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Veteran's Green "Columbia"  
 John R. Kollmer Sr.



## Kirtland / River Street Area Sewer Expansion

I am very pleased to report that, as of this writing, this major expansion is nearly done. Once pump stations 1 & 2 have been energized, we should be ready for operation.

In 1989, the first phase of Deep River's sewer system served properties where sewage needs were most acute, mostly along Main Street. As funding became available, other areas were phased in. Today our municipal sewer is just one of the public utilities that serve our needs.

It was not always thus. My thanks to Chester resident Ben Bellows for letting us reproduce excerpts from this carefully preserved issue of the *New Era*. The *New Era* covered Middlesex County for more than 75 years (10 cents an issue, \$3.00 for a year's subscription). This 1949 editorial looks back to the paper's 1878 opinion piece about sewers, then continues in the present, with a timeline—1891, 1906, 1940—of failed attempts at sewers. Forty years later sewers finally came to Deep River.

The heart of our wastewater processing system is its innovative treatment plant. Despite more than tripling its use, it has capacity to spare. In 2015, still in the technological vanguard, the WPCA received the "Award for Outstanding Wastewater Operations," presented by the Atlantic States Rural Water & Wastewater Association.

I will include historically-timely *New Era* news in future Selectman's News articles. Thanks again, Ben.

# The New Era

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**DEEP RIVER, CONN., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1949**

## Nothing New About This Problem

"Our annual meeting occurs soon, for the election of town officers, and the transaction of other business. Some work has been done in the way of opening sewers on Main Street—one nearly opposite the site of the new bank building, another near Bushnell's store. Now we want to see more of the work done, somewhere not a great way from the Post Office, or wherever needed. This will be a good investment, as thorough drainage is conducive to health, and the present is a good time to continue to make them, on account of cheap labor. The heaviest tax payers in town, are in this village and the taxes paid by manufacturers and others here, entitle them to share the use of the funds raised by taxation. While we do not advocate lavish expenditures, we do urge a moderate one. Let us have more sewers as soon as the town, or the authorities think the state of finances will admit. There has been considerable sickness in this village; in fact there is at present, but the patients, most of them are now convalescent. While the sickness may not be attributed to any defective sewerage, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and let us have it."

The above editorial is quoted verbatim from The New Era of SEPTEMBER 20, 1878!

Not only does it express a hope that seventy-one years later has not been realized, but it serves to illustrate the fact that the sewer problem in Deep River is by no means a new one. It has been definitely in people's minds that sewers are needed here for at least three-quarters of a century.

And don't think that after 1878, up 'til now, the entire matter was forgotten—not by any means. For instance, in 1891 there was agitation to stop pouring raw sewage from the center of the village into the brook. Pratt Read had offered a reward of \$25 to anyone who disclosed the source of sewerage that was emptying into the Keyboard Pond. In 1906 and in 1940 (as most people will recall) surveys were carried out and recommendations made by town-appointed committees for correcting the difficulties . . . but nothing has been done to this day—Oct. 6, 1949.

## Selectman's News, cont.

### Infrastructure Projects

Budget Year 2015-16 was as busy a construction season as we have had during my time in office. With most projects complete we can enjoy the fruits of our labors: sewers, new water lines, natural gas, new drainage and reconstructed roadways. Busy, yes—but worth it. And although I could fill many pages with design and construction details, this brief summary should suffice.

#### Hemlock & Westbrook

Sections of Hemlock Drive and Westbrook Road have been milled and repaved.

#### Fairview & Read

Fairview Avenue drainage upgrades, which include a new catch basin, connected with 12" pipe, and 60 feet of 36" pipe to carry the brook from west to east. Both roads were reclaimed, and had their binder course of Class 1 asphalt installed.

#### River Street

The Highway Department is installing 600 feet of new drainage pipe and building four new catch basins. Then, when the new water line is complete (presently about half done) we will finish reclamation and install the binder course of class 1 asphalt.

#### Road Striping

We contracted with Safety Markings Company to renew yellow center lines on several miles of Town roads. They also repainted stop bars, turn arrows and other accessory markings. Our policy has been to use epoxy paint. Its reflectivity and resistance to wear make epoxy safer for the motoring public.

#### Elementary School

When drainage, additional curbing, reclamation, and paving were complete, Safety Markings delineated the parking, handicapped and "no parking" areas. By realigning curbing and sidewalks we created five new parking spaces: two in the circle, and three on River Street.

#### Town Hall

We solicited bids for the maintenance of windows

and window trim: removal of old paint and two coats of primer. The sole bidder, Scholar Paint ing Company, met the Town's requirements for state certification and insurance coverage, and were awarded the contract. They arrived with a full complement of ladders and sheets of plastic to contain the chipped flakes of paint.

#### Plattwood Park

Concurrent with the sewer expansion, water line replacement, drainage upgrades and other infrastructure improvements, we completed Plattwood Park's new baseball diamond. It will be ready for play next Spring; in the meantime, check out the walking trail that circles the field. And do pause to try out the six exercise stations. The entire project was built to perfection by the Venuti Brothers of Killingworth. Their experience in this specialized area of construction is evident in their workmanship. I'm very proud that Deep River ranks so highly in maintaining and improving our infrastructure.

#### Natural Gas

Two major factors accounted for the timely completion of the six-inch natural gas pipeline: experienced work crews and warm, dry weather. Once freed from construction deadline *angst*, I happily rejoined the "I Hope it Rains Soon" coalition.

At this writing the number of committed customers approaches two dozen, businesses and residences. While I do not wish to act as a salesman, I would be remiss if I did not urge Main Street property owners to decide now. There is a substantial incentive:

During this initial phase, Southern Natural Gas (SNG) will absorb the entire cost of connection—from pipeline to building. However, once the final leveling and repaving of Main Street is complete—early in 2016--the costs of connection will become the responsibility of property owners.

Please contact my office if you have questions about natural gas service.



## Selectman's News, cont.

### Main Street Repaving

With the final, permanent patching of the water main and pipeline excavations, Main Street will be a smooth ride throughout the winter. Next spring or early summer the entire width, curb to curb, will be leveled by the milling machine, then it will be paved with the traditional two inches of class 2.

The bumps, the dust, the disruptions to traffic—all will be in our past. That will complete two years of construction. Both above ground and below, Main Street will be totally 21st Century.

### Revaluation

Assessor Robin O'Loughlin, working with Vision Appraisals, expects that the revaluation of all Deep River properties will be completed by the end of 2015. I have been asked many times about the revaluation, and I thank Robin and her assistant, Milly, for responding to residents concerns.



#### 1 Tolland

population.....	14,872
crime rate.....	490.1
2014 graduation rate.....	94.2
2015 median home value.....	\$245,500
equalized mill rate.....	21.80
PIC rating.....	212.62
2015 best restaurants awards.....	0
voter turnout.....	67.03

#### 2 Barkhamsted

population.....	3,705
crime rate.....	906.7
2014 graduation rate.....	97.1
2015 median home value.....	\$234,200
equalized mill rate.....	17.39
PIC rating.....	218.8
2015 best restaurants awards.....	0
voter turnout.....	61.52

#### 3 Deep River

population.....	4,571
crime rate.....	493.1
2014 graduation rate.....	95.7
2015 median home value.....	\$231,400
equalized mill rate.....	17.52
PIC rating.....	213.96
2015 best restaurants awards.....	0
voter turnout.....	61.21

### Hometown Pride

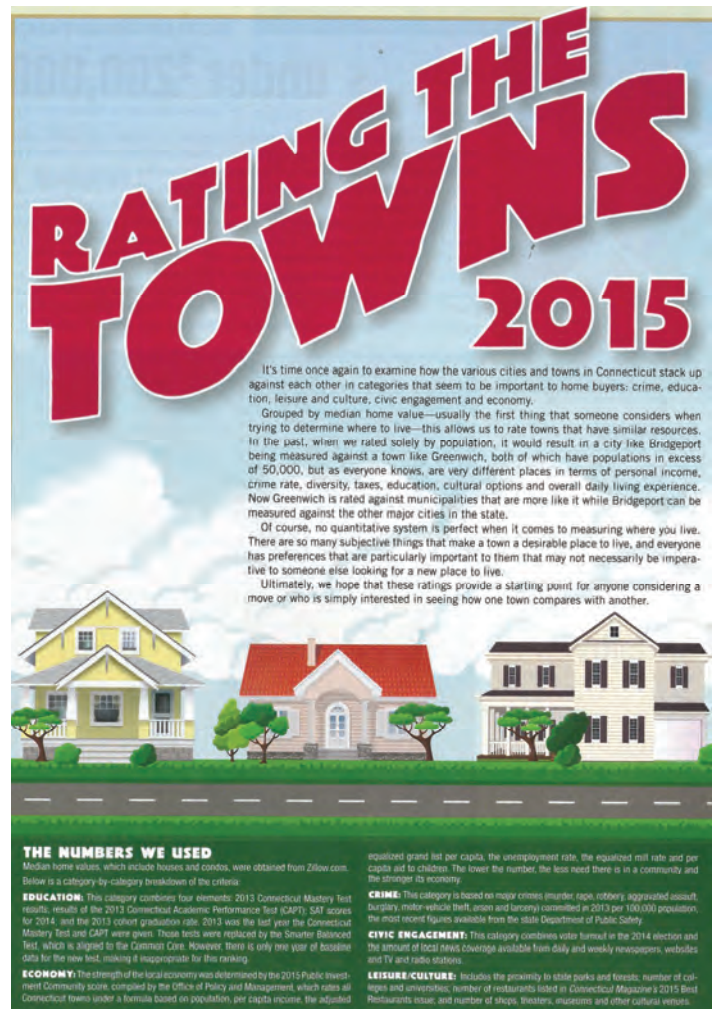
From time to time I have reported the observations of colleagues, legislators and state officials who have taken note of the positive changes we have accomplished. Although I try to respond with appropriate modesty, I will admit to feeling a great sense of pride in our Town of Deep River.

Then there are the less-frequent (but equally welcome) evaluations that appear in the Press. One such is Connecticut Magazine, which conducts a bi-annual rating of Connecticut's 169 towns and cities. The accompanying illustrations are borrowed from the magazine's November 2015 issue.

In the past, towns were grouped by population. This year's rankings are

by median home value. Deep River, which is in the largest category—\$200,000 to \$249,999—ranks third of 46.

I will not attempt an analysis—you'll find an explanation of the survey's criteria and methodology in the magazine. I will simply relax and enjoy their conclusions. Thank you, Connecticut Magazine.



### The Holidays

This year's Holiday Stroll was amazing, thanks to Parks & Recreation, the Merchants Association...and the clear, dry, early fall weather. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard.

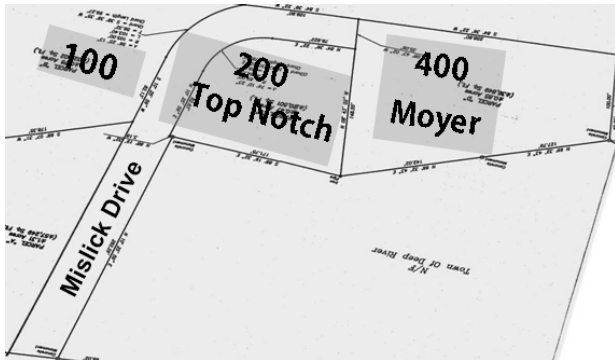
On behalf of the Board of Selectmen and our Town staff, I offer my best wishes for a happy holiday and a prosperous—peaceful—New Year.

Dick Smith



## Selectman's News, cont.

### Industrial Development – Progress at Plattwood



On January 6, 2014, residents at a Town Meeting affirmed the purchase four acres (+ or -) to expand Plattwood Industrial Park (PIP). This presented an opportunity to add three buildings (29,000 square feet of commercial / industrial space) to strengthen Deep River's Grand List, increase bring more jobs and expand the customer base for our retail sector.

**Above:** The access road to the three new parcels was named in honor of legendary entrepreneur and Deep River booster, Walter Mislick. Sale of 100 Mislick Drive is under consideration.

**Below, foreground:** The completed first phase (6,000 square feet) of Teague Moyer's building is leased by a custom stonecutter. Moyer's plans to add another 6,000 square feet. Background, left: Moyer's first PIP building, is home



of his landscaping business

**Below:** This Spring, Tim Lee's Top Notch Electrical will move about 100 yards eastward, from outgrown quarters in the Town's Business Incubator to its spacious new 6,000 square foot, steel-framed home.



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### News from the Town Clerk

As the Municipal Election winds down and we start to gear up for the 2016 Presidential Election, I wanted to again thank the voters of Deep River for allowing me to serve the residents of this great town as Town Clerk.

Do you find it difficult to vote at the polls due to your permanent physical disability? Public Act No. 12-57 created permanent absentee balloting status for certain individuals. To be eligible for permanent absentee ballot status, an elector must file with the Town Clerk an absentee ballot application together with a doctor's

certificate stating that they have a **permanent disability** and are unable to appear in person at their polling place. The doctor's note should be on letterhead. There is no prescribed form - the doctor's note and the absentee ballot application would satisfy the requirement of the law. Permanent absentee **ballot status** enables the elector to automatically be mailed an absentee ballot for each election, primary, and referendum in the municipality in which they are eligible to vote without having to apply each time. For more instructions and an absentee ballot application, please contact the Town Clerk's office; 860-526-6024 or email at [townclerk@deeperiverct.us](mailto:townclerk@deeperiverct.us)

### New Trade Name Filings

James F. Kane	Deep River Sunshine Fund	08/31/2015
Everyday Energy CT, LLC	Energy Rewards	09/21/2015
Wilian P. Buestan Rojas	WB Landscaping	10/13/2015
Auto Plus Auto Parts	IEH Auto Parts LLC	10/26/2015

### Welcome New Residents & Property Owners

Eric Ingram	28 Bahr Road	08/17/2015
Evan & Amanda Filacchione	30 Lords Lane	08/20/2015
Ben M. Wetmore & Elizabeth D. Bartek	27 River Street	08/24/2015
Charles A. Ramos	8 Melody Ridge Road	08/26/2015
David M. Atkinson	17 Rogers Lane	08/31/2015
Lawrence J. Redmond	172 Bushy Hill Road	08/31/2015
Robert R. Lanouette	143 West Elm Street	09/08/2015
Charles & Katherine Brashears	14 Maritone Lane	09/10/2015
William O'Lynnner & Kristin Madden	34 Fairview Avenue	09/11/2015
Lauren A. Glazier	112 Warsaw Street	09/14/2015
Ernest Smith	29 Fairview Avenue	09/18/2015
Jason & Tiffany Zwart	25 Prospect Street	09/29/2015

### Board and Commission Vacancies

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

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

### Regional Agencies

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## Town Clerk's Office, cont.

### Marriages

Jeffrey H. Doran, Jr. & Samantha G. Cannon	08/16/2015
Justin S. Holmes & Maureen E. Quintin	08/20/2015
Joseph A. Leon & Danielle E. Rubino	08/28/2015
David E. Connell & Jessica R. Blaha	09/11/2015
Armand F. Gagliardi & Nina M. Savastano	09/13/2015
Jacob M. Townsend III & Laura-Lee A. Devoid	09/13/2015
Kevin A. Cote & Denise L. Biegen	09/18/2015
David L. Morrison & Emily L. Nowak	09/19/2015
Peter D. Starr & Jennifer L. Mitney	09/25/2015
William J. Patterson & Alexandra E. Moore	09/26/2015
Michael J.P. Dunn & Ashley A. Guerrero	09/26/2015
Jason M. Giordano & Whitney V. Deschler	09/26/2015
Robert F. Burbank, Jr. & Julie M. Morawski	10/02/2015
Joseph C. Marchitto & Renee A. Willoughby	10/09/2015
David W. Rinn & Caitlin E. Gill	10/11/2015
Steven T. Lawlor & Michelle A. Camera	10/17/2015
Andrew M. Wrigton & Julia C. Frazier	10/17/2015

### Passings

Dorothy Ann Hensley	249 Warsaw Street	09/02/2015
James Paul Rodrigues	22 Melody Ridge Road	09/02/2015
Dennis F. Ensinger	45 Winter Avenue	09/11/2015
Steven M. Sheppard	15 Laurel Wood Drive	09/17/2015

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In January we will be collecting the 2nd half of Real Estate and Personal Property, along with Supplemental Motor Vehicle Bills. The last day to pay without penalty is February 1, 2016. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call, email or stop in the office. Our January hours are Monday-Wednesday 9-12; 1-4 and Thurs 9-12; 1-6:30pm Friday 9-12.

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## Community Health Committee



The members of the Deep River Community Health Committee would like to thank all of you, from citizens to businesses, for your support in 2015. Your generous spirit has allowed us to continue helping to provide basic necessities for our citizens in need. Anyone who lives here knows Deep River residents have a long history of taking care of their friends and neighbors. Amidst the sound of the steam train and summer concerts, and the beauty of the river and surrounding landscape, it's what makes this such a special place to live.

We write to you today on behalf of the Deep River Community Fund. With winter nearly upon us, the need for assistance increases and the fund struggles to keep up with the requests for aid. We hope you will help us with your financial support now, when the need is the greatest. You might be very surprised to know that even in our "affluent" little town, that dozens of people need help with basic items we take for granted every day!

Here are a few things that are important to know about the Deep River Community Fund:

- The fund is NOT supported by town or state tax dollars - only by donations from good Samaritans.
- The support you provide is used for the town's food bank, emergency home heating and sometimes clothing or emergency prescription medication.
- Members of the community are our biggest supporters along with many local businesses, elected officials and a long list of local organizations.
- We help to provide holiday gift baskets to a small number of the town's most needy families and hope to continue this popular tradition.
- The cold weather months are our most challenging time.

Our hope for 2016 is that all residents of Deep River will continue to feel the warmth of a cozy home, the contentment of a full belly and the comfort of knowing we all take care of each other. Please contribute what you can today. From the smallest donation to the largest, all are much needed and greatly appreciated.

Donations may be made to The Deep River Community Fund and mailed to Town Hall at 174 Main Street Deep River, CT 06417.

Thank you for taking a moment and for giving much-needed help to our neighbors!

*Maura Carver, Chairperson*  
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#### Let's Talk Books

Deep River Library has a monthly book club that meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. Occasionally we'll watch a critically acclaimed film instead of holding a book discussion.



#### Adult Coloring

Mandala, a form of circular coloring, relieves stress and combats anxiety. Our next coloring session will be held on Thursday, December 17th at 11:00

am. We'll have all the supplies so come and have some fun!

#### Have a Collection?

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

#### eBooks!

You can download FREE ebooks and audiobooks with your Deep River Library card. We have two platforms, OverDrive and OneClick. Find a link to both of these subscriptions on the home page of our website.

#### Fun For the Kids

Get ready for some winter fun in the Children's department at the Deep River Public Library as we welcome some special guests! Tellabration visited on November 20th and Edward Leonard was here on Saturday, November 28th for A Silly Song Sing A Long. Kids and grownups their chance to sing, dance and be silly!

Mrs. Claus returned for the Holiday Homecoming again this year. There were carols and seasonal stories as we learned about the wonders of the North Pole.

We will be celebrating "*Take Your Child to the Library Day*" on Saturday, February 6th at 11:00 am with a visit from Country Quilt Llamas. Come learn about the life on the farm and get cozy with these fascinating animals!

This winter Miss Elaine looks forward to continuing FUN FRIDAY'S, every week at 10:30 am. This program is a power hour filled with stories, songs, open craft, parachute play, sensory table and magic bubble show. Be on the look out for special activities and guests, such as our Deep River Drive-in and our Spanish story time from ABC Amigos!



For the older kids, we will be continuing our monthly Cooking Club.

#### Friends of the Deep River Library

Calling all Friends! Looking to serve your community in a meaningful way? Consider joining the Friends of the Deep River Public Library! Membership is free and the friendships will last a lifetime!

Big changes have come to the Friends of the Deep River Public Library! After many years as President, Pearl Newcomb is stepping down to enjoy other pursuits. We would like to thank Pearl for her years of faithful service and dedication to the library. The library would also like to welcome Lori Gegan as she assumes her new role as President of the Friends. We wish Lori well as she implements her many exciting new ideas!

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## Deep River Historical Society

### It's a Mile Marker



Middlesex Turnpike opened for travel in 1807, connecting the Boston Post Road in Saybrook to Hartford. This provided the post riders a safe and efficient way to travel. Brownstone mile markers were placed at one mile intervals along the route. This brownstone marker on the Society's property was rescued and re-

located to its current position as a result of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. During the depression one of the WPA projects putting men back to work was to replace missing, broken or damaged mile markers. These newer markers are easily spotted due to the fact they are made out of pink granite quarried in the State of CT. The true 33 mile marker is just north of the Society on the Daniels property. Mile marker 34 is located near the entrance to Kelsey Hill Road. And mile marker #32 is located just over the Deep River, Chester town line. History enthusiasts can trace the original Middlesex Turnpike through these existing markers. I would also like to reassure all of those who inquired, there is no one buried in the Society's front lawn. We appreciate your questions and concerns so please don't hesitate to ask if you have any further questions.

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### American Legion Ibell-Jacobson-Smith Post 61

#### 2015 Veterans Day Arts and Essay Contest



On November 11, 2015, the American Legion held its annual Veteran's Day Art and Essay Contest awards ceremony at Deep River Elementary School. I am very proud to announce the winners:

#### Kindergarten:

**1st Place:** Vincy Cheung for her drawing of the Washington Monument.

**2nd Place:** Taylor Welch for her drawing of the Statue of Liberty.

**3rd Place:** Mia Moore for her oil painting of the Statue of Liberty.

#### 1st & 2nd Grade:

**1st Place:** Samantha Moore for her oil painting of the U.S.S. Constitution (Old Ironsides).

**2nd Place:** Lena Goldberg for her oil painting of the Sun Rising on a field of poppies.

**3rd Place:** Addie Guzallis for her oil painting of poppies in a field.

#### 3rd & 4th Grade:

**1st Place:** Kayleigh Mackenzie for her essay on the Berlin Air Lift.

**2nd Place:** Linette Spaner for her essay on The Doolittle Raid on Japan.

**3rd Place:** Joanna Petrone for her essay on the Berlin Air Lift.

#### 5th & 6th Grade:

**1st Place:** Ava Cunningham for her essay on the Battle of Little Big Horn

**2nd Place:** Ellie Cost for her essay on the Berlin Air Lift.

**3rd Place:** Leif Duval for his essay on The Doolittle Raid on Japan.

On behalf of myself and the American Legion we would like to thank all the students who took the time to enter the contest and to all the students of Deep River Elementary School for honoring us on Veterans Day. Special thanks to the Deep River Toy Company and Pizzeria DaVinci for their donations of awards.

*Richard Nagot, Children and Youth Officer*

Congratulations are in order for our Post 61 Commander, Cheryl Ely-DeCarlo upon her graduation from the American Legion College advanced course of study on the national level. This was a full week's worth of study at the American Legion headquarters in Indiana.

The American Legion offers supportive services for veterans and their families in several circumstances involving VA benefits, eviction prevention and rehousing and, temporary financial assistance. The Community Renewal team coordinates services with American Legion Services to cover Middlesex County (860-778-4775). Referrals can be through veteran groups or social service organizations; or through self-referral. Art Winschel, (860-526-2304), is the Service officer for Post 61 as well as being the District 7 Service Officer. Art keeps all information confidential and he really knows the ropes.

Recently, the American Legion magazine reviewed several post-9/11 movies that reflect on the military experience. Mostly, Hollywood is getting it right because these had good stories, were well told and provided an accurate military portrayal. Some were: "Zero Dark Thirty", "Hurt Locker", "Stop-Loss", "Act of Valor", and "Lone Survivor".

Post 61 Commander Cheryl Ely-DeCarlo warmly invites interested US military veterans to telephone her for more information on American Legion membership. Our meetings are held on the third Monday of the month from September to June starting at 7:30 pm downstairs at the Deep River Library. We have men & women veterans who have served in all branches of the US military and are active in the American Legion at various levels. Please telephone her at 860-227-7712.

*E.B. Richard, Chaplin Post 61*

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## Tri-Town Youth Services

Tri-Town Youth Services has many programs lined up for Winter 2015-16. Join us whenever you can! Call 860-526-3600 to sign up.

### "Outstanding Ones"

(children 12-24 months)

Meet: Weds., Jan. 6-March 9: Time: 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Place: Tri-Town, 56 High St., Deep River

Tuition: \$45 tri-town residents

\$55 non-residents

### "Terrific Twos"

(children 24-36 months)

Meet: Weds., Jan. 6-March 9th: Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Place: Tri-Town, 56 High St., Deep River

Tuition: \$45 tri-town residents,

\$55 non-residents

### Babysitter Training

Learn how to become a safe and responsible babysitter!

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

The winter session will be held on Wednesday evenings, January 20, 27 and February 3. All classes will be held 6-8 p.m. at Tri-Town Youth Services, 56 High Street in Deep River. Classes fill quickly, so register soon – online ([www.tritownys.com](http://www.tritownys.com)) or by calling 860-526-3600.

### Tri-Town Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

The next Coalition meeting will be held at Tri-Town Youth Services at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2016. Deep River Resident Trooper Dawn Taylor will speak about current drug trends. The Tri-Town Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition is a grassroots organization whose membership is open to all who live or work in the tri-town area who are concerned about substance abuse and committed to its prevention. Many sectors of the community are represented on this council: schools, youth serving organizations, law enforcement, government, civic groups, parents, students, the faith community and healthcare to name a few.

Future meeting dates for this year are: March 9, 2016 and May 18, 2016. For further information, please call Tri-Town at 860-526-3600.



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### Dry Pants Model Yacht Club

#### Winter Sailing In Deep River?

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Starting in the early Fall and extending until the Spring of the next year, the average wind speed for sailing is far superior to the summer months. This is the time of the year when



die-hard members of our club look forward to competition every Sunday morning at 10:30am. If Plattwood Pond is not frozen and the temperature is 38 degrees or higher, competitive sailing will take place. Sailing in snow showers can be quite interesting.

Competing in cold weather requires attention to details. Rigging has to be checked carefully to handle higher wind speeds. Batteries have to be in very good condition. And, most importantly, one must dress for the elements. Some of the outfits will amuse anyone—particularly the hats.

2016 will be another banner year for DPMYC. Regular sailing will be scheduled for 10:30am on Sundays and 5:30pm on Wednesdays. We will be holding our 11th annual New England Spring Regatta in early May. And, we will be hosting our first American Model Yachting Association's District I championships in mid-September.

Our standing offer to Deep River residents is always available. Come up to one of us sailing and we will be happy to give you a chance to take the helm of a boat for a “test sail”. We also welcome new members.

For information on the Club, visit our website: <http://dpmyc.com>, Google DPMYC, or contact Jim Godsmann@ 860-767-5052.

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Deep River Junior Ancient Members Having Fun at The 2015 DRAM!

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The members of DRJA attend an average of 25 parade events a year, some to historical places such as Yorktown, VA and Fort Ticonderoga, NY. In 2012, with the support of the wonderful community we live in, the members were able to travel to Switzerland. Of course, the DRJA participates in the local Deep River Ancient Muster, the third weekend in July, an event the members truly look forward to. In 2016, we hope to be hosting a Junior Corp sfrom Switzerland, as they travel to Deep River, CT to attend the DRAM.

The DRJA is always seeking new members to come join the fun and learn Fife and Drum! No experience is necessary. If interested, email at [info@drja.org](mailto:info@drja.org), or call Michelle Roise at 860-526-3439. We wish you a wonderful holiday season and all the best in the New Year. We look forward to seeing you on the streets!

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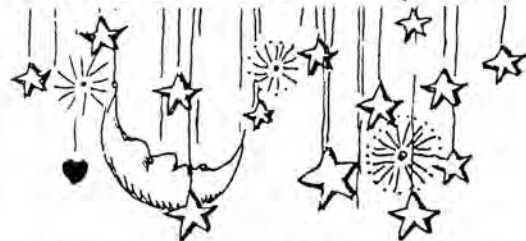


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## Deep River Parks and Recreation

### 21st Annual 5K Road Race & 1 Mile Fun Run

The Parks and Recreation Commission continues to offer Deep River residents many exciting programs and events.

The 21st annual 5K road race/walk and 1 mile fun run kicked off another beautiful Family Day. Almost 200 people participated in the annual event. Again this year, the race was electronically timed by Greystone Electronics using BibTag technology. The USATF certified course took runners and walkers through beautiful downtown Deep River and down to the CT River before looping back to Devitt Field Park. There was also a 1 mile fun run. Trophies were awarded to the top three finishers in each of the 8 age categories for the 5K race. All finishers in the 1 mile fun run were awarded a medal of completion.

The following is a list of the top finishers in all categories.

### OVERALL RESULTS FOR FEMALES

Heather Bradley	Guilford, CT	22:24
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### OVERALL RESULTS FOR MALES

Michael Cassineri	Deep River, CT	18:24
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### FEMALE AGE GROUP: 1 - 13

Emma King	Deep River, CT	23:52
Alena Crosby	Deep River, CT	29:03
Sadie Iselin	Chester, CT	29:58

### MALE AGE GROUP: 1 - 13

Macklin Miezejeski	Deep River, CT	22:54
Sean Davis	Deep River, CT	24:53
Sam Nickel	Deep River, CT	26:47

### FEMALE AGE GROUP: 14 - 18

Cameron Johnson	Deep River, CT	22:54
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### MALE AGE GROUP: 14 - 18

Oscar Valera-Rico	Ivoryton, CT	22:22
Joseph Carroll	Lenox, MA	44:05

### FEMALE AGE GROUP: 19 - 29

Amy Papantonio	Deep River, CT	30:14
Lesley Colburn	Madison, CT	30:17
Cheyenne Jameson	Chester, CT	31:43

### MALE AGE GROUP: 19 - 29

Darren Walden	Deep River, CT	18:26
Ryan Goyen	East Hampton, CT	20:29
Daniel Caulfield	Essex, CT	21:00

### FEMALE AGE GROUP: 30 - 39

Augusta Ferretti	Deep River, CT	24:17
Nelle Andrews	Deep River, CT	24:27
Kristin Rand	Deep River, CT	25:47

### MALE AGE GROUP: 30 - 39

Charlie Grillo	Newington, CT	20:05
Edwin Troy	Ivoryton, CT	20:57
Chris Hart	Ivoryton, CT	21:14

### FEMALE AGE GROUP: 40 - 49

Kirsten Reynolds	Madison, CT	26:22
Brenda Scully	Bristol, CT	29:28
Leigh Balducci	Deep River, CT	29:47

### MALE AGE GROUP: 40 - 49

Bob Merrick	Branford, CT	21:04
Matthew Shomo	Canton, CT	21:57
Brian Meacham	Woodbridge, CT	23:50

### FEMALE AGE GROUP: 50 - 59

Tammy Charbonneau	Peru, MA	23:38
Margaret Malaquias	Ivoryton, CT	26:31
Stacy Sullivan	Madison, CT	27:15

### MALE AGE GROUP: 50 - 59

Steve Younyatz	Middletown, CT	20:48
Ken Lignar	Chester, CT	21:47
Kevin Macdonald	Norwich, CT	21:52

### FEMALE AGE GROUP: 60 - 69

Patricia Phillips	Niantic, CT	31:40
Cynthia Stannard	Deep River, CT	34:18
Kathy Bolt	West Hartford, CT	36:17

### MALE AGE GROUP: 60 - 69

David Charbonneau	Peru, MA	23:59
Ken Conforto	Essex, CT	24:09
Dean Bolt	West Hartford, CT	24:16

### FEMALE AGE GROUP: 70 - 79

### MALE AGE GROUP: 70 - 79

Ted Phillips	Niantic, CT	36:38
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### FEMALE AGE GROUP: 80 - 99

### MALE AGE GROUP: 80 - 99

Geoff Etherington	Killingworth, CT	30:00
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A complete listing of race results can be found at <http://www.greystoneracing.net/pages/results.html> or on the Town of Deep river web site [www.deepriverct.us](http://www.deepriverct.us).

## Deep River Parks and Recreation, cont.

We would like to thank the many sponsors of this year's race as without their support, the race wouldn't be as successful. The following businesses contributed either a monetary donation or a free service for the raffle. In alphabetical order they are: Adams Super Food Store, Anchor and Compass, Atlantic Building Supply, Atwood's Auto Appearance, Ashleigh's Garden, Brewer Deep River Marina, Celebrations, Child and Adult Orthodontics, Chris' Dog House, COLANAR, C.P. Burdick & Son, Inc., Deep River Design, Deep River Garden Club, Deep River Pizza, Deep River Rent All, DLS Insurance Services, Dough on Main, Drs. Elgart, Pinn & Gordon, Essex Mail Mart, Face Arts Music, Fred & George's Garage, Inc., Finkeldey Septic Service LLC, Gorilla Graphics, Hally Jo's Restaurant, Mather & Pitts Insurance, Inc., Moravelas Pizza, Milton Realty Co., Inc., Morrissey Engineering, LLC, Northwestern Mutual, Olsen's Sanitation Co., Salon 154, Shoe Box on Main Consignments, signs +Digital graphX, Simon's Marketplace, Squared Circle Studio, LLC, Razz Salon, Riverview Lodge, Riverwind Inn B&B, Roseanne Annino Hair Stylist, The Lace factory, Top Notch Electrical and the Whistle Stop Restaurant.

The evening concluded with the annual fireworks display at Plattwood Park. Parks and Recreation once again sold glow sticks which one could see illuminated all around the park! The popular band, "Mad Men", entertained the crowd with live music during the evening as families enjoyed their picnic dinners and the awesome fireworks display. The band was made possible by a generous donation from the Deep River/Chester Lions Club. The fireworks again were sponsored by the generosity of Haynes Materials and Whelen Engineering. Parks and Recreation would like to express our gratitude to the Deep River Fire Police, the Deep River Fire Department, the Town Constables and the Resident State Trooper.



October brought our fun Halloween festivities, which included the annual costume parade and contest, the jack-o-lantern carving contest, a free juggling show for families and the super haunted house in the basement of Town Hall. The children marched down Main Street from the Adams' parking lot and were treated

to sweets handed out by the local merchants. The parade route brought the children to the historic Town Hall Auditorium where they were entertained by the Airborne Jugglers who showed that it was possible to juggle just about any item! Following the show, the kids were treated to a screening of the Halloween classic movie, "The Addams Family". The children left with several treats and goodies.



Winners of the costume contest were Sy Howard as a mouse trap; Lucas Welch who was dressed as a vending machine and Robbie Radicchi who was dressed as the grim reaper. For the pumpkin carving contest, winners were awarded in four categories. They are: funniest - Linette Spaner; scariest - Madison Sheehan, most creative - Sam Kehlenbach; most artistic - Stephanie Sheehan.

A big thank you goes out to the Deep River Fire police who once again helped out with traffic control and our Resident State Trooper and Deep River constables who ensured that the parade participants remained safe.

The basement of the Town Hall was once again transformed into a scary haunted 'house'. Our own Griffin family, Dean, Meg and Jarod, worked tirelessly to

create a spectacular 'haunted house' in the basement of the Town Hall that was enjoyed by all, free of charge, during our annual Halloween festivities. They worked hundreds of hours and put their treasure trove of frightful props to good use; more than two hundred people screamed their way through the haunted basement, some with courage enough to repeat the experience! Our own first selectman was recruited to play the 'prisoner' in the haunted prison





### Deep River Parks and Recreation, cont.

cell in the basement. The Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission expresses our sincere appreciation to them as well as friends Julia Wilcoxson, Crystal Crane, Matt O'Keefe and the Griffins who helped with the haunting.

Our basketball program is underway with close to 200 youth in grades K-12 participating in the program. Practices have started and games will be beginning in early January. New this year we have added kindergarten to the pool of participants. We thank our dozens of volunteers who make this program possible.

In late October we were excited to co-sponsor with Chester Parks and Recreation, a basketball clinic with former UCONN player Kara Wolters. Ms

Wolters was a member of the 1995, '35-0' team that won the NCAA Championship and she was named the Big East Player of the Year, an AP College Player of the Year and twice was named the Big East Tournament Player of the Year. She played for the WNBA, winning a WNBA

championship with the Houston Comets and won an Olympic gold medal in 2000 as a member of the US National Team. Kara conducted the clinic for youth in grades 4-10 and stressed the fundamentals,

teamwork, sportsmanship and individual skill improvement. She signed autographs, posed for pictures and even let the participants (and their parents!) try on her gold medal.

Parks and Recreation is again offering our successful theater program for kids in grades 5 & 6. This year's production is "Robin Hood". The theater program allows children to be involved with all aspects of show production from the music, costumes, scenery and sets. Children are

filling all of the roles, as actors, singers, dancers and stage crew. We welcome back our director, Susan Hackett who has many years of experience in the field. Our Musical Director is again Jessica Baker Nevins who is a lifelong musician and an early childhood music educator. Mark your calendars with the performance dates: February 6th at 7:00pm and February 7th at 2:00pm. Performances will be at the Deep River Town Hall Auditorium.

Parks and Recreation is excited to be offering some great bus trips in 2016. While many are still in the planning stages, the first two are all set and ready to go. Plan to escape the winter 'blahs' by coming to the Boston Flower Show on Friday, March 18th, 2016. The cost of this trip is \$60.00 per person. Our second trip of the year will take us to New York City to the Tony Award winning Broadway show, "Kinky Boots". This is a 2:00 pm. matinee performance on Wednesday, April 27th, 2016. Cost is \$135.00 per person. Go on-line to the Town's web site or call the Parks and Recreation Office for more information and details and to secure your spot. Space is limited.

Our other bus trips for 2016 include a trip to the JFK Library and Museum, a trip to the 911 Museum and Memorial, a white water rafting trip, baseball games and many other great adventures! Check out the town web site and sign up to receive updates so you don't miss a thing!

The Commission is always looking for ideas for programs that residents would love to see occur. Consider giving us a call to discuss what we can do for you. Better yet, join the Commission and help offer programs that you are interested in.

The Commission remains dedicated to bettering the town parks. Have you seen the new ball field and fitness trail at Plattwood Park?

Check us out on the town's web site to keep up on all our latest news and programs!



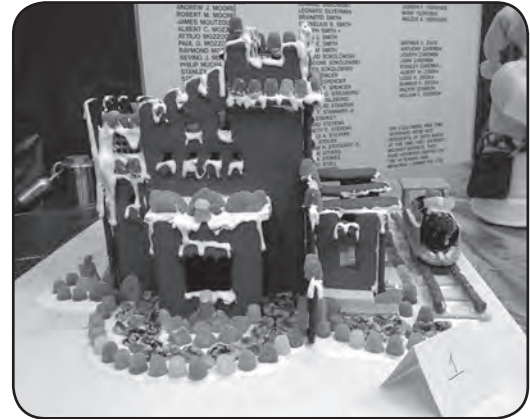
## Annual Holiday Stroll

The Parks and Recreation's annual Holiday Stroll was held on Saturday, December 5th. The weekend kicked off with a free concert by the Old Lyme Town Band on Friday evening. They entertained the large crowd with their wonderful holiday selection. On Saturday, the annual holiday stroll took place to cold but clear weather. The Deep River Elementary school chorus sang an assortment of holiday favorites and Santa appeared as they 'belted out' "Here Comes Santa Claus". The stroll featured horse and carriage rides, free hot chocolate, free cookies and the annual gingerbread house contest. New this year was the Connecticut Yuletide Carolers, a quartet of singers who strolled around town harmonizing beautiful seasonal melodies. Another new addition to the festivities, was a 'house decorating contest' for properties that lie along the horse and carriage route. Flyers were hand delivered to all of the properties along Elm Street, the section of Union from the Fire House to Dunkin Donuts and Main Street back to Veteran's Way inviting them to participate. Each person who took a carriage ride or who strolled along the route was encouraged to cast a vote for their favorite, most creative display.



Congratulations to the Haut Family, at 25 Union Street, whose home and property won "Best Decorated House" for 2015. They received a \$25.00 gift certificate to a local restaurant. We want to thank all who participated as you made the carriage route so festive! We look forward to this new event growing in the years to come.

The annual gingerbread house contest, in its 6th year, once again brought many wonderful creations with such attention to detail! Awards were given out to the following:



"Most Unique" - The Lenz Family who built a replica of Gillette's Castle complete with a train!



"Most Festive" - went to Jack and Joanna Petrone



"The Best Use of Candy" - was a house created by Skye and Churchill Roberts

Thank you to all who participated in the stroll. Local merchants remained open late and offered in-store specials and the town was full of people enjoying the festive evening and holiday displays.



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## Fountain Hill Cemetery

### And Then There was Light



Fountain Hill Cemetery hosted its Annual Fall Walk with Tim Haut on Sat November 7th. Nearly 50 people came out to enjoy Tim's stories. The Fountain Hill Chapel built in 1914 has been under renovation for three years. Visitors were welcomed into a WARM space as the furnace and the heating system are now complete and running smoothly. Grayson Reinwald has refurbished the only two existing original light fixtures and while they brightened the space, more work is needed in this area. Grayson is painstakingly recasting new light fixtures to match the original ones to cover the six holes that are in the walls where the lights were originally placed. The bathroom too has a new light but the rest of the bathroom fixtures will not be placed until the septic system is upgraded in the spring. Brass plaques grace the windows and some of the benches thanking our donors for their generosity. We've come a long way on this journey; heat and electricity are huge steps forward. Mark Lowrey, the chairman of this project, has more woodwork to keep him busy this winter and the plan is to have a functioning bathroom in the spring.



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### Deep River Rotary Club

#### Club Activities and Events

The Deep River Rotary Club, in conjunction with Liberty Bank, participated in a state-wide challenge



to raise money for our local food pantry. Liberty Bank matched funds raised in our community by local residents. Collection jars

were placed in a variety of shops and businesses, and on Nov. 24, Arlene Pressman of the Rotary Club presented a check for \$2231.60 to Rosie Bininger, representing Deep River Social Services. Stephen Rednak, Branch Manager of Liberty Bank in Deep River, also shared in the presentation.

The highlight of the Deep River Rotary Club Fall Season was its annual Oktoberfest, this year held on the lawn of the Academy at Mt. St. John. In spite of a very chilly night, a



full house of guests filled the big tent. They enjoyed authentic German beers and a buffet which featured an amazing variety of German foods. In addition rousing music fit for dancing and singing accompanied entertaining Oktoberfest contests, including a pickle-eating competition and the annual stein hoist, to see who could hold a mugful of beer with a straight arm the longest. A great time was had by all participants, and the Rotary Club especially thanks the businesses and organizations that served as sponsors. The club netted over \$6,000 which will be used to support our Scholarship programs and other community activities.

One of those projects was the Rotary Dictionary project. Clubs throughout the state are encouraged to provide dictionaries to all third-grade students in our elementary schools. This year Rotarians Gina Sopneski and Gail Onofrio presented a personal dictionary to all the kids in both third and fourth grade at the Deep River Elementary School on Nov. 24.

Last spring our Rotary Club announced that the elephant statue in front of Town Hall has a name, chosen from a host of suggestions by community members. Our elephant is now called "Hope." The Club is now pleased that the statue has a plaque explaining its significance. The Rotary Club donated the statue several years ago to highlight our town's historical involvement in the elephant ivory trade. This area became an economic center for the manufacture of ivory products. The plaque intends to remind us not only of that history, but also our commitment to celebrating and protecting the elephant in the world today. The plaque reads:



*During the 1800's Deep River was the center of America's ivory trade. Elephant tusks from Africa were brought to Deep River Landing for local factories to make piano keys, buttons, and billiard balls. Up to 100,000 elephants a year were killed, their tusks transported by slaves, to sustain this trade. Deep River remembers its debt to this majestic creature as it looks forward to a new future as "Queen of the Valley."*

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

## Deep River Rotary Club, cont.

### Rotary Student of the Month



Picture from right to left: Rotary chairman, Stacia Rice-Libby, Stacia Oakes Johnson, Cameron Johnson, Kurt Johnson, Margaret Kimmett and Gina Sopneski

Our Student of the Month for October was Cameron Johnson, who attended the meeting with her parents Kurt and Stacia Oakes Johnson and her VRHS chemistry teacher

Margaret Kimmett. Mrs. Kimmett introduced Cameron, who is a junior in her AP Chemistry class. She commented, "Students like Cameron make me want to get out of bed in the morning." In addition to being an excellent student with a challenging course load, she is a starting varsity midfielder on the Valley Soccer team. Her coach wrote a thoughtful letter noting that Cameron brings her books to away games so that she can study on the bus, sometimes by the light of her iPhone. She also works with kids who have disabilities to help them learn soccer. She also runs on the track team in the spring. She has an amazing work ethic and respects others. Cameron said that she was not sure what her future might hold and is considering colleges. But She might also like to do something with her Spanish language, with which she has some fluency. She will be visiting Spain with a group from Valley this year, going to Salamanca and Madrid. Her parents talked about Cameron, noting that when she was a child she was hyper, but now has become calm and disciplined, and has learned to stick to a plan. She was involved in the VRHS Interact Club as a freshman. Gina presented a certificate and gift card to Cameron and urged her to continue her good work!

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## Yale Invitational



On September 20th, Caitlin Lent, of Valley Regional High School, competed in the Yale Invitational, a national speech and debate competition held annually at Yale University. This tournament offers every form of speech and debate recognized by the National Speech and Debate Association. Caitlin competed

in Student Congress, which drew over 150 students from all over the United States and several countries.

There were ten chambers in this year's Student Congress, with fifteen members per chamber. Each student could submit one piece of legislation, which would be put on the docket to be discussed. Student Congress, (Legislative Debate) is a form of interscholastic high school debate in the United States. Basically, it is a simulation of the U. S. legislative process in the Senate and the House. Students throughout the tournament, generate a series of bills and resolutions for debate, and deliver speeches for and against each bill's merits. Bills usually include topics in the areas of domestic, economic, and foreign affairs. One student in each chamber is elected to preside as a presiding officer to ensure the debates run smoothly.

Caitlin, as a member of her chamber, had to prepare for debate on numerous topics in any given area. Speakers needed to come up with fresh ideas as well as refuting previous speakers to keep the debate process successful. To score in Student Congress, students need to network, think analytically, be persuasive, and enjoy research. Congress rewards students for taking risks and not fading into the background. The reward for students is learning how to make a permanent change in the world through leadership and being able to understand and debate both sides of a piece of legislation.

*Bobbi Nidzgorski*

## Healthy Communities Healthy Youth



### Take the Chill Out of Winter

Whether you live on the East Coast or West Coast, in the freezing northland or the milder south, winter brings a chill to the air that makes spending quiet time at home more appealing.

In the bustle of the many winter holidays, a focus on home can bring calm and balance to each of us, young and old. Here are some ideas for creating warm family times and for taking advantage of the inclination to be quieter and more reflective:

- Whatever holidays we celebrate, we can enrich the season by creating family traditions to mark this special time.
- How about a regular family video evening with special snacks or a fire or a snuggle under blankets with a movie you chose together? After the movie, is a great time to talk about the story and the characters. Which characters in the movie had the strongest values? What messages did the movie give about important topics like money, fighting, or family?
- Scheduling a trip to the library with our kids can be great fun. A biography of an admirable person, a gripping adventure novel, or a reference book about her or his favorite animal or hobby is fodder for rich conversation.
- Quiet evenings are perfect for thinking about all the dreams you and the young people in your life have for the future. Ask young people about their dreams and hopes, about all the things they want to do in their lives. Share your aspirations, and what you've done to overcome disappointments when things haven't worked out the way you'd hoped.



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### Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission

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

### Community Health Committee

4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
Chairperson: Maura Carver

### Deep River Elementary School Board of Education

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

### Design Advisory Board

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

### Deep River Town Hall Auditorium Management Committee

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

### Board of Finance

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

### Board of Selectmen

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

### Library Board of Trustees

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

### Park & Recreation Commission

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

### Planning & Zoning Commission

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

### Regional 4 Board of Education

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

### Board of 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

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