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Even back then, there was a special character to the town and today that character remains. I'm always proud to share my personal knowledge of the benefits of Deep River with both sellers and buyers. I'll always be a fan!



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Coming Events

59th Annual Flea Market

See page 17 for details

Family Day

September 21st

Watch for flyers in the mail
and posters around Town

Halloween Annual Trunk or Treat

October 26th

3:00-5:00pm

Devitt Field



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"Hazy morning at the Town Landing"

News from the Selectman's Office

"I have pursued life itself over many years now and with varying degrees of happiness. Some of my happiness still comes from trying to be in my own small way a true point of light," "I believe I was right when I said, as President, there can be no definition of a successful life that does not include service to others. So I do that now, and I gain happiness.

George H. W. Bush, in a letter to his grand-daughter Jenna

There's a word for that:

"Volunteer" has come to us, virtually unchanged, from the classical Latin voluntaries, from the days of the Roman Empire's ascendancy. It does seem odd that the Greeks, who, after all, invented democracy, do not appear to have had a word for it. However, we can understand why earlier civilizations had no need for the concept—when Pharaoh set out to build a pyramid he simply "volunteered" as large a work force as he wished.

Today, perhaps most visibly in our small towns, volunteers underpin day to day life. We are the beneficiaries of their expertise; their experience and dedication help assure our well-being.

In the Seat-of-Government milieu of President Bush, "service to others" likely refers to Diplomats and Dignitaries whose term of service is likely accompanied by a reduction in their accustomed corporate compensation. But whether the sacrifice is financial or the personal time away from family and friends, the reward is the same: the glow of self-satisfaction, fueled by our community's thanks.

As President Bush suggested, who would pass up the opportunity to "gain [a little] happiness?" Who, indeed? The range of opportunities is wide: from the excitement of midnight alarms to the more placid—but equal importance—of budgetary minutia or regulatory contemplation.

Fire & EMS

It seems natural that firefighters and EMS personnel come first to mind at the mention of "volunteer." The lives of Firefighters and medical responders are largely circumscribed by their commitment: in addition to answering when called to our aid, to maintain their certifications through continuing education. It has not always been thus: hardly more than a generation ago the ambulance was a repurposed hearse and the crew's qualifications consisted of a knowledge of first aid.

The fire service, too, has changed dramatically in just a few decades. Back in the day, the science of firefighting was the province of the professionals who staffed urban fire departments.

Today, the training and expertise demanded of our volunteers are as stringent as those of their career counterparts—salaried or volunteer, all are professionals.

Exciting Times in a Small Town

No Deep River event—Family Day, Memorial Day or Christmas Stroll—is as demanding as the Annual Muster of Fife and Drum Corps, especially when (as was the case this year) temperatures range in the 90s.

Six ambulances (two from Deep River, four invited from surrounding towns) and a full complement of Fire Department vehicles, all fully staffed, stood by. Fire and EMS from neighboring towns were on alert, prepared to respond to non-Muster-related emergencies.

In all, more than 100 volunteers participated, from Deep River and from throughout our Mutual Aid response area, to ensure our safety and simply to allow the rest of us a few hours of enjoyment on a Saturday afternoon.

The need for Numbers

Volunteers, whatever the field, are always in demand. The combined rosters of just the Fire Department and Ambulance list well more than 100 (More about recruiting at the end of this article).

Administration

Citizens who may prefer a less exciting form of service should peruse the list of non-emergency Boards and Commissions in the back of every issue of the News. Their combined membership, at full capacity, adds up to another 100-plus volunteers.

Having determined your preference, turn to the Town Clerk's report near the front of the magazine.; check out the vacancies. If no openings are listed; address me: selectman@deepriverct.us or R. H. Smith, Town Hall, 174 Main Street or (860) 526-6020 with your preference and areas of expertise.

But Wait...There's More

Suppose that coaching is your forte; or managing charity tag sales; or fund-raising for school scholarships; or...the list goes on and on—public service groups that fill so many of our community's needs and enhance Quality of Life. You'll find that extensive listing of 100 organizations, representing hundreds of individual opportunities, in Deep River's Annual Report, available from the Town Clerk's office.

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A Broader Perspective

Personal satisfaction is high on the list of rewards for public service. Right up there, too, is the view, the insights into the personality of our town (yes, I do believe that Deep River has its own persona). Whatever you choose—recreation, finance, scouting, social services—you will gain that wonderful sense of belonging.

Fire Department & Ambulance Association

As essential as are fighting fires and tending to the sick or injured, essential to both organizations is administrative support, and non-emergency volunteers are always welcome.

The requirements that must be met by all First Responders seem to grow exponentially. Firefighters and EMS are subject to the same training as their career counterparts. A volunteer or two to assist with paperwork, accounting, and filing with the State will be a welcome relief.

Infrastructure: The Transfer Station

It just wouldn't be the Selectman's News without the Infrastructure Report. We are instituting changes to Transfer Station procedures involving MSW (household garbage), bulky waste, brush and especially recyclables, which (unfortunately) constitute far too high a percentage of material carelessly consigned to the compactor.

In addition to harming the environment, treating recyclables as garbage is expensive—processing the cans, bottles and paper products that fill our roll-offs costs far less than disposing of MSW. An added benefit: less wear and tear on our newly-rebuilt compactor.

We have also acted to control out of town bulky waste, to ensure that all Deep River bulky waste is legitimate. To that end, we will station a second attendant to monitor all materials destined for the bulky waste roll-offs and brush pile.

The Deep River Dump has a long-standing tradition of hospitality: few other towns maintain such an attractive schedule—most operate just three days a week—but cutting back our hours is not currently under consideration. We are, however, revising our schedule of Transfer Station fees, which will be available at the TS and the Town Clerk's office.

Byways

Major projects are scheduled for Westbrook and Book Hill Roads, two of our busiest.

Book Hill: drainage was totally rebuilt when the road was last reclaimed and repaved, so this re-paving should be fairly straightforward.

Westbrook: Historical note: Westbrook Road (from the traffic light to Bushy Hill, and including Bushy Hill to the Essex Town Line) was a State Highway until well into the 20th Century. That is why they are so wide (an important factor in speeding—the wider (and straighter) the highway, the greater the temptation to drive fast. To put a damper on speeding—and to lower the cost of paving—we will narrow the paved portion of Westbrook Road to standard 12 foot lanes.

Highways

The State will be repaving Route 80 (our Elm, West Elm and Winthrop Roads) from the Killingworth line to its terminus in center of Town. Preparatory surveys are nearly complete. The work, from west to east, may be underway by the time you read this.

That's all very well...but when?

The excessive rainfall this Spring and early Summer has wreaked havoc on roadwork schedules, both local and State. We've been on the list since last Winter. The work will be done.

A Noisy Noise Annoys...

Most of New England's older roads follow the footpaths worn by Native Americans. European settlers took advantage of these routes of least resistance, widened, over time, by horses, then wagons. Although some of the curvy, narrow rights of way have been widened and straightened, most local State highways constitute a traffic engineer's nightmare.

One such is the portion of Cedar Lake Road (Route 145) north from Winthrop Road (Route 80), past the Town Line to the intersection with West Main Street (Route 148) in Chester. To alert drivers who may drift across the center line to the opposite lane, the DOT has installed rumble strips following the double yellow line. Their plan is to do the same along the re-paved Route 80.

While drivers are the intended beneficiaries, some Route 145 residents have reported an unintended consequence: some of the cost of reminding drifting drivers will be borne by inhabitants of nearby dwellings. It would be an act of neighborliness for drivers to remain alert, and to avoid annoying the roadside populace.

In line with the philosophy of "Share the Road," which encourages agencies to, wherever feasible, render our highways safer for non-vehicular traffic (cyclists, joggers, etc.) we will ask DOT to effectively narrow the travel lanes on West Elm Street and portions of Winthrop Road by moving the white "fog lines" inward, toward the center line.

These examples of “Traffic Calming” make our roadways safer, and serves as a factor in making us more attractive to visitors as well as ourselves. That kind of traffic helps boost our economy.

Bill Burdick

A few years back Bill came to Deep River in the company of his wife, Carol (nee Mozzochi). It was a new home for Bill, but a return to Carol’s roots, whose childhood had been enhanced by close ties with uncles (now deceased) Paul and Ray, who both served as Constables, and Attillio (“Till”), who had long been a fixture in the Assessor’s Office .

Anxious to serve his new community, Bill asked to fill a seat on Planning & Zoning. Then, just months later, he resigned to accept an appointment to the Board of Selectmen, but his tenure was once again cut short. This time by a heart attack. Last May Bill reluctantly tendered his resignation, citing family obligations, and noting that he could no longer live up to his personal standards as Selectman.

Thanks, Bill. We know that you’ll be an active citizen, and that we’ll be able to count on you as a friend and neighbor.

Jim Olson

Jim came to Deep River at the age of six in the company of his mother, Jane, recent bride of John F. Olson. Chief Pilot for Whelen Engineering for 42 years, Jim retired this past Spring. With 15 years of experience on both the DRES and Region 4 Boards, and freed of his job responsibilities, Jim offered to take Bill Burdick’s place. Welcome to the Board of Selectmen, Jim.

Although Jim was not “Deep River Born and Bred,” in my opinion residency from the age of six qualifies him as a “Deep River Native.” He and Selectman Duane Gates bring their combined knowledge of our Town, its history and its residents interests.

Unintended Consequences

For the past 3½ years I have had the privilege and good fortune to serve beside a staff whose dedication is (I do believe) unsurpassed, and whose cumulative knowledge they have willingly shared with me. As a group they constitute a virtual encyclopedia of everything Deep River.

The success of this Town Hall is due in large part to the staff’s longevity of service: their tenure ranges from thirty years to just one year. Which brings me to the subject of this note.

Cathie Jefferson came to Town Hall in 1991 to fill the position of Zoning Enforcement Officer. Except for a brief lapse

in the early 2000s, Cathie has served as ZEO ever since. Although the job is mostly administrative, the “enforcement” component can be prickly. There have been occasional stand-offs. But when necessary, she has brought to bear her detailed knowledge of Statute and Regulation, together with self-confidence. That combination has by and large kept Deep River Planning & Zoning Commission out of court, and successful when required to defend it’s decision.

Cathie Jefferson has represented Deep River well over her tenure, and has defined the position of ZEO as far as Deep River is concerned. We’ve grown familiar with her face; we’ve depended on her dependability. Cathie has retired from her position in Deep River, but has left us with a clear perception of what the position requires.

Thank you, Cathie. And don’t be a stranger.

Local businesses (alphabetically):

Acer Gardens: Bill and Sharon Harris have owned and operated their 18 acre retail nursery since 1983, and now have 10 growing greenhouses, with more than 1,500 varieties of perennials, grasses and ferns, 700-plus annual cultivars and vegetables, and many unusual field-grown shrubs, trees and roses.

Initially a landscaping operation, in 2000, Bill and Sharon re-invented Acer as a retail nursery. Specializing in species not commonly found in garden centers, the nursery has grown to be a gardener’s destination, with an experienced staff that backs up Acer’s reputation.

In addition to things that grow, Acer Gardens provides the wherewithal for plants to grow in: a broad selection of pottery, birdbaths, containers and fountains, and gardening aids: bulk and bagged topsoil, mulch and compost, custom blends of grass seed and premium fertilizers.

Acer offers workshops during the growing season, and closes the year with an extensive collection of Christmas trees, roping, swags and wreaths.

Acer Gardens

www.acergardens.com
447 Winthrop Road (Route 80)
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Abstract Tool: Abstract Tool, Inc. which started in May 1989, is located at 500 Main Street. Their five experienced machinists fashion custom parts, using milling machines, lathes, surface grinders and saws from raw bar stock, as well

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as finishing machine castings. Although the majority of Abstract's business comes from within a 35 mile radius, their reputation has won them a growing list of customers from out of state.

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"Ask not what your community can do for you, but what you can do for your community"

Paraphrase from John F. Kennedy

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500 Main Street (Route 154), Suite 15
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Angus McDonald, First Selectman

Town Clerk's Office

PERMIT STICKERS: Stickers for both the Transfer Station and Town Parks are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Office hours are Monday-Wednesday, 9:00-4:00, Thursday, 9:00-6:30, and Friday, 9:00-noon. Please note: a current motor vehicle registration is required for each sticker issued.

RESIDENTS:

- Transfer Station Permit Stickers are available to residents only and are required to use the Deep River Transfer Station.
- Park Permit Stickers are separate from the Transfer Station stickers. They allow parking / boat launching at Plattwood Park and the Town Dock.
- New Permit Stickers are issued biennially in January of odd years and should be displayed at the bottom of the driver's side windshield.
- Permit Stickers are free of charge to residents and may be obtained at the Town Clerk's office or at the Transfer Station year round. Please bring your Motor Vehicle Registration as proof of residence when obtaining a Permit Sticker.
- Please note that property owners who are not residents are not eligible for a Transfer Station Permit Sticker.

DOG LICENSES: State law requires all dogs to be licensed in their Town of residence. Dog licenses needed to be renewed during the month of June to avoid a late fee. If you missed it, hurry in to the Town Clerk's office to avoid a larger fee. (New dogs will not be charged a late fee).

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS: Municipal Elections will be held November 5, 2019. Students leaving for college in the Fall may drop off their applications for an absentee ballot for November's Election as soon as they know their school address. Once this signed application is on file, the Town Clerk will mail the ballot as soon as it becomes available on October 4, 2019. The office is open Monday-Wednesday 9-4, Thursday 9-6:30 and Friday 9-noon.

New Trade Name Filings

JJ ATF Deep River, LLC	Anytime Fitness Deep River	11/26/2018
Square Circle CT, LLC	Square Circle Studio	12/08/2018
Adam B. Harris	A Squared Design And Build	12/17/2018
Abigail Valletta	Abby Valletta, LMT	12/18/2018
Siobhan E. Stack	Triskele Antiques	01/15/2019
A Little Compassion, Inc.	The Nest Coffee House	01/30/2019
All the Love, LLC	Fried Cookie Dough Factory	02/11/2019
Catherine Alcorn	Nostalgie	02/28/2019
Robert Herrick	Robert Herrick IT Support	03/12/2019
Cynthia Harger	Moody Rabbit	03/28/2019
Joseph Walier, Andrew		
Pelkey & Philip Healy	National Automotive Roads Fuel Assoc, Inc.	03/29/2019
Harold-Ellis Beale	Harold Ellis Beale Jr. TM/SM	04/08/2019
SHM Deep River, LLC	Safe Harbor Deep River	05/01/2019
Daniel Zak	Your CBD Store	05/31/2019

Town Clerk's Office, cont.

Marriages

Steven V. Budney & Kelsey E. Jacobson	08/11/2018	Jeremy M. Doran & Leyna R. Woods	10/14/2018
Benjamin J. Quesnel & Michelle E. Longo	08/17/2018	Michael F. Streckfus, Jr. & Marissa G. Arnold	10/14/2018
Brian J. Zupan & Ashley C. Weaver	08/18/2018	Patrick M. Shalvoy & Alexandra E. T. Sherman	10/19/2018
Joseph M. Bierbaum & Amy M. Weisenburger	08/18/2018	David J. Albanese & Ashley A. Vinhateiro	10/21/2018
Hunter L. Finnance & Katherine N. Farrell	08/25/2018	Charles W. Harreys, V & Erin G. Morgan	10/26/2018
Thomas W. Daniels & Jennifer N. McDonald	08/25/2018	Eric J. Munoz & Julia E. Shook	10/27/2018
Christopher A. Hines & Tricia M. Pasca	08/31/2018	Hayley C. Smith & Nichole C. Marinone	10/28/2018
Jeffrey S. Gibson & Kate S. Hollister	09/01/2018	Shawn J. Foley & Tanya L. Young	11/01/2018
Sean M. Soltys & Mary H. Worster	09/02/2018	Patrick K. McGourn & Caitlin E. Moleski	11/02/2018
Michael J. Casavant & Shauna V. Croke	09/07/2018	Jeffery T. Rosage & Ariel J. Nathan	11/04/2018
Adam K. Mangs & Jessie H. Tijl	09/08/2018	Michael D. D. Chemerka & Morgan M. French	11/09/2018
Nicholas J. Duval & Jessica A. Simms	09/14/2018	Robert A. Heinimann, Jr. & Sarah H. Huleatt	11/10/2018
David M. Wiedaseck & Jocelyn M. Coffey	09/15/2018	Travis J. Brestelli & Bryce J. McEwen	11/10/2018
Winston S. Latif & Sarah F. Dimodugno	09/16/2018	Paul R. Guthrie & Stacey A. McGee	11/10/2018
Timothy M. Comstock & Colleen P. Augur	09/22/2018	Joseph Boroski & Chanthida Phiromsri	11/14/2018
Patrick A. Smith & Michelle E. Odekerken	09/22/2018	Tyler A. Beemer & Kira K. Johnston	12/16/2018
Justin M. Walton & Alexandra N. Brannon	09/22/2018	Michael T. Levett & Rasa K. Northam	04/06/2019
Ryan R. Priest & Megan L. Budney	09/22/2018	Joshua D. Moretti & Andria L. McCaa	04/13/2019
Daniel G. Katz & Margaret E. Kinsella-Shaw	09/22/2018	Sean J. Powell & Susan W. Gilbert	04/14/2019
Gene W. Coon & Kira M. Filacchione	09/29/2018	Timothy G. Hyatt & Dawn K. Schieferdecker	04/22/2019
Ian P. Kilty & Anna Karabchuk	09/29/2018	Bernd Stroeter & Lucia C. Sousa	04/29/2019
Paul J. Lewis & Elise M. Johnson	09/29/2018	Kenneth A. Bagwell & Jennifer S. Phillips	05/04/2019
Michael F. O'Brien & Traci B. Riviere	09/29/2018	Shawn A. Read & Kayla A. Howden	05/11/2019
Courtney A. Reis & Chelsea L. Mehmet	09/30/2018	Aaron Z. Smith & Cara M. Wallace	05/18/2019
Joshua S. Bolduc & Stephanie A. Puglisi	09/30/2018	Matthew M. Cavanaugh & Jessica D. Bruce	06/03/2019
Kevin M. Allers & Jamie A. Farrell	10/05/2018	Robert H. Lenois, III & Brandy N. Hotkowski	06/08/2019
Adam J. Maietta & Kathleen H. Ryder	10/06/2018	Patrick F. Stanley & Jennifer N. Levy	06/08/2019
Benjamin G. Condon & Dana R. Grimaldi	10/07/2018	Attilio S. Hughes & Leah M. Ciancola	06/15/2019
Nicholas T. Ditullio & Alyssa M. Sargent	10/12/2018	Samuel Z. Grainger & Salley E. Kafko	06/22/2019
Keith A. Travis & Marguerite G. Prescod	10/13/2018	Joseph A. Barbieri, Jr. & Samantha A. Gallant	06/29/2019
Alexander E. Strobel & Darien M. Thompson	10/13/2018	Ronald J. Sommo & Stephanie R. Collins	07/02/2019



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Passings

Chad June Horan Precourt	62 Stanwoll Hill Road	07/15/2018
John F. Olson	21 Winthrop Road	08/02/2018
Carol S. Cote	61 Main Street	08/02/2018
James W. Russell-Wells	11 Village Street	08/02/2018
Barbara Warner	72 Cedar Lake Road	08/06/2018
Julia A. McPherson	44 Cedar Swamp Road	09/24/2018
Walter Seluke, Sr.	61 Main Street	10/09/2018
Peter F. Fremut	126 Rattling Valley Road	10/19/2018
Thomas H. Weaver	112 Bushy Hill Road	10/20/2018
Jean Zobel	79 River Street	10/24/2018
Evelyn June Becker	216 Westbrook Road	10/25/2018
Conrad F. Becker	216 Westbrook Road	11/11/2018
Joseph Barrette	92 Main Street, Apt. 114	11/17/2018
Edward L. Pulcini	10 Prospect Street	11/26/2018
Troy A. Hoelzen	36 High Street	12/01/2018
Craig Griffin	56 Winterberry Road	12/09/2018
Jo-Anne Gamberdella	113 Union Street	12/21/2018
Newton John Loos	47 West Elm Street	12/26/2018
Jessica Waldman	38 Brockway Ferry Road	01/12/2019
Marion J. Gesick	46 Bushy Hill Road	01/16/2019
William N. Frank	199 Rattling Valley Road	01/16/2019
Anna J. Ferrera	42 Acorn Road	01/20/2019
Grace A. Stalsburg	15 Pent Road	01/26/2019
David P. Moran	101 Cedar Swamp Road	02/04/2019
Richard R. Daniels, Sr.	217 Main Street	02/12/2019
Waltraud Jordan	21 Warsaw Street	02/25/2019
Catherine Guillamon	64 Essex Street	02/26/2019
John T. Lawrence	60 Main Street, Apt. 307	03/16/2019
Aldis Helen Rudd	32 Essex Street	03/21/2019
Michael G. E. Winbourne	30 Hemlock Terrace	03/22/2019
Roberta D. Collura	60 Main Street, Apt. 404	04/13/2019
Mitzie Cole	60 Main Street, Apt. 311	04/26/2019
Holly Lee DeCarli	20 Elm Street, Apt. 4	04/30/2019
Natalie H. Glowac	50 Castle Heights	06/13/2019
Georgie Scudder	262 West Elm Street	06/24/2019

Town Clerk's Office, cont.

Welcome New Residents & Property Owners

Benjamin E. Urban	198 West Bridge Street	09/20/2018
Michael D, Jr. & Lucy Liska	12 Southworth Street	09/21/2018
Andrew Buccaro & Kerry Smith	37 River Road	09/24/2018
Joseph & Amanda Lutters	92 Main Street, Unit 220	09/26/2018
Paul Indorf & Cheryl Archer	391 Main Street, Unit 608	10/01/2018
Wade Gennette & Brogan Mei	67 Hoopole Hill Road, Lot 2	10/01/2018
David & Ashley Bachman	220 Bushy Hill Road	10/04/2018
Ashley Griswold	28 Hemlock Terrace	10/05/2018
Brockway Point, LLC	25 Brockway Ferry Road	10/15/2018
Jason Holtzman, Tu Qian & Elizabeth McManus	29 Merriwold Lane	10/19/2018
Niantic Bay Group, LLC	245 Warsaw Street	10/30/2018
Carl Kaufmann & Karl Kaufmann, III	16 Fox Run Road	11/09/2018
Scott & Christy Stanat	101 Meadow Woods Road	11/15/2018
Brian Harner	109 Kelsey Hill Road	11/16/2018
Heather Gallucci	92 Main Street, Unit 221	11/20/2018
Harry Storey & Marther Werner	26 Spring Street	11/26/2018
Joseph & Joyce Ostering	28 Stanwoll Hill Road	11/26/2018
Kristen Carver	215 Cedar Swamp Road	11/26/2018
Community Realty Investors, Inc.	32 Lobb Lane	12/03/2018
Colin Nicholson	76 Long Hill Road	12/03/2018
David V. Kimel	Lot #3, Hoopole Hill Road	12/03/2018
Bradford & Tracy Hardy	284 Kelsey Hill Road	12/10/2018
Greatworth Property Management, LLC	5 Village Street	12/10/2018
409-411 Main Street, LLC	409-411 Main Street	12/31/2018
Edward W. Creeron, Sr. & Margo L.	35 Prospect Street	12/31/2018
Juan Pablo Pesantez	170 Cedar Lake Road	12/31/2018
Kimberly Hill & Matthew T. Michalski	19 Whittlesey Brook Road	12/31/2018
Jean's Legacy, LLC	497 Winthrop Road	01/07/2019
Ann T. Cocchiola	5 Huckelberry Drive	01/14/2019
Jeffrey L. & Sharon L. Torello	32 Lobb Lane	01/23/2019
Gregory Morgan & Nathalie Heijkoop	47 Rosemont Drive	01/23/2019
James Amendola	25 Spring Street	01/23/2019
Richard T. Smith	92 Main Street, Unit 111	01/28/2019
Carol L. Carpenter	22 Castle Heights	01/28/2019
Alicia DeMartin	125 Kirtland Street	01/29/2019
Susannah H. Wood	92 Main Street, Unit 214	01/29/2019
Donna B. Lott & Frederic J. Ariale	20 Hemlock Drive	01/31/2019
Christopher A. Sheppard & Michelle Wagmeister	111 Witch Hazel Drive	02/04/2019
Juli Commerford	92 Main Street, Unit 215	02/05/2019
William & Andrea Foster	20 Lobb Lane	02/06/2019
Phyllis Wagner	92 Main Street, Unit 408	02/06/2019
Timofey Zhukov-Khovanskiy & Melanie Eldridge	46 Woodland Road	02/11/2019
Julia Henderson-Lloyd & James Lloyd	87 Witch Hazel Drive	02/25/2019
Bonnie C. Bernice	92 Main Street, Unit 223	02/27/2019
Jeni Lee & Frank B. Abel, IV	Hoopole Hill Road, Lot 7	03/05/2019
Leslie J. Riviere & Michael C. Phelps	104 Kirtland Street	03/11/2019
William H. Moore, III	137 Bushy Hill Road	03/12/2019
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James & Dylan Gryzbowski	22 Hemlock Terrace	03/27/2019

Town Clerk's Office, cont.

Welcome New Residents & Property Owners, cont.

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Daniel C. & Bettejane Hopkins	44 Cedar Swamp Road	04/05/2019
Christopher J. & Denise M. Caprio	92 Main Street, Unit 105	04/08/2019
Mary E. Charlton	37 Laurelwood Drive	04/08/2019
Peter Hinsch & Donna Grant	112 Kirtland Street	04/30/2019
Eric A. & Christina V. Fleury	61 Rosemont Drive	05/06/2019
Sean Casula & Alexandra Foye	375 Winthrop Road	05/07/2019
Andrew D. Scott & Karen A. Abercrombie	201 Rattling Valley Road	05/13/2019
169 Main, LLC	169 Main Street	05/16/2019
John Frederico, III & Damaris P. Frederico	47 Hemlock Drive	05/16/2019
Craig R. Fox	62 Hemlock Drive	05/21/2019
Cristina M. Mallozzi & Andrew H. MacEwan	92 Main Street, Unit 406	05/28/2019
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Our past year was a busy one. Post 61 wanted to say thank you to all of our student participants in our November Veterans Day contests, as well as all the students who helped us with our Memorial Day events. Truthfully, we should recognize our principals and teachers for instilling strong citizenship values in the schools. It is very apparent that Mr. Christian Strickland expects the children to pay attention, and he is the one who launches everyone in the Deep River Elementary School toward community participation and service. We were so happy to have him as the Grand Marshall for our Memorial Day Parade. The students at John Winthrop traditionally serve breakfast to all the local veterans on the Friday before Memorial Day followed by a very respectful Memorial Program. We, the veterans enjoy this very much. More responsibilities seem to be assumed as the Valley Regional High School students manage a very beautiful Memorial Day event each spring. As in previous years the American Legion High School Oratorical Contest winner plays a strong role. We were so proud that Connor Riorden won the (Middlesex) District level again this year. High School history teacher, Mr. Don Perrault & Principal Mr. Barille guide many of these activities. At our Monday morning Memorial Day Parade, Mr. Perrault enlightened us with more in-depth knowledge of our WWII veterans who died. Some of us are not aware of who each person on the VRHS memorial stone is. His talk really made us think about what each individual veteran and his family sacrificed; but also what our town lost. Fewer than 1% of the U.S. population serve in the military today. VRHS has provided our country with several potential active military members this coming year; and some ROTC candidates.

At their business meeting for May first, Post 61 recognized the Deep River Fire Department with a plaque for outstanding service to our local community. These DRFD members donate their time, their skills, and their personal safety to protect us and our property. They are trained, and continue with fire related education while they serve, often at their own expense. We are so lucky/blessed to have them. Please thank them and support them.

We will start our new year in September. Please look for us at Deep River Family Day on September 21. We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather. Vice Commander Richard Nagot will be working our table in cooperation with other members. Post 61 as well as Squadron 61 from the Sons of the American Legion along with the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 61 will be stopping by during the day. Each of us in the American Legion Family achieved over 100% of our goal for membership. The Department of Connecticut will be celebrating the ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL CONVENTION on July 12 to 14 and the ONE HUNDRED and FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION will be held in Indianapolis on August 27 to 29, 2019. Four new resolutions will be referred to committees. These pertain to Children & Youth, acceptance of the Girl Scouts as an official part of the Legion's Americanism Program, POW-MIAs in our preamble and gender neutral mannerisms.

Post 61 Commander Eileen Richard cordially invites all interested U.S. military veterans to telephone for more information about our meetings and membership. Please telephone her at 203-494-7151 cell. Our meetings will usually be held on the first Monday of the month from September to June. However, our by-laws allow us to adjust the site & time. We have both men & women veterans who regularly participate in American Legion activities in our town and in Connecticut State level activities. All veterans are encouraged to participate in the two Deep River Memorial Day Parades, as well as the Tri-Town Parade for Veterans Day.



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The races are started by an electronic countdown timer that begins at one minute and then counts down to zero. Sailors use this minute to try to position their boats at the favored end of the starting line when the countdown hits zero. If a boat crosses the line early, it must go back around the end of the starting line and start over.

The challenge is to be the fastest boat around the course. Sailing has many rules about which boats have the right of way. If there is an infraction, the offender has to do a 360 penalty turn.

If there is a good breeze blowing on a Sunday morning (10:30am-Noon), 13-15 races can be completed in one day. Races are run one after the other. If there is no steady breeze, sometimes only 4-5 races are completed. The patience of the sailors is seriously tested!!

The Club welcomes visitors at any point. Just ask and you can try your hand at controlling on of the boats. Our website is www.drypantsmodelyachtclub.com or Google: DPMYC. The site has all the details about the Club's programs plus pictures and videos of the boats in action. Or, feel free to contact Jim Godsman@ 860-767-5052 or jimgodsman@comcast.net.

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Deep River Elementary School PTO

A successful school is dependent on the collaborative and supportive relationship that it has with its Parent Teacher Organization. The Deep River Elementary School's Principal, Mr. Christian Strickland, and his staff work with the PTO to provide additional opportunities for the students at DRES. Here are just a few of the highlights from this past year alone!

In the 2018-2019 school year, the PTO funded:

- Whole school learning experience with the Mystic Aquarium. All of the students were able to participate at NO COST.
- Reading at Home Program: This is a new program working with the school to assist families by providing support to purchase on-grade level reading books to encourage reading at home.
- Three-Dimensional Printer: New technology for the students to learn, use, and create.
- Classroom Supplies Support Program: Funding to help teachers purchase classroom supplies to support our students throughout the school year.
- School assemblies: Throughout the year, the PTO hosted multiple educational assemblies to support STEM, the Arts, historical and social awareness events.
- Communication Folders and "School Excuse" notepads for each student
- Veteran's Day daffodil bulbs for each student to plant on the school grounds
- JW backpacks for all graduating 6th graders

The PTO spent approximately \$90 per student. The money raised for the PTO is driven by our fundraising events, gift and monetary donations, and various rewards programs.

There are many ways for the Deep River Community to support the DRES PTO:

Monetary donations are tax deductible and can be sent directly to the school (payable to DRES PTO). We will provide a donation receipt letter with the PTO's tax exempt ID number for your records. Direct donations go straight to PTO initiatives and are greatly appreciated!

A+ School Rewards Program - Shop at Stop & Shop and earn cash for DRES when you use your rewards card! The PTO has added the Stop & Shop Reward Program to our fundraising. Visit stopandshop.com and select SIGN IN at the top right to log into your online account. Once logged in, select MY ACCOUNT => MANAGE MY ACCOUNT => REWARDS & SAVINGS and choose Deep River Elementary School.

AmazonSmile - Please remember when you shop using AmazonSmile, 0.5% will be donated to DRES PTO. The AmazonSmile Foundation is a private 501(c)(3) foundation created by Amazon to administer the AmazonSmile program. If you shop on <http://smile.amazon.com/> and choose Deep River Elementary School PTO Inc as your charity, then 0.5% of the price of your AmazonSmile purchases is donated to DRES PTO.

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. One of the easiest ways you can help is to sign up to support DRES at www.btfte.com. You will learn about new and easy ways to help our school earn the extra cash it needs. Please clip the Box Tops from your groceries and turn them into the school.

Recycling Program - This program is FREE and provides a convenient location for collecting laser & inkjet printer cartridges, used cell phones, iPods, laptops, digital cameras, GPS devices and media (CDs, DVDs/Blu-rays, video games) while raising funds for DRES. You can drop off your items in the collection bin outside the DRES main office whenever it is convenient for you.

PTO membership is open to all parents and guardians of all DRES students and DRES staff. All are welcome to attend PTO meetings to find out more about our activities. If you are interested volunteering or if you have any suggestions for new activities, please email us at drespto@gmail.com or drop a note in the PTO mailbox in the DRES teachers' lounge.

We will be updating the DRES PTO Facebook page regularly. Please check there for more information about DRES.

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.



Deep River Fire Department



The Deep River Fire Department respectfully requests that residents keep their driveways free of overhanging branches and large bushes for easy access. When responding to a call, fire apparatus and ambulances need the space to negotiate the premises. It is also essential to have house numbers clearly visible and marked on the house or mailbox. There have been instances where lack of numbers has hampered response time.



The Department has 10 new members who have joined the ranks of firefighters in Deep River, in the past 6 months. This new recruitment is remarkable and welcomed. New members with previous training as well as no experience are now actively training with DRFD. We hope that this trend continues, we all benefit from this all volunteer service. We continue to seek new recruits to join the Department. Positions in the Junior Division (14 yrs. and older), Senior Division, grant writers, computer specialists and volunteers to help the auxiliary are all welcome. Interested individuals are welcome to stop by Fire Headquarters On Union St. any Wednesday evening at 6:30. For additional information visit; deepriverfd.com The ability to serve a community is an honor, sometimes hard work, a challenge and very fulfilling. Please consider joining our team of highly skilled men and women.

The 6th annual DRFD Automotive Extravaganza will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., at Devitt field. In the past, cars, fire trucks, trucks, motorcycles, tractors and monster trucks have participated in this show. Vehicles, old and new are welcome. An advertisement booklet will be available to all participants and the public. Interest

in placing an ad to support this event please visit; email: deeprivercarshow@deepriverct.us/, Facebook - DRFDAE. Interest in participating in the swap meet/ flea market please call 860-526- 6042 to leave a message. This event is a family friendly day spent enjoying our automotive history. Food will be available on site.


DRFD Community breakfast has been a great success. This quarterly held event was initially designed to thank the community we serve. The opportunity to enjoy a free breakfast, surrounded by residents of Deep River is a unique and wonderful experience. Please consider joining us the next time you see the sign on display at Fire Headquarters.



The Department would like to acknowledge and congratulate Chief Tim Lee on his acceptance to the Valley Regional High School Wall of Fame. Chief Lee has been recognized for his contribution to the Town of Deep River as

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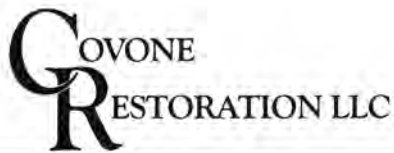
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Deep River Congregational Church

You are invited to join us for worship this summer. We have one service at 8:30 a.m. from June 16th through Labor Day.

Summer is a busy time for our congregation. The following events have already taken place:

- **Monday – Thursday, June 25-28 – Summer Faith Adventures. AN ATHENS ADVENTURE: PAUL'S JOURNEY TO SHARE THE TRUTH.** The children (ages 4 through entering 6th grade) met from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. and the program included Bible discovery, marketplace stations, arena games, creative crafts, tasty snacks and energetic songs. A closing program was held on the last evening so the children could tell the story of their Athen's adventures!
- **This year's Youth Mission Trip, July 20 – 28 took our young people to West Virginia to serve with the Appalachia Service Project.** The group of 30 people will be led by Chelsea Chiappa, our Director of Youth & Family Ministry.

The following events are taking place soon:

- **August 2-4 - Men of the church** will be participating in a retreat/hike to the **Highland Center Lodge, Pinkham Notch, NH.**
- **Saturday, August 17th – Our 59th Annual Flea Market/Rummage Sale** on the Green will be held from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. There may be a few of the 80 spaces still 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. or email office.drcc@snet.net 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 rummage sale inside the Fellowship Hall.



- The **59th Annual Rummage Sale** will be held on **Friday night, August 16th (6-8 p.m.)** There is a \$5 entrance fee on Friday only. The Sale is open on **Saturday, August 17th from 8 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** (no fee to go in) If you wish to donate items for the sale, we began collecting "treasures" beginning June

Please note that we cannot accept the following: large furniture, TVs and large appliances, car seats, cribs, books, clothing, shoes, VHS tapes or items that are in disrepair. Deadline for dropping off items is Wednesday, August 14th. Contact Margaret Paulsen, margaretpaulsen@comcast.net or 912-655-3621.

- **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 Welcome Back Carnival will be held immediately following the church service.
- **The Annual Women's Retreat will take place September 20 – 23.** They will be returning to Camp Wightman in Griswold, CT. for a time of retreat, reflection, and relaxation. The cost is \$145 for the weekend or \$36.00 for Saturday only.

Have a safe and happy Summer 2019! Please check our church website, www.deeprivercc.org for other activities. Contact the church office for further information on any of the above events: 860-526-5045 or office.drcc@snet.net

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Troop 13 Boy Scouts serves the boys ages 11-18 of Chester and Deep River. The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to help young men develop their character and life skills all while having fun. There is much emphasis placed on assisting these young men to develop into strong healthy citizens who will lead our communities and country in the years ahead. The Boy Scout methods help to promote these ideals through the challenge of putting them into practice with the Troop Program. This is done in a way that is both challenging and fun.

A Busy Year for Troop 13:

The Boy Scouts of Troop 13 have been actively camping and enjoying the outdoors this spring. The troop had a fishing hike and campout at Cockaponset State Forest, participated in an environmental service project at Selden's Island State Park with a naturalist from CT River Expeditions and many worked on earning the Bird Study Merit Badge

June Court of Honor:

Troop 13 held their June Court of Honor at the Camp Hazen Pavilion on June 12, 2019.

The following boys earned Rank advancements.

Life: Connor Douglas

Star: Jack Whittaker

First Class: Cooper Edwards, James Guyer, Paul Knudsen, Logan Parker, Aiden Stone

2nd Class: Stephen Courcy and Sebastian Peterlik

Scout: Joshua Clark, Bryce Huntley, Jack Knudsen, James Preston, Churchill Roberts,

Upcoming Plans for Summer 2019:

This June, nine Boy Scouts from Troop 13 along with Assistant Scout Masters Mike Ruty, Robert Hart and Matthew Raymond will head out to hike at the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of the Rocky Mountains.

Troop 13 will attend June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford, CT for Summer Camp in July. The boys will enjoy swimming, climbing, boating, archery, rifle & shotgun shooting, sports, ATV and camping.

Support Scouting in Chester/Deep River - Fall Fundraiser 2019:

Boy Scout Troop 13 will be taking orders for 8 inch mums this August - September. Mums are grown at a nursery in Connecticut and can be ordered from any Boy Scout in Troop 13 or contact Lianne Ruty at LER997@aol.com. Colors available are Red, Orange, Yellow, White, Pink and Purple for \$10/per pot. The mums will be delivered September 21, 2019. Please consider supporting Boy Scouting in Chester and Deep River as you beautify your home and businesses for fall.



Chester/Deep River Boy Scout Troop 13 Clean up campout at Selden's Island - May 2019

Information:

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

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Chester & Deep River Cub Scout Pack 13

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Most of all - Everything is focused on FUN! Boys & girls involved with Cub Scouts are all given the opportunity to learn to be a leader.

In the spring Pack 13 marched with Boy Scout Troop 13 in the Memorial Day Parades in both Chester and Deep River, held a pack campout with fishing at Cockaponset State Forest youth sites, a rocket launch day with picnic and CT Tigers Minor League Baseball Game with a campout on the outfield. Be sure to look for Pack 13 this summer, in July we have another Rocket Launch event planned and an August Conservation Project.

Information

For more information or to join Cub Scout Pack please email Pack Committee Chair, Lianne Ruty at cdrcubscoutp13@gmail.com.

- Pack 13 welcomes and serves all youth grades K-5 in Chester and Deep River & any surrounding towns.
- September Joining Night information will be published in the Valley Courier and posted in the Community Announcement tab of the Region 4 website.
- The Pack meets once a month as a large group and Dens are made up of youth of the same school grade. Dens meet 1-3 times each month to work on requirements, field trips or do service projects.
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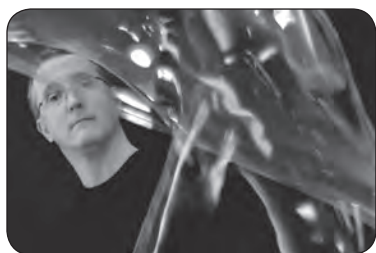
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Tickets \$25.00. All proceeds benefit the Library garden and grounds.

We invite the public of all ages to join us for a special collaborative program between the Deep River Library and the Park and Recreation Department that will be held in the Richard Smith Town Hall Auditorium:

Bubbleology w/Keith Michael Johnson; Aug. 1; 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM



Get ready to be dazzled by Keith Michael Johnson's Bubbleology show at the Richard Smith Town Hall Auditorium! In a performance that was featured on the Discovery Channel, Keith uses bubbles to explain liquids, solids and gasses, and geometry, in a fun and unique way. We will see beautiful bubble sculptural creations and learn the science behind the mysteries of bubbles! This show is a joint presentation brought to you by the

Deep River Library and the Deep River Park and Recreation and will be held at the Deep River Town Hall. Open to all, no registration required.

Look for updates on our website or Facebook page for a return of story time programming in September!
Deep River Library Children's Summer News

This summer we are using the new **READSquared** program to track our summer reading! Patrons can download the app on a device or visit the website to make an account. Kids win incentive prizes and participate in raffles as they log their books!



This summer we will be hosting several science programs for all ages as we participate in "A Universe of Stories"! We will learn about nocturnal animals with Critter Caravan and Animal Embassy; watch science come alive with Sciencetellers, enjoy music and movement, explore

science with a mock space mission and the nighttime sky, learn about rockets and launch them in our Children's Garden, as well as explore STEM programs for children from pre-k through second grade!



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Deep River Historical Society

There is always something brewing of interest at the Stone House and Deep River Historical Society. We jump-started our summer season with a popular, and well attended, Strawberry Social. Thank you to all coming and supporting one of our fund-raisers. Everyone enjoyed the huge servings of strawberry shortcake and summer lemonade, and many walked away with raffle winnings. We appreciated all the town businesses that contributed to that effort, they were very generous.



The Stone House is proud to feature their Summer Exhibition celebrating the 275th Anniversary of the Winthrop Baptist Church.

The church has a long history interwoven with the events and people of Winthrop and the broader community. The House will be open and greeting guests on Saturdays and Sundays, starting June 15 through Sept. 21st (except for Muster Saturday, July 20th). Come and see the new exhibit and visit the rest of the Stone House from 2-4 pm. Admission is free and open to all.

Upcoming events: July 26 at 6:30 pm Rhonda Forristall, Curator, will be leading a walk in the Deep River Fountain Hill Cemetery. This will be in collaboration with the CT River Museum's newest exhibit "Myths and Legends of the CT River Valley". Of course XYZ will be a popular stop during the walk as well as many others. Tour will last approximately 1½ hours. Please meet at the Chapel of Fountain Hill Cemetery, 57 High Street, Deep River.



Space is limited, pre-registration is required. Tour is free to members of the DRHS and the CRM. Non-members fee is \$5.00 per person. To make a reservation, go to <https://shop.ctrivermuseum.org/collections/public-programs> or call 860-767-8269.

Deep River Historical Society and the Deep River Merchants will co-host an Orphan Car Show and other classic cars as part of Family Day, Sept. 21st from 10-2 pm.

The Stone and Carriage Houses will also be open for guests. An orphan car applies to any make of motor vehicle built by a manufacturer that has discontinued business entirely. Studebaker, Packard, Pontiac, Saturn, MG, Austin Healy, Nash, Kaiser, Willys and Crosley to name just a few on those manufacturers. There is free admission and will feature an Orphan Car Parade and a 50/50 raffle. Deep River Day is sponsored by the Deep River Merchants. For more information, visit deeprivermerchants.com or deepriverhistoricalsociety.org

Those of you that saw the project underway on the grounds of the Stone House were probably wondering what was happening. We were able to put two new septic systems in to insure proper compliance. This and other major repairs and improvements are one reason that we welcome and encourage any support from the residents of Deep River. It is our goal to hold another town wide fund raiser this fall and hope that we get considerable support to continue with our projects, goals and maintenance of this beautiful house and property that graces 245 Main Street. We are a non-profit and donations are tax deductible and we don't get funding from the town taxes. We try to keep all our programs free or a minimum fee for some of the bigger food events.

Little Free Libraries: Our main Deep River Library now has some "mini competition" with the additions of two community free libraries. One is located at Plattwood Park and the newest one is on the grounds of the Stone House, 245 Main Street. This location will be added to the national register to alert others to its location. We thank our trustee Kim Olson and her family for both of these new additions to our town and encourage borrowing and leaving gentle used books for others. The DRHS box is located



Deep River Historical Society, cont.

on the left of the driveway as you enter mounted on a pole....come and take or share a book.

October 20th, Sunday at 3:00PM at the Deep River Town Hall Auditorium, we will be co-hosting with the Chester Historical Society a Movie Night or actually a matinee, which will feature films of the 1930-1940's as seen through the lens of Peter Calamari's movie camera. Yes, the same Peter who's granddaughter Rhonda is now our curator. Floods, hurricane damage, photos of Main Street, graduations, FDR's visit to the area, and parades will be some of the footage. This digitalization of old movies was completely due to the grant we received from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. Come out for popcorn and old flicks... you never know who you might see on the screen. Let us know if you identify someone that we haven't!

Volunteers are desperately needed for many of our projects and programs. If you are able to give a few hours, even if you are not a member, we would be most appreciative. We welcome help with partnering with a trustee for being a greeter on the summer weekends, helping with the grounds and care of the facility, doing anything that requires technical support or IT, helping with sorting and working with someone on a committee for one of our programs. There are many ways to help if you can donate even a few hours. We want to keep our ability to keep these programs going and the property of both the Stone House and it's Carriage House are in need of support both with volunteer hours as well as financial. Perhaps you might have a unique talent but can't give too much time.....we can always find a fit for you. Please contact our Curator Rhonda Forristall at 860-526-5086.

Submitted by Sue Wisner, Recording Secretary and Trustee of Deep River Historical Society.

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Deep River Parks and Recreation

Summer is here and the parks are full of activity. And, did you know that the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission is 50 years old?! Established by Town Ordinance in 1969, we are excited to celebrate our birthday! Look for some special 'birthday' activities at our annual events.



Other exciting news-the Parks and Recreation Office has moved! We are now located in the eastern side of the Tri-Town Youth Service Building at 56 High Street. What a great office space, formerly used by the visiting nurses, but most recently a vacant space. Come visit us and check out our new digs. Unlike the space at Town Hall that P&R used to occupy, this new office has windows!!

June brought the annual carnival to town and the start of the P&R youth summer camp. The 'Sounds of Summer -Music and a Meal, free concert series began on June 27th and Tai Chi sponsored by the Rotary Club also started up again at the Town Landing. Basketball is going strong at Plattwood Park with our summer men's league consisting of 7 teams.

The Summer Concert Series has a fabulous line up of bands and restaurants this season. There are still a few remaining, so mark your calendars! All concerts are held on Thursday evenings at various locations throughout town and begin at 6:30 pm. A big thank you to our sponsors: Essex Savings Bank, Deep River Rotary Club and the Chester-Deep River Lions Club. In case of rain, the concerts will be moved to the Deep River Town Hall Auditorium.

Here's the complete line up:

- June 27th-"Rotary" (classic rock) @ Plattwood Park with food by Deep River Pizza;
- July 11th-"All Funk'd up" (r & b) @ the Town Green with food by The Whistle Stop;
- July 18th-"Laura Clapp Davidson" (solo acoustic) @ The Town Landing with food by the Lace Factory;
- July 25th-"Brad & Brian" (acoustic duo) @ Plattwood Park with food by The Ivory Restaurant;

- August 1st-"Plywood Cowboy" (country & bluegrass) @ The DR Historical Society's Stone House. P&R will add some special food options, give away free balloons and serve birthday cake in honor of our 50th birthday!;
- August 8th-"River of Dreams" (Billy Joel tribute band) @ the Town Green with food by DaVinci's Pizzeria.

Our youth camp is enjoying a fun summer with games, crafts and weekly field trips. The camp runs until August 16th so there still might be time for your child to join us! Each week there is a different theme with games, crafts and a field trip. The camp began the week of June 17th and welcomes children entering 1st grade through those entering 7th grade. The camp runs Monday through Friday from 8:30-3:30 with pre-camp care from 8:00-8:30am. The camp is based at Deep River Elementary School and visits Plattwood Park typically on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Our themes and field trips this year are: Week #1-"Survivor"/Plattwood Park; Week # 2-"Challenge Week"/Nomad Adventure Park; Week #3 -"Fun-Believable Science"/In house Visitor; Week #4 -"Take a Walk on the Wild Side"/Beardsley Zoo; Week #5 -"Life's a Game"/Yard Goats Baseball game; Week #6 -"Fun & Fitness/Ct Sun Basketball Game; Week #7 -"Things That Float"/Groton Sub-Base; Week #8 -"Time Travelers"/Dinosaur State Park; Week #9 -"Treasurer Hunters"/Hammonasset State Park

Save the date for a night of family fun when we air a free screening of the Disney movie "Moana" on Friday, August 9th. In keeping with the Hawaiian theme, flower leis will be handed out and everyone will have a chance to practice their hula dance skills.

Looking ahead, P&R will once again hold a 5K race and 1 mile run as part of the annual Deep River Merchant Association's Family Day event on September 21st. The 1 mile run will kick off at 8:15 am with the 5K run following at 9:00 am sharp. Lace up your running shoes and plan to join us. Register on line today! An 'early bird' registration discount is in effect until September 6th.

Deep River Parks and Recreation, cont.

Once again we will offer weekly drop in pickleball for adults 40+ years old. The sessions will begin on Monday, September 23rd and continue until April 6, 2020. The cost is \$3.00 per player per week, multi week discount card will be available. No pre-registration is required. There will be no pickleball when the school is closed due to holiday, weather or school related function.

Grab a spot on our Broadway bound bus. On Wednesday, October 9th, we head to NYC to catch "To Kill a Mockingbird". The Tony award nominated show is based on the classic book by Harper Lee. Tickets are in the orchestra section and are priced at \$177.00 each. Price includes the show, bus and driver gratuity. Discounts are given if two or more tickets are purchased together. Don't miss out! Our Broadway bus trips tend to sell out. We leave and return locally so it is very convenient; the Route 9, exit 4 commuter lot is where we meet the bus. Sign up on line today!

Our Halloween event-the annual trunk or treat- will be held on Saturday, October 26th. Start planning your vehicle decorations and your costumes now! Registration of vehicles will begin shortly. The event will be held from 3:00-5:00 pm at Devitt Field. Again, there will be a DJ, games and a costume parade. Prizes will be awarded to decorated vehicles in two categories. Prizes will be awarded in three categories for the costume parade. Check the web site for all of the details.

New additions in the parks include bleachers at Plattwood Park as well as new picnic tables. Thanks to a generous donation from Chester-Deep River Little League we were able to purchase 2 sets of bleachers that were installed by the town crew at the Richard H. Smith Field. Patrons attending Little League games were happy to have the new seats!



The picnic tables were built by three area youth with the help of a volunteer working with Tri-Town Youth Services. The tables can be enjoyed by all and are located inside the pavilion.



Something else you will notice when visiting Plattwood, is a new UV index meter installed near the snack shack on the beach. The SOLaware™ Display is a modular sun safety education system that measures the local UV radiation level in real time and displays the average time until viewers can expect to experience skin damage, if preventative actions are not immediately taken. Preventative measures include seeking out shade, applying or re-applying sunscreen or covering up exposed skin area. The Displays are leased to municipalities to help lower the risks of sunburns and skin cancer in their communities. Our unit was donated to the town and installed at Plattwood by the Connecticut River Area Health District. CRAHD is committed to making an impact on sun safety awareness and education.

Our other exciting addition to the park is a wooded trail that was cleared and established as part of an Eagle Scout project by Eagle candidate Anthony Joia of Chester Boy Scout Troop 13. The trail head is located just beyond the most southern point of the parking lot leading into the woods. The trail has been clearly marked and would be described as easy to moderate as there is a gentle slope to the trail. It is approximately 1 mile in length and loops back to the trail head. Thank you Anthony and Troop 13 for your hard work and for giving back to the community with this great new addition to Plattwood Park.



Be sure to check out all the new additions next time you visit the park.

Looking Back

The start of 2019 saw the completion of the rec winter basketball season as well as the P&R theater program for 5-6th grade students with the production of 'Tut Tut'.

Deep River Parks and Recreation, cont.



Our winter basketball league crowned two new champs as teams in the 9-12 grade league competed for the 'Valley Cup' and our seniors played in the 'Senior Bowl'.

In the Valley Cup contest, the Bucks lead by Coaches, Rob Craco and Tom Bellos, played against the Charlotte Hornets coached by Tyler Saunders and Trevor Tiezzi. The Bucks emerged victorious by a score 72-60.



The senior bowl had four teams competing, the Monstars, (captain Alex "Brownie" Brown), the Bench Warmers (captain Dan "D-Hearn" Hearn), the Big City Slams (captain Freddie "Freddie Wap" Kerr) and the High Flyers (captain Nick "Nicky B" Braga). The championship game saw the Bench Warmers take on the High Flyers with the Bench Warmers taking the cup. The score of that contest was Bench Warmers 85, High Flyers 64.

The theater production of "Tut Tut" was performed at the Deep River Town Auditorium on February 2nd and 3rd. The show was inspired by the life of "King Tut" (the 10-year old who became King of Egypt) with a touch of Mark Twain's "The Prince and the Pauper". This year we welcomed a new director, choreographer and prop/costume designer! Leslie Strauss joined the Deep River Parks & Rec players for the first time as both Director and Musical Director. The choreographer was Linalynn Schmelzer who is the Artistic Director of River Valley Dance Project and the Prop/ Costume Designer was none other than Marilyn Malcarne! What an all-star cast both on and off the stage!

Back in April, the Parks and Recreation Commission held its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Devitt Field. This event is open to all area youth from pre-K through grade 6. The hunt is divided up into three age groups

with each group searching for that special egg- the egg containing the golden certificate! Three children were the lucky winners and each received a large basket filled with candy, toys, books and gift certificates. Here the 2019 winners proudly pose with the Easter Bunny who made a special appearance.



Also in April, to help celebrate Earth Day, a group of divers from SECONN Divers host a annual river cleanup and always seek to use the Town Landing site. We are so appreciative of their efforts. Every year the divers can be seen hauling in trash, and large objects from the water off of the boat launch. Those in the group that are not diving, walk around the Town Landing and pick up garbage, cigarette butts and bottles and cans.



On May 11th, local anglers ages 5-15 came down to Plattwood Park to try their luck in the annual fishing derby. This year the pond was stocked with about 250 rainbow trout ranging in size from 12-22". The biggest catch went to Joanna Petrone who was able to reel in a 15 1/8 inch fish. The winners in each age category were as follows:

Ages 5-8 yrs.



- 1st place- Logan Kruzel-Boxwell, 15 1/16"
 - 2nd place -Abigail Farrell, 14"
 - 3rd place - Delilah Walden, 13 1/4"
- Ages 9-11 yrs.

Deep River Parks and Recreation, cont.

- 1st place- Tucker Norton, 14 ½"
- 2nd place –Christopher Beltran, 14 ¼" (2 fish)
- 3rd place – Landon Heft, 14 ¼"

Ages 12-15:

- 1st place-Jack Whittaker, 14"
- No 2nd or 3rd place winners

Thanks to our proud sponsors-Deep River Hardware, Killingworth True Value and Essex Hardware for helping supply prizes and to a generous anonymous sponsor who once again paid the \$10.00 registration fee for all participating youth.

Also in May, Deep River Parks and Recreation once again sponsored the Buddy Track program which continues to offer track and field events to kids with special needs. This was the 8th year of this terrific program! The non-competitive track program welcomes athletes ages 5 and up. The program pairs special needs player athletes with buddies-students from Valley Regional. There are six track and field events; running relay, javelin (turbojav), 100 meter run, shot put (4lb), long jump and hurdles. The Buddy Track program is held once a week, from 5:00 – 6:30 pm, over a three week session usually in early May.

A big 'thank you' to all the students from Valley Regional who participated in the annual "Warriors in the Community day". Many groups of students lent a hand at various Deep River locations, including Devitt Field, Plattwood Park, Keyboard Park, the Town Landing, the Town Green, Canfield Woods, Tri-Town Youth Services building and grounds and the Social Services Office and Food pantry to name a few. The students helped clean up, rake, paint, plant, spread mulch and a variety of other jobs.

The Commission is seeking new members and is always looking for ideas and input from town residents. We are constantly trying to add new programs as well. Give us a call or send an email if you have something in mind. Better yet, consider joining us. Currently we have vacancies on the board.

With only about 135 days until the second annual Holiday Light Parade, (December 17th), we need your help! Please consider joining this event committee so we can expand the route and make it bigger and better! Call 860-526-6036 to find out more.

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Deep River Junior Ancient Fife and Drum Corps



Major Dakota Maikowski and Bass Drum Sergeant Olivia Handy accepting award at the New Haven St. Patrick's Day honors dinner.

The Deep River Junior Ancient Board of Directors is proud to announce that the Jrs. were selected as 1st place-Best Junior Fife and Drum Corps at the New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade. Judging was determined by the Northeastern Judges Association. An awards ceremony was held in New Haven to honor all winners.



Deep River Juniors Ancients marching the 2019 New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade.

We would like to congratulate bass drum sergeant Olivia Handy. Olivia participated in the United States of America Rudimental Drum competition in PA this past Spring. As a result of Olivia's hard work, tenacity and incredible talent, she placed first in the competition. This is the first time in the history of USARD that a female has achieved this honor. We are all so proud of this inspirational role model that marches in our ranks.

Our talented Fife Sergeant Silvia Gopalakrishnan has taken on the challenge of writing a new medley \ incorporating the music of the 5 military theme songs. Bass Sergeant Olivia Handy then wrote the bass music and Snare Sergeant Mikey Roise added the snare section. We look forward to performing our new "Salute the Flag" medley this marching season.

DRJA is quite fortunate to have three of the best instructors in the Fife and Drum Corps community.

Fife Instructors Jason Mali, music teacher by trade and wife Deb Cuccia are renowned musicians in their own right, who bring their talent and expertise to our lucky members. Snare Instructor Terry Malcarne, former State Champion, recognized as one of the best rudimental drummers internationally, has taught our snare line for the past 36 years, with patience and expertise. Bass

Instructor Aaron Beard, former Northeastern Champion, has continued the tradition of excellent instruction for the past 25 years with a sense of humor and expertise where all bass players benefit. Marching Instructor Marilyn Malcarne formally belonged to the State Champion VFW drill team. Trained by a marine drill sergeant, military bearing was a serious component of the team. This training and attitude continues to be introduced to our members. When you see DRJA proudly march by, know that their incredible talents are due to hard work and excellent instruction.

With Junior Corps struggling for membership and closure, DRJA is proud to announce that our current membership is up to 28 marching members. Kids come from the towns of ; Deep River, Haddam, Essex, East Haddam, Ivoryton, Portland, Chester and Norwich.

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In the community we are involved in helping not only the less fortunate, but also the young and the seniors. Some of our projects over the past years:

- Helped to build and funded the press box and concession building at Valley Regional High School
- This year our 35th Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner was held
- We were a major contributor to the Chester War Memorial, the wall at the Old Chester High School
- Donated and built the Gazebo at the town dock
- Built the original brick structure for C.D. Bachelors Liberty at Veterans Memorial Park in Deep River
- Volunteered at the local soup kitchen
- Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday baskets to the needy
- Adopt 2 families each year and provide them with gifts for the holiday season
- Present five \$500.00 scholarships to students wishing to further their education
- Present a \$5,000.00 Talcott Scovill Scholarship for those entering the Vocational or Technical Trades
- Provide KIDS SIGHT eye screening for grades K-6

We also support:

- Conn. Lions Eye Research Foundation
- Lions Clubs International Foundation
- Camp Rising Sun
- Diabetes Fund
- Lions Low Vision Center
- CRIS Radio for the Blind
- Hearing and Speech
- Girl Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- Deep River Park and Rec. Programs
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This summer, incoming 7th and 8th graders in Deep River, Chester and Essex can explore their environment through art, farming, adventure and cooking with Tri-Town Youth Services' Summer Co-op program. The upcoming August session includes trips to the following venues:

- August 12 Bushy Hill Nature Center foraging with Felise Cressman, making rope, baskets, and dyes, creating art, swimming, zip lining, high-ropes
- August 13 Lyman Allyn Art/Arboretum art scavenger hunt, silver coin utensils, amphitheater lunch, sketching plants with Fran Curto
- August 14 Upper Pond Farm planting, harvesting fresh produce to take home and meeting and feeding critters
- August 15 Brownstone water park- swimming, rock climbing and zip lining
- August 16 Cooking Our Lunch (1/2 day) local chefs show us how to make some lunch with our harvested produce

Program runs daily from 9-4 Monday-Thursday, 9-12:30 on Friday. Transportation to Tri-Town (56 High St. Deep River) daily is participants' responsibility. Bus leaves Tri-Town parking lot at 9 am. Pickup is at 4 pm. Please note: On Friday, drop off and pickup are at 9 am and 12:30 pm at the United Church of Chester, 29 W Main Street. Fees: \$235 per session/\$200 add'l. sibling.

Admission costs included. Partial scholarships may be available.

To register, <http://tritownys.org> (For Parents- Things to Do- Program Registration) or call 860-526-3600.



Fountain Hill Cemetery

The Fountain Hill Preservation Society, Inc. is now official and has been approved as a 501(c)(3) organization. The purpose of the Society is to preserve, protect and enhance Fountain Hill Cemetery. We are looking for interested individuals to become members. There is no admission fee or dues required. Suggested projects that people have mentioned include putting a fountain in the pond, benches, and tree and shrub plantings to help our erosion issues. Anyone wishing more information about the new group please come to an open house on Sunday September 15th at 2 pm. Or call Rich Forristall at 860-526-5086.

Rain has been the big story this Spring. Rain makes the grass grow but too much rain either washes the grass away or doesn't give the cemetery staff enough time to mow. Please **DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS!** During this rainy season it has caused a lot of damage and more than one car needed a tow truck to get out.

A big THANK YOU to the Valley Warriors who came and decorated 675 veterans' graves with flags for Memorial Day. This is a huge project and we truly appreciate their help. Thank you also to our grounds crew, Brennan Joy, Michael Raymond and Nick Gibson for keeping the cemetery looking beautiful this summer.

The extended Beth Shalom section is finally complete. Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek held a Consecrating ceremony on June 2, 2019.

The last section of road is due to be paved this summer. We hope that project will be complete by the time you read this article.

Please keep pets on a leash and clean up after them. Plots are available by calling Rich Forristall at 860-526-5086

The chapel is available for services by calling Mark Lowrey at 860-790-1098

The Nest Coffee House

A Soft Place to Land for All!



There will be a new Coffee House in town beginning as early as May 1st. The Nest Coffee House will be located at 162 Main Street in the former Main Street Sweet Shoppe space. The Nest Coffee House came to be when Sweet Shoppe owner Art Athanson and Jane Moen, Executive Director of A Little Compassion Inc. (ALC), came together to transition the shop into a community-minded gathering place that both Athanson and Moen believe belongs and is needed in the heart of town.

The Nest Coffee House will serve specialty coffee and espresso drinks made with locally roasted coffee from Deep River Roasters. They will also serve a variety of baked goods and treats from muffins and bagels to gourmet cookies, bars and scones along with healthy choices including yogurt parfaits, hummus and veggies, quiche and more. Finally, The Nest Coffee House will continue the legacy the Sweet Shoppe began by serving ice cream – something the community made clear was an important staple in our little town.

Well beyond the tempting menu, The Nest Coffee House will be a special and purposeful place. It is a program of the nonprofit ALC, which was founded in 2018 by Jane Moen along with a group of local residents who believe that creating opportunities for young adults of all abilities is an important mission. ALC believes that opportunity brews confidence and that there is no limit to the positive things that can happen over great cup of coffee (or an ice cream cone). The Nest Coffee House will hire and train young adults with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as provide social opportunities and awareness/acceptance initiatives.

The opportunities created at The Nest will foster confidence and build the skills our young adults need on their journey to adulthood in our community. With employment statistics stacked against young adults with disabilities (an unemployment rate of up to 80%), The Nest Coffee House aims to change the statistics and create a pathway to a more fulfilling and successful adult life for those in our midst whose abilities are different, not less.

The Nest will also host social gatherings for young adults in high school through their twenty-somethings. Finding your place in the world can be tough—especially during the formative young adult years. Nest Gatherings, developed by age, are aimed primarily at teens and young adults who are looking to get out and find like-minded friends. They provide a soft place to land for youth of all abilities who sometimes find themselves on the outside looking in. The “Nest Gatherings” programs were launched by ALC in July of 2018, meeting first at the Sweet Shoppe and then at the Deep River Public Library when the Sweet Shoppe closed. ALC is grateful that the gatherings will have a home of their own at The Nest Coffee House.

While the Nest Gatherings are open to young adults of all abilities, they have a special emphasis on creating a welcoming and affirming environment for teens and young adults with disabilities. Nest Gatherings aim to create a sensory friendly environment where young adults are supported, lifted and embraced for who they are and how they prefer to spend their time.

Nest Gatherings include board game nights, trivia nights, anime/manga night, paint and art nights documentary viewings, arcade video game night and more. New activities are being planned to include yoga, meditation, Pokémon, Minecraft and guest speakers on special topics such as reptiles, arachnids, ghost stories and more—all based on the interests of the young adults who participate. ALC expects that the activities list will continue to expand.

To find out more about The Nest Coffee House or Nest Gatherings visit A Little Compassion's website at www.alittlecompassion.org. You can also find The Nest Coffee House at www.thenestcoffeehouse.org or on Facebook and on Instagram.

The staff and Board of Directors of A Little Compassion Inc. and The Nest Coffee House are very thankful to Art Athanson for his support and unwavering dedication to the community of Deep River. Although all good things sometime come to an end, Art believes that The Nest Coffee House is a new beginning and one he remains committed to seeing become a success. We are also grateful that the community has embraced our mission and turned out to help build The Nest Coffee House with volunteers of all ages stepping up. Our hearts are full of thanks.

Stay tuned for news about The Nest Coffee House's opening day...we are excited to open our doors and create a space for everyone to gather and belong.

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Rotary Club of Deep River



The Rotary Club of Deep River held its annual Installation Dinner on Tuesday, June 25, at the Brush Mill Restaurant. Installed as the new president of the club is Cathy Shanley, who will serve two years as president. Continuing as Treasurer and Secretary respectively are Linda Rice and Rev. Timothy Haut. Allison Abramson will serve as President Elect for a term beginning in 2021.

President Cathy Shanley was also named a 2019 "Unsung Hero" by Rotary District 7980 at its annual District Assembly in May. Outgoing District Governor Larry Gardner presented the award to Cathy at a regular meeting of the Club at the Lace Factory in Deep River in May. He also presented a banner to the club for winning the Ed Osterman Award for being the outstanding small club in the Southern Connecticut district of Rotary.



Rotary Club Names Jane Moen Deep River Citizen of the Year



Jane Moen has been named Deep River Citizen of the Year. She was presented the award at the annual banquet of the club on June 25. Jane has worked tirelessly to bring a wonderful new business to Deep River. The Nest coffee shop on Main Street is the culmination of her life-long dream to bring a vital gathering place to the community and provide job experience and community activities for young people with special needs. The coffee shop has been open for several months with a grand opening on June 8. Jane has a passion for our town and for the possibilities for building a welcoming place for all our people. Her leadership and determination has made the dream come true of creating a place dedicated to making a difference in the lives of young adults with disabilities. She also has been instrumental in starting "A Little Compassion Inc.," a nonprofit organization providing support to young adults with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Rotary Club is proud to commend Jane for her love for Deep River and her leadership in this exciting project.

Deep River Rotary Student Exchange a Great Success

The Rotary Club of Deep River wished farewell to Phaothep Thunijinda, our 2018-19 Exchange Student at Valley Regional High School. Known as "Ryu,"



he flourished academically in Deep River and proudly wore his cap and gown in commencement exercises at the high school this June. He was given the cap and gown to take back to Thailand with him so that his mom could see him wearing them.

The Rotary Club is extremely grateful to all those who helped welcome and show hospitality to Ryu. At the year end installation dinner of the club at the Brush Mill in Chester, Rotarians expressed special thanks to Art and Laura Robbins, who acted as host family for Ryu this entire year. He came to know them as "mom and dad". Arlene Pressman was the club representative who acted as a mentor for Ryu throughout the year.



The Robbins' son, Cooper, also participated in the Rotary Student Exchange, studying in Taiwan for the academic year. He returned to the U.S. the same day that Ryu departed for Thailand. The Student Exchange is one of the many programs sponsored by Rotary International to foster good will and friendship among the people of the world.



The Rotary Club of Deep River is excited to announce that its **8th annual Oktoberfest celebration** will be held this year on Sept. 28 at St. Joseph's Parish Center in Chester from 6 to 10 p.m. This is a new venue for the event, which is the major fundraiser of the Club. Tickets are available on the club's web page <http://www.deepriverrotary.org>. Sponsors are also needed, with special promotion given to our supporting merchants and donors.

Participants will enjoy wonderful German food, beer and wine in one all-inclusive ticket. In addition there will be fantastic silent auction items and raffle. Oktoberfest music and dancing will rock the night, with traditional Oktoberfest songs and toasts as well. In addition, party-goers may win prizes by competing in such Oktoberfest games as a sausage toss, a pickle-eating contest, and an endurance contest to see who can hold a stein full of beer the longest.

The Club meets every Tuesday noon at 12:15 at the Lace Factory in Deep River. Those wishing more information about the club may visit the club's web page (<http://www.deepriverrotary.org>) or come to any meeting.



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This festival features hundreds of antique and unique cars on display and performances by Connecticut's top Blues bands, such as Ninety Nine Degrees, Clayton Allen Blues Band, Ramblin' Dan and the Other Cats, Blues on the Rocks, Cobalt Rhythm Kings, Jake Kulak and the Lowdown and last but not least Vitamin B-3. There will be a food court with a variety of up-scale food trucks, locally brewed craft beer on tap, a marketplace of vendors, a kid's zone play area full of activities, trophies, games and prizes.

All proceeds from Cruise Blues & Brews Festival support the At-Risk Boys Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. Established only six years ago, the At-Risk Boys Fund has awarded over \$80,000 in grants to organizations throughout Middlesex County. These grants have helped hundreds of boys and young men achieve success and a better life.

The 5th Annual Cruise Blues & Brews Festival will be held Saturday, September 21, 2019, 10 AM TO 5 PM (rain or shine), at the Chester Fair Grounds. Admission: \$10 suggested donation, children free. To learn more about this Festival or to make a donation to the At-Risk Boys Fund of the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, please visit: www.AtRiskBoysFund.org.

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Winthrop Baptist Church

Time to celebrate in Winthrop!!



The First Baptist Church of Saybrook is 275 years old!!

You may know the church as the Winthrop Baptist Church. It is located on the triangle green in Winthrop on Route 80 and is the quintessential little white New England church. This little church has held services without interruption for 275 years. It has a long history interwoven with the events and people of Winthrop, Deep River and the broader community. Its beginnings show the struggles many went through for the religious freedoms we have today.

The church can trace its beginnings to the early 1720's and records show that as early as 1729 a group of area residents embraced Baptist sentiments and began meeting in homes and at times had the services of traveling Baptist ministers from Rhode Island and eastern Connecticut. The Baptist faith in New England had its beginnings in Rhode Island under the leadership of Roger Williams. At this time in Connecticut the official state church was the Congregational Church. However, this group in Winthrop continued to meet for many years and their numbers grew.

In February 1744, records show that 14 of these worshippers, including a baby, were holding a Baptist meeting at the home of Job Buckley on Cedar Swamp Road in Winthrop. By then, they had gained the notice of the local officials and other local settlers of that day who held the beliefs of the Saybrook Platform and the State Church which were that the only authorized church meetings were those of the Congregational Church. These 14 were arrested, arraigned in front

of a magistrate and charged with "holding a meeting contrary to law on God's holy sabbath day". They were tried, fined and marched the 25 miles to New London and placed in jail. It is recorded that the local Baptists from New London area supplied them with food, water and supplies to keep them alive for the weeks they were imprisoned.

They were released in the spring (after paying fines) and unabated by their experiences, on July 15, 1744 they formed the Winthrop Baptist Church as the First Baptist Church of Saybrook, referencing its position as the first Baptist church in the Saybrook colony. It had 17 members, the original 14 that were jailed and three new members.

Over the years, the colony added more Baptist churches, Essex in 1811 (Second Baptist Church of Saybrook) later changing their name to First Baptist Church of Essex, Deep River in 1830 (Third Baptist Church of Saybrook) later they changed their name to The Deep River Baptist Church, and Chester (Fourth Baptist Church of Saybrook) in 1832. Chester was a sister church as its 66 members were released from Winthrop in 1832 to form the Chester church, today the United Church of Chester.

Deep River has always been closely tied with Winthrop as they were formed with the help of Russell Jennings, who was the pastor in Winthrop, and he was instrumental in helping form that church. Additionally, over the years in the mid 1900's the churches shared pastors.

Records show that from 1744 to 1776 being small in numbers, Winthrop had no permanent minister, but were served by their deacons. In 1776 their first pastor was hired, Reverend Eliphalet Lester who served until 1796. The church has been served by over 50 pastors since then, and today they are served by Reverend Amy Hollis who has been pastor since 2011.

The church had no building until 1773 and met in homes for worship services. The first meetinghouse was erected on the present grounds in 1773. It was taken down and moved to a residence in 1867 to make room for a new meetinghouse. The church purchased

Winthrop Baptist Church, cont.

the Methodist Church building in Deep River as a small congregation of Methodists had disbanded and wanted to sell their building. Due to many donations it was moved to Winthrop and dedicated debt free in 1868. This remains the church sanctuary today. In May 1954 the carriage shed was sold to Mystic Seaport for \$250.00 as a historical exhibit and still sits there on exhibit today. On January 26, 1958 the fellowship hall was dedicated. Earlier in 1957 it had been moved from across the street donated free of charge from the owner Robert Jones. It was originally built in 1927 on land donated by Robert Jones and served as the Winthrop Willing Workers hall. This was a charitable organization consisting women in Winthrop. Their by-laws of 1927 said, "the Society has always worked for charity, wherever has seemed need, and will continue to do so". In 1989 a new addition was completed renovating the fellowship hall and kitchen and adding bathrooms, classrooms and offices - which is the church building you see today. Most recently in 2018, the steeple was repaired.

To help celebrate our anniversary, the Deep River Historical Society will be honoring the church by dedicating its 2019 summer exhibit to the History of the Winthrop Baptist Church. The opening of the exhibit is planned for Saturday June 15th. The society is open Saturdays and Sundays 2 pm to 4 pm from June 15th through family day in September. Please come by and learn more about the church's history and hopefully be inspired by the perseverance and faith it has taken to sustain the church for 275 years.

The church will be holding an anniversary service at 2:00 pm on July 14, 2019 and the community is invited. Following the service, a community picnic will be hosted by the congregation.

Information about the church and anniversary events can be obtained by contacting Cindi Stannard, chairman of the anniversary committee (cynthiastannard@comcast.net).

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Memorial Green Committee

The Memorial Green Committee has made a lot of progress in revitalizing the Memorial Green in Deep River over the last 18 months.

To date, we have cleaned and treated the 4 benches, waterproofed the brickwork at the Columbia, engraved the granite stone above the Columbia with the start and end dates for World War II, refurbished the bushes on each side and behind the Colombia, emplaced a brick pathway connecting the island and the green, and replaced the cobblestone pathway leading to the Colombia with matching bricks. We also replaced the Eagle which was ripped from the top of the flag pole during a storm with a sturdier, gold-colored ball.

We are now in the last phase of our work to honor all service men and women who entered active duty from deep River, who received honorable discharges and who have the appropriate DD214 paperwork recording that honorable discharge. We have approximately 50 names now but believe there are many more out there and need help identifying them. Eligible dates include September

3, 1945 to June 24, 1950, February 1, 1955 to December 21, 1965, and May 8, 1975 to the present.

We also want to upgrade the brick platform at the monument. We intend to do this by redoing the brickwork on the platform in front of the Colombia with the inscribed names of Veterans who entered service from deep river. We recognize that this is a town park and that the Colombia is the veteran's memorial so this is the best way to honor veterans that will not infringe on the town park.

If you believe you should be honored with a brick or have a question, please contact Jonathan Kastner at 860-526-6020 or Richard Nagot at 860-526-5270. Thank you very much.

Memorial Green Committee

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

Library Board of Trustees

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

Planning & Zoning Commission

3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Hearings may be scheduled separately.
Chairperson: Bruce Edgerton

Parks & Recreation Commission

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

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: Jennifer Clark

Veterans Green Monument Committee

2nd Tuesday of even numbered months, 1:00 p.m.
Chairperson: Rich Nagot

Water Pollution Control Authority

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
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selectman@deepriverct.us

Assessor's Office

174 Main Street
860-526-6029
assessor@deepriverct.us
Mon.-Wed. 9am-4pm, Thurs. 9am-6:30pm,
Fri. 9am-12pm, Closed every day 12pm-1pm

Building Department

174 Main Street
860-526-6025
buildingdept@deepriverct.us
Mon. & Wed. 8am-3pm

Connecticut River Area Health District

445 Boston Post Road, Suite 7
Old Saybrook, CT 06475
860-661-3300
Mon.-Wed. 7:30am-4pm, Thurs. 7am-
7pm, Fri. 7:30am-12pm

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174 Main Street
860-526-0082
Mon. 9am -11am & Wed. 9am-12pm

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860-526-5319
School Nurse ext. 1
www.reg4.k12.ct.us

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Fair Housing Officer

174 Main Street
860-526-6020

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409 Winthrop Road
860-526-6041 (non-emergency)
info@deepriverfd.com

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174 Main Street
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John Winthrop Middle School

1 Winthrop Road
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Kirtland Commons Housing Authority

Joann Hourigan
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860-526-5119

Land Trust

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drlandtrust@gmail.com

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174 Main Street
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Town Clerk

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Mon.-Wed. 9am-4pm, Thurs. 9am-6:30pm
Fri. 9am-12pm

Town Historian

Richard Kalapos
860-526-3254
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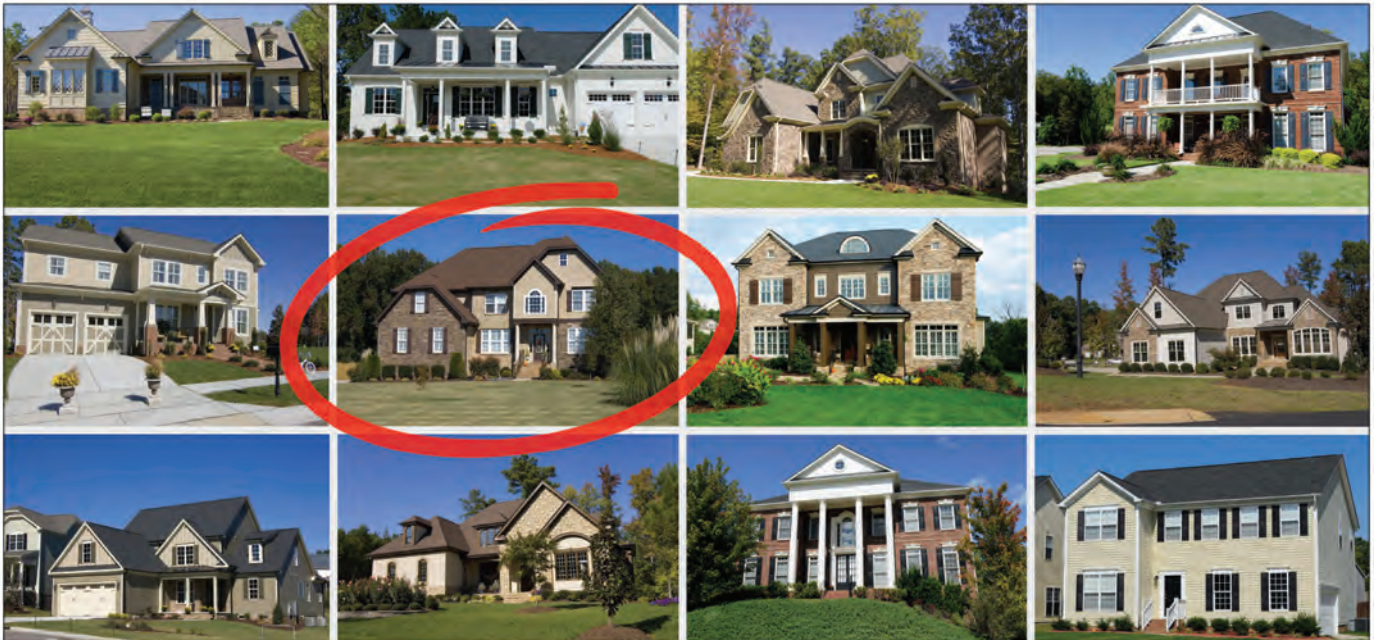
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