

Deep River's Humming Along

Even in its early stages of renovation, the apartment complex at 52 Essex Street (the former Putnam Park) shows the promise of its new owners to totally renovate the apartments, and to revitalize the campus with landscaping and new lighting. Of the original 32 apartments 30 will remain: six in the building at the front (out of picture on the left); four each in the six buildings in the rear.



A sampling of houses, some under construction, others recently occupied, is proof that Deep River continues to attract new residents. Most recent building and zoning permits have been for additions and renovations, but now applications for new construction are on the increase.



Re-purposing the old, Building anew

Renovations completed, PCI Medical and GBR Systems have given new life to the industrial property originally built by Whelen Engineering, subsequently purchased by Champion Manufacturing. , then vacant for several years. Owners Phillip and Clio Coles have not only revived a vacant, but useful property—they have helped bring more than 60 permanent jobs to Deep River.



Ray Galiatti, like the Coles, rescued another unused but certainly useful property, the former Deep River Die & Tool, tucked away at the end of Grove Street. In this case the vacancy had lasted more

than 20 years. Ray's "Eve's Addiction.com" is a good fit for the largely residential neighborhood. An internet sales operation, it is a quirt, weekday operation. Since he purchased the property in 2006 Ray's business has outgrown the original building (at right, below), and he recently completed the 'ell' addition (left, below).. The Selectman's office, the Planning & Zoning and Inland Wetlands Commissions and Building Department have worked with Ray to help him achieve his business goals while minimizing the impact on his neighbors.







Brewers Deep River Marina has added 231,000 cubic feet of winter storage in a single location: its new winter storage quarters (*left*), which was erected last fall. Associated with the expansion will be landscaping in various areas of the marina. The Marina's logo, which will be added on the south side, the windows and other architectural details will help soften the effect of the large structure.

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Upcoming Events

Taste of the Valley

Deep River Historical Society September 6th from 6:30 - 10:00pm See Page 26 for Details

Movies and a Meal on the Beach

Plattwood Park August 9th 7:00pm

Early Movie - Peter Pan
Late Movie - Creature from the Black Lagoon
August 16th 7:00pm
E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial

Dinner available to purchase from "Hungary Hal's" food concession truck

Summer Concerts Music and a Meal

August 8th - "Gatekeepers"
Town Green, Food by Dough on Main
August 15th - "Ryan Hart & Blue Hearts"
Town Landing, Food by Ivory Pub
August 22nd - "Shiny Lapel Trio"
Plattwood Park, Food by Pizzeria DaVinci

In case of rain all concerts will relocate to the Town Hall Auditorium

Deep River Family Day

September 21st Keep your eyes open for posters of events for the day. Remember we always start off the day with the 5K Run, than head on into town for lots of activities and carnival then end the day with a beautiful fireworks display.



On the Cover: Photo by: John Stack/ SpiritdogPhotography.com

Selectman's News

The Budget

At the Annual Town Meeting held on May 20, 2013, residents approved an operating budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14. The total amount of \$14,779,461 is \$448,635 more than our previous (FY 2012-13) budget. This equates to almost an entire mill's increase of \$488,100. However, through planning and economies the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance were able to hold the increase to four-tenths of a mill. My thanks to both boards for the many hours they devote not only during the budget process, but for their diligence throughout the year.

COST

In January, I was elected to be President of the Council of Small Towns. Deep River has been a member of COST for the past 20 years, and I have had the pleasure of serving on the Board of Directors for most of that time. Throughout that period I have attended many hearings, and have often testified before the Legislature and State Agencies regarding issues that greatly affect small towns. I am pleased to report that many of my colleagues were also present in Hartford on many occasions, and were heavily involved in both the budget process and proposed legislation. We were successful in lobbying against unfunded mandates and in maintaining our level of state aid for this new fiscal year (2013-14).

The Town's budget was approved on May 20th, more than two weeks before the State budget was finalized. This meant that the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance had to use conservative numbers in calculating state aid. I'm pleased to report that after the legislative session ended on June 5th we learned that we would receive slightly more state aid than we had anticipated.

State aid, which differs from the grants we receive for specific projects, is generally renewed annually, based on formulas that include a town's population, median income and other factors. Because of their basic regularity, yearly state aid payments tend to be built into our local budget. I learned long ago, however, that when the economy falters we cannot take those revenues for granted.

Grants, such as the Small Cities and STEAP (Small

Town Economic Assistance Program) grants that have funded many of our municipal projects, are awarded competitively through various state agencies. Every grant is a bonus, an opportunity to stretch our town budget and undertake large capital projects (a few examples: the library expansion, new quarters for Tri-Town Youth & Social Services, the Plattwood business incubator buildings and the Main Street Streetscape). There is no certainty when we apply for a grant that we will be successful. Each must be applied for individually, and some require approval from the Governor's office.

Village Street Bridge...and Beyond

The Brunalli Construction Company, who gets high marks for both their outstanding workmanship and their efforts to keep inconvenience to neighboring residents to a minimum, returned in June to complete portions of their work that could not be performed when the bridge was reopened last November. By the time you read this, they will have completed the landscaping (several sizable young trees and shrubbery) that was called for in the plans. AT&T and CL&P will relocate utility poles and wiring from their temporary construction positions to permanent locations, as specified in the plans. At the same time the Town has brought the Streetscape theme from Main Street to the parking lot entrance, with the familiar brickwork, streetlamps and additional landscaping.

Sewer Expansion

On May 2, 2013, residents approved an expansion of the sewer system. This phase will complete the original plan by connecting the remainder of Kirtland and River Streets. Also included will be the adjacent streets: Old River Streets 1 & 2, Fairview Avenue, River and Phelps Lanes and Read Street—all properties as far as the Connecticut River. This area, with its high water table, proliferation of ledge and poorly-drained soils, was included in the original design of the 1980s, but despite its high priority it was eliminated from that phase due to the cost.

However, those conditions still exist; thus the septic problems persist. Compounding the problem are the properties that pre-date both zoning and sanitation regulations. Many are smaller than would be accept-

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able under today's regulations and health codes; some are approaching the time when they will no longer be capable of supporting septic systems of their own. For environmental reasons there is no doubt that connecting to our sewer system is the best option. And the larger the base of users grows, the more cost effective our system and treatment plant will become.

The cost of the original sewer project, including the treatment plant, was \$12.4 million, with more than 90 per cent of the cost borne by grants under the Clean Water Act (the Town's share, \$2.6 million, was financed through a municipal bond issue, paid over 20 years). Such grants have become few and far between, and the era of 90 per cent funding is (for now, at least) well in the past.

This sewer expansion is conservatively estimated to cost a maximum of \$4.8 million. It will be partially funded through a grant, but from a surprising source: The United States Department of Agriculture. Through the USDA the Town will receive a grant of \$1.2 million, with the balance financed by a low interest loan, payable over 40 years, also through the USDA.

It is the Board of Selectmen's long-standing policy to avoid overlapping payments for large projects: our current yearly payments of \$113,000 for the lease-purchase agreement for the Town Hall HVAC will end by the time the first of the sewer expansion payments of \$116,000 is due, which will avoid a spike in the mill rate.

Infrastructure

I often write or speak about the importance of maintaining and improving the Town's infrastructure, and the benefits of those improvements. People's judgment of a property's value tends to be based in part on appearance. This is true whether it is residential, commercial / industrial or municipal. The appearance of the town's properties: roads, sidewalks, buildings, etc., is an important factor for potential investors, whether they be home buyers or commercial / industrial developers, in their decision to relocate here. Deep River has been fortunate to see a steady growth—a Grand List increase of almost \$6,000,000 in 2012 alone—even during these tough economic times, in all sectors.

The most dramatic example of current improvements is on Essex Street, at the apartment complex known for the past four decades as Putnam Park.

The Apartments Formerly Known as "Putnam Park"

Renovations are well underway at 52 Essex Street, the residential complex that used to be called Putnam Park. Built around 1970, the apartments were sought after for their quality and convenient location, a five minute walk to the center of town. Young couples began raising families there. Many, as their means increased, went on to purchase homes in Deep River. But during the intervening years the buildings' age began to show. Gradually, 52 Essex Street lost its original luster; its attractiveness waned. Then came the recession.

But drive by today and you will see a much different picture. After many attempts to locate buyers, we met developer Paul Kaplan, who, we learned, had a history of rejuvenating similar aging real estate. Paul purchased the complex early this year. Familiar with Deep River, he had noted the rebirth of our downtown and other improvements of recent years, and he felt that 52 Essex Street would be a good investment.

The importance of renovating such a visible property cannot be overstated. It stands to reason that the town encourage such investment. We agreed to assist in any way we could. Probably of most benefit to both the town and the new owners was our offer to connect 52 Essex Street to our wastewater treatment system.

Our municipal sewer presently terminates at the intersection of Essex and High Streets; the area from there to the apartments is not included in the expansion I detailed earlier in this column. What the Town can do is to provide a link between the apartments and Devitt Field (just a short distance to the south), which is already connected to the sewer line. A pumping station at the lowest point on the 52 Essex Street property will move the sewage to the connection at Devitt Field. This most recent example of cooperation between municipal and private interests illustrates the importance of public-private partnership to our growing success story.

Another important factor in the decision to connect

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the apartments to the sewer system is the area's proximity to the wetlands and marshes along the Connecticut River, which could pose environmental issues. There are economic benefits as well: the WPCA's annual revenues will increase by \$12,000, and the broader user base will help keep the operation stable. Looking toward the future, we will install a lateral and manhole on Essex Street, ready to serve the neighboring properties should the need arise.

The next time you're in the neighborhood take a look at the progress to date. One smaller building near the front of the property was deemed not capable of rehabilitation. In its place will be a landscaped park with new lighting and a new sign. The ultimate result of this undertaking will be to provide an attractive environment for the new occupants. The enhancements will raise the value of the property, add to the Town's revenues through increased motor vehicle and property taxes and have a positive impact on the neighborhood—and the entire town.

This Summer's Upgrades

Laurel Wood Drive in Winthrop is due for a major overhaul. This will include rebuilding the drainage system, preparing a new road bed, paving (our standard two inch-and-one-half layers, each compacted to one inch), and new asphalt curbing.

Other highway planned projects are drainage repairs on Phelps Lane and Book Hill Road. As documented in the color section of this issue, the ADA accessible bathrooms at Devitt Field have been completed and the Eagle Scout Snack Shack project at Plattwood Park is underway. As usual, our crew of young men and women will be out trimming roadsides throughout town, and we will catch up on repairs to damaged curbing wherever needed.

The BIG Picture

On the color pages at the beginning of this issue we've prepared a photographic overview of residential, commercial and municipal additions to our infrastructure, both public and private. I'm pleased to note that building and zoning permits are on the increase, another sign that our economy is on the rise. We're happy to welcome the Riggios' CAMTECH Manufacturing, a high tech machine shop. Glenn, Chris and Mark Riggio have leased a large portion of the industrial building at 444 Main Street, another vacant space now turned productive.

Andrea Chiappa has moved "My Fair Lady," to the brand new space at 104 Main Street, next to the Whistle Stop. Her clothing and floral arrangements are a great addition to the up and coming north end of Main Street.

Andrea's former location at 246 Main Street (formerly Irish Pine Antiques) has attracted the interest of the owners of our Dunkin' Donuts, who will be discussing their intent with the Planning and Zoning Commission shortly.

Water Main Upgrade

The Connecticut Water Company is planning to install a 16-inch-diameter water line from the intersection of Union and Main Streets south to the Essex town line, scheduled to begin in late August. The 12-inch pipe now in place is more than 100 years old. As I have mentioned in these pages before, our working relationship with the CWC has been very good—when we have undergone sewer construction or major road reconstruction in areas where older water lines were due for replacement, they have taken the opportunity to upgrade their service. This saves money for all concerned, and keeps expensive and disruptive excavations of our roadways to a minimum.

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Town Clerk's Office

It's time to renew your dog's license again! Licensing for the 2013-2014 year will begin June 3rd. Those who licensed their dogs by June 30th avoided paying a late fee and were entered in the 3rd Annual TOP DOG drawing.

Students leaving for college in the fall may drop off their applications for an absentee ballot for November's Municipal Election before they leave.

We are still open Monday through Friday from 9:00-4:00, until 6:30 on Thursdays and we remain open during lunch.

Check out the new photo gallery on Deep River's Website!!

Click on "About Deep River" then click on "Images of Deep River by Local Photographers".

If you would like to see your photographs of Deep River showcased on our website please email a digital image with names of both the photo and the photographer to townclerk@deepriverct.us.

Please be aware that by sending a photo for posting you acknowledge that YOU have gotten permission from the subjects of the photos or, in the case of minors, permission from their parents to publish any photos. www.deepriverct.us

Amy Winchell, Town Clerk

Welcome New Residents

Ivan Torres, Jr.	70 Cedar Lake Road	02/20/2013
Cathleen M. Edwards	141 Cedar Swamp Road	02/21/2013
Christopher W. Pappas	92 Main Street, Ûnit #1	03/01/2013
Ferdinand E. Onello	124 Georgetown Woods	03/15/2013
Michael A. Thomas	29 Fairview Avenue	04/01/2013
Robert Rowe	7 Grove Street	04/09/2013

Marriages

Timothy S. Caneen & Jane K. Manning	12/02/2013
John S. Cook & Jennifer L. Clark	02/14/2013
Jorge Rodriguez Alberto & Queren J. Gonzalez	03/09/2013
James H. Schoville & Laura C. Hammer	04/13/2013
Quentin S. Pupkowski & Kierstin J. Sieser	05/02/2013
Andrew S. Robinson, Jr. & Meghan E. McDermott	05/04/2013

Passings

Paul J. Wollock	78 Hemlock Drive	01/07/2013
Sean P. Borys	74 High Street	02/09/2013
Kathleen M. Forbes	22 Spring Street	02/23/2013
Mona H. Hartigan	137 Bushy Hill Road	03/02/2013
Adele T. Ackerman	42 Union Street	03/21/2013
Roosevelt B. Vines	453 Winthrop Road	04/12/2013
Donna M. West	10 ½ Prospect Street	05/13/2013

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New Trade Name Filings

Laurie FresherLaurie's Catering03/07/2013Thomas WilcoxWilcox Home Improvements04/22/2013Christian C. SchmidC&S Horseshoeing04/26/2013

Board and Commission Vacancies

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

Community Health Committee term to expire 10-30-2014

Economic Development Commission term to expire 12-01-2013 Economic Development Commission term to expire 12-01-2014

Park & Recreation Commissionterm to expire 12-01-2013Park & Recreation Commissionterm to expire 12-01-2013Park & Recreation Commissionterm to expire 12-01-2014Park & Recreation Commissionterm to expire 12-01-2015

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- · Develop dynamic web based applications to communicate between front end and
- back end systems

 Document all design decisions and code written
- · Support existing systems & applications as required

- Experience using Linux/UNIX (familiarity with the terminal is preferred)
 Working knowledge of PHP and/or JavaScript, HTML, and CSS
- Understanding of XML and JSON
- · Working knowledge of version control using git

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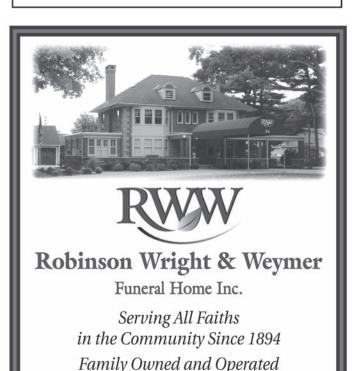
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Voters should listen to or watch the news on TV. Check local newspapers and the town web site (www.deepriverct.us) for more information.

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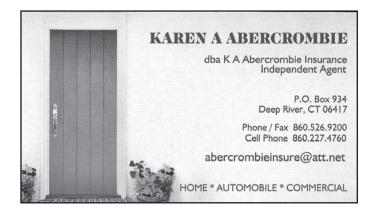
Please help us to improve the baseball and softball programs at Valley Regional High School. With your support we hope to have the facilities in place for the upcoming season. Please feel free to contact Grace Petroka with any questions at (860) 767-1588 or at gpetroka@att.net.

Donors will be recognized in the local paper, as well as, at the end of the year banquet. All donations are tax deductible under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. Please make checks payable to Valley Baseball Booster Club.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

The Valley Baseball Booster Cub



Animal Control

Well summer has arrived. Here are just a few reminders. Dog license renewals are due. With the warm weather remember to keep fresh water available for your pets and a place for them to keep cool. Don't forget that postal workers still deliver your mail and packages so beware they may have to come up to your house. Dog bites are not fun, they can be painful and costly. Please keep all your records for your pets together, so when they are needed in the event of a dog bite you don't have to go fishing for them. These are needed for the dog bite report. The doctors need the information about the rabies vaccine.

Barking is another issue. Be kind to your neighbors and try to keep it under control. If your pet has passed away, please contact the Town Clerk at 860-526-6024 to update our records. We don't to cause painful memories when we remind you to renew your license. Remember all dogs 6 months or older must be licensed in the town they live in. The tags must be on their collar. This helps us get your pets back to you as fast as possible when they decide to go for a walk on their own. Thank you and have a great summer.

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Veterans - are reminded to file their Honorable Discharge with the Town Clerk's office on or before October 1, 2013. 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, 2013 through October 1, 2013. The exemptions for income qualifying applicants will be based on the income maximums as follows: the maximum income for single applicants will be \$33,500 and the maximum for married applicants will be \$40,900.

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, 2013.

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, 2013 through October 1, 2013.

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, 2013. 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, 2013.

All forms for the above programs are available online at www.deepriverct.us or in the Assessor's office.

Trade Name Certificates – All new businesses in the Town of Deep River: According to the Connecticut General State Statutes under section 35-1, no person or persons shall conduct or transact business under any name other than the real name of the person or persons conducting business in the Town of Deep River unless a Trade Name Certificate has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Business Personal Property Declarations – Personal Property Declarations will be mailed from the Assessor's office during the month of September 2013. All persons liable to pay Personal Property taxes in the Town of Deep River must return the declarations to the Assessor's office, on or before the first day of November 2013, their personal property list (declaration). In accordance with CT. State Statute, failure to file a declaration by November 1st requires the Assessor to estimate an assessment and apply a 25% penalty.

The personal property declaration shall include all furniture, fixtures, equipment and machinery of all commercial and industrial businesses; unregistered motor vehicles, snowmobiles, farm machinery and horses. Manufacturing Machinery Exemption Applications must also be filed at this time.

Declarations are mailed as a courtesy to all existing businesses. Anyone not receiving a personal property declaration should contact the Assessor's office. Even though a declaration was not received, it does not preclude you from filing.

PLEASE NOTE: if you do not receive a personal property declaration and you are a resident business in the town of Deep River it is your responsibility according to Connecticut State Statues to file one. Failure to declare will force the Assessor to apply an arbitrary assessment and a 25% penalty.

DID YOU REGISTER A VEHICLE AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2012?

You will receive a Supplemental Bill payable in January 2014 for any new or replacement vehicle that was registered after October 1, 2013.

DID YOU GET RID OF A CAR BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 2012- AUGUST 30, 2013?

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 2013.

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

9 Town Transit

Bus Shelter Dedicated to Transit Pioneer

From the late 1800's until the early 1900's, shoreline residents could travel by trolley cars throughout the region. But automobiles soon caused the demise of the trolley companies, and regional public transportation became non-existent.

As the population grew in the 1970's, Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency director Stan Greimann saw a growing need for public transportation. He envisioned a bus system that would not only enable commuting to New Haven, but would provide travel throughout the nine town region. He worked tirelessly to spread his vision, until in 1981, nine estuary region towns created the Estuary Transit District (ETD).



Doris Sanstrom, former chairwoman of ETD, Carl Fortuna, First Selectman Old Saybrook, the Greimann family, Leslie Strauss, Chairwoman of ETD, and Ralph Eno, First Selectman of Lyme.

Thirty-two years later, the transit district Stan Greimann created and led for over two decades has grown to provide nearly 100,000 passenger trips annually servicing the estuary region with thirteen buses connecting to four other regional transit systems under the name 9 Town Transit.

As a tribute to Stan Greimann's contribution to public transit in the region, the ETD board of directors dedicated the new Old Saybrook bus shelter in his memory. The dedication ceremony, held on April 25th, 2013, was attended by local elected officials and members of his family.

Long time ETD board member Virginia Zawoy of Clinton said of Stan, "He spent countless hours looking for ways that would enhance public transportation in the estuary region."

A plaque memorializing Stan Greimann and his contributions to public transit was installed on the shelter located on the Boston Post Road across from Staples. State representative Marilyn Giuliano commented that "Stan's contributions were many, commendable and deserving of this honor."

The Estuary Transit District provides public transit service to Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook through its 9 Town Transit service. Connections are available to New Haven, Middletown, Hartford and New London/Norwich bus services as well as the Shoreline East Commuter Rail. All services are open to the general public with no age or disability restrictions.

Additional information, route maps and schedules are available online at www.9towntransit.com or by calling 9 Town Transit at 860-510-0429.





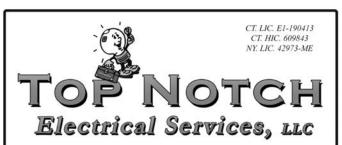
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Connecticut River Area Health District

Health District passes on health advice to beachgoers for upcoming bathing season

The Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD) is passing on this advice from the CT Department of Public Health to help make your beach visits more safe this season:

- 1. Pick a beach and then check with the local health department that regulates it to be sure it is open for swimming. Check with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) if you plan to visit a State Park beach.
- 2. If you pack a picnic lunch, keep it cold at the beach to help prevent spoiling and food borne illness.
- 3. Wear sun screen!
- 4. Look for signs and advisories posted at the beach and heed them. Do not swim at a closed beach.
- 5. Don't swim near storm water discharge pipes at urban beaches after a heavy rainfall.
- 6. Keep your head above water and try not to swallow water, to help avoid water borne illness.
- 7. Look for and avoid animal waste. Always carry away your pet's droppings.
- 8. Leave the water immediately if there is a diarrhea or vomit accident close by.
- 9. Don't bury yourself, your friends or your children in beach sand; bacteria from bird droppings and other sources can seep into beach sand and remain active.
- 10. If you believe you have been exposed to contaminated swimming water, rinse with soap and water and clean any skin abrasions, cuts or wounds. Gargle with mouthwash or clean water. Dry your ears. Wash swimsuits and towels as soon as possible.
- 11. If you have recent cuts, abrasions, surgical scars or infections, it is best to stay out of the water.
- 12. If you have an impaired immune system or you are ill, it's best to stay out of the water.

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- 13. Do not touch or handle dead waterfowl (seagulls, geese, ducks, etc.). Report dead waterfowl to the CT DEEP, Wildlife Division at (860)642-6528.
- 14. Do not pick up or handle medical waste (syringes, bandages, tubing) or other unusual objects. This can include objects floating in the water or washed ashore that may look like lumps of plastic foam or discs. Immediately report them to the Life guard or to your Local Health Department.
- 15. If you get caught in a rip current that pulls you away from the beach, don't panic. Swim parallel to the shore until you are outside the current, then swim back to the shore or call for help.

This year, CRAHD is maintaining a phone hotline for beach status. During the bathing season (June thru Labor Day) call the health district to get information on whether a marine public beach is open in Clinton or Old Saybrook, or a fresh water bathing area is open in Deep River. The district phone number is 860-661-3300.

The staff at CRAHD wishes you a safe and happy bathing season in 2013!

Jim Monopoli, Director of Health



Attention all Deep River Businesses!

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

We invite you to join the DRMA and benefit from being a member,

including increased public visibility from placement onto our website.

Membership fee is only \$50.00 per calendar year!

You can view the website at www.deeprivermerchants.com

For more information, please contact:

Cindy Lignar, Squared Circle Studio, Phone 860-526-8738 or Rose Natter, Face Arts Music, Phone 860-526-1190

We look forward to hearing from you!!



Time Out!

A new pilot program, called Time Out! for caregivers/guardians/parents of children with special needs is being presented in Deep River. Most of the caregivers need some "me" time, and they will be treated to 6 - 2 hourly personal enrichment sessions which may include Aromatherapy, Fashion Tips, Chefs Night, Art Night, Music Night, Bowling/Pizza and end with either a dinner at a restaurant, or weather permitting, a cruise on the Riverquest. The program will be held in the Community Room of the Deep River Library, Main Street Deep River. The presenters are Deep River resident Victoria Taylor, and Essex resident Joy Orr.

The newly relocated My Fair Lady Boutique, and Chaos on South Main Street will be collaborating for a special evening for the participants, where a good time will be had by all!

The program is being sponsored by the Valley Shore Collaborative, and for more information please either email Victoria Taylor, 860 995 8238 (vtaylor6@juno.com) or Joy Orr, 860 212 0564 (joyorr@comcast.net)



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Dry Pants Model Yacht Club

Deep River Hosts New England Spring Regatta

For the past eight years, the Dry Pants Model Yacht Club (DPMYC) has hosted the annual New England Spring Regatta for CR-914 radio- controlled model sailboats.

This year, it took place on Saturday, May 18th at Plattwood Park. Once again, it was a great success. Mother Nature provided a perfect day and fair winds for sailors, visitors and guests alike...Invitations to participate were extended to model yacht Clubs throughout New England ..A total of 17 hotly—contested races were conducted to determine the final winners.



DPMYC members did very well this year.. The overall winner from left to right were Al Dion (Noank), followed by Brian Kerrigan (Essex), Ron Rhault (Mansfield Center) John Skerry (Gloucester, MA), and Doug Demerest (Essex)

Radio-controlled yacht sailing is a growing source of recreational enjoyment for all ages in the United States. Today , there are 32 recognized model yacht classes and hundreds of clubs that are members of the American Yachting Association (AMYA). The smallest class boats are called "Footys" and are, as the name suggests, a foot long). The largest boats are the replica America's Cup J Boats-beautiful models that are almost 8½ long and weigh almost 100 pounds .

The CR-914 class sailed at Plattwood Park is one of the most popular classes sailed in the United States. The local club sails every Sunday from 10:30- until noon on Sundays and Thursday evenings while decent light exists. Members would be happy to tell you all about these exciting boats and give you a chance to sail if you have an interest in sailing. For additional information, visit our website www.DPMYC. com or call Jim Godsman:860-767-5052.







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Community Health Committee



Health Through Hydration

What is dehydration?

Dehydration occurs when your body does not contain as much water as it needs for optimal functioning.

As we age, we start to lose our sense of thirst, so we drink less. Furthermore, our kidneys have a harder time holding on to what we do drink. As a result, older adults are at great risk for dehydration.

Of the older adults hospitalized every year in the U.S., over 1 million are dehydrated.

Adequate hydration is good because it:

- Carries nutrients and oxygen to our cells
- Flushes waste products out of our body
- Keeps our skin moist
- Regulates our body temperature
- Regulates our blood pressure
- Cushions our joints

Dehydration is bad because it increases your risk of experiencing a serious and unpleasant illness, including:

- Urinary tract infection
- Injury following a fall
- Pneumonia
- Kidney problems
- Heart problems
- Blood clots
- Skin ulcers

Know the signs!

How do I know if I'm dehydrated? If you are dehydrated, you may experience:

- Thirst
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Dry, sticky mouth and tongue
- Dark urine
- Decreased urination
- Dizziness
- Confusion

- Falls
- Constipation
- Muscle cramping

Creative Ideas for Hydration:

Don't like drinking water? Try these other drinks and food choices.

Drinks: Milk, juice, Gatorade, tea and coffee (in moderation), flavored water

Hydrating food: Fruits (watermelon, cantaloupe, orange, apple, kiwi, tomato), raw vegetables (celery, spinach, lettuce), soup, oatmeal, yogurt, pudding, jello, applesauce, popsicles

You need 6-8 cups or 1.5-2 liters of fluid each day unless you are on a fluid restriction because of a health condition. How much is 6-8 cups anyhow? To get an idea of how much water and other fluids you need to drink every day, fill a plastic pitcher with 6-8 cups of water. Mark that level with a piece of tape or a magic marker, and then work to drink that much every day.



First Congregational Church of Deep River

First Congregational Church has had a busy and productive spring season. On Maundy Thursday, March 28th, our fourth grade Sunday School students received their first Communion. On May 19th, Pentecost Sunday, we had the joy of welcoming seven young adults as full members of our congregation at our Service of Confirmation. They had spent this past year attending regular Confirmation Classes, preparing a "Statement of Faith" to share, creating a personal stole to wear at the service, as well as visiting area churches. On Sunday, April 21st, the DRCC Green Team hosted the Church's second annual Earth Day Celebration. This year, it was also held as part of the United Church of Christ's Mission 4/1 Earth. Launching on Easter Monday, April 1, the Mission 4/1 Earth continues through Pentecost, May 19 - the 50 great days of Eastertide. The goal of Mission 4/1 Earth is for participants to collectively offer 1 million hours of caring for the earth, plant more than 100,000 trees and send more than 100,000 advocacy letters on environmental concerns.

The Green Team was very excited to be able to distribute white pine, red maple, white oak and Eastern hemlock saplings donated by the National Wildlife Federation as part of their "Trees for Wildlife" program. There was also a surprise visit from Mother Nature during the 10:00 am Service. Other highlights of the celebration included: a display of products made from recycled items; give-away samples of homemade paper with a butterfly mix of seeds imbedded in the paper; making Cheerio bird feeders; making forest animals out of pine cones; bark & leaf rubbings; and the Biodegrading Timeline game.

On May 4th, Anne Marie Martin headed up our annual Mother's Day Craft Fair. A variety of crafters and vendors participated and the church sold plants and baked goods, served a luncheon, and held silent auction. Thank you to all who participated and attended this annual event.

We have two mission groups leaving this summer for one week trips to serve the needs of the people of El Salvador and South Dakota. They have been collecting supplies to bring with them, and the South Dakota group held a Barn Concert & Festival in April, a Wine Tasting and Silent Auction in May, and a Car Wash, among other fundraising activities.

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

• Saturday, August 17th - Our Annual Flea Market on the Green will be held from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. You may call to arrange for one of the 74 spaces available. Spaces

- are 20 x 20 and the price is \$30.00. Contact the church at 860-526-5045 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to request a map and form. Forms can also be downloaded on our church web site, www.deepriverchurch.org. Please come and join us. There will be food for sale, a bake sale, as well as a tag sale inside the Fellowship Hall.
- August 23rd-25th Men of the church will be participating in a retreat/hike to the Adirondacks. Contact the church office for more information.
- Sunday, September 8th We return to our normal worship schedule, with two services: one at 8:30 a.m. and the second at 10:00 a.m. This is the first day of Sunday School (10:00 service) and as a special "kick-off" event, our annual Mission Fair will be held immediately following the church service. The various church boards provide activities for the children, which help our youth see how working together can make the world a better place.

You are invited to join us for worship this summer. (8:30 a.m. each Sunday) Have a safe and happy Summer 2013! Please check our church website, www.deepriverchurch.org for more information about us.

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Fountain Hill Cemetery

Renovations to the chapel are continuing under the direction of Mark Lowrey. Take a drive by to see the new leaded glass window over the front door. This spring Mark is working on bringing power into the building. Then the task of replacing the side windows could begin. But we need your help. Anyone wishing to sponsor a window and have their family's name on a plaque under the window should contact Mark Lowrey or Jayne Mather. With much work still to be done, the chapel was used this past March for its first funeral in 24 years. Dr. Sumner Ziegra, past president of the Fountain Hill Cemetery Association, was a man who in his retirement gave a tremendous amount of time and effort to make Fountain Hill Cemetery successful. It was a long time wish of his to have his service in the chapel and despite the chill in the air it was a lovely and meaningful service.

New stainless steel veteran's markers are being placed on veteran's graves whose markers were damaged or faded. These new markers will not fade and we expect will hold up better to the changes in the weather. This will be an ongoing project for all veteran's graves. If your family member was a veteran and doesn't have a flag or veteran's marker, please contact Rich Forristall.



On May 20th Deep River and Chester cub scouts and boy scouts along with their leaders and other family members, arrived to help place flags on the veteran's graves. Then on May 23rd twenty-four 7th graders from John Winthrop Junior Middle School and teachers Denise Ripley and June Pleran donated their time at Fountain Hill placing new flags on the veteran's graves. With 48 acres of land and 600 veterans to honor, we appreciate the help these young people gave us. This is the first year that the Scouts and the Middle School has been involved in this activity and we are grateful for their help. In the past 3rd graders from the

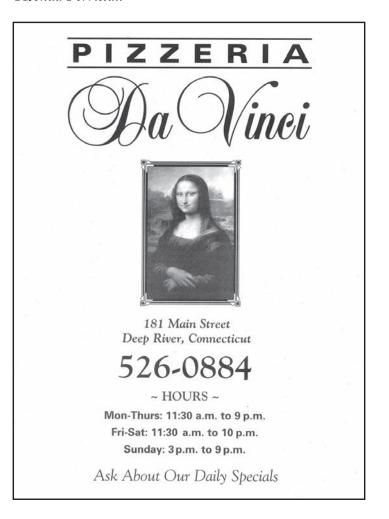
Deep River Elementary School have assisted Ray and Paul Mozzochi in this task but were unable to do so this year. We are grateful for their involvement in the past and hope they will be able to participate again in the future.

On June 7th students from Valley Regional High School will be in the cemetery cleaning gravestones as part of the school's Community Service Day.

The Fountain Hill Pet Cemetery officially opened with the internment of the first graves in that space. Brochures have been distributed at Pet's Choice and some of the local veterinary offices.

Grave space is available throughout the cemetery. If you would like information about purchasing plots for yourself or your pets, please call Shawn Nelson in the cemetery office at 860-526-4752.

Rhonda Forristall



Deep River Garden Club

You never know where the Deep River Garden Club will be planting, pruning or sprucing next unless of course you look around town or are a member of the club. We would gladly welcome anyone interested in gardening to join us. All levels of experience are appreciated from the beginner gardener to master gardener.



With Memorial Day celebrations, graduations and the Fourth of July holidays everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and beautiful New England weather. So, for gardeners it may just be the best time to enjoy annuals and perennials. The Deep River Garden Club has been busy at various locations such as the Veteran's Green, the Winthrop planter, Devitt's Field, Plattwood Park, and the Historical Society property adding a little color.

Members of the garden club share their passion for gardening throughout the year by giving talks, hands-on demonstrations or organizing a tour of a local farm or garden center. The club meets the third Tuesday of every month, usually at the Town Hall. However, several of our meetings are held at alternate sites such as the Town Landing, Plattwood Park or the Historical Society's Carriage House.

We encourage anyone who is interested in learning more about the Deep River Garden Club to contact our President, Janice Kmetz at Janice.kmetz@gmail.com or call her at (860) 790-0432.



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Deep River Historical Society

The President of the Deep River Historical Society, Jeffrey Hostetler, has announced the intention of the Society to sponsor a juried arts and crafts show, in cooperation with the Deep River Rotary Club, this September 21st, also in conjunction with the Deep River Merchants Association's, Family Day.

The event will be held on the spacious grounds of the Historical Society, on Main Street in Deep River where there is ample, free parking and public restroom facilities. The setting, for the exhibit booths, in front of the 1840's beautiful Stone House, will gracefully present the art of these craftsman and artists.

Vendor application forms and more information may be acquired from Lonnie Moskal at: osac@sbcglobal. net. and on the Historical Society web site: www.DeepRiverHistoricalSociety.org. The fee, to participate is modest: \$75.00

The event will be held 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, the 21st of September.

A "juried" arts and crafts show is one that only allows fine arts and crafts based on specific criteria. Arts and Crafts seminars will be offered, at no fee, during the course of the one day show.

There will be a Food Court and vendors are welcome to apply for participation, at \$100.00 per vendor.

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Deep River Parks & Recreation

Deep River Parks and Recreation is planning a busy summer. The summer concert series has started with the June 27th concert held at the Town Landing with the bluegrass band, 'Shore Grass'. Food was provided by Deep River Pizza who served up some delicious pizza pie. The concert schedule is as follows: July 11th - 'Smoke Bubbles/Dizzy River', food by "All Fired Up" BBQ, concert at Plattwood Park; July 18th - 'Jim Shepley Band', food by Chris' Dog House, concert at the Town Green; July 25th -'102nd Army Band', food by the Whistle Stop Restaurant, concert at the Stone House; August 1st-' Moving Target Jazz Band", food by Susan's Kitchen, concert at the Town Landing; August 8th - 'Gatekeepers', food by Dough on Main, concert at the Town Green; August 15th - 'Ryan Hart and the Blue Hearts', food by the Ivory Pub and Restaurant, concert at the Town Landing; August 22nd-'Shiny Lapel Trio', food by Pizzeria DaVinci, concert at Plattwood Park.

DR Parks and Recreation offers a six week summer camp for youth entering first grade through to those entering 7th grade. The camp runs weekly, Monday-Friday, from July 1st through August 9th. This year for the first time, the camp will go all day. The day will be broken down into both a morning session that runs from 9:00 am -12:00 pm (with the exception of field trip days when the camp runs longer), and an afternoon session from 12:30-3:00 pm. Each week the camp has a different theme and a fabulous field trip as well as in house entertainment. Field trips this year are to Old Saybrook Mini golf, the Beardsley Zoo, Dinosaur State Park, The Trampoline Place, Westbrook Cinema, and Knight's Quest Laser Tag. Campers are welcome to attend the morning camp, the afternoon camp or to stay and play with us all day. Space is still available so call the Parks and Recreation office to register today.

For a second year, the Commission is sponsoring the 'Misfit Cruisers' Cruise night at Plattwood Park. Weather permitting, every Tuesday through September 10, 2013 starting at 6 pm you can come enjoy some antique, classic and unique cars as they gather at one of the Town's most popular parks. Food will be available for purchase, so plan on coming down for dinner and enjoy the trip down memory lane. Come join us on Friday night, July 27th for an old fashioned 'drive-in' movie, when we screen the classic, "American Graffiti". Come check out the cool cars, trucks and motorcycles and stay for the movie. Check out the web site for all the details.

With the arrival of August, comes our popular 'movies on the beach' series. Spend an afternoon at Plattwood park swimming, play some basketball, enjoy dinner and then stay for a movie! Or just come down to Plattwood park and enjoy a free family movie on Friday nights during August. All movies are either rated 'G' or 'PG'. The movie schedule is as follows: August 2nd-"Where the Wild Things Are", August 9th will be a double feature-" Peter Pan" followed by "The Creature From the Black Lagoon", and on August 16th – "E.T.". Rain Location for all movies will be the Town Hall auditorium. Movies will begin at 7 pm. Snacks will be available to purchase.

Save the date for the annual Deep River Family Day! On September 21st help kick off the festivities by participating in or by cheering on the runners in the 19th annual 5K Road Race/Walk. Or try your talents with the 1 mile fun run. Registration begins at 7:30 am at Devitt Field and the day concludes with the spectacular fireworks display, sponsored by Haynes Materials and Whelen Engineering at Plattwood Park. Mark your calendars!

Also looking ahead, plan on joining us for a fall bus trip to Newport, Rhode Island to visit the Newport vineyards for a tour and lunch. Check out the town web site for more details. Space is limited so sign up today.

Looking back over the spring, the Parks and Recreation Commission remained busy.

This past June, the 13th through the 15th, the fifth annual Deep River carnival came to town and was a wonderful success. Many local families came down to take a wild ride, be inspired by the circus performance, munch on fried dough and cotton candy, try their hand at a game of chance and tap their feet to some great music. Mark your calendars for 2014 when the carnival will return for its sixth year!

Also in June, the Commission hosted a bus trip to Fenway Park to see the mighty Red Sox take on the Toronto Blue Jays. Everyone enjoyed the trip to the historic park! The bus sold out quickly and several people were on a waiting list! Look for more trips in the future!

For a second year, Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission was honored to act as a sponsor for the Buddy Track program. The program, brainchild of Valley Regional High School senior Morgan Hines, paired athletes with special needs with a 'buddy' who assisted with all aspects of track and field events. Plus they shared laughs, smiles and lots of hugs! The program ran over four evenings cumulating with a track and field 'meet' and a fun pizza party and award presentation. This year some 40 athletes participated along with some 60 buddies and adult volunteers.

Deep River Parks & Recreation, cont.



In early May, the commission held the annual Sonny Stebbins fishing derby at Plattwood Park. It was a drizzling, grey skied Saturday morning but that didn't stop dozens of Deep River anglers from turning out to try their luck in catching a rainbow trout. The tournament is named after a Deep River resident who loved to fish and loved the Deep River Park. On hand to root on the young fishermen were Sonny's parents who watched with satisfaction at the excitement and determination on the young faces as they cast their lines. The overall winner of the derby for catching the largest fish was 8 year old, Jack Whittaker, who landed a 16 1/8 inch trout. Jack will have his name engraved on the plaque that hangs at the elementary school. The winners from each age group and the size of their prized catch are as follows:

AGES	12-15	YEARS	OLD

1st Prize - David Uphold, Age 13	4 3/8 inch trout
2nd Prize- Ashley Vogt, Age 12	14 ¼ inch trout
3rd prize- Gia Villafana, Age 13	13 ½ inch trout

AGES 9-11 YEARS OLD

1st Prize- Nicole Grief, Age 11	15 ¾ inch trout
2nd Prize- Logan Harris, Age 11	13 3/8 inch trout
No third prize winner	

AGES 5-8 YEARS OLD

1ST Prize- Jack Whittaker, Age 8 16 1/8 inch trout

Also in May, the Commission hosted a bus trip to Yankee Stadium where the Bronx bombers battled the Oakland Athletics. What a beautiful sunny day it was to enjoy a favorite American pastime. A home run ball was hit into our section and several in our party were able to get a hand on it! Oh, the excitement!

The Commission participated in the month long celebration of the grand reopening of the Town Hall auditorium by sponsoring a free family movie for all to enjoy. The movie, "Brave" was shown to a semi-full house. Look for more events in the auditorium in the coming months.

Our basketball season wrapped up in Mid-March. We had over 210 youth from Deep River and area towns participate in the program. This year for the first time the program included youth in grades 1 through 11. It was wonderful to see so many spectators enjoying the games. I know the kids enjoyed it! The season wrapped up for the grades 7-12 teams with the second annual end of season tournament. Congratulations to all who participated, it was a fun two days of basketball! Two teams were crowned champs and were each awarded a Valley Cup trophy. The winning team from the NCAA level, grades 7-9 was our red shirted Louisville Team. The team coaches were John Gagnon and Matt LaCasse. The championship team from the NBA level, grades 10-12, was our red shirted Bulls team coached by John Rannestad. The two Valley Cups were engraved with the winning teams' and coaches names and will be held by the coaches until next year when two new champs are crowned!

NCAA Champs! Louisville NBA Champs! Bulls!



The basketball program is not possible without the time commitment of so many volunteers who help with the coaching, refereeing, and scoring of the games. A big 'thank you' to all who gave of their time and talents to make the season possible. Tracy Woodcock, who is the Parks and Recreation basketball chairperson, put her heart and soul and love (and extreme knowledge) of the game into 100's of long hours, to make the program possible. The Commission is very thankful for all of her efforts. So to all you volunteers out there, rest up...we would love to have you come back to help out again!

Deep River Parks & Recreation, cont.



Also in mid-March, the annual Easter egg hunt was held at Devitt field. As usual, hundreds of children came out to gather up the colorful plastic spheres and delight at the treats inside. A special visit by the Easter bunny, who arrived by fire truck, was a happy surprise. A golden ticket was hidden amongst the eggs in each age category and the lucky holders of these tickets won a special prize. Over stuffed Easter baskets were the big prizes and they were won by some happy hunters! The commission would like to thank the Deep River Fire Department, Pete Waz and our bunny, Jacob Kateley for making the day so much fun for all.

The Commission also works to maintain and upgrade the park facilities. We played host to several Valley Regional High School youth who participated in a community volunteer day. The youth worked at Plattwood Park and the Town Landing, weeding, raking and picking up garbage. What a wonderful day of community pride. At Plattwood, you might have noticed a new building being erected. That is the future snack shack being built by a local Eagle Scout candidate with assistance from the town crew. Devitt field, home to Deep River Little League and men's softball has seen many improvements. The "B" field has been resurfaced. The snack shack has a new roof, a new sink and a new water heater. The new bathrooms have been completed. They are ADA compliant and are bright and spacious. So, come check out your local parks!

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



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Deep River Land Trust

All heads are down checking GPS and smart phone devices at the Geocaching workshop this May that was sponsored by the Deep River Land Trust and the Deep River Parks and Recreation Dept.



Deep River resident Jim Lockhart, aka GOJim to the geocaching community, taught us the principles and set up some practice caches for us on the Congregational Church grounds where the workshop took place (with prizes for finding the caches)



And what can you see from these pictures? This is a sport for kids and grownups alike. In fact as you can see this is something that can bring all the members of the family together for an outing in the woods – in one of the many public spaces in our area. So check out the website: www.geocaching.com for caches in our area (or anywhere in the world). Or contact drlandtrust@gmail.com for more information or to get involved.

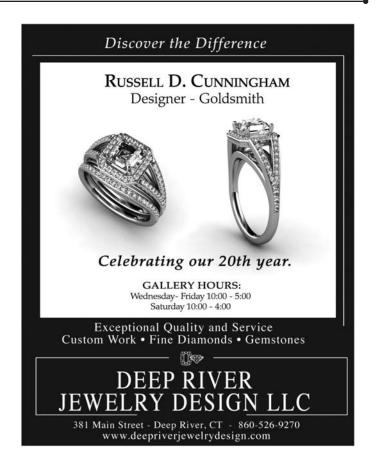


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Occasionally, other town meetings are also broadcast such as Special Town Meetings and Public Hearings.

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

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

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The mission of the Deep River Elementary School (DRES PTO) is to support excellence in education by promoting closer ties and communication among parents, faculty, administration and the Board of Education. Our goal is to provide curriculum and social enrichment activities for all DRES students as well as support to the administration, faculty and staff throughout the academic year. The PTO raises funds to support cultural arts programs at DRES, grade level field trips, field day, 6th grade graduation and more! If you are interested in learning more about the activities of the PTO, please join us at one of the meetings or send an email to drespto@gmail.com. Free babysitting for school-age children is available during the meetings.

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.

- 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.

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

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

PTO membership is open to all parents and guardians of all DRES students as well as all DRES staff. All are welcome to attend the PTO meetings to find out more about its activities. If you are interested in helping out with PTO activities or if you have any suggestions for new PTO activities, please feel free to email us at drpto@dres.k12.ct.us or drespto@gmail. com or drop a note in the PTO mail box in the DRES teachers'lounge. To keep up to date on PTO activities, please check out the DRES PTO Facebook page and the DRES PTO information on the Region 4 Schools website (http://www.reg4.k12.ct.us) under the Deep River Elementary School/For Parents information.

Thank you, 2012-2013 DRES PTO Officers - President: Leslie Sheehan, Vice President: Stacy Meisner, Secretary: Jeni Gray-Roberts, Treasurer: Cari Kirla, Recording Secretary: Amy Petrone

American Legion Post# 61

Main Street Flags

For several years now the American Legion Post 61 has sponsored the display of flags on Main Street. They are in honor of all those past and current who continue to serve our country in time of conflict. They are flown from May to November in good weather and bad. Consequently, they do wear out and need replacing from time to time. We would appreciate any gifts to the flag fund that the residents of Deep River would like to contribute. Each flag costs about \$25.00. I thank you on behalf of the Legion. P.O. Box 261, Deep River, CT.

Hedy's Health Tips

Welcome to summer!!

This season is the most active and the body enters an incredible growth phase.

We have lots to do and some may feel stressed and overburdened by too much activity.

This season is the most yang time of year and the fire system, which governs the heart and small intestines, are giving you the energy to go go go...

When this system is healthy we have lots of energy, feel really alive, sleep soundly and experience joy and peace in our lives.

When the Fire element is out of balance, one's mood can be out of whack, resulting in depression, or too much (chaos) joy or exuberance.

Agitation, nervousness, heartburn, and insomnia are symptoms that one's Fire balance is off.

To prevent these problems, traditional Chinese medicine recommends that people take full advantage of the long summer days. Getting up earlier in the morning, going to sleep later at night and trying to rest or take a nap is recommended for a great state of mind. Fluids are very important in summer months!!

Due to its connection with the small intestine, summer and indigestion can go hand in hand. A lighter diet should be chosen over heavier foods and adding lemon to your water can help with indigestion. Lemon helps the gut become more alkaline and can help greatly with acid reflux.

Salad Days: Eating outside and enjoying the sun!

It is the perfect season to eat as often outside and enjoy this amazing season. Take in all the colors and warmth we longed for during this last long cold winter. Why not introduce some cool, yin foods into your diet. Chinese nutrition classifies food according to its energetic qualities of temperature, taste, and ability to moisten and strengthen the body. Food with cool and cold properties can clear heat, reduce toxins, and generate body fluids.

In general, cooling foods tend to be at the green end of the spectrum - lettuce, cucumbers, and watercress are some of the coolest. Few vegetables are warming. Fish and seafood are also cooling, while most meats are warming. Limit your meat and alcohol consumption and stay cooler this season. Adding strong or spicy flavors to one's diet is also suggested.

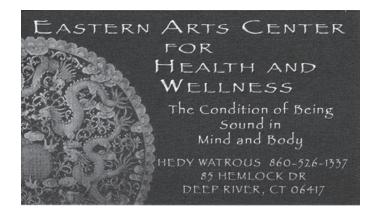
Here are some suggestions to keep you cool and balanced all summer long. These fruits and vegetables will help your body adjust its temperature and protect you during the long, hot summer days:

- Watermelon
- Apricot
- Cantaloupe
- Lemon
- Peach
- Orange
- Asparagus
- Sprouts
- Bamboo
- Lots of berries!
- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Corn

- Cucumber
- White mushroom
- Snow peas
- Spinach
- Summer squash
- Watercress
- Lots of celery for cleansing the blood
- Fresh garden tomatoes
- Cilantro
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 - Dill

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Be well, Hedy





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Valley Regional High School

Valley Regional High School Brings Home National Music Gold

Congratulations to the Valley Regional High School Madmen, Women's Choir, Madrigal Consort, Concert Choir, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Concert Band for an incredible day of stunning performances at the Heritage Music Festival in Chicago, IL. VRHS choral and band groups brought home many first place finishes from the only nationally accredited music festival in the country.

On May 1st, 118 students (20% of the student body) and 20 parents and chaperones left Deep River, CT and traveled nearly 900 miles to the Windy City. The Valley Regional Music Department competed in division 2A (schools with a student population of 600-1200) and surprised the judges with their incredible performances as Valley took first place in all instrumental and choral ensembles! They were also given the adjudicators trophy for both Women's Chorus and Concert Choir for scoring over 95%!

Gold awards were given to all four choirs as well as the Percussion Ensemble. Because the choirs received all gold ratings, the VRHS choirs received invitations to perform at the Festival of Gold competition held at Carnegie Hall. Jazz Band and Concert Band received silver awards with the Concert Band missing the gold rating by only one point. Seniors Grace Carver and Samuel Kneeland received Maestro Awards for outstanding solos. To top off the festival, Valley Regional High School received the highest overall vocal and instrumental ensemble score awarding them with the Sweepstakes Trophy (for the entire program represented).

Band Group Awards Concert Band - Silver Rating, 1st place Jazz Band - Silver Rating, 1st place Percussion Ensemble - Gold Rating, 1st place

Choral Group Awards Madmen - Gold Rating, 1st place Women's Choir - Gold Rating, 1st place Madrigal Consort - Gold Rating, 1st place Concert Choir - Gold Rating, 1st place Sweepstakes Award for Total Program - Chicago 2013 (Highest scoring school from festival)

Maestro Awards (outstanding soloists) Grace Carver Samuel Kneeland Heritage Awards Adjudicators Award (score over 95%): Women's Chorus-96.5% Concert Choir-95.5% Sweepstakes Choral Award (top 2 choirs from 1 school in any division scoring closest to 200) Valley Regional High School Choirs-192



Outstanding Choral Group (highest scoring ensemble from any division)

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Deep River Public Library

Stop in and see the changes that are being made at the library!



The juvenile collections are being moved to the young adult section. This will enable us to have some much needed space in the children's area. We now have a train table, complete with Thomas the Train and Friends, for our preschool visitors.

Thanks to the Friends of DRPL, we also have an AWE Early Literacy Station for preschoolers to age 8. This colorful computer has over 60 educational soft-

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In the young adult area, be on the lookout for a gaming table coming soon – checkers, chess and backgammon.

The adult Internet stations will be moved back, directly into the adult area; and the reference areas are being combined into one main Reference Section. When all of these changes are complete, materials will be easier to find and everyone will have a little more space.

In addition to these changes, starting August 1, the library will also be providing two new databases, free of charge, to Deep River residents. You will find them on our website, http://deepriverlibrary.accountsupport.com.

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We have recently upgraded to a new ILS (integrated library system) called Verso. From the comfort of your home, you will now be able to browse our catalog, renew and reserve materials.

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Chairperson: Mark Reyher

Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission

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

Community Health Committee

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

Deep River Elementary School Board of Education

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

Design Advisory Board

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

Deep River Town Hall Auditorium Management Committee

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

Board of Finance

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

Board of Fire Commissioners

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

Library Board of Trustees

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

Chairperson: AC Proctor

Parks & Recreation Commission

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

Planning & Zoning Commission

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

Regional 4 Board of Education

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

Board of Selectmen

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

Water Pollution Control Authority

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. (only when there is a case to be heard.)
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Footings for the snack Shack at Plattwood Park (*left*) are ready for Iestyn Norton's Eagle Scout project. The actual construction will be by a licensed professional. Construction methods and materials have been approved by the town; some have been donated, the balance purchased by the Town. The prospective Eagle Scout must demonstrate his planning and managerial skills. Part of his responsibility is to enroll volunteers as carpenter's helpers and to ensure that materials are on hand as needed.

Finishing touches on the Village Street Bridge project—landscaping and extending the brick sidewalk and decorative lamp posts along the Library sidewalk.

On Lords Lane we combined several tasks: storm drains rebuilt, sewer line installed (with most of the work by Highway Department and WPCA staff) and installation (by the Connecticut Water Company) of an eight-inch main. This was the first 1,000-feet—Completion to Anderson Lane is scheduled for 2014.



What a difference a year makes: last fall we removed the old bathrooms at Devitt Field, closed off the entry (above) and gave that space to a much needed expansion. The entire building was re-roofed, including new trusses; the new bathrooms are ADA-compliant. Plumbing was roughed in last year; the fixtures were installed this past spring.











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