsman, at 860-767-5052.

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Kirtland Commons

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Deep River Democratic News

It's never too soon to think about November Elections! The DR DTC will be holding a Spring Fundraiser, details will be announced soon. We always have our Annual Summer Chicken BBQ and it will be held on July 25th, 2015 at Platwood Park. Besides funding for our Elections, we also look for individuals who are willing to serve on our School Boards, Library Boards, Finance Boards, etc. If you have a desire to participate and would like to know about available positions for our November Elections, please contact the Chair, Lisa Bibbiani by phone or email Lisabib@gmail.com or 860-526-4589.



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Deep River Congregational Church

Our youth participated in two special mission activities to begin the new year. On Saturday, January 24th, they joined the youth from other churches in the Middlesex County in the **Annual Homeless Sleepout**. This event raised greater awareness of the plight of the homeless, as those taking part spent the night sleeping outside in a cardboard box. On February 13th, the teenagers of our church took part in the **Midnight Run** with a convoy of vans packed with food items, gallons of coffee, along with blankets and warm clothes collected from our members and friends of the church. The Midnight Run is a non-profit organization that brings food and clothing to the homeless of New York every single day of the year. Our group left Deep River around 7:00 p.m., on one of the coldest nights of the year to distribute food and clothing at pre-designated locations in the city. This is one of our most popular programs because of the close interaction with people who so desperately need help. We are so proud of our teenagers for taking on this commitment year after year! The **2015 Summer Mission Trip** destination is the Lakota-Sioux Indian Reservation in northern South Dakota in July.

We have an active **Sunday School Program**. The children are participating in a collection of school and health supplies to be sent to Church World Missions. Our fourth graders have had special classes during Lent to prepare them for their first communion on Maundy Thursday. There is a group of high school students who are diligently working toward completing the requirements for Confirmation. They will become full members of our congregation on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th. Our third graders will be studying the Bible in anticipation of receiving their own Bible on Children's Sunday, which will take place on June 14th this year. That service will be followed by our Annual Block Party. The DRCC Summer Youth program, "Faith Adventures" will take place June 29 – July 2nd. Contact Sybil Higgins for further information at christianed.drcc@snet.net

Please consider worshipping with us on Sundays. We have two services; a shorter service at 8:30 a.m. and a full worship service with choir at 10:00 a.m. Our church reaches out to people of all ages, starting with the very young. Sunday School meets each Sunday

during the 10:00 a.m. church service, for pre-schoolers through high school. Confirmation classes are held every other Sunday for high school students preparing to become members of our congregation. We also have an Adult Fellowship group which meets regularly and several ministries that reach out to our elderly, shut-ins, and others in need of spiritual support in times of need: Caring Card Ministry, Stephen Ministry, and Friend-to-Friend Ministry.

Look for information about our **Annual Flea Market and Rummage Sale**, which will be held on Saturday, August 15th.

Check our church website for more activities in the life of the church, www.deeprivercc.org or contact the church office, 860-526-5045 or office.drcc@snet.net.

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Deep River Public Library



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What's Happening

Check our monthly calendar online: <http://deepriverlibrary.accountsupport.com/> or stop in to pick up a copy to see what programs are being offered. All of our programs are free, and open to the public.

Come Talk Books

Deep River Library has a monthly book club which meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Together we'll read and discuss interesting literature.

Have a Collection?

We'd love to share your collection with the community! We have two great display cases, so if you have something interesting to show, give us a call.

Fun for the Kids

The Deep River Public Library began FUN FRIDAY'S this winter with Miss Elaine, our new children's librarian. FUN FRIDAY'S is a drop-in program aimed at preschoolers that starts at 10:30 a.m. every Friday.



Participants in FUN FRIDAY'S will share stories and songs in a fun and interactive group setting. In addition to story time, our Preschool Power Hour features a magical bubble show, sensory table and an open craft. FUN FRIDAY'S also features an open play day once a month.

Families can enjoy social time as their children play with balls, manipulatives and experience our sensory table. This program is quickly becoming a big hit with the kids and parents!



The Deep River Library also hosted "Magic by Derek" on February 7, 2015 to celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day, a national program to promote family library usage. Audience members enjoyed assisting Derek on stage, creating magic and memories in this wonderful family program.

Additional programs are in development! We are looking ahead to a SUPER Summer Reading Program!

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Deep River Garden Club

After a long winter with record cold temperatures and snow amounts, we are fortunate to know spring is in the air. Every gardeners delight. It is time to plant our seeds and watch the flowers grow. Speaking of which, have you seen all the daffodils around town? Just one of the many projects the Deep River Garden Club members participate in.




The Deep River Garden Club hosted their annual Spring Plant Sale on Saturday April 4, 2015 which was very successful. Thank you for all your continued support. All proceeds benefit Deep River beautifications and projects.

We also sponsor an annual scholarship. The purpose of our scholarship program is to encourage and promote the study of horticulture and/or environmental-related fields. The Deep River Garden Club will award a scholarship in the amount of \$300.00 to a graduating Valley Regional High School senior or college student from Deep River, Essex or Chester who plans to pursue a degree at an accredited two- or four-year institution in horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, conservation, forestry, agronomy, environmental science, botany, biology, plant pathology or other related field.

Applications are available at the guidance office at VRHS or contacting club president Janice Kmetz at 860.790.0432. Applications may be mailed to the Deep River Garden Club, Attn: Janice Kmetz, 174 Main Street, Deep River, CT 06417 or scanned and e-mailed to jkmetz@deepriverct.us. Applications are due April 30, 2015. Recipients will be notified by May 31.

The Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Deep River Ambulance Association on West Elm Street and welcomes anyone interested in joining. Like us on Facebook or e-mail us at dr gardenclub@gmail.com. COME GROW WITH US.

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Young People Today: What's the Real Story?

If you can't remember the last time you heard something great about young people, you are not alone. Many Americans – in par-

ticular those whose exposure to young people is limited to news reports and infrequent encounters in the community – have an image of young people today as disengaged, disrespectful, and irresponsible. With few exceptions, media coverage of young people only serves to perpetuate this negative image.

But the picture isn't really so bleak. In fact, young people today are involved in community service and leadership in amazing and inspiring ways. Teenagers are running their own businesses, writing books, competing in Olympic events – not to mention doing well in school, having great relationships with their families and friends, volunteering in their communities, taking care of their own physical and mental health, and other admirable things.

On the other hand, we know too well that some young people are struggling, in pain, hurting others or themselves. Why do some youth thrive while others don't? How can young people overcome economic, social, physical, and emotional challenges and emerge as competent, healthy adults?

A Reason for Hope

At least part of the answer can be found in research done by Search Institute, a nonprofit organization that studies and promotes strategies for the healthy development of children and youth. On the basis of more than 40 years of research and surveys of hundreds of thousands of young people, the organization has identified 40 experiences and qualities that have a tremendous positive influence on young people from all walks of life.

These 40 factors known as Development Assets, are linked to a multitude of positive outcomes, including success in school, maintaining good health, being a leader, and avoiding high-risk behaviors such as alcohol use, violence, and sexual activity.

External Supports and Internal Strengths

The Developmental Assets fall into eight broad categories of human development:

- Support
- Commitment to learning
- Empowerment
- Positive values
- Boundaries and expectations
- Social Competencies
- Constructive use of time
- Positive Identity

The first four categories focus on the external supports that surround young people; the second four categories reflect the internal strengths and competencies that young people need to develop in order to fully engage with and function in the world around them. Regardless of where they live, how old they are, or the color of their skin, young people who have more assets are more likely to succeed.

Building Assets

Search Institute trainings and resources emphasize that all people in a community have a role to play in the lives of young people, even if it's as simple as greeting them with a smile rather than frowning or looking away – Take a second; make a difference!

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Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley

Have you ever wondered if it is time to get some extra help at home for yourself or a loved one? Maybe household tasks that used to be easy are more difficult now. Perhaps you notice that you or your loved one is not as well groomed as they used to be. Burners on the stove are left on for long periods of time. Food is getting moldy in the refrigerator. Moments of forgetfulness may be happening more often. While there is not an absolute answer to the question of when to hire a caregiver, there are some warning signs.

Here are some of the key factors to consider:

- Bathing and dressing is difficult.
- Confusion, depression, apathy, and forgetfulness are frequent.
- Safety issues, such as falling, become a daily factor.
- Dehydration and poor nutrition are a concern.
- Lack of personal hygiene and incontinence are evident.
- Medications are not taken as prescribed.
- Routine housekeeping and errands are very hard or left undone.

There are many options for caregivers from 24 hour care to help with a bath once or twice a week. A companion can help with shopping, errands or transportation. A caregiver can help with meal preparation. Companions may even provide outings just to have some fun. Supportive care in the home is a great way to allow one to stay comfortable in their home safely for as long as possible. It is always a good idea to make an appointment with the primary physician to make sure that medical conditions are being managed effectively. For more information call Deborah Ringen RN, MSN, FCN at 860-767-0186.

About Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley

Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley, Inc. is a not-for-profit, Medicare and Medicaid home health care organization serving Deep River, Essex, Chester and the Lower Valley region. Please check their website (www.visitingnurses.org) or call (860) 767-0186 for service information



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Fountain Hill Cemetery Board of Directors welcomes Bryan Kollmer as the new Superintendent at the cemetery. Bryan started in this role last September and has done a wonderful job.



With back to back snow storms this winter the Board of Directors has been forced to close the cemetery for the safety of visitors. We have opened for several funerals which has been challenging due to the heavy snowfall. We are grateful to Deep River's town crew who has helped to open the roads.

Progress on the chapel is ongoing with work on refinishing and building the benches. This work has been done off site due to the chapel's lack of heat. If you would like to sponsor a bench in memory of a loved one, please call Mark Lowrey at 860-790-1098. Thanks to a generous donation from an estate, work on updating the existing electrical system and a new heating system is scheduled for spring. When complete the chapel will be available for services and civic events. For all of you who walk and enjoy the cemetery year round, please consider Fountain Hill in your estate planning. Work on maintaining this 164 year old cemetery is ongoing and needs continued support.

Plots are available for sale in Twilight Ridge for cremation burial and the Ziegra Section for full burials. We will begin preparing an area for Green Burials when weather permits.



There are also plots available in the pet cemetery for cremation burials.



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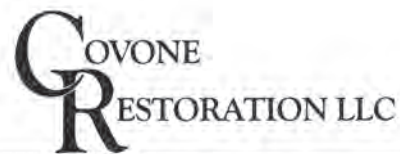
You can also view the meetings online at any time. Go to the Deep River web site (www.deepriverct.us) and on the homepage under "Quick Links" select "View meetings online." The most recent meeting will be shown, or you can select an older meeting date.

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

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

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

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Connecticut River Area Health District

The Connecticut River Area Health District shares information regarding the Ebola virus and local response. Jim Monopoli, Director of Health, offers the following information:

Quarantine vs. Isolation:

We've heard these words used quite frequently lately, but more accurately, I've heard these words MIS-USED quite frequently lately!

Quarantine should be used in reference to people who are NOT ILL with a disease. These people for the moment are healthy. However, a quarantined person is either infected with a disease causing organism or we think they may have been infected because they were exposed to a degree that we think they may have become infected. An infected person will remain healthy for some time, and then when that organism overtakes their immune response, he/she becomes ill. This time period between being infected and becoming ill is referred to as an incubation period. Each disease has a fairly distinct incubation period. Someone infected with Ebola may "incubate" on average for 8 to 11 days, but the range is from 2 to 21 days. Hence, the quarantine period for Ebola is at the highest duration of incubation: 21 days. To confuse things further, the CDC has started to shy away from using the word "quarantine". In its place you may hear that a person is being "actively monitored with or without movement restrictions" which may sound less intimidating, but the terms are nearly interchangeable.

Isolation should be referred to someone whom has gone beyond an incubation period and has become actively ILL with a disease, and needs to be "isolated" from others to prevent him/her from infecting others. This is a period of time when someone is readily infectious to others. You may have heard about someone being in isolation at a hospital because they are seriously infectious and should not be around other people without the proper precautions.

Based on evidence to date, the experts are all in agreement that someone infected with the Ebola virus is not infectious to others UNTIL they become ill. This is good news for control purposes, because unlike with Ebola, with a few other diseases, the person may become infectious DURING the incubation period. As you could imagine, this would add challenges to control of that disease.

Self-Monitoring and Ebola

Remove yourself from circulation!
For example, say someone has been notified by a health

authority that he/she has been potentially exposed to the Ebola virus, and are being told to be actively monitored daily. The person has been given instructions with that notification.

The instructions include monitoring body temperature twice a day for onset of fever. Fever is commonly the first symptom. The person must keep him/herself removed to the extent possible from the rest of the family and may be required to refrain from using public transportation. (There are few better ways to expose large numbers of people than getting on a crowded bus, train or plane.)

The local health department will be in daily contact to monitor body temperature, health status and adherence to restrictions. Movement restrictions are important with Ebola to limit potential exposure in the community. Remember, there is no vaccine or therapy to minimize the illness, i.e. there is no medication to prevent one from getting Ebola or minimizing its ravaging effects; we could only care for symptoms. Therefore, health authorities have to revert to basic public health measures we use in the absence of vaccines and therapies. We have to "BREAK THE CHAIN OF TRANSMISSION!" In other words, we have to stop exposed people from getting sick and exposing other people and stop healthy people from getting exposed in the first place.

To break the chain is one of the old tools in our public health toolbox that we occasionally have to pull out and use to control spread of disease, and there is no more important use of this than now with Ebola. Compliance with monitoring and movement restrictions is needed for control of this disease.

If someone is told to self-monitor, it is understood that he/she may have daily needs that need to be met. The restricted person will be asked to be as independent as possible during the 21 day period, but if he/she has unmet specific needs, those should be communicated so arrangements may be made to fulfill those needs.

Communication with Doctors and Emergency Responders

If one becomes ill and has risk factors (link below) for Ebola, it is extremely important that be communicated to any medical person, facility, responder or public health person who is contacted.

To understand risk factors for Ebola, please refer to the following CDC link:

Connecticut River Area Health District , cont.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/exposure/monitoring-and-movement-of-persons-with-exposure.html>

In addition, symptoms of Ebola typically include: rapid onset of fever followed by headache, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and/or unexplained bleeding.

Do the symptoms sound similar to other diseases? YES! This is why it is so important that the symptoms of Ebola must be linked with the risk factors for Ebola, with travel to the affected countries being a key one. The symptoms and risk factors MUST go together when considering Ebola.

Based on the above, if someone thinks they may have the Ebola virus, that person should:

1. Immediately self-isolate by staying in a separate room away from other people.
2. Communicate the symptoms and risk factors to the medical provider or emergency responder by PHONE, so they could respond and plan accordingly.

Lastly, control of a disease like Ebola, without benefit of a quick fix, requires a lot of work and dedication by the public, medical professionals, public health and emergency responders. You could help by considering the above, if you have to be a part of that response.

The CT River Area Health District has some passive, short term radon testing kits available. If you are interested in testing your home for radon, you may pick up one of these kits at the district office free of charge.

The Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD) asks you this question:

Are Your Contractors EPA Lead Safe Certified?

This is a question you want to get answered when you hire a home improvement contractor to do work in your home. Why? In April of 2010, the US Environmental Protection Agency passed a law referred to as the RRP (Renovation, Repair and Painting) Rule that requires ALL contractors who you pay to work on any home, apartment, day care facility or school built before the year 1978 and who will be disturbing paint, must be certified in lead safe practices. This law became effective in April 2010! Many people and even contractors still do not know about this law.

The EPA rule is to protect residents and workers from lead poisoning. Homes and other structures built prior to 1978

are likely to have some painted surfaces with lead based paint. Contractors who don't follow lead safe practices may cause lead to be released into your home environment, leaving behind a serious problem for you and your family. This leaves you with a contamination issue, and exposes you and your loved ones to unnecessary lead dust and chips. It also exposes the renovation workers to preventable levels of lead dust.

Under this rule:

1. Contractors must obtain an EPA certificate which is proof that the contractor has taken a course in lead safe renovation practices. Certificates must be renewed every 5 years.
2. To obtain a certificate, a contractor must attend an 8 hour course, approved by the EPA.
3. Not all workers within the company have to be lead certified, but someone within the company in a position of responsibility must be certified and must ensure safe lead practices are being used.
4. Your contractor must give you a pamphlet titled, "RENOVATE RIGHT" lead safe guide, which describes the rule, lead and its health effects, and things to know before, during and after renovation.
5. ANY work, including remodeling, repair, maintenance, electrical and plumbing, carpentry, etc., that disturbs more than 6 square feet of interior space, or more than 20 square feet of exterior space falls under this rule.
6. Testing for lead paint is not necessary for this rule to apply, just the fact that the dwelling was built before 1978 puts this rule into effect.
7. Exclusions to this rule include: housing built after 1977; certified lead free housing; lead abatement projects; full demolitions; housing for the elderly or disabled, unless a child under 6 years old resides there; minor repair or maintenance; emergency renovations.

The CT Department of Public Health, in its pamphlet about this rule lists 5 reasons you should hire a lead safe contractor:

1. You'll protect your children's health
2. You'll protect your own health
3. You'll maintain the safety of your home
4. A contractor who made the effort to become certified, shows professional responsibility
5. It's the Law! Fines for non-compliance may reach \$37,500.00 for each offense!

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For more information, you may call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-5323, or you may visit the EPA website at: www.epa.gov/lead/rrp
CRAHD is your local health department.



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The Independent Day School

Five Independent Day School Students Advance to Regional Finals in the National History Bee

Middlefield, CT, February 6, 2014 - Do you know the answers to these questions: What 19th century Venezuelan is known as "The Liberator" for his role in fighting for the independence of South American nations? What North African city-state was the opponent of Rome in the Punic War? What was the name given to commoners in ancient Rome? Cecil Rhodes was instrumental in the English settlement of what continent? Well, the students of The Independent Day School know the answers and five students have been selected to advance to the regional qualifying round in the National History Bee.



Two rounds of tests included detailed difficult questions from both American and World history. Jackson Meisner (6th grade, Deep River), Katie Gendrich (5th grade, Middletown), Ethan Bardoe (6th grade, Wallingford), Charlotte Meigs (8th grade, Durham) and Ryan Jacobson (5th grade, Killingworth) will

advance to compete in Bridgeport on April 14th and then potentially move forward to the national finals in Louisville, KY.

The IDS history department chose to engage in the

competition as a way to expose students to higher levels of historical material, to allow students to challenge themselves against one another and peers around the country, and to allow students with a passion for history to have a chance to demonstrate their talents and knowledge outside the classroom. "It was a lot of fun for the kids and for the faculty also," said Katy Carlebach, an IDS history teacher and one of the competition's sponsors on campus. "The questions were incredibly difficult, especially for the younger students. We're proud of all the contestants. It wouldn't surprise me if we have an IDS student in Kentucky this spring!"

Five Students Advance in National History Bee

According to their website, "The National History Bee is an exciting new history competition for school children across America.

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Deep River Historical Society



The Stone House is 175 years young this year! Built by Ada Southworth Munson's grandfather Deacon Ezra Southworth in 1840, with additions by her father Ezra Job Birney Southworth in the 1880s, the

Stone House remained in the Southworth family until Ada willed it to the Historical Society in 1946. The Stone House museum collection has grown over the years to include rooms dedicated to artifacts from the Southworths (who were one of the founding families of Deep River), early portraits by Obadiah Dickinson, illustrations by C.D. Batchelor (a nationally renowned illustrator of the early 20th century), historical records, as well as artifacts from the maritime and industrial heritage of our Town including a large ivory artifacts collection. The grounds also feature the 1889 Carriage House (now used as a meeting room and display space) as well as a section of a Pratt Read Bleach House that was used for whitening ivory in Deep River. There is a lot to see in the Stone House and much to protect.

Founded in 1946, the Deep River Historical Society is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the collection, preservation, and interpretation of Deep River's history through exhibits, programs, research collections, and publications. Over the years, we have evolved from a group of informal history buffs to a society that operates a small museum. Board members attend seminars on proper curatorial techniques and are now participating in StEPs-CT – a statewide, 26-month, integrated program of professional development for small cultural organizations.

It costs approximately \$30,000 a year to operate the buildings owned by the Deep River Historical Society! This includes heat, water, electricity, telephone (unfortunately no internet), security, insurance, mowing, plowing, small maintenance projects, general office supplies, printing, and postage. In addition, it has become apparent that our large historic document collection and other artifacts need museum level archival protection and up-to-date documentation.

Because of the deteriorating condition of the Stone House and Carriage House, recently the Society embarked on a major capital upgrade to the facilities. In stages, the Stone House windows, porch, ell, and masonry have been painted and refurbished by local contractors. The Carriage House exterior has been painted, doors replaced, and new, state-

of-the-art air conditioning has been installed. The Bleach House was also painted. The total cost for all this needed work was just under \$63,000. Volunteers are currently at work painting the Carriage House kitchen and bathrooms. Depending upon donations to the capital fund and grant opportunities, future projects will include energy saving measures for lighting and heating, dehumidification in the Stone House to protect our collections, continued work on the masonry foundations, new signage, and grounds work.

Fundraisers for our annual budget include: the Ada Southworth Spring Tea (April 18), the Strawberry Social (June 14), Muster parking fees, Festival of Trees, house documentation, and membership dues. Carriage House rental fees are a major source of operating funds. All are critical for our operation. We continue to try to develop new and interesting ways to fund our operation and appreciate everyone's participation. We also rely on interest from the endowment and donations for capital improvement projects. Portions of the recent capital projects were partially funded by grants (almost \$15,000), but because of the dire need for maintenance and repairs, the Society also made the difficult decision to use much of the money that the Society had set aside for capital projects. We continue to need donations to replenish the fund.

Last summer, the Society's Curators launched an exhibit dedicated to local citizens who participated in World War I. Opening this spring will be a major exhibit of the C. D. Batchelor prints and other items related to this famous Pulitzer prize winning artist who made Deep River his home. We will also sponsor a limited tour of Batchelor's Deep River house and grounds and a talk by Hartford Courant political cartoonist Bob Englehart. Other Batchelor related events are planned. Following the Batchelor exhibit, the recently refurbished Marine Room will be reopened to exhibit the Society's maritime collection.

The Historical Society relies on its current members to keep our mission alive and relevant to the community. But you do not have to be a member to visit the museum and to see the exhibits. Traditionally, we have been open July & August on Saturday and Sunday afternoons (2-4 pm), Family Day, Thanksgiving's "Black Friday," and during the Festival of Trees. We are exploring extending our visiting hours to June and September. The Deep River Historical Society welcomes new members and visitors and urges everyone in Deep River to become a member and support us! For membership applications, please contact Lonnie Moskal at 860 227-0576 or at info@deepriverhistoricalsociety.org.

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High on Life

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Soon you will be seeing our brochures with details of many exciting events planned throughout the tri-town area. Included in High on Life plans:

School Assemblies

Window painting in Deep River.
Classroom posters to inspire discussion at all elementary schools

Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

The Tri-Town Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition will hold its final meeting of this school year at Tri-Town Youth Services, 56 High Street in Deep River at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

Membership on this Coalition is open to all who live or work in the tri-town area who are concerned about substance abuse and interested in its prevention. In addition to ongoing prevention programming in our schools and communities, the tri-town area is currently involved with Healthy Communities • Healthy Youth, an initiative funded through Middlesex United Way. The Coalition also receives funding through the Drug Free Communities support grant.

Please do join the Coalition to share your thoughts, to learn more about prevention, and to get involved! For further information, call 860-526-3600.

Babysitter Training

Learn how to become a safe and responsible babysitter! Tri-Town is now 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 \$70 fee includes instruction, books, and certificate.

The spring session will be held on Wednesday evenings, April 15, 22 and 29, 6-8 p.m. 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.

Parent/Child Support Groups

What do you and your child get out of playing with us? Parallel play and interactive play! Movement activities. Music! Art development! Social time for parents! Resource library! Groups meet weekly and are led by Meredith Adler, Parent Resource Coordinator. Registration is limited. Call 860-526-3600 to register or go to our website: www.tgritownys.org.

“Outstanding Ones”

Time: 11:00- 11:30 a.m. (30 minute session)
Meet: Wednesdays, April 15- June 17
Place: Tri-Town, 56 High Street, Deep River
Tuition: \$45 tri-town residents

“Terrific Twos”

Meet: Wednesdays, April 15- June 17
Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m. (60 minute session)
Place: Tri-Town, 56 High Street, Deep River
Tuition: \$60 tri-town residents

“Mother-Daughter Night Out: Getting Ready for Change”

Have you ever wondered what to say about your daughter's transition from childhood to maturity? Would you like to learn more about your daughter and teach her about living a healthy lifestyle? These topics and more will be addressed by Health Educator, Patricia Courmoyer, during this one-evening program! “Getting Ready for Change” is designed specifically for girls in fourth and 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

Tri-Town Youth Services, cont.

Date: May 5

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Tuition: \$25 per mother/daughter pair

Safe Grad Night

VRHS is preparing 177 young adults for graduation in June. The Safe Graduation Committee is working hard to ensure a safe and joyous celebration for the senior class by planning Safe Graduation 2015. For many years, with the sponsorship of Tri-Town Youth Services, our seniors have been safe while they celebrate this most important occasion, graduation from high school. The success of the Safe Graduation, depends solely on fundraising and donations. You can help provide an alcohol-free alternative to graduation parties by helping us in our fundraising endeavors. To find out how you can get involved please email Carol Jones at CJones@deepriverct.us. If you would like to make a donation to Safe Grad 2015, please make checks out to Tri-Town Youth Services' Safe Graduation 2015 and mail to Grad2015 P.O. Box 1041, Deep River, CT 06417.

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Valley Regional High School

If you haven't driven up to the Valley Regional High School lately then you haven't seen the four new dugout structures sitting on the baseball and softball fields. The dugouts are a result of the hard work and determination of a group of dedicated, baseball players (now seniors) and their parents.

Flashback to freshman year which is when this core group of ballplayers had a dream to have dugouts built before they graduated from Valley. Because the school budget didn't include money for that kind of capitol expense, the weight of seeing this dream realized fell on the shoulders of these kids. That didn't deter them one bit, led by senior Ethan Petroka, they engaged the Baseball Booster Club to help raise funds and the four year journey began.

The boys had many hurdles to jump along the way. Their first mission was to find a local architect to draw up plans and have them approved by the Deep River Building Official.



Once the plans were approved, the boys had to approach the Superintendent for approval and then attend a Region 4 Board of Education meeting to present their

idea and to gain their approval. After everyone made comments and the plans were tweaked to the satisfaction of all, the fundraising efforts could begin. However, it was at one of these meetings that the boys were educated on the requirements of the Title IX Education Amendment of 1972. In addition to building two dugouts for the boys field, Title IX required that they build two for the girls' softball field as well. The big dream became a huge dream! And now the amount of money needed was doubled! Estimates received at this point for materials alone were in excess of \$27,000!

To make it happen, along with Petroka, a group of players who included seniors Evan Makowicki, David Bradbury and Peter Jones, and Juniors Jacob Meketa and Arik Sypher pitched their idea personally to local businesses and merchants, attended local community service club meetings such as the Rotary Club, the Lions Club and the Region 4 Foundation and reached out to the tri-town area Little Leagues. They made phone calls, wrote letters, and even went door to door visiting local businesses and pitching their plan. The Booster Club parents also contributed by holding two successful wine tasting events, complete with a silent

auction, with the help of the Grillo family of Centerbrook Package Store.

These players were so enthusiastic and eager to reach their goal, that every other ball player to join the team was recruited in helping with the task at hand. All of the hard work and time commitment paid off and their goal was close to being realized. However, when the money was counted late last spring, they were still shy of their goal. With the possibility of not having dugouts for his senior year, Ethan Petroka decided to begin a letter writing campaign. It was through this process that Ethan met both Mr. Herb Clark and Mr. Norm Needleman. Both of these local business owners were so impressed by the dedication and determination of the young Petroka and because they both concurred that the high school should have dugouts, they offered to make up the shortfall! Construction could now begin!

So, in June of 2014, the architectural plans were redrawn gratis by Thomas Lee Elliott, AIA to meet standard building codes and work was started. The majority of the work was accomplished by volunteer efforts from the players, their parents and tradesmen who donated their time and talents. Local companies, such as Haynes Materials, Essex Concrete and Ring's End Lumber either donated materials or offered building supplies to the group at a discount. Greg Peterson of Peterson's Dirt Works along with his crew donated their time and talents as they did the excavation, site prep and concrete portion of the project. Ethan and Evan worked alongside these professionals and many of the days saw them on site from 5 am until 7 pm! Local stone mason, Scott Hartzell offered his services at a discount utilizing his young apprentices, Ethan and Evan, as he built the stone block dugouts. Next came the framing which was done at no expense to the project by parents John Petroka, Tom Makowicki, Michael Martorelli and Paul Dona. To complete the structures, the roofing was donated by Marco Amaya Home Improvements. The finishing touch was the installation of the benches in each dugout. Jim Sypher and his family made the benches for the dugouts at their home and transported them up to Valley. Work continued well



into September with Ethan and Evan heading down to the dugouts afterschool and on the weekends. All-in-all the project took over three months to complete.

Valley Regional High School, cont.

It has been a long haul for these players, their families and the community who supported the project from inception to completion. The Booster club could not have provided all the support needed without the generosity of the local businesses and civic groups who got behind this worthwhile project.

The dugouts are a great example of what can be accomplished when you work hard and keep your eye on the prize. The Valley Boys baseball team is looking forward to the upcoming season which begins in March. They have a new head coach, Mr. Gray Marineau. Coach Marineau shares the enthusiasm for the sport and for all the new changes at

Valley with that of the ball players returning to his squad. How appropriate it is that the seniors of the class of 2015 can enjoy the fruits of their labor this season when Valley takes the field and they get to use the new dugouts. Come out and catch a game and support Valley Regional High School baseball and of course, check out the new dugouts!



The Valley Regional High School Baseball Booster Club would like to thank the following for their support and either their generous monetary donation or a donation of goods and services towards the new Valley Regional High School Dugouts. It was because of their generosity that the dugouts could be completed!

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Deep River Elementary School PTO

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

Upcoming Activities of the PTO:

May 2 - Shred-It Truck Fundraiser – 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at DRES

May 15 or 22 - Bingo at JWMS

May 20 – May 22 - Spring Used Goods Drive

Ongoing Activities for DRES parents and the residents of Deep River that can earn money for DRES:

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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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 spring approaches we are gearing up for some fun! The Parks and Recreation Commission is offering a photography course to be taught by local professional photographer, Steve Nadler. Get outside and capture the world coming to life as spring emerges from the frozen earth. The three courses will be offered in 2 – 2 hour sessions starting with a beginners class, followed by an intermediate class and lastly with an advanced class. Take all three classes or any one. Classes include time in the field, personal instruction and classroom critique. Classes start April 16th.

Come throw a line in as we host the 30th annual Sonny Stebbins Memorial Fishing Derby at Plattwood Park on Saturday, May 9th. Rain or shine, come out and try your hand at catching a prized trout! The derby is open to Deep River youth ages 5-16. It is annual tradition named after a fine young man who lived in Deep River and grew up enjoying the town's parks and his love of fishing. Mark your calendars to be a part of this fun morning as this 30th anniversary will be special! May 19th is "Warriors in the community day" when all the students from Valley Regional High School go out into the three towns and lend a hand with painting, raking, planting and general clean up to make our communities shine! Last year groups of students could be found at Plattwood Park, Keyboard Park, Devitt Field, Brockway Ferry, Canfield Woods and at the Deep River Landing!

Save the dates for our 2015 bus trips! Whether your interest lies in a Broadway show or a baseball game we have a trip for you! The year started with a trip to the Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden Show in Providence in February. The bus trips are catching on and trips are filling up fast! Check out all the details on the town web site for the following 2015 Bus Trips.

- 4/22 -Lion King NYC & Chelsea Mkt, Highline Park, NYC
- 6/27 - 9/11 Museum, Little Italy, Native American Museum
- 7/30 - Hyde Park- Roosevelt House, Vanderbilt Mansion
- 7/25 - Red Sox (GS Section 3), Boston, MA.
- 8/11 - Narragansett Bay Lighthouse Cruise
- 8/23 - Red Sox (Coca Cola Pavilion, LF RSRV 18), Boston, MA

- 9/13 – Yankees, (Sec 136), NYC
- 9/23 - Bronx Zoo & Brooklyn Botanical Garden
- 10/18 - NW CT Vineyard Tour
- 12/6 - Newport Mansions Christmas Tour

Registrations are now being accepted for our summer youth camp. The Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission provides an exciting, organized, fun filled, quality six week program for children entering 1st grade through those entering 7th grade. The camp runs from 9:00-3:00 with pre-camp and after camp care options available. There is also an option to enroll for a half-day camp session; either 9:00-12:00 or 12:00-3:00. The camp will be based at Deep River Elementary School. The camp is limited to fifty children per week.

The summer program begins on Monday, June 22, 2015 and ends on Friday, July 31, 2015. Each week the camp will have a different theme.

The themes and field trips for the camp sessions are as follows:

- **Week #1** June 22-26: "Under the Sea" Come explore the fascinating world that lies under the water as we get up close with some sea creatures. We will visit Hammonasset State Beach in Madison, where we will search for marine life under the rocks.
- **Week #2** June 29-July 3: "Wet & Wild" Come have fun in the summer heat with a huge water slide and many fun games!
- **Week #3** July 6-10: "Outdoor Adventure Week" Come explore the great outdoors as we walk, hike and poke around town as well as take a trip to Chatfield Hollow State Park.
- **Week #4** July 13-17 -"Space is the Place" We will learn about the night sky and the planets as the Star Lab comes for a visit. Our field trip will take us to Knight's Quest, Fun Squared Laser Tag in Newington.
- **Week #5** July 20-24: "Sports Freak Week" Enjoy classic summer fun as we play outside with water, practice our golf game at miniature golf and go to Harvey's beach in Old Saybrook for an active day of relay races, beach Frisbee, football and sand games.
- **Week #6** July 27-31: "All Shook Up" This week we will move to music, jump a lot, and do silly games to keep ourselves " All shook up"! Show off your

Deep River Parks and Recreation, cont.

talents with Karaoke fun as we have a camp wide talent contest! Field trip this week is to the popular, Bounce U in Branford.

Games, craft projects and activities will center on these themes. Tuesdays and Fridays (weather dependent) are spent at Plattwood Park on Route 80. Campers can enjoy the beach, swimming, arts and crafts, basketball and the skateboard park. On Wednesdays we generally have our field trips off site. Thursday's schedule offers a day of water play. This may include games of drip-drip-splash, a water balloon toss and our water slide. Campers should be prepared to get wet! Additionally, swimming lessons will be offered Tuesday and Friday afternoons at Plattwood Park for those interested.

Also coming up in June, remember to "Save the date" for the 7th annual Deep River carnival- June 18th through the 20th. It will be held at Devitt Field. Our summer concert series will kick off on June 25th. Again, we will be offering free music with the opportunity to purchase or bring your own yummy meal!

Looking back to early 2015, the Parks and Recreation Basketball program enjoyed another wonderful season with some 225 youth from grades 1 through grade 12 participating. As always we want to acknowledge the wonderful volunteer coaches that make the program possible. We appreciate all of the time and energy that they put in to the program and we know that the players appreciate it too! Thanks to the custodial staff at DRES and JW and to Lee and Chuck at The Academy at Mount Saint John (AMSJ) where many weekly practices were held. The season concluded in early March for all grade levels with the 7-12 grade players competing in the fourth annual "Valley Cup" tournament. Congratulations to this year's winners; NCAA level, grade 7-9, UCONN Huskies, coached by John Ryan; and the NBA, grade 10-12, Bulls, coached by John Gagnon and Matt LaCasse.

We once again offered after school winter enrichment programs for DRES students along with the DRES PTO. Dozens of students enjoyed classes such as board games, arts & crafts, Legos building robotics, Legos free play, Ceramics, and a theater program. This was the second year for the theater enrichment program and it was again well received. More than 25 kids put their time and talents into the production of "Alice at

Wonderland". In early February the students performed their play for close to a sellout crowd at the Town Hall auditorium. What a great show!

Around the parks, check out the landing this summer as we have Simon's Marketplace setting up a vending cart to sell some of their trademark sandwiches, wraps and drinks. At Plattwood, work will have begun on the new ball field along with the walking and fitness trail and the Misfit cruisers will return for another exciting year. Chris' Hotdogs, a local favorite, will have a cart set up at Plattwood this summer selling her signature treats. Catch our movies on the beach series as well which will begin in July.

The Commission is always looking for ideas and input from town residents. Give us a call or send an email if you have something 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!

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

Design Advisory Board

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

Deep River Town Hall Auditorium Management Committee

3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
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4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
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3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
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Regional 4 Board of Education

1st Thursday of each month, except July and August.
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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.
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Chairperson: Ted Mackenzie

Zoning Board of Appeals

3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
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Chairperson: Don Grohs

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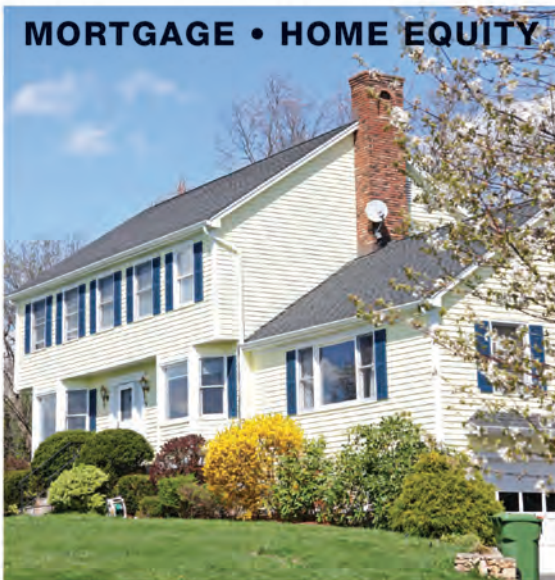
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