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## In Loving Memory of Richard H. Smith



*"I find my work to be as gratifying a way of life as I can imagine."*      *"Each and every one of you is a treasured member of our family."*

*"Perhaps all small towns are similar, but I personally feel that Deep River is unique and very special in its ability to provide for the needs of its people."*

*"On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all the boards and commissions and their varied members who give so unselfishly of their time and talents throughout the year. Our feeling is that one of Deep River's greatest assets is the people who call it home. Their involvement and volunteerism over the course of time has made Deep River the wonderful town it is for everyone who works, lives or plays here."*

*"Call me small town, but I love being greeted by name when I enter our shops. I love being able to say hello, to stop and talk, even conduct a little business, along our sidewalks."*

*Dick Smith*



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### Deep River News:

Dick Smith started the Deep River News 21 years ago and it was the first newsletter/magazine of it's kind in our area. It set the bar and other towns soon followed.

## Memories of Dick

### Reflections of an Editorial Assistant

Dick Smith left us—abruptly—during the overnight hours bracketed by Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, little more than two months into his 66th year. His accomplishments as First Selectman will become an essential part of Deep River's history. The impact of this person on those whose lives he touched—in Deep River, Hartford, throughout Connecticut—may never be fully catalogued.

As we gathered to share our understanding of the man—as we struggled to define our individual relationships (now bleakly one-sided) we focused first on the physical—the bricks and street lamps, the roadways and sewers...the inevitable granite curbing. Gradually, another theme emerged. We came to understand that Dick Smith's overarching talent was his ability to inspire. He invited us to share his vision, to support his efforts. His optimism buoyed our spirits, and Deep River's Renaissance became a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Then, as it must, life intruded. Time, having slowed to accommodate our need to reflect and to mourn, resumed its Einsteinian tick-tock. We were left to pick up where Dick Smith left off. Or not. We had accepted and approved his vision—now it would be ours, to manage on our own.

Locally, remembrances centered on Dick's passion for the Town and its people—his extended family—and for his unique interpretation of a First Selectman's job description, which included his work with the Highway Department, plowing snow, installing road drainage and, of course, piloting his Elgin Pelican.

Sweeping the roads in outlying areas is, for the most part, a one-end-of-the-road-to-the-other, straight-line matter. The tedium is broken only by the need for a second pass to deal with heavy accumulations of sand and leaves, and the pauses to empty the Pelican's pouch into the waiting dump truck. Downtown, sweeping was an opportunity to exhibit his dexterity. Dick's Elgin would swoop in and out between parked cars, pirouetting gracefully through Main Street traffic.

The time and energy Dick devoted to local regional organizations—Nine Town Transit, the Connecticut River Area Health District, the 17-town Council of Governments, known as the RiverCOG, and others. He traveled frequently to Hartford to offer his small town perspective on legislative proposals, with emphasis on statutes (known as unfunded mandates) that threatened to add to towns' work load and costs, but with no provision for compensation.

Due to his extraordinary tenure and the broad areas that benefited from his oversight, many tributes were offered in Dick Smith's honor. The two that follow embody the sentiments expressed:

Janice Kollmer, long-time resident and former member of the Board of Finance, also offered her sentiments at the conclusion of the Town Budget Public Hearing on May 23rd, *"I say thank you to every single employee in this town for honoring Dick Smith's memory by proving that we are indeed 'Scruffy but Proud'. His dedication & devotion to Deep River is alive & well in all of us."*

In closing, we take note of the lighter side of this notorious and respected kidder. He signed his business correspondence "Richard H. Smith." The middle initial, he claimed, stood for "Humpty," good for

at least a chuckle, as opposed to the entry on his birth certificate, the neither humorous nor glamorous "Howard."

Away from Town Hall, one of his favorite pastimes was to call his office and, feigning an accent, lodge a complaint about potholes or other failures of his beloved infrastructure. We who answer the phone (and whose job description demands unwavering politeness toward constituents, regardless of provocation) knew that, as long as we played the straight man, Dick would eventually break down and laugh—our triumph of will.

On occasion Dick would get caught in his own dissembling. In the course of an interview, he told an unsuspecting young reporter that the staff member in the adjacent office, clearly a senior citizen, was his father. The young woman expressed her surprise at the success of such a close working arrangement.

On her next visit, the reporter, noting that the adjacent office was unoccupied, inquired as to the "father's" well being. Dick, preoccupied with gathering material regarding the young lady's assignment, suggested that she was confused. "You must be thinking of another town hall," he suggested, then, to bury himself completely, he blurted "My father's dead."

It is because Dick was an equal opportunity story teller, just as pleased to regale an audience with his own foibles as with the missteps of others, that we have the following account: the stunned look on the shocked reporter's face jogged Smitty's memory. Since no one else was present, we have only Dick's word (and the fact that the reporter maintained her objectivity when reporting on Deep River) that he somehow extricated himself with grace.

No remembrance of Dick Smith would be complete without mention of his nutritional regime, which listed heavily toward carbohydrates and calories. Meatball grinders and pizza were popular choices. Peeps were a favorite mid-morning or mid-afternoon snack. And any time one appeared—the inevitable doughnut.

As for drink—in the morning, a "regular" coffee, irregularly laced with sugar and cream. The rest of the time, soda. A lot of soda. Russ Calamari, whose recounting of history is widely admired for its accuracy, claims that Dick Smith was the only customer whose excessive intake of non-alcoholic carbonated beverages dictated that he be denied further service—cut off from soda.

Dick's menu choices were subject to criticism from every direction. Family, extended family, friends, members of his staff, vendors, inspectors—anyone who visited Town Hall more than once—might be heard to wonder at the remarkable caloric intake. This is no way intended as a judgment. Many of us with impressive corporations share, in varying degree, his tendency toward immoderate dietary practices.

Unlike others of us, Dick appeared to be free of the guilt that accompanies poor food choices. He tended toward the fatalistic, sloughing off criticism with statements such as "When my time is up...my time is up."

As was the case throughout his 26 plus years of First Selectmanship, Dick Smith was right again. We will miss that air of certainty.

*Jonathan Kastner*

## Memories of Dick, cont.

### Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman Eulogy

**Long-time friend Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman expressed her sorrow and her admiration:**

“It’s truly an honor to be here with all of you to reflect on our friend Richard Smith.”

When you talk to people about Smitty, invariably you hear about his service to the community and the residents of Deep River.

As First Selectman, he managed the town for more than two decades he was the watchman on taxes, the cheerleader of economic development, and I can tell you from personal experience, a relentless advocate for small towns. He was also one of the leaders that helped Deep River flourish adding employers, expanding services, and making schools stronger all without losing its small-town feel. He was a town constable and always worked with resident troopers, but you could also find him in a truck helping the public works crew clean up after a storm, or in a patch of weeds taking direction from the Garden Club. In short, Smitty was what we call a renaissance man. There aren’t many like him, and on that Friday we lost one of the greats.

Years ago, Smitty knew I was coming to a Chamber meeting. He met me at the door with a smile - and I immediately knew something was up. As I walked in, I came face-to-face with a stack of documents that was about four feet tall. Smitty walked around the pile and put his hand on top. I’m sure he made a joke about it being as tall as I am if I took off my shoes but then he started handing me pages. Each one of these, he told me, is a mandate on the town from the state.

He tells me that unfunded mandates have got to stop. That municipalities especially small towns have to work in partnership with the state, and that the state has to recognize how burdensome this is on small towns. So, my arms are starting to fill up and I’m thinking “he isn’t going to hand me this entire pile, is he?” And Smitty keeps talking ...

Now I’m holding about 15 pounds of paper and he was still going, still handing me pages. I don’t remember if he stopped because he couldn’t see my head anymore, or if he just took pity on me. At the time I was Connecticut’s Comptroller so there was very little I could do about mandates, but Smitty made his point, a point that, to this day, I recall every single day. I think about that big pile of paper whenever anyone talks about what towns should be doing.

We lost a great man on Friday:

a true public servant,  
a man of integrity and honor, and...  
a man who played a mean tambourine.

My heart goes out to his children, his grandchildren, and his family and friends.

But it isn’t enough just to grieve his loss. Smitty left us a legacy—to serve our communities proudly—as an elected official and as a good citizen. He taught us to be involved—sometimes that means overseeing a school renovation, celebrating the Deep River Muster, or being there for a family that needs help.

He taught us that family is the most important priority and that a whole town can be your family. I’m grateful to be surrounded by all of you now.

God bless you and God bless Smitty.

*Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman*





### Gina's Eulogy

I'd like to share with you just a few pieces of our town hall family. When he came in, everyone knew he was in, you just knew. We all swarmed him right away. Sometimes I thought we needed tickets like at the deli, Cathy would come down stairs pretty quickly because she knew as I did that either Robin, Amy or Lisa would be in any minute. We had to because he was everywhere doing all things all the time and if you didn't grab him quick he was gone. You just didn't know if it was to another office or if he had just run out with the highway crew and never knew when he'd be back, he was everywhere. You knew when he was in the Assessor's office which was right next to ours because you could hear Robin and Milly laughing so hard that it made me laugh and I wasn't even in there. He loved to make them and everyone laugh. We all loved to celebrate at town hall, our employee birthdays were a blast but one of our favorite times of year was Christmas. Milly puts together a secret Santa Christmas gathering each year for all the town employees. In case you all forgot I'll remind you how much Dick liked granite curbing, pavement, well two Christmas' ago, Dick's secret Santa put together quit a gift. During one of the curbing jobs the guys had to cut out a round section of granite so this person decided not to let it go to waste. He gave that and coal patch to Dick as his Christmas gift, needless to say Dick loved it. When I told Christine about the piece of granite she said she was trying to figure out what the heck it was, it was just too big to be a paperweight. When it came to giving Dick a Christmas gift Cathy and I were a little selfish. We would buy him tickets to some kind of show we thought he may like but we also bought ourselves tickets so we could all go together. A few years back we went to see comedian John Pinette, who has since then passed. His shtick was all about food and we all knew Dick's feelings about food. This man was hysterical. We laughed the entire time and even just last week were talking about what a great time we had and went in his office and watch a clip for a quick laugh. These Christmas gifts I think were more for Cathy and me than Dick as we didn't have to share him with anyone. Cathy and I can only imagine their telling jokes together now.

Dick loved music and listened to it all day. I overheard Dawn say yesterday that she had to move DR1 and when she turned the suv on the music was so loud she asked herself if she should turn it off and instead turned it up louder. I'd stop and say hi when he was parked under the route 9 overpass and he'd have to turn down his music to talk. He played music all the time in his office, sometimes he literally would just break out in song and ask if you knew who it was. And of course we all know it was from the Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin era.

The story teller and prankster. It was such a great break in

the day when something would trigger his memory and he'd just start telling a story, did I ever tell you about....and he wouldn't wait for your response he'd just start telling it. He could remember details like no one I know. One prank was when he would introduce Jonathan as his father. Jonathan would roll his eyes and Dick would have that serious straight face making the person believe it. Dick also roped me in on some of his pranks. It took a while to perfect my game face, but after a few years we had it down. He would start in on someone and then pull me in for confirmation of his story. He would catch people so off guard, they had no idea what hit them. Every once in a while though what he was saying was so funny I would turn away so as not to see the people because I couldn't keep a straight face. Or when he told someone they had a rip in their pants and dear god he got those people every time. They all thought he was serious and would literally put their hands behind them to check.

But his latest prank was when he had to finger print someone. He told them they'd have to take prints of their feet. Their reactions were priceless, like "REALLY, you're kidding right" and of course he was but he kept them thinking he was serious. One person actually asked if she could come back because her feet probably smelled bad.

Some mornings he'd call and change his voice to be someone else. Most of the time I knew it was him and played along and we'd laugh. I think a few times I actually cried from laughing so hard. Other mornings, you could spot the breakfast club, best of friends (Pete, Ray and Smitty) after greeting the kids at the Elementary School catching up and planning the day, joking with everyone all around them, sharing their stories. What a great way to start the day and how many people have bosses that would do that. He was special.

To stand here and tell you how much he loved his family would be redundant as everyone here knows that they were all the absolute most important part of his life. As we also all know he loved Deep River more than anyone of us combined, selflessly giving all of his time to anyone who needed him. But I do know that even though at one time or another when his town employee family upset him or didn't do something the way he wanted it, he still loved us very much and were his family.

I think the laughter and stories are what I'll miss the most. He was my boss but more so my friend. I love him dearly and miss him so very much. God he so believed in you and loved you. He is yours now please take good care of him.

*Gina Sopneski*



## Lisa's Eulogy

His political career was created over a beer and a conversation at the Deep River Inn with Art Thompson and some other Democratic Town Committee members. They saw a young and energetic man a strategic thinker and a visionary who was brilliant, innovative and creative. The town was suffering an identity crisis and Dick had a vision, and for 26 years, he has poured his heart, blood, sweat and tears into every project to create a town that people talk about. He was a perfectionist. There will never be another Dick Smith. He would say if you didn't watch the men pouring cement or laying pavement, that they wouldn't do it right and he wasn't going to let that happen and when he saw something not done to his satisfaction he made them dig it up and do it again Smitty's way. He generously gave us his knowledge, his expertise, his skills, whether we wanted to hear it or not! He was approachable to everyone. One day he said to me, "why do so many people have my cell phone number?" "Really?" is all I said.

He was deeply concerned with improving the town, and always tried to do it with the least cost to tax payers as possible. He renewed the town of Deep River during his tenure, not just by its appearance but by strengthening its tax base. Dick did not limit his work to just the town, he was a Rotarian, a member of and past leader of COST, 9 Town Transit, a member of CRAHD and CT Conference of Municipalities. He was an excellent boss and devoted father to his children and grandchildren. He was also a good friend to many of us and a great colleague. The character of the life he lived might be summed up in a few words: He was sincere, he was earnest, he was loyal and he was funny. He was the king of pranks! He loved to prank everyone: family, friends, employees were always his victims, and he usually dragged someone in on the prank to see how far he could go with it, but it always ended in laughter. He also loved to tell stories, and he had plenty of them. He had town crew stories, police stories, and vacation stories. He would always say "Honest to God, it happened that way." He rarely called anyone by their real first names he intentionally said the wrong name to them, and when you corrected him, he ignored it and continued to call you by the new name. Every new hire in the town went through this ritual.

In his career as our town leader he worked with passion, integrity and energy. By his death all the people who knew him will miss a smart, vibrant individual with a rare friendliness and charm of personality. Dick was genuinely warm and a wonderful individual, one we will miss greatly. Our sadness is lessened only slightly by the comforting thought that we had the privilege to know him. I know I speak for all of the town employees that we will miss him tremendously.

Now there is an empty space where once a man worked, played, and bent down to take the hands of his children, and his children's children. It's a very large void, not so much because his physical presence is now gone, but more because the way in which he shared himself, was something that filled us all with the sense that we were someone special to him – as special as he was to us. And that space can never be filled by another person.

*Lisa Bibbiani*



## Town Clerk's Office

Stickers for 2015-2016 are available at the Town Clerk's office or 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.

The 2016 Hunter's Guide and Angler's Guide are both currently available at the Town Clerk's office. 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 him or her 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, 2016 to avoid paying a penalty.

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## Marriages

Paul F. Roberts, Jr. & Courtney L. Hart	10/24/2015
Timothy D. Porosky & Lauren A. Friedrich	10/30/2015
Randy J. Rinaldi & Amanda K. Megargee	10/31/2015
Charles A. Kosa & Lindsay J. Moore	11/01/2015
Sean P. Knowles & Bethany J. Gochie	11/09/2015
Christopher G. O'Hala & Kaitlyn M. Healey	11/13/2015
Shane J. Blier & Stephanie C. Peckham	11/14/2015
George W. Martin, II & Crystal L. Canapino	12/27/2015
Omar El Hahoudi & Christa Elizabeth Sullivan	03/21/2016
Moices Alejandro Lucero & Emma Rose Trabucchi	03/22/2016

## Passings

Barbara K. Young	8 Southworth Street	09/27/2015
William C. Henning	16 Rattling Valley Road	10/11/2015
Laquita Joy Jewell	35 Winter Avenue	10/29/2015
Wendi L. Butler	98-5 Rattling Valley Road	11/10/2015
Christine K. Francese	59 Rosemont Drive	11/11/2015
William C. Munro, Jr.	60 Main Street, #402	11/12/2015
Jeffery Paul Ziobron	106 West Elm Street	11/28/2015
Robert Stephen Rowe, Jr.	7 Grove Street	11/30/2015
Constance M. Bianco	1 Main Street	12/17/2015
Roger Romeo Coulombe	60 Main Street, #101	01/30/2016
Irene Margaret Price	18 Melody Ridge Road	02/20/2016
Dorothy Jane Heughins	5 Fairview Avenue	03/07/2016
Frances S. Pearson	22 Sylvan Terrace	03/10/2016
Arthur Anthony Gallagher	92 Main Street, #213	03/16/2016
Anna Emma Ziobron	220 Union Street	03/21/2016
Richard H. Smith	23 Scenic View Drive	03/25/2016
Reaves Ewalt Strobel, Jr	67 Main Street	04/05/2016
Ian Uppercu Prout	23 Belmont Avenue	04/09/2016



**Town Clerk's Office, cont.****Welcome New Residents & Property Owners**

Susan R. Scionti	77 Scenic View Drive, #10	09/30/2015
Karen Buroff	92 Main Street, #402	09/30/2015
Alexander D. Griffith	206 Main Street	09/30/2015
John Vogt	82 Westbrook Road	09/30/2015
Michael DelMonaco, Jr.	7 Cloverdale Circle	10/02/2015
Barbara Gould-Segen	112 Bushy Hill Road	10/02/2015
Elizabeth Gronbach	92 Main Street, #406	10/02/2015
Jennifer A. Levine & Ryann D. Lee	42 Union Street	10/19/2015
Myron Camozzi	95 Westbrook Road	10/19/2015
Michael McAuliffe	61 Acorn Road	10/20/2015
Daniel W. Acampora	272 Westbrook Road	10/26/2015
Richard C. Higgins, Jr.	54 Bridge Street	10/26/2015
Roger U. Williams	131 Kirtland Street	11/16/2015
Michael & Linda Baronowskus	42 Rosemont Drive	11/24/2015
Debra Paulson	53 Essex Street	11/30/2015
James C. Griffin	56 Winterberry Road	12/02/2015
Michael S. Dengler	9 Meadow Woods Road	12/08/2015
Marissa A. & Robert J. Palumbo, III	43 Cedar Swamp Road	12/10/2015
Kristin Munro & Mark V. Devlin, Jr.	60 Acorn Road	12/16/2015
Edgardo A. & Colleen A. Mercandante	134 River Road	12/18/2015
Angus L. McDonald & Andrea G. Isaacs	138 Kirtland Street	12/21/2015
Susan E. Holt & Daniel A. Smith	631 Winthrop Road	12/28/2015
Marissa L. Goodnight	19 Sylvan Terrace	01/14/2016
Kathleen Edwards	59 Glen Grove Road	01/15/2016
Christian P. Farrand	111 Rattling Valley Road	01/19/2016
Carol Shabbott	132 West Bridge Street	01/21/2016
Michael J. Levenduski, Jr.	42 Rosemont Drive	01/25/2016
Anthony Sofield	30 Sylvan Terrace	01/27/2016
Bonnie W. Steed & Nedra Wallis	391 Main Street, #202	01/27/2016
Steven Israel	158 Union Street	01/26/2016
Sylvia L. Contino & Leila Arnold Nichols	5 Village Street	01/27/2016
Chad R. & Lesley Marion	76 Shailer Pond Road	01/28/2016
Gary J. Gaube	70 Book Hill Road	02/01/2016
Bryan Dorsey & Jennifer Hatfield	58 West Elm Street	02/04/2016
Robert Henry Grieder Jr.	12 Lord's Lane	02/05/2016
Edmund Burke	78 Meadow Woods Road	02/08/2016
Thomas W. Ziobron	27 Kirtland Street	02/16/2016
Leslie A. Rayner & David N. Tisdale	13 Fairview Avenue	03/07/2016
Piotr Pedzich	27 Woodland Road	03/07/2016
Gregg C. Houghton	124 Meadow Woods Road	03/11/2016
Michael Baronowskus	78 Hemlock Drive	03/17/2016
Lisa P. Gibson	176 Essex Street	03/18/2016
Mark R. Hotkowski	101 Warsaw Street	03/21/2016
Robbie Stamey-Grayson	137 Rattling Valley Road	03/24/2016
Anthony Bolduc	343 Main Street	03/28/2016
Matthew Verry	337 Main Street	03/28/2016
Laura Murphy & Charles Timlin	69 Essex Street	03/28/2016
Sarah Cirillo	97 Union Street	03/29/2016
Alan & Marcie Horan	381 Winthrop Road	04/05/2016
Joseph Denis Pilon & Nancy Nygard Pilon	15 Elm Street	04/15/2016
Arthur V. Wood & Renee M. Wood	92 Main Street, #223	04/18/2016
Patricia Kirkwood	77 Scenic Drive #18	04/28/2016

## Town Clerk's Office, cont.

### New Trade Name Filings

Tracy Lam	Nails Today and Spa LLC	11/12/2015
Mark Reyher	Reyher Real Estate DBA	12/07/2015
J&J Deep River LLC	Anytime Fitness	02/04/2016
Laura M. Wiskari	Nichor Energy Services Company	02/11/2016
The Vinegary LLC	Deep River Vinegar Works	02/23/2016
Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group LLC`	SmartPath Mortgage	02/29/2016
Lori T. Larsen	Larsen Farm	03/08/2016
Tanya Ngoc Nguyen	Polished	03/21/2016

### 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 860-526-6020. Currently there are vacancies on the following Boards:

Community Health Committee	term to expire 12-01-2016
Economic Development Commission	term to expire 12-01-2016
Parks & Recreation Commission	term to expire 12-01-2016
Parks & Recreation Commission	term to expire 12-01-2016
Parks & Recreation Commission	term to expire 12-01-2017
Planning & Zoning Commission	term to expire 12-01-2017

### Regional Agencies

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CATV Advisory Council District V



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## Deep River Horseshoe League



The Deep River Horseshoe League is starting our 61st year. This is the oldest Connecticut horseshoe league.

Play starts on April 28, 2016 and runs for 17 weeks. The league consists of 18 – 3 player teams. League play is on Main Street on the green by the First Congregational Church of Deep River. The League officers would like to encourage anyone that would like to substitute or potentially become a new member to attend. You do not need to be a town resident or have played in any horseshoe league in the past. The League would also like to mention we could always use more substitute players even if you cannot play the entire season. If you are interested, come down to the opening day and be part of the exciting and competitive new season. League play starts at 5:00 pm.

Website: [www.deepriverhorseshoes.com](http://www.deepriverhorseshoes.com)

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## 5th Annual Run For Chris 5K



The 5th Annual Run For Chris 5K will be held Saturday, June 25, in Essex, CT, starting at Town Hall. 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.

Influenced by his own life-altering journeys, Chris was passionate about encouraging others to also broaden their

horizons and follow their own paths. Sadly Chris lost his life at the age of 24, so to keep his inspiration and passion alive The Chris Belfoure Memorial Fund was established in 2011. The fund is intended to perpetuate Chris's vision by helping local area high school students travel abroad.

To date, 118 students have benefited from the Fund, traveling to such places as Costa Rica, France, and Spain. This April they are going to Salamanca, Spain. They will live with families there and attend school. What a great way to be immersed in the culture of Spain! We are excited to share their adventure at the run.

New this year is a partnership with Valley Shore YMCA in Westbrook. The Run for Chris 5K will be their featured 5K to kick off the season for the Run Club. They will be supporting the run by facilitating the Kid's Fun Run and the CB4- 1 mile run for ages 7-14, which are promotes healthy living for our youth.

Join us for a fun family event. This is a terrific 5K course through historic Essex with views of the Connecticut River. Awards and food for the runners, as well as face painting and great raffles round out the morning.

To register for the Run, go to [www.aratrace.com](http://www.aratrace.com). For more information, contact George Chapin, Race Director, at [george\\_c@snet.net](mailto:george_c@snet.net).

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## Friends of the Deep River Library

On behalf of the Friends of the Deep River Library, I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome. I'm extremely excited to take the helm of the Friends, and create some new and exciting events and programs for all ages at our wonderful library, the hub of our community.

I would also like to thank Susan Rooney, our librarian, and her staff for their energetic and positive efforts in running our library. Did you know our library serves an average of 120 people each day?!

We have already had a couple of exciting events to kick off 2016! The first event of the year, "Conversations with Angels," was held on January 9, featuring author and psychic, Vanessa Squesslia, who spoke at the Town Hall auditorium to a large audience. We had such excellent feedback that we plan on hosting other annual events of a similar theme. Be on the lookout for our fliers next year – the tickets to this event made for great holiday gifts!



On January 15, we unveiled our new "Krayon Kiosk", which holds two iPads; chock full of children's educational apps. The Friends and Jones family teamed up to purchase this new addition to the Children's Department. We enjoyed a wonderful Friday morning with Miss Elaine's Friday morning story time children; and Ms. Linda Hall and Ms. Donna

May made a special field trip with the CDE Nursery School students to participate. Milk and cookies were served, and each child was given a box of crayons and a coloring sheet to take home.

One of the Friends mission is to offer financial support to the Children's department. Check out Deep River Library's Facebook page, and see the many programs we sponsor. Last week's special guest was Theo, a llama from Country Quilt Farms!



We will be sending out our annual appeal letter, so please watch for it in the mail. We thank you in advance for contributions. We depend on your support to continue offering the children of Deep River quality programming, including the upcoming summer reading program.

Mark your calendar for our annual Mad Hatter event in July, sponsored by the Deep River Garden Club, the library board, and The Friends. We held the first one this past July and had great fun. Many local businesses donated prizes, musicians donated their time, and Roy Jefferson served his famous punch.


Please remember the library when you are spring cleaning. We are continually collecting used books for our annual book sale held on Family Day every September.

Finally, The Friends meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Please feel free to join us anytime - new members and fresh ideas are always welcome!

*Thank you, Lori Gregan*

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For further information or to locate any other local Post near you please call:  
**Cheryl Ely-DeCarlo, Commander of Post 61 in Deep River, at (860) 227-7712**



## American Legion Post #61

The American Legion Oratorical Competition at Valley Regional High School was held on January twenty-fifth. Zane Bouragy was presented with a check for \$200 and a certificate. Zane, a Junior was the District (Middlesex County) winner and competed in March for the State championship. Students are judged on their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution; then specifically on an issue pertaining to an amendment for the second phase of this early competition. The second place contestant at VRHS was Tina Mitchell. Tina placed first last year and went on to compete in the Connecticut State level which she won and then moved on to the National level in Indiana last year. Tina received a check for \$100 in January.

Ms. Barbara Nidzgorski, VRHS Debate coach was recognized for her dedication to the students who competed here and on the Debate Team. Many others made this event possible. The timekeepers: Ed Hemmenn and Bill West; the escorts: Miss Lilian Beardsley, President of Unit 61 & District 7 President of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Eileen Richard, Chaplin of Post 61. Former Post 61 Commander & District 7 Commander Robert DeCarlo and Bill West served as tabulators. Judges included Joe Peluso, Jack Coulter, Dan Conners, Rev. Tim Haut, and Post Commander Cheryl DeCarlo, who also presented certificates to Zane and Tina. Also present was Mr. Michael Barile, Principal of VRHS. This will be the third year in a row that VRHS has sent an exceptional orator to Goodwin College to compete for the (State) Department of Connecticut Award. GO ZANE! We'll be cheering for you! FMI please contact Post 61 Vice Commander Don Grohs who has managed this very successful event for many years. American Legion Post 61 is the major sponsor for the

American flags displayed on Main Street in Deep River. These flags are flown in honor of all those past and current men and women who serve our country. The flags are flown from May to November in good weather and bad. Consequently, they do wear out and need to be replaced. Gifts to the Flag fund can be offered in honor of a relative or friend. Each flag costs about \$25. Any donations are very much appreciated. I think all of our local residents feel good about seeing our flags flying along Main Street.

Look for us on Facebook. Perhaps some of you have seen our posts about the beautiful Holiday windows on the front of Adams Supermarket. These were artistically painted by Karen Ferrand Carol, one of the store checkers. If you are a Facebook subscriber, please leave a note for Karen and tell her how much you like her art. Search for American Legion Post 61 Deep River, CT or search for IBELL-JACOBSON-SMITH Post 61. Our other posts are very interesting too.

Post 61 Commander Cheryl Ely-DeCarlo invites interested U.S. veterans to telephone for more information about our meetings and membership. Please call 860-227-7712 in advance. Our meetings are held on the third Monday of the month from September to June at the Deep River Public Library. We have both men and women veterans from all services who regularly participate in American Legion activities in our town as well as in our State.

Respectfully submitted, *Eileen B. Richard, Post 61*



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## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 61

You are invited to learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary which is part of a multi-million member group of advocates dedicated to the service of our veterans. Please contact President Lillian Beardsley at 860-391-5346 for future dates and locations of meetings. We meet once a month, September through June.

Our Unit has purchased 1,000 bright red poppies made by disabled veterans who get paid to make them. As we march in the Memorial Day Parade, we will be accepting voluntary donations for the poppies. All donations are appreciated and used for Veterans projects. Wearing the poppy signifies honoring the dead and helping the living.

Lillian Beardsley marched in the Kids Walk raising money for the benefit of Children's Miracle Network.

We will be having our annual bingo at Rocky Hill Veterans' Hospital in June, where we also supply the prizes and goodies. It is an eagerly awaited event and fun for all.

We continue to collect tabs from cans in the canisters in the local grocery store for the Ronald McDonald House in New Haven. The tabs are sold and used so families can stay near the hospital where their child is at little or no cost. It is a very worthy cause.

We are saddened at the loss of two of our past Unit officers. Dorothy Hensley and Dorothy Heughins both passed away but will be remembered with thankfulness for their good works.

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## Transfer Station

This is a friendly reminder to our long time residents and an informative fact sheet for new residents of Deep River. For our new residents, welcome! Since many towns do not have a place where you can bring your municipal solid waste (trash), the idea of a transfer station may be new to you. To assist you when using the transfer station, we would like to share the following information and transfer station procedures.

The residents of Deep River are able to use the transfer station free of charge. One of the ways that you can assist us in keeping this service free of charge is by recycling. Presently, the town gets credit for recyclables that are processed through Materials Innovation Recycling Authority (MIRA). This credit is applied to the trash-tipping fee. The more our residents recycle the more credits the town receives from MIRA.

Our residents have been doing a great job recycling and our recyclable numbers continue to rise. For this, we say thank you and ask that everyone continue their efforts to recycle. Paper, magazines, bottles, cans, newspapers, and cardboard are examples of recyclable items. If you have any questions as to what items are recyclable, please check the chart located on the front of each of the specific recycle bin or ask an attendant to assistance. This is very important step in the recycling process, as the town will not receive credit from MIRA if trash is mixed in with the recyclables.

Residents using the transfer station are required to have a sticker. Stickers are monitored to ensure that only authorized individuals are using the transfer station. If you see someone using the service without a sticker, please notify the attendant.

The following information is provided to assist you when using the transfer station and to help to maintain our transfer station service free of charge to the residents of Deep River:

**Electronic Recyclable:** All electronics go in the gray container on top of the hill. We accept all electronic recyclables; TVs, computers, monitors, printer, etc. Once items are put in the container, please do not remove them. For safety reasons “picking” items from this container is prohibited.

**Returnables:** Kirtland Commons has started a recycle program for all CT 5 cent returnable bottles and cans. Please rinse out your returnable items. The redemption center will no longer take returnable items that have not been rinsed.

**Single-Stream Recycling:** Single-stream recycling refers to a system in which all paper fibers, plastics, metals, and other containers are mixed in a collection container instead of being sorted by the resident into separate commodities (newspaper, paperboard, corrugated fiberboard, plastic, glass, etc.) and handled separately throughout the collection process. In single-stream recycling, both the collection and processing systems are designed to handle this fully commingled mixture of recyclable with materials being separated for reuse at a materials, recover facility. This is the process that we currently use to collect our recyclables. Single-stream recycling makes it easier for our residents to recycle and ultimately help to increase the amount of recycling processed through the transfer station. All recyclable items can be put in one container for easy transfer into one of the transfer station recycle bins. When recycling, please remember to **Flatten All Cardboard And Rinse Recyclables. Plastic Bags and Styrofoam Are Not Recyclable.** Remember, if you have a question about what is permitted to be recycled, please check with the attendant.

**Municipal Solid Waste:** Municipal solid waste is any residential garbage that is generated. It is basically any item you throw in your home’s waste bins.

**Metal:** Metal items should be placed in the RED bin, which is designated specifically for metal. Even metal items that contain other materials such as plastic or wood, like vacuum cleaners and bicycles, should be placed in the RED bin as long as they are composed mostly of metal. For safety reasons, “picking” items from this container is prohibited.

**Bulky Waste:** Bulky waste consists of rugs, building materials, mattresses, or any other furniture. These items must not be thrown in with your trash. Separating these items from your trash saves the town money. The tipping fee for bulky waste is lower than the fee for trash. For safety reasons, “picking” items from this container is prohibited.

### Transfer Station, cont.

**Fees:** Fees charged to residents help offset the costs the town is charged to dispose of certain items. The fee structure is as follows:

Refrigerators / Air Conditioners	\$10.00 per unit
Small Tires	\$ 1.50 each
Large Tires	\$ 5.00 each
Propane Tanks	\$ 5.00 each
Mattresses	\$ 3.00 each
Rugs over 8' X 10'	\$ 3.00 each
Brush	\$ 20.00 per load
Bulky Waste – 2 Cubic Yards	\$ 40.00
Bulky Waste – 6 Cubic Yards	\$ 75.00

In addition to the above information and procedures, please remember that ALL residents are **Required** to stop at the transfer station office prior to proceeding to the bulky waste bins, brush, or leaf areas. This rule must be adhered to in order to ensure that all items are properly processed and appropriate fees paid. Remember, stickers are required for the transfer station. Stickers are available by showing the attendant your registration or at the Town Clerk's office.

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## Dick Smith Memorial Potted Garden

Take a look from Main Street at the Town Hall to see the first annual Dick Smith Memorial Potted Garden created by Town Clerk Amy M. Winchell with the help of the Deep River Garden Club and ACER Gardens. Amy had discussed the idea with Dick at the end of last summer and had his blessing. With the sudden passing of our beloved First Selectman, the project took on new meaning as it seemed a most appropriate way to honor him and his love for the Town of Deep River, especially the historic Town Hall that was his second home. Amy hopes for this to become an annual tradition to be passed on to future generations.



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On a typical Sunday, we race for 1 ½ hours around a pre-established course whose orientation is determined by the wind direction that day. Each race is preceded by a one minute count-down from a small electronic starting gun. When the count gets to zero, the boats all start at the same time....The first leg of a race goes upwind to a windward mark. This involves a lot of tacking back to get to the mark...The second leg is downwind to a second turning mark. This puts a premium on steering a straight course without unnecessary movement of the rudder... The third, and final leg, is a second windward leg back to the starting line. On a windy day, we can get 12-14 races completed. On a day with light wind, we may be lucky to get 6 races completed. All races are scored and the best performer becomes the big winner for that day.

Our 2016 season will be our busiest one yet. Race Day is every Sunday from 10:30 am until Noon. Mid-week, there is casual sailing every Wednesday at 5:30 pm. This focuses on self improvement, informal competition, sailing each others boats, and just talking shop. In addition, there will be two major regattas held at Plattwood Pond. The first will be the Eleventh Annual New England Spring Regatta for CR-914s on Saturday, May, 14; the second will be a larger regional regatta for members of the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA). It will be held on Saturday, September 10.

Visitors are always welcome at any of our events. If you would like to try your hand at sailing, just ask one of the sailors for a turn. If you would like to become part of our group, we welcome and help new members. Information is always available on our website. Just Google [www.DPMYC.com](http://www.DPMYC.com) or call Jim Godsman (860-767-5052) for details on our activities.

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A Tri-Town 1st Annual Veteran's Day Parade is being planned and will be held in Deep River with a tentative date of Sunday, November 6, 2016. All veterans and service men and women from Chester, Deep River and Essex who are interested in marching or participating in this parade should or has questions should contact Cheryl DeCarlo at 860-531-9411 or Colonel William Burdick at 860-322-7600. When leaving a message please clearly state your name and phone number and they will return your call.

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DATES	EVENT	LOCATION
April 6	HHW	Clinton Public Works Garage, 117 Nod Road **
April 30	HHW	East Hampton Water Pollution Control Facility, 20 Gildersleeve Dr. **
May 7	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
May 21	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
May 21	Shredding	East Hampton Water Pollution Control Facility, 20 Gildersleeve Dr. **
June 4	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
June 11	Shredding	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
June 25	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
July 16	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
August 20	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
August 27	Shredding	Middlefield Community Center, 405 Main Street ***
Sept 10	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
Sept. 17	HHW	Middletown, Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Road **
Sept. 24	Shredding	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
Oct. 1	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
Oct. 15	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
Oct. 29	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *

**These events are for the specified towns only, please bring identification. These towns are:**

\*Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook.

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## Deep River Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Commission is staying busy and gearing up for some summer fun!

We recently hosted the Annual Deep River Fishing Derby at Plattwood Park on Saturday, May 7th. It was a rainy morning but boy were the fish biting! It seemed like every angler who came out to try their luck caught a rainbow trout! The day's top catch went to Michael Kollmer who landed a 17" fish. The winners in the various age categories are as follows:

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|-------------|---|
| Ages 5-8:   | 1st place- Miriam Jamison   |
| Ages 9-11:  | 1st place-Natalie Novak<br>2nd place-Sam Kehlenbach<br>3rd place – Joanna Petrone |
| Ages 12-15: | 1st place-Dan Hearn<br>2nd place –Dan Smith<br>3rd place- Jake Ramage             |

We would like to thank our generous sponsors-Deep River Hardware, Benny's, and new this year, Cabela's. These fine establishments donated all of the prizes that were awarded to this year's winners.



May 19th was "Warriors in the community day" when all of the students from Valley Regional High School went out into the three towns and lent a hand with painting, raking, planting and general clean-up to make our communities shine! This year groups of students could be found at Plattwood Park, Keyboard Park, the Deep River Landing, Devitt Field and Canfield Woods.

The Misfit Cruisers are back at Plattwood Park every Tuesday night through September. Their first night was Tuesday, May 10th and close to 100 cars came to kick

off the season. The night was sunny and mild! To help raise money for park improvements in honor of former First Selectman, Dick Smith, the Misfit Cruisers are inviting everyone to come down and enjoy a night of antique cars and live music on Tuesday, June 21st. The band "Good Time Jammers" is donating their time and talents to entertain the crowd and help raise money in 'Smitty's' name. The event is free with monetary donations requested. The rain date is Tuesday, June 28th. Look for flyers for all of the details.

Save the dates for our 2016 bus trips! We have had some exciting trips already and have more in store. Whether your interest lies in a Broadway show or a flower show or museum, we have a trip for you! The year started with a trip to the Boston Flower Show in March and in late April we travelled to New York City to catch a Broadway Show, "Kinky Boots". In May we spent a day in Boston visiting the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum and had some free time at Faneuil Hall before enjoying a tour of Boston on a WWII amphibious DUCK vehicle. June will take us to NYC to the 9/11 Museum and Memorial and to the recently opened One World Observatory, the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere. Visit the Town web site for all of the details of upcoming trips as we will be adding our late summer and fall trips.

It is not too late to register for our summer youth camp. Limited spaces remain so don't delay. This year, the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission is offering a quality eight week program providing an exciting, organized, fun-filled camp experience for children entering 1st grade through those entering 7th grade. The camp runs from 9:00am-3:00pm with pre-camp and after camp care options available. There is also an option to enroll for a half-day camp session; either 9:00am-12:00pm or 12:00-3:00pm. 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 20, 2016 and ends on Friday, August 12, 2016. Each week the camp will have a different theme.

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

### Deep River Parks and Recreation, cont.

- Week #1- June 20 - June 24 -“Color Crazy”- Colors galore with camp teams, games and a trip to ‘Launch’ Trampoline Park in Hartford. Come and paint your counselor to win the camp color wars!
- Week # 2- June 27 - July 1 -“Safari Week”- We are going on a safari as we don our binoculars and pith helmets and visit Connecticut’s own zoo, The Beardsley Zoo. Fun and games with this theme all week.
- Week #3 - July 5 - July 8 -“The Amazing Race”- Come explore the great outdoors as we walk, hike, and do the zip line at Bushy Hill Nature Center. We will have camp wide adventure games and plenty of fun! No camp on Monday, July 4th.
- Week #4 - July 11 - July 15 -“Mission Impossible” – Come with us to Hammonasset State Beach in Madison, where we will search for marine life under the rocks. Camp wide scavenger hunts and much more fun awaits!
- Week #5 - July 18 - July 22 -“Mysteries & Riddles” – See what riddles you can guess and what mysteries you can solve as we play a camp wide game of “Clue” and visit the Connecticut Science Center. ‘Christina the Magician’ will entertain the campers with her feats of magic!
- Week #6 – July 25 - July 29 -“Splish Splash” - Enjoy classic summer fun as we play outside with water, go to Harvey’s beach in Old Saybrook for an active day of relay races, beach Frisbee and sand games. Play on the huge water slide that will visit the school.
- Week #7 –August 1 - August 5 -“Fun & Fitness” – This week we will move to music, jump a lot, and do silly games to keep ourselves fit. We will visit the Connecticut Sportsplex for games of laser tag, cyber sport and a whole lot more!
- Week #8 – August 8 - August 12 -“Wacky & Wonderful” – Our last week of camp will have us visiting Mystic Aquarium where we will meet some unique and interesting sea creatures. Our games and crafts will reflect this wacky theme.

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 fieldtrips offsite. Thursday’s schedule offers a day of water play. This may include games of drip-

splash, a water balloon toss and our water slide. Campers should be prepared to get wet!

Also coming up in June, remember to “save the date” for the 8th annual Deep River carnival which will be held from June 16th -18th at Devitt Field. New this year will be a variety of food vendors and some new rides.

The summer concert series will kick off on Thursday, June 23rd. The concert line up is as follows:

- June 23rd-“White Eyed Lizard Band” @ the Town landing
- June 30th -“Meadow Brothers” @ Plattwood Park
- July 7th-“Java Groove” @ the Town Green
- July 14th- “Brad & Brian” @ the Town Landing
- July 21st-“Moving Target” jazz band @ the Stonehouse
- July 28th -“UHF” @ Plattwood Park
- August 4th- “Jim Shepley” @ the Town Landing
- August 11th -“Smoke Bubbles” @ Town Green
- August 18th-“Charter Oak” @ the Town Landing

Again, we will be offering free music with the opportunity to purchase or bring your own yummy meal! The lineup of food vendors for each concert will be out soon so look for the posters around town.

Looking back to early 2016, the Parks and Recreation Basketball program enjoyed another wonderful season with some 200 youth participating. New this year, we offered the program to children in kindergarten as well as those in grades 1-12. 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 into the program and we know that the players appreciate it too! Thanks to the custodial staff at DRES and JW and to Chuck Carlson at The Academy at Mount Saint John (AMSJ) where many weekly practices were held. The season concluded





## Deep River Parks and Recreation, cont.



in early March for all grade levels. The teams in grades 7-12 grade competed in the fifth annual "Valley Cup" tournament. Congratulations to this year's

winners; NCAA level, grade 7-9, UCONN HUSKIES, coached by John Ryan and Dennis Hammen; and the NBA, grade 10-12, Denver Nuggets ("Baby Blues"), coached by Tom Suedmeier.



We once again offered an after school winter enrichment program for DRES students along with the DRES PTO. Dozens of students enjoyed classes such as arts & crafts, Lego Play, Computer Coding and a "Girls in Engineering" program. For the third year we offered our popular theater program. Dozens of 5th and 6th grade children dedicated hours to building the sets, learning their lines, learning their cues and rehearsing in order to put on the lively production of "Robin Hood". In early February the production was performed to two nearly sold out audiences at the Town Hall auditorium. What a great show! Both cast and crew did a wonderful job.



Come out to our lovely parks this spring and summer. Catch a little league game down at the new ball field at Plattwood or complete a circuit around the new fitness trail. Also at Plattwood, the Misfit cruisers will return for another exciting year and Chris' Hotdogs, always a local favorite, will be on hand selling her signature treats. Plan to catch a free movie on the beach this summer beginning late July when our Friday night movies will begin. The movies have been announced and they are: July 29th- Guardians of the Galaxy; August 5th- Secretariat; August 12th- The Lego Movie; August 19th- Minions.

At Devitt Field, Deep River Little League began its season at the end of April. The local men's softball league is again calling Devitt "B" one of their home fields this season.

Did you know that the town has property on Brockway Ferry Road? It is a small parcel directly on the Connecticut River for passive recreational use. Parking for two vehicles is close by so head down there and launch your canoe or kayak!

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!

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

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been lucky so far, that monuments have not been damaged by these falling limbs. So this spring when you see tree workers at Fountain Hill, think back to those cold snowy days in February. We will be working on a number of trees to prevent damage to the monuments. Some much needed paving and road work will also be done for the convenience of our visitors. The chapel is nearing completion so watch for news of our open house celebration. Plots are available by calling 860-526-4752.

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## Deep River Ambulance

Welcome to spring! Deep River Ambulance crew held its annual elections in January, and our officers are Jennifer Kollmer (Chief of Service), Jim Guerrero (Deputy Chief) and Betsy Macmillan (Secretary). DRAA is excited to be welcoming so many new full and probationary members of our crew! In the last six months or so we've been joined by Allison Baxter (pending EMT certification), Austin Ford (EMT), Shelby Hardgrove (EMT), Kaile Janetas (EMT), Jonathan Lambert (EMR), Dwight Massey (pending EMT certification), Shannon Smirnow (EMT) Josh Stankiewicz (EMR) and Oscar Valera-Rico (EMT). We're pleased to announce that we have a new ambulance on order which should be arriving and coming into service over the next month or so.

HUGE thanks to all who came to our February Red Cross Blood Drive and patiently waited through some long lines to give blood. The Red Cross is in extremely short supply of blood, and we were able to collect 57 units of blood, which will help about 180 people! Special thanks to the Norton family for donating \$5 Dunkin' Donuts gift cards for donors in loving memory of Brian J. Norton.

We continue to offer our thanks to those who keep our facility beautiful and safe: Jerry Clark, Jr., who donates his time to mowing our lawn during the summer; Corky Radicchi of LaPlace and Eagan who donated his time to pressure wash our buildings this year; Janice Kmetz who decorates the tree in the street-side window to keep us festive; and John and Eli Dube who diligently plow and shovel snow so that we can respond quickly in the middle of snowstorms! Thanks also to the Deep River Town Crew, who listens for calls in inclement weather and makes sure that we have a clear path to our patients – even plowing their driveways for us. We could not do it without everyone's help!

We're pleased to be able to make the hall and kitchen facility available for use (minimal donation requested) to many individuals, and we continue to provide it for no cost to various town organizations. If you're interested in holding an event at our facility, please contact our scheduler, Tara Bouchard, at 860-526-4666.

Please feel free to contact us at our non-emergency number, 526-6043, if you have any questions or are interested in joining our crew or board of directors.

*Jen Kollmer, Chief of Service*

## Deep River Garden Club

The Deep River Garden club recently held elections of officers. Those chosen for the 2016–2018 term are Janice Kmetz~President, Lori Gregan~Vice President, Kim Olson~Secretary and Lisa Cunningham~Treasurer.

The Deep River Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Deep River Ambulance Association on W. Elm St. and welcomes anyone interested in joining. Like us on Facebook or email us at drgardenclub@gmail.com. COME GROW WITH US!

Our annual spring basket sale was held in March and was a huge success thanks to everyone who purchased our pansy and viola baskets. Your continued support benefits Deep River's beautification and community projects.

Once again, the DRGC is sponsoring the Helen G. Hannon Memorial Scholarship. Established in 2014, the scholarship is awarded annually to a Valley Regional High School senior or college student who plans to pursue a degree in and environmentally related field. This includes, but is not limited to, the study of horticulture, forest tree, Botany, biology, floriculture, landscape design, conservation, plant pathology, or other related field.

Don't forget the Annual Mad Hatter's Garden Party to be held in July. More details to come.

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### Deep River Junior Ancient Fife and Drum Corps

You can hear the group of Deep River Junior Ancients march through the center of town on a summer evening as they practice their patriotic songs and battle hymns proudly. Neighbors come to their porches to watch and wave as their little ones bang on their miniature snare drums and marching in place with excitement on their front lawns. As the sun sets on the hills, the sight and sound of the DRJA are just truly remarkable. It brings a wonderful sense of community and pride, as well as lasting friendships.

The Deep River Junior Ancients offer our youth the opportunity to learn and carry on the tradition of fife and drum that has long been an integral part of our country's history since the beginning of the Revolutionary War. The Corp welcomes students from all over to join and is currently seeking new members, ages 8-18 (younger siblings welcome too) to carry on the tradition of fife and drum.

Come and spend an evening with the Corp to get a chance to experience what DRJA is all about! No experience is necessary! The Corp practices weekly, primarily at Deep River Elementary School, starting at 6:30 p.m. At practice, the members work on their marching skills and have individual and group lessons in fife, snare and bass drumming, as well as majoring. The Corp also provides uniforms and drums for its members.

DRJA participates in approximately 25 events a year. Events include marching in parades and musters, as well as performances throughout the area. The members get the opportunity to travel to historical areas and also meet other members of the fife and drum community. Many exciting opportunities are available to the young members. This year, the DRJA will be hosting a Swiss Youth Fife and Drum Corp. Also, they are currently working to arrange a trip to London England in the near future for the annual New Year's Day Parade in downtown London. There is no better time to be a member of the Deep River Junior Ancients and the DRJA is always seeking new members!

In addition, the Deep River Junior Ancients are in great need of a storage space for their spare uniforms, instruments and equipment. If you have a facility that can offer a temperature controlled environment and would like to be of assistance, please reach out to DRJA director, Michelle Roise at [info@drja.org](mailto:info@drja.org) or phone 1(860) 526-3439. You may also contact Michelle for any questions with membership and visit our website at [www.drja.org](http://www.drja.org). See you on the streets and at the Deep River Ancient Muster!

### Deep River Little League

The declining enrollment at the area elementary schools was felt in the registration numbers for Little League baseball this year. To solve that problem, the Deep River and Chester Little leagues merged.

Each year the league offers T-ball, coach pitch baseball & softball, a minors baseball & softball division, and majors baseball & softball divisions. Players ages 4-12 are eligible for Little League. There are now 22 teams made up of Chester and Deep River youth enjoying the sport of baseball and competing together.




Opening Day was held at Devitt Field in Deep River on Saturday, April 30th. The First Selectman from both towns, Laura Gister and Angus McDonald, were

on hand to read the Little League Pledge and to bellow the famous words "Play Ball!"



National Anthem was sung by players who were also in the Deep River Elementary School Chorus.

**DRJA is seeking new members!**

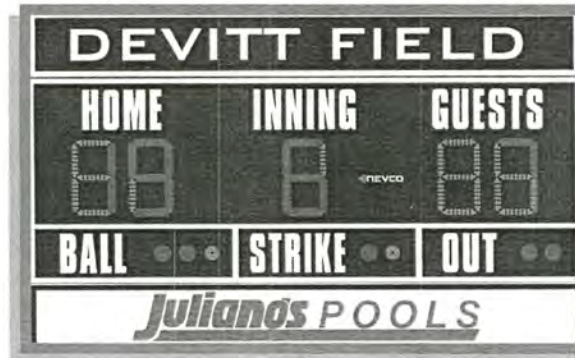


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## Deep River Historical Society

On January 18th Mary Ann Pleva, host of the Looking Back TV series, interviewed Rhonda Forristall, Curator of the Deep River Historical Society regarding the mystery surrounding Deep River's infamous bank robber known as XYZ and why Deep River was once known as the Queen of the Valley. This program was the third in her series which air regularly on channel 19 Public Access Television. Scheduled time can be found on the station's web site: [www.vscvtv.com](http://www.vscvtv.com). Valley Shore Community Television serves the towns of Durham, Haddam, Killingworth, Chester, Deep River, Essex, Old Saybrook, Clinton and Westbrook. The studio is located at 1587 Boston Post Road in Westbrook.



Shown here are Rhonda Forristall(left) Curator of the Deep River Historical Society and Mary Ann Pleva (right) host of the Looking Back TV series. Standing from left to right are Bill Cook, Al Monocovich and Jeff Hostetler who served as crew for the show's recent taping.

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The Deep River Stream was the life blood of our early factories and had a huge part in Deep River becoming the Queen of the Valley. It originates in Winthrop in the Cedar Swamp area and travels downhill alongside of Route 80 gaining speed. After Rogers' Pond it turns north running alongside or under Union, Vil-



lage, Bridge and Spring Streets before finally crossing Middlesex Turnpike. The Stream empties into the CT River near the Chester/Deep River Town Line. Its name dates back to those early settlement days even before the first homes were built here. Most settlers traveled north to Hartford by boat as the only roads were the old Indian trails. This stream was deep and difficult to ford and the area soon became known as the Deep River Plain. On old Surveyor maps the stream was used to mark borders of property. Today, the Deep River Stream pops up in a number of places but is shallow and not at all difficult to cross.



Today, it is hard to image this stream providing enough water power to support nearly ten factories along its route to the CT River. There are at least four remaining dams on this stream and there are days in the spring especially after a rain storm where you can get a glimpse of its former power.

The Deep River Historical Society will be hosting a series of events featuring our Mills and Factories that took their power from the Deep River Stream and others that sustained us over many decades. Follow us on Facebook, on the web, and in the news for info on our upcoming programs and exhibits. Stay tuned for our Mills and Factories Tour on October 1st.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Strawberry Social on June 12th at the Carriage House and watch for details on the Opening of the newly refurbished Marine Room.



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The Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD) will be monitoring the Zika virus with State Health Officials and is preparing to be part of a statewide response if needed. CRAHD offers the following information and CDC links regarding the virus:

**Areas with Zika:** The first confirmed cases of Zika virus were reported in Brazil in 2015. Local transmission of the virus has been reported as close as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Although there have been cases within the US, there haven't been any reports of locally transmitted cases in the continental USA. As of this writing, the only cases seen in the US are those returning from affected areas of the world. <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/index.html>

**Transmission:** Zika virus is transmitted to people through the bite of an infected Aedes mosquito. (CT is home to Aedes species mosquitoes) Mosquitoes become infected when they bite a person infected with the virus, and then the mosquito could spread the virus to other people through bites. <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/transmission/index.html>

**Prevention:** As with other advice with mosquito transmitted diseases such as West Nile virus, avoid mosquito bites by protecting yourself. Aedes mosquitoes are very aggressive biters, and routinely bite during daylight hours, so protection from mosquito bites is required throughout the day. There currently is no vaccine or medicine to treat Zika virus. <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention/index.html>

**For Pregnant Women:** Researchers are studying a possible link between Zika virus infection and birth defects, particularly microcephaly in newborns. Because of this, CDC recommends that pregnant women and women attempting to become pregnant take special precautions and follow travel restrictions to areas where Zika transmission is ongoing. It has been found that mother to fetus transmission could occur. If travel to Zika active areas cannot be avoided, strict adherence to mosquito bite prevention is warranted. It is also recommended that women in this category discuss risks with their physician prior to travel. <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/pregnancy/index.html>

**Symptoms, Diagnosis And Treatment:** About 1 in 5 people infected with Zika virus become ill, with most illnesses mild. Common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain, conjunctivitis, muscle pain and headache. If you are sick enough to seek medical attention, and have traveled to an area where Zika virus is active, you should let your Doctor know. Zika virus can be identified through a specialized blood test. Treatment is of symptoms only. <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/symptoms/index.html>

Please refer back to these sites as spring and summer approaches and mosquitoes become active in Connecticut. The Connecticut River Area Health District is the local health department for the towns of Old Saybrook, Clinton, and Deep River.

### Deep River Meetings on Television and Online

Watch our Town government in action on television **Sunday evenings at 6:00pm** when Board of Selectmen meetings and Board of Finance meetings are broadcast on Cable channel 19. Board of Selectmen meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and are recorded for broadcast on the following Sunday evenings. The Board of Finance meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday and is broadcast with the Board of Selectmen's meeting on the following Sundays.

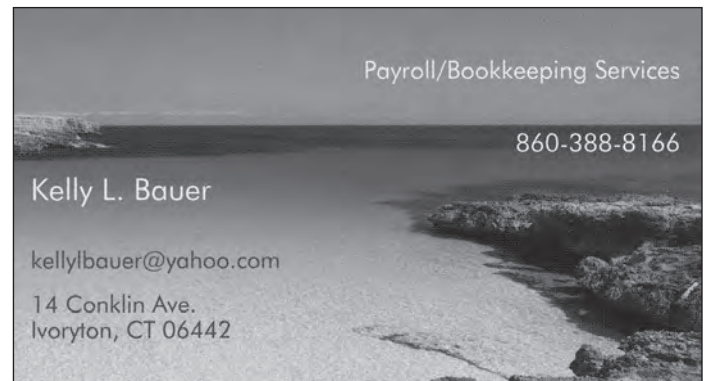
You can also view the meetings online at any time. Go to the Deep River web site ([www.deepriverct.us](http://www.deepriverct.us)) and on the homepage under "Quick Links" select "View meetings online." On the link you can select meetings by date.

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.

Broadcasts are sponsored by the Deep River Taxpayers Association to make municipal business and discussions available to a wider audience of citizens.



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#### Rocks and Roll

The Florence Birdwell Sanctuary located on Rattling Valley Rd. has a new addition to the property. A giant rock structure, we like to call Rope Ferry Pagoda. Named for the bedrock under your feet when you walk this preserve. It is Rope Ferry Gneiss. Visit the Bidwell Sanctuary—take a walk on the marked trail, enjoy the ferns, or build your own cairn (pile or stack of stones) along the trail.

#### Screen-Free Outdoor Fun

Take the challenge and join DRLT for a screen-free week, May 2nd -8th. Turn off the TV, phones, Ipad, computer, DS, all screens, and spend some time outside. Watch our Facebook page for more information about local events and ideas to celebrate a week of less screen time and more green time. For more information about the national event visit: [screenfree.org](http://screenfree.org). Consider becoming a member of the Deep River Land Trust. For more information or if you have questions email: [depriverlandtrust@gmail.com](mailto:depriverlandtrust@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page - Deep River Land Trust.



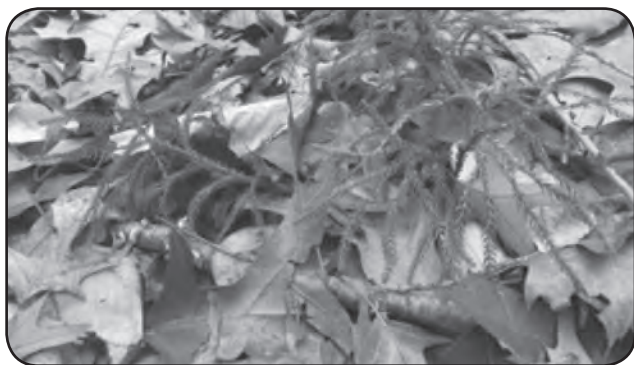
A map of the new property's location in town.



Stephen Courcy checks out DRLT's newest property.



Kate and the pagoda. Paul and Kate Mikulak, a father/daughter team, were the creators of this amazing rock structure.



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### Board of Finance

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

Chairperson: George Eckenroth

### Board of Assessment Appeals

March and September

Date & times to be announced.

Chairperson: Mark Reyher

### Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission

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

Chairperson: Alan Mizejeski

### Community Health Committee

1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Russell G. Marth

### Deep River Elementary School Board of Education

3rd Thursday of each odd numbered month

(except for July) at 7:30 p.m.

at the elementary school. Joint meetings with other Region 4 boards during even-numbered months at JWMS

Chairperson: Michelle Grow

### Design Advisory Board

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

Chairperson: Alan Paradis

### Deep River Town Hall Auditorium Management Committee

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

Chairperson: Carol Jones

### Library Board of Trustees

2nd Monday of each month (except for July) at 7 p.m.  
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Chairperson: Michelle Emfinger

### Park & Recreation Commission

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

Chairperson: Justin Waz

### Planning & Zoning Commission

3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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Chairperson: Bruce Edgerton

### Regional 4 Board of Education

1st Thursday of each month, except July and August.

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at John Winthrop Middle School.

Chairperson: Chris Riley

### Board of Fire Commissioners

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

Chairperson: William Spitzschuh

### Water Pollution Control Authority

1st Monday of each month.

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at the Treatment Plant.

Chairperson: Ted Mackenzie

### Zoning Board of Appeals

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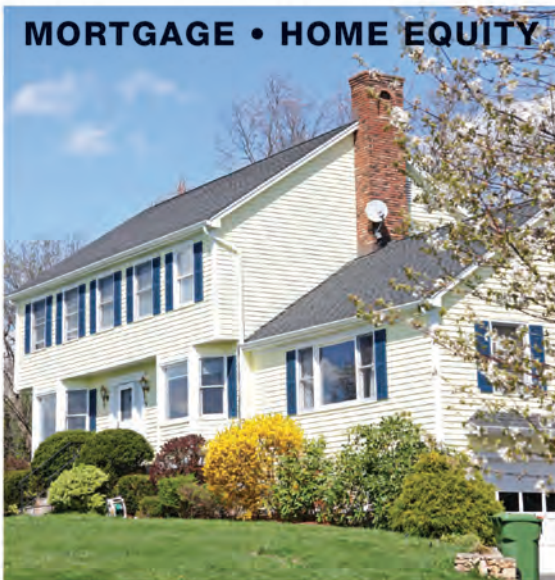
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