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Upcoming Events

Annual Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 13th
Plattwood Park

Summer Youth Camp Registration

See page 27

Summer Concert Series

"Sounds of Summer"

July 6 - Wild Nights - Party Rock Band
Devitt Field

July 13 - Undercover Cameo - Acoustic Duo
Town Landing

July 20 - Righteous Continental - Blues Rock Band
Devitt Field

July 27 - North County Band - Country
Plattwood Park

August 3 - All Funk'd Up - Funk Pop Band
Plattwood Park

August 10 - What It Is - R & B, Horn Band
Devitt Field



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News from the Selectman's Office

She wore her yellow sun-bonnet,
She wore her greenest gown;
She turned to the south wind
And curtsied up and down.
She turned to the sunlight
And shook her yellow head,
And whispered to her neighbour:
"Winter is dead."

A.A. Milne - Daffodowndilly

While I doubt that winter is, in fact, dead, spring seems to have sprung after a relatively easy winter at least when it comes to snow. In issues past I have written about my enjoyment of all seasons, including winter, and that still holds true. That said, and despite the easy season, it is time for spring. I am ready to put away my skis, take the snow tires off the car, and start some seeds in the window and plan the garden. Spring training is underway, March Madness has begun, (the Huskies, both men and women, finished the season strong), the VRHS Musical has completed its run (I hope you took time to see an excellent production of Little Shop of Horrors), DRC Little League teams are being put together, the 40th anniversary of the Fishing Derby is being planned, and budget workshops have begun. Lots to do; try and have some fun.

The Future of Trash in Deep River...

Deep River Transfer Station Household Trash and Food Scrap drop-off program is off to a great start and diverted over 3,650 pounds of food scraps from the waste stream in the first two weeks. Just as importantly we have reduced the waste thrown in the compactor by 26 tons in the first month of the program. Not only does this show what can be done to reduce waste, but these numbers add up to real savings in our budget.

Our town launched its Waste Reduction Pilot Program on February 1st to incredible results. We are one of eighteen towns awarded a grant to run a pilot program that aims to help residents separate their food scraps from their regular garbage, thus reducing the volume and weight of each household's trash.

Approximately 550 of our residents using the transfer station have received 100 orange trash bags and 50 green food scrap bags which should last the duration of the one-year pilot. Participants are asked to separate their household waste

by placing food scraps in the green bags and regular trash in the orange bags. This is an opportunity for families to re-think waste disposal, reducing the amount of trash they produce by increasing recycling, donating textiles, and purchasing reusable products instead of disposable ones. When the bags are full, Deep River's residents bring the bags to the transfer station to drop them off in the corresponding bins, where the food scraps get transported to an anaerobic digester to create renewable energy and soil amendments.

The goal of the program is to pilot this new waste management system at the transfer station and use the data collected to determine if the town wishes to adopt a permanent program in the future. Residential participation in the early stages of this program are showing promising results. In addition, this waste reduction program aims to help the State of Connecticut address the statewide waste crisis. Deep River received funding for this program through a Sustainable Materials Management grant from the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

For more information about Deep River's pilot program, access: <http://reducethetrashct.com/deepriver/>. Anyone with questions can also contact the Town Hall at 860-526-6020.

Please see the articles elsewhere in this issue for more specific detail on the how's, what's, and when's of any changes or new programs.

Change local habits, change the world

I could not be more pleased with the early results from the waste reduction program. As stated above, the Town saved over \$3,000 in February on hauling fees. That is not from food scrap separation alone. It is too early to say for sure, but it appears as though people are thinking a little more about what goes where. I have learned how little I truly understood about recycling, and I am more than a little frustrated with how little in compliance I have been all these years. I found myself a little overwhelmed and in response I thought, what if I just focus on plastic? I had a conversation with my 91 year old mother-in-law about trying to cut plastic out of my life and she told me in no uncertain terms, as any good mother-in-law will do, that this would be impossible. I argued a bit, as any good son-in-law should do, and came home determined. Well, coincidentally, a few days later a friend gave me an article written by A.J. Jacobs entitled "My pursuit of zero plastic," in which he describes trying to spend a day without plastic. After much prepara-

News from the Selectman's Office, cont.

tion he discovered, much to my dismay, that for all practical purposes it is an impossible task. Plastic is everywhere.

So, what to do? My thinking, based on Jacob's article and a bit of reflection, is to start small. Jacobs tells us that the world produces around 400 metric tons of plastic a year, almost half of which is discarded after a single use. Easy for me to find a new goal; eliminate as much single use plastic as I can, not all at once, but through small changes. Stop with the plastic water bottles, stop with produce bags at the grocery store. See how that works. Change a couple habits and then find another.

I suggest that we look at our little waste reduction program in the same way. I am only one person, and my efforts will likely not change the world. But I can do something. We each can do something. So we talk with our neighbors and through these exchanges, we might change our neighborhood. If enough neighbors agree and try, we might make change in our town. If enough towns change, we might change our county, and if enough counties change, we might change our state, one household at a time.

New Wheels

Exciting times in Deep River. Thanks to you all for supporting our efforts last spring and voting to upgrade our local fleet with a new Fire Engine, Plow Truck, and Police Cruiser. As of this writing Engine 551 is having finishing touches added and will be stationed at the fire house and on our front line very soon.

I often think when I repair my snow blower I have ensured that little, if any, snow will fall. That seems to have worked with the arrival of our new plow truck, delivered just in time to watch the season go by with only a couple small storms. Well, we are ready for you next year, Mr. White Christmas.

We have also added a new Ford Explorer to our police fleet, and you should see Paul cruising the streets in her by the time this is published.

Upcoming Road Work

We are going to bid for paving of sections of River Road, Westbrook Road, Bushy Hill, and Union Street this summer, as well as following up on the crack filling and treatment of Kelsey Hill with a chip seal project of the road in its entirety. We will notify you as the schedule becomes clear.

Thanks and Praise

A big thank you to Eric and Erin Ingram for their donation of the spectacular holiday tree that decorated our Town Hall this season. We are lucky to have such generous residents, and I think we might be enjoying this family's trees for at least a couple more years. Thank you.

And a shout out to our Parks and Recreation Director, Carol Jones. While she has done exemplary work over the years, she and her department have been recognized for her efforts by the Community Foundation of Middlesex County "Good People doing Great Things" Award and have been granted \$250 that will be used for scholarships for young people enrolling in the summer camp program. Great job, Carol, and thank you to the Community Foundation.

Budget

It is budget time again

At this time of year, though our thoughts (mine anyway) may turn to baseball and gardens, we acknowledge that preparation of next year's budget takes priority. We initiate our process coincident with Governor Lamont's announcement of his proposed state budget. Much to my chagrin, we are all fully aware that our budget will be completed and approved well before the State's budget is. We already know that our ADM (Average Daily Membership), relative to Chester and Essex, will require a significant increase in Deep River's contribution to Region 4, really presenting Deep River with a 1.5 mil increase before we even start our budget process. Be assured that the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance are working diligently to fund our town responsibly, but that as individual citizens it is important for each of us to consider attending both Region 4 and Deep River budget meetings.

Our Public Hearing is scheduled for a date to be determined in late April and the Annual Town Meeting is, as always, scheduled for the third Monday in May, this year, May 15. We look forward to seeing you there.

News from the Selectman's Office, cont.

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Get Cozy

Spring is sprung, and with it, all the hope and possibilities we can conjure. Spring is never quite the way we think it's going to be, hinting at warm and mellow weather, with gentle breezes, and then, suddenly, turning cold and damp, with a wind howling like it did during the winter, reminding us that winter could return, and just might, for a little while. But, the osprey are arriving, buds are showing themselves in the trees, and the peepers are singing. We are waking up in the seasonal connection between winter and summer, and with that, all the possibilities that a new season offers. Treasure this, and rejoice.

Be well, be safe, be kind

Angus

I am the girl
with the dark skin
whose shoes are thin

I am the girl
with the rotted teeth

I am the girl
with the wounded eye
and the melted ear

I am the woman: Dark,
repaired, healed
Listening to you.

I would give
to the human race
only hope.

I am the woman
offering two flowers
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Let us begin.

Remember me – Alice Walker

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Spring means Fishing - the DEEP Hunting and Trapping Guide and Fishing Guide are available online at <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-CT-Outdoor-Guides>. Hunting and Fishing licenses are also available online at <https://ct.aspirafocus.com/internetsales> and at the Town Clerk's office.

Deep River's Food Scrap Pilot Program got off to a great start in February! Thanks to the Deep River SustainableCT Committee and the folks at WasteZero, the Town is already saving money and helping the environment! The orange and green bags for the program and Town Stickers for 2023-2024 are available at the Town Clerk's office AND at the Transfer Station.

PLEASE NOTE: Motor vehicle registration is required when requesting a Town sticker.

Transfer Station stickers are for residents only and allow use of the Transfer Station only.

Parks stickers are for residents and property owners and are required for use of Plattwood Park and the Town Landing.

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Mitchell R. Trowbridge & Brittany A. West	10/01/2022
Jonathan S. Walker & Rachel M. Anthony	10/02/2022
Bryan P. Mesko & Nicole L. Croce	10/03/2022
Derek C. Turner & Kara E. Neidhardt	10/06/2022
Josiah P. Hatch & Lauren M. Padovan	10/08/2022
Octavio Bernabo & Julie M. Trombetta	10/14/2022
Christopher R. Chiappetti & Jacqueline R. Finn	10/15/2022
William G. Millett & Rachel A. Cutler	10/15/2022
Kyle A. Turner & Brittany T. Spencer	10/16/2022
Michael R. Soltren & Seidy D. Chirinos	10/22/2022
Charles W. Laudenslager & Veronica R. Reis	10/23/2022
Emilio A. Masella & Arianna J. Lawless	10/27/2022
Alex J. Relkin & Abigail R. Whitmoyer	10/29/2022
James W. Carmichael & Diana L. Della Rocco	11/04/2022
Aaron W. Grimes & Patryk Cygler	11/05/2022
Brady M. Smith & Elizabeth L. Beaulieu	11/12/2022
Christopher G. Paduda & Nadhirah B. Jamaludin	11/13/2022
Timothy J. Malone & Colleen B. Savage	12/03/2022
Richard H. Miner & Cary L. Waelter	12/19/2022
Kevin W. Bulluck & Crystal A Wiley	02/03/2023

Passings

Jonathan S. Rickard	10/15/2022
Kimberly Ann Afonso	10/18/2022
Richard A. Sherman	10/20/2022
John A. Dilger	10/21/2022
Eugene H. Hester	11/05/2022
Roycroft A. Monte	11/06/2022
David P. Seluke	11/12/2022
Valerie M. Laming	11/23/2022
Christine M. Shepard	12/05/2022
Kenneth J. Winschel	12/16/2022
Margaret M. O'Neal	12/22/2022
Satish L. Rege	01/05/2023
Richard E. Dupuis	01/06/2023
John A. Pianta	01/07/2023
Myrtle F. Mislick	01/21/2023
Barbara E. Platt	01/22/2023
William Grendziszewski	01/31/2023
Mary J. Rayner	01/31/2023
Henry S. Hotkowski	02/12/2023
Robert H. Tourjee	02/13/2023
Frances L. Eagan	02/17/2023
Jo Anne Mather	02/18/2023



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Town Clerk's Office, cont.

Local Boards and Commissions Vacancies

Conservation Inland Wetlands Commission:

Regular	term to expire 12-01-2023
Alternate	term to expire 12-01-2023
Design Advisory Board (2)	term to expire 12-01-2023
Design Advisory Board (1)	term to expire 12-01-2024
Economic Development Commission	term to expire 12-01-2025
*Library Board of Trustees	term to expire 11-07-2023
Parks & Recreation Commission (3)	term to expire 12-01-2023
Parks & Recreation Commission (1)	term to expire 12-01-2024
Veterans Green Monument Committee	term to expire 12-01-2023
Water Pollution Control Authority	term to expire 12-01-2025
Zoning Board of Appeals- Regular	term to expire 12-01-2025
Zoning Board of Appeals- Alternate	term to expire 12-01-2023
Zoning Board of Appeals- Alternate	term to expire 12-01-2024
Zoning Board of Appeals- Alternate	term to expire 12-01-2025

*Denotes an elected position. Appointments to these positions will end at the next Municipal Election on November 7, 2023.

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Town Clerk's Office, cont.

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Patricia M. & Nicolas Bollhorst	Stevenstown Road	10/17/2022
Melissa Winchell	77 Scenic View Drive, Unit 16	10/19/2022
Frederick Mugavero	65 & 67 Main Street	10/24/2022
Thomas E. & Shawn Gergler	5 Fairview Avenue	10/31/2022
Sarah Lewis	250 Westbrook Road	11/04/2022
John & Deborah Vogt	103 Bushy Hill Road	11/08/2022
Stephen J. Simoncini	25 Sylvan Terrace	11/10/2022
John & Irena MacPhee	82 Westbrook Road	11/14/2022
Felicia Brodeur	538 Winthrop Road, Unit 11	11/15/2022
Jharon Silva	41 Essex Street	11/22/2022
Luisa M. & Jason Wilson	Lords Lane, Lot 5	12/01/2022
Carolyn P. Oaks	92 Main Street, Unit 101	12/02/2022
Eric P. & Michelle L. Sullivan	92 Main Street, Unit 211	12/14/2022
Patrick D. & Matty F. Schaefer	39 Shailer Pond Road	12/15/2022
Gregory M. Lalikos	77 Scenic View Drive, Unit 22	12/16/2022
Nedzad Jasavic	15 Pent Road	12/21/2022
Edward J. McCormick	63 Main Street	12/21/2022
Colin Walter & Julia Peterson	58 River Street	12/21/2022
Fred & Jacqueline H. Steenkamp	38 Main Street	12/28/2022
Paul R. Dolle	71 Rattling Valley Road	01/09/2023
Maura K. Turner	92 Main Street, Unit 105	01/24/2023
Kathryn C. Hanly	92 Main Street, Unit 405	01/30/2023
Tyler DaSilva	77 Scenic View Drive, Unit 15	02/02/2023
Robert K. Waldron	229 Warsaw Street	02/06/2023
Timothy & Katelyn Malican	22 Hoopole Hill Road	02/07/2023
Justin P. & Kimberly G. Loiselle	112 Cedar Swamp Road	02/13/2023
Thomas W. & Lorraine M. Langan	36 Stanwool Hill Road	02/21/2023

New Trade Name Filings

Guardian Pest Control	CT Pest Elimination LLC	10/05/2022
Eileen & Taylor	Susan Lennox & Susan Riggio	10/12/2022
Seabird Cruises & Tours LLC	Bruce C. Adams, Jr.	10/26/2022
Windows by Wetmore LLC	Todd N. Wetmore	11/08/2022
Chester Boat Works LLC	Nicholas W. Campbell	12/06/2022
Susan Germini-Humble Interiors	Susan Germini-Humble	12/12/2022

Deep River - SustainableCT

Congratulations Sustainable Deep River!



Our efforts since March of 2020 have earned the committee a Bronze Certification.

“Sustainable CT communities strive to be thriving, resilient, collaborative, and forward-looking. They build community and local economy. They equitably promote the health and

well-being of current and future residents. And they respect the finite capacity of the natural environment.”
Sustainable CT

Congratulations to all the Sustainable Deep River committee members for their hard work and commitment to the Sustainable CT mission.

The Sustainable CT program (sustainablect.org) suggests literally hundreds of actions for a sustainable committee like ours to tackle! So, our work continues. Below are the highlights of our current work and future plans:

Food Scraps

After 3 months of our food scrap pilot program, we can confidently say it's going very well. Within the first week of the pilot we had to bring in more containers to hold the scraps collected. Within the first month we were collecting over 10 bins of food scraps. That is a won-



derful start! As of this writing, bags were still available to those who want to participate but haven't yet taken the plunge. Bags can be picked up at the Town Hall and transfer station with a current transfer station sticker.

By diverting food scraps from our waste stream, we reduce tipping fees (the cost to haul our waste), emissions produced to haul the waste out of state, and also convert our food scraps into compost and green energy. Keep up the good work Deep River!

For details about the program: <https://reducethet-rashct.com/deepriver/>

Thin Plastics

To further reduce waste, we have set up NexTrex recycling bins at the library and Adams' recycling center to collect plastic bags and thin film plastic. This type of plastic cannot be put in the regular blue recycling bin. As part of the NexTrex community challenge, if we collect over 500 pounds of thin film plastic by August, we will earn a bench made of the recycled plastic material. Of course, the biggest benefit is removing all that plastic from the waste stream. It is shocking how much of this type of plastic pervades our lives. You will be amazed how it accumulates when you start saving it for recycling.

NexTrex

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



For more information:

<https://nextrex.com/view/educate#materials1>

Deep River - SustainableCT, cont.

Earth Day 2023



Source to Sea CLEANUP

April 22nd, 9am to 12pm

Spend a few hours making the water cleaner,
the river banks safer, and the wildlife happier.

Location: Deep River Landing  Connecticut River
Conservancy

Additional Activities:

**Composting
Class**

**Electric Vehicle
SHOW**

Did you know every year around Earth Day divers clean up the river around the Deep River landing? In the past they have done this work without much attention. This year we are going to host several activities alongside their efforts:

- A Source to Sea clean up to help collect the garbage that accumulates along our roads, riverbanks and woods.
- An electric vehicle and clean energy show
- Composting Class hosted by the Deep River Garden Club.

For event details and to register for the cleanup: www.deepriverct.us/deep-river-sustainable-ct-committee

If you are enthusiastic about the type of work we do to better our community, consider joining us. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm, Town Hall.

For more information and the latest updates on our work: Email: SustainableDeepRiver@gmail.com or Online: www.deepriverct.us/deep-river-sustainable-ct-committee. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram



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Summer Camp Series!

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Each day of camp will present a new theme for open and honest discussions, accompanied by a creative activity for self-expression. We end with a walking trip for boba at The Spot!

This program is for girls going into 7th and 8th grades as an opportunity to connect with peers prior to the start of the schoolyear.

Monday 7/10- Friday 7/14
10:00 am through 12:30pm

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or visit www.tritownys.org

Tri-Town Youth Services, cont.



Grades 6 through 8

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Deep River, CT 06417**Session 1:** 6/26-6/30
10:00 am to 12:30 pm**Session 2:** 7/31-8/4
10:00 am to 12:30 pmFor questions please
contact Faith Sprigg at
faith@ttysb.org

Creative Expression Camp

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Each day, students will work through a semi-guided process using mindfulness techniques to support the creative process as a form of exploratory self-expression using various experimental art mediums. Our environment is inclusive and non-judgemental, so being an "artist" is not required! Everything students do at this camp, can be practiced at home once each series has been completed.

This is an incredible opportunity for empowering students to look reflectively at emotions and symbolically addressing them through the creative art process.

www.tritownnys.org

Please scan the QR code or visit our website to register!

Kirtland Commons

The winter months have been wild, yet have taken a toll on all of us here at Kirtland Commons. We have been deeply saddened as we have lost so many over the last few months - the kind and so generous Mr. Ken Winschel; the industrious and imaginative Mr. Richard Sherman; the oh so kind and stylish Marge O'Neal; our darling little Myrtle Mislick; and creative, bright one of a kind "sweet" Jo Mather. The Kirtland Commons community mourns alongside each of their families as they have left us with wonderful memories and have touched all our lives.

On a positive note, residents and seniors in town have been busy practicing yoga twice a week with Meg. Kathy is teaching crochet class twice a week too. Weekly BINGO and pool tournaments continue as well as our Thursday Meal Program. Region 4 Transitional Program has been here on Thursday mornings working to keep the building clean and serve lunch. Residents have been loving this program and seeing the kids hard at work around here. Other monthly activities also include ceramics class with Betsy and Liza just started hosting trivia once a month. The residents are having a blast!

With the change in season just around the corner, we have been working to plan our spring and summer events. We are excited to host our "30 Years of Kirtland Commons" anniversary party this May. We are also working to organize our "Summer Concert Series" which will take place on Wednesday evenings throughout July and August. We are working to bring back the variety of food trucks and local musicians to join us. We always welcome seniors in the community to join us at these events. We plan on purchasing tickets to some of the upcoming productions at the Ivoryton Playhouse. To stay up to date with our activities and events, please join our email list by reaching out to Liza at lizathayer@deepriverha.org and follow us on Facebook: Deep River Housing Authority.

We often fail to recognize those in our community who make a significant impact. Tim Lee is our dedicated Fire Chief and a business owner in our community. He has provided support to the residents at Kirtland Commons for years, always with a smile, patience, and compassion. Most recently, his company, Top Notch Electrical Services, generously provided an amazing New Year's dinner for all the residents of Kirtland to enjoy. Thank you, Tim, for all you do, you are very much appreciated.

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River Valley Transit

9-Town Transit's New Name: River Valley Transit!

Estuary Transit District, operators of 9-Town Transit are happy to announce our new combined system name and brand. Middletown Transit District officially merged with 9-Town Transit in July 2022. After engaging with stakeholders and our consultant team, we are excited to announce our new name and brand for the merged system! The new combined transit system is called River Valley Transit! River Valley Transit, or RVT for short, was chosen as it highlights our wonderful geographic surroundings in Middlesex County as part of our core regional identity. Since our launch April 1st, we have begun the transition to our new name and branding on our buses and materials. It will take some time before most of the buses have the new branding but be on the lookout for our new bus designs and let us know what you think.

Although we are changing our name and branding, the same routes, drivers, and consistent service can be expected by our riders. However, we are also currently in the process of updating all our routes and schedules to provide more efficient and logical service. Please visit <https://estuarytransit.org/servicechanges/> to review the proposed changes and to fill out an online survey. The feedback from the survey will be used to help the final design of the routes and schedules. There are a lot of exciting changes coming to the transit district and make sure to be on the lookout for our new name and branding on the vehicles!



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Deep River Fire Department



The Deep River Fire Department is excited to announce its purchase of a new stove. Our last stove was purchased in 1961 and cooked many good meals and free community breakfast. We were excited to cook our community breakfast with the new stove on March 19th. In addition, DRFD members Jerry Clark Jr. and John Ely completed a Department of Consumer Protection Food Handler course, which ensures the Department the highest level of food safety and proper food handling procedures.



Our annual Lime Sale was held on April 15th and we thank you for continued support!

The DRFD annual Automotive Spectacular is scheduled for September 10th at Devitt Field. Cars, trucks, antique fire equipment, big rigs and motorcycles are all welcome. If you are interested in taking out an ad in the booklet in support of this event, please phone Sarah Preston at 860-510-6578 and leave a message. Walk-ins

are welcome to come admire our beautiful antique automotive history. Food available for purchase on premises.

Our new tanker truck is in construction stage at Spencer Manufacturing in Greenwich, Rhode Island. Our truck committee has spent numerous hours developing the specs, investigating the best possible resources, and working closely with Spencer Manufacturing to ensure that Deep River obtains the best equipment to service our town.

Upcoming drills scheduled for the department include a mandatory Bloodborne Pathogen class, smoke reading class and a Mutual Aid Life Star drill with Chester Hose Co.

If you are interested in becoming part of an organization that is continually learning fascinating facts, techniques, and life safety issues, please consider joining our team of volunteers. Visit DRFD headquarters any Wednesday evening from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Young members from 14 years up are welcome to stop by as well.

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Deep River Junior Ancient Fife and Drum Corps

The marching season is at hand. Our first performance was in the Mystic St. Patrick's Day Parade. This joyous occasion is filled with much appreciation by the bystanders and is always a great event.

DRJA would like to thank its generous donors Bill and Linda Caval. Once again, this kind, compassionate couple has provided us the opportunity to finish our new uniforms with historically accurate pants and much needed new hats. Affording these changes on our own would not have been possible. The Juniors earn all funds to finance instruction and the upkeep of our instruments through paid parades and our Easter Flower Sale. (We do not use taxpayer money, nor do we charge Deep River to perform in our hometown parades.) The generosity of Bill and Linda has made such an impact on the members of DRJA. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We march this season in honor of your support and unconditional love for our little band of musicians.

Historical perspective - Clapboard Hill

When soldiers from the Guilford area were returning from the Revolutionary War, the smallpox epidemic had infected some of the men. Since the soldiers did not want to infect their families, they set up camp on Clapboard Hill to wait out their fate. As the men passed from the epidemic, they buried them on a plot of land that became known as Clapboard Hill Cemetery. The esteemed composer Roy Watrous wrote a fife tune, "Clapboard Hill," in honor of those who passed. This season DRJA will be learning this new tune in honor of this event this season.

DRJA held their annual Easter Flower Sale on April 7th and 8th of April on the corner of Elm and Union Street. Thank you to everyone who stopped by and helped support the Juniors.

The Deep River Juniors would like to salute Emma Lee and Jacob Rowland on their upcoming graduation from Deep River Elementary, best of luck at JWMS. Congratulations to seniors Alijah Goplanakrishnan- Chester, Page Lee-Deep River and Dakotah Maikowski- Haddam on your upcoming graduation from High School. Best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Our organization is extremely lucky to have three of the finest instructors teaching its members. If you have children from 8 to 18 years old interested in learning the music of our heritage and military bearing, you are welcome to come by any Thursday evening to check out a practice. DRES - 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Deep River Ancient Muster

The Annual Deep River Ancient Muster (DRAM) is scheduled for July 14th and 15th this year. This historical event is known as the oldest and largest muster in existence with Corps from across the United States and Europe attending this event.

Friday evening the Deep River Junior Ancients host the annual DRAM Tattoo. This free event features 5 corps who perform their individual style of Fife and Drum music. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy a night of music under the stars. The program starts at 7:00pm. Food and beverages are available for purchase.

The DRAM parade steps off at 11:00am from Kirtland Street and marches down Main Street to Devitt Field. At the end of the parade the Muster ensues. Every corps who marched the parade presents a short performance on stand. Again, bring your own chairs or blankets. You can pack a picnic or there is food available for purchase in support of local organizations. Sutlers will also be available to sell their period wears.

The DRAM committee would like to reinstitute a request for our local community to reach out to volunteer at this event. We need people to help with setting up the field on Thursday, help to man gates and extra hands on Friday evening, to serve lunch, man gates, help with trash pickup, man the field house on Saturday, and close down and clean up the field on Sunday. Any amount of help would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to help support this event, please consider putting an ad in the DRAM booklet. Call 860-301-9305 and leave a message.

Please call 860-526-5434 and leave a message if you are interested in helping to make this wonderful historic event a success.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marilyn Malcarne

Assessor's Office

The Assessor's Office is responsible for establishing the value of property for ad valorem tax purposes; for discovering, listing, and valuing all taxable and tax-exempt properties; and to ensure that the individual property owner's value is proper so that the owner pays no more than their fair share of the property tax. In the performance of these duties, assurance is made that no property escapes the assessment process or is under assessed and that no property owner received unauthorized preferential treatment. Revaluations are completed every five years in conformity with the Connecticut General Statutes and Revaluation Performance Standards. Development and updating of information are conducted on an ongoing basis, including modernization of computerized records of real estate, personal property and motor vehicles. Duties are performed in compliance with State of Connecticut mandated General Statutes.

The Assessor's Office also administers many programs that are available to our residents. If you feel you qualify for any of the following programs, please contact our Office at (860) 526-6029 or visit the Town website at www.deepriverct.us for additional information.

1. **Veterans:** If you are a veteran of any war period so declared in the Connecticut General Statutes, you may be entitled to an exemption. You must provide an original or certified copy of your Honorable Discharge or similar document to the Deep River Town Clerk. The dates of eligibility change often, so contact the Assessor's office to make sure you qualify. Filing Deadline: September 30, 2023 for the 2023 Grand List.
2. **Veterans with less than honorable discharge:** Section 12-91(19) as amended by P.A. 18-47. Veterans with other than honorable discharge having a qualifying condition, which means a diagnosis of post traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury, or a military sexual trauma experience may be entitled to an exemption. The veteran cannot have been discharged under dishonorable or for bad conduct conditions. Proof must be submitted from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.
3. **Additional Veterans' Exemption:** If you receive a veteran's exemption, you or your spouse may be eligible for an additional reduction in taxes for the next assessment year. This program has income requirements. As determined by the Office of Policy and Management, the income limit, including Social Security is **\$40,300** for single persons and **\$49,100** for married couples. Filing Period: February through October 1, 2023.
4. **Active-Duty Military and Active-Duty National Guard:** If you have 90 days or more cumulative service during a designated war period you may be entitled to an exemption. You must provide a letter stating active-duty status, filed annually by September 30th with the Town Clerk. If you have a vehicle, you may also be entitled to an exemption of that vehicle. Contact our office for more information regarding a vehicle exemption.
5. **Leased Vehicle Exemptions:** Active-Duty Military/National Guard and Veterans may be entitled to a refund of taxes for a leased vehicle. Either the Active-Duty Military Vehicle form or the Veterans Leased Vehicle form is required to be filed with the assessor. Filing Deadline: Not later than the thirty-first day of December next following the assessment year during which such tax was paid.
6. **Disabled Veterans:** Veterans claiming disability exemptions **must** submit proof from the Veterans' Administration to the Assessor during the assessment period stating the percentage of disability in order to receive the proper amount of exemption. A subsequent filing is required only when there is a change in the percentage of disability. Filing Deadline: You may file until the Board of Assessment Appeals completes its duties.
7. **Non-Resident Active-Duty Military:** A non-resident active-duty military service person stationed in Connecticut on military orders may be eligible to an exemption of all personal property listed in the "Service Members Civil Relief Act" including motor vehicles owned by the service member and/or spouse.
8. **100% Totally Disabled:** Under certain circumstances, residents who are receiving permanent disability benefits under the Federal Old Age Survivors and Disability Insurance Program or certain other qualifying programs may be entitled to receive a \$1,000 property exemption

Assessor's Office, cont.

off your assessment upon submission of qualifying proof and the application to the Assessor. Filing Deadline: Filed until the completion of the Assessor's Duties; Signing of the Grand List.

9. **Blind:** If you or your spouse is legally blind you may be entitled to a \$3,000 exemption off your assessment. A Certificate of Blindness from a licensed physician or a Certificate of Blindness from State of Connecticut Board of Education and Services for the Blind is required. Filing Deadline: File until the signing of the Grand List.
10. **Elderly or Disabled Exemption Program:** If you are a resident and the owner of the property and you or your spouse is 65 or older by December 31, 2022 or considered to be permanently disabled, you may be eligible for a reduction in taxes. The income requirements as determined by the Office of Policy and Management cannot exceed \$40,300 for single persons and \$49,100 for married couples including Social Security. Contact the Assessor's office if you believe you may qualify. Filing Period: February through May 15, 2023.
11. **Local Option Elderly of Disabled Exemption Program:** The Town provides an additional credit for qualifying applicants. The maximum allowable income for this program mirrors the State program. Homeowners must also be current on their property taxes as of the date of application and be a resident of Deep River for 5 years or more preceding the year of credit in order to be eligible. Filing Period: February through May 15, 2023.
12. **Solar Exemptions:** Connecticut General Statutes 12-81(56), (57), (62), and (63) allow for an exemption on certain renewable energy systems. An initial application is required to be filed with the Assessor's Office by November 1st of the assessment year to which the owner first claims the exemption. Failure to file such an application in the manner and form as provided by such Assessor within the time limit prescribed shall constitute a waiver of the right to such exemption for such assessment year.
13. **Tax Exempt Organization:** Connecticut General Statutes §12-81(7), (10), (11), and (16) require the filing of a Tax-Exempt Return seeking property tax exempt status. Please contact the Assessor's Office for additional information.

Additional Information:


Did you Register a Vehicle AFTER October 1, 2022? If so, you will receive a Supplemental Bill payable in January 2024 for the new or replacement vehicle that was registered after October 1, 2022.

Did you get RID of a car AFTER October 1, 2022 AND have not transferred the plates? If you no longer have your vehicle and have canceled the plates, please contact our Office or visit the Town website for a listing of documentation needed to remove or adjust your current vehicle assessment. If the Assessor's Office does not receive proper documentation, it will result in a 12-month bill due July 2023.

Address Changes for Real Estate and Personal Property - It is important that you report your address change to EITHER the Assessor's or Tax Collector's Office. Motor Vehicle mailing addresses are generated from your registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and can only be updated through the DMV.

Information on all properties is available on the Deep River website www.deepriverct.us and continues to be available in the Assessor's Office. For any questions concerning various assessment exemptions and benefits available to qualified taxpayers, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office at 860-526-6029.

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Deep River Historical Society

Capital Campaign: Preserve Deep River's Heritage!

Your Deep River Historical Society (DRHS) has been busy moving forward with our World War II exhibit, our Capital Campaign, lectures, and educating our school groups about Deep River's past at the schools and at the Stone House. We have also been taking advantage of opportunities that have arisen to apply for funds to help us preserve, protect, and share our history, and in late 2022 we received a grant for \$5,900 from the CT Humanities Cultural Fund Operating Support Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the Arts.

"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots," Marcus Garvey wisely stated. The Deep River Historical Society asks you to help sustain the roots of Deep River, its origin, and cultures, by helping to preserve our irreplaceable collections of maps, documents, manuscripts, diaries, photographs, books, paintings, furniture, postcards, and much more. We need to maintain and improve the buildings that contain our treasures, upgrade our technological capabilities to preserve our treasures digitally and make them more accessible, and continue to serve our community with our resources and programming.

Please consider donating in one of the following ways:

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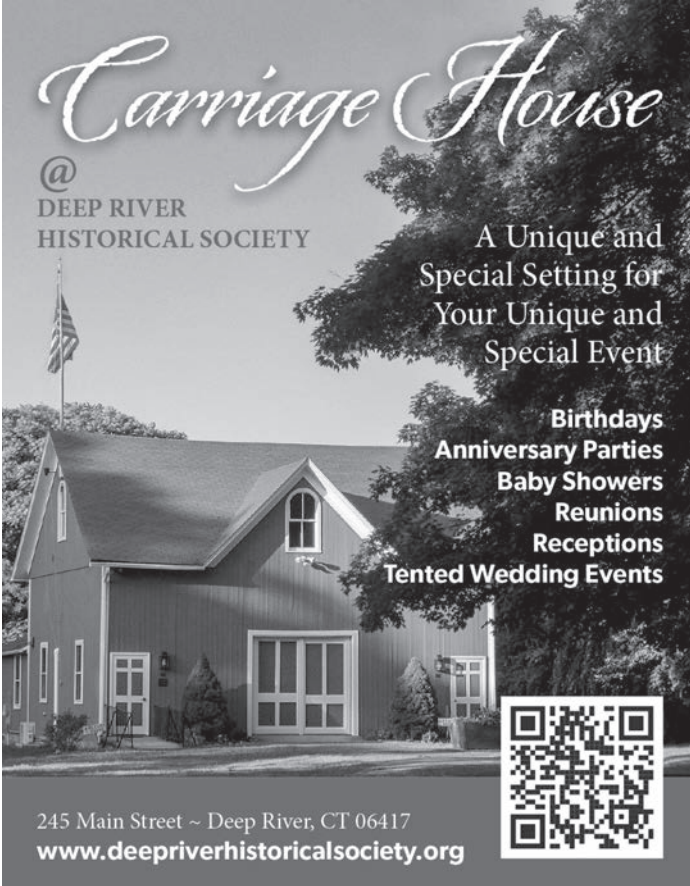
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It's a plane!

Carl Yusna, professional photographer, and avid World War II history buff spent more than 8 months recreating a Pratt Read Glider in the field of the Deep River Historical Society property.

For travelers on Rt 154, many have noticed the man on the historical society grounds who appears to be kneeling or sitting on the ground. He has caused quite a stir. Carl Yusna, who has been researching Pratt Read Gliders for years, spent the summer of 2022 painting the outline of Deep River's WACO Glider on the field. The purpose was to give visitors an idea of the size of these silent planes.

During the Christmas Season, Carl outlined the plane in solar lights. Chester may have its stars and Ivoryton, a million lights but only Deep River can say they have a Pratt Read Glider. The gliders have a Christmas connection as well. The Battle of the Bulge raged over the week of Christmas in December 1944. Heavy snows and bitter cold temps hampered supply routes. The Pratt Read gliders had a positive impact on December 26th arriving with much needed supplies to enable the Allies to push the Germans back over the Rhine River.

Carl's story is not over yet as he is working on making this outline permanent with bricks salvaged from the Veteran's Memorial Green. The Veteran's Green had a brick section in front of Columbia. Those bricks were removed to create the current area with white bricks for Deep River's fallen soldiers of WWII. Now these salvaged bricks will be used to outline the glider.

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American Legion Post 61 Ibell-Jacobson-Smith

American Legion Post 61 held its **Annual Veterans Day Art & Essay Contest** at Deep River Elementary School on 11 November 2022. We are proud to announce the winners.

Kindergarten:

Third Place: Charleston Rioux

Second Place: Devery Fiagge

Third Place: Aldo Huerta Angulo

First & Second Grades:

Third Place: Sydney Aurigemma

Second Place: Amelia Harris

Third Place: Evelyn Desrosiers

Third & Fourth Grades:

Third Place: Lily Steeves

Second Place: Roary Lambert

First Place: Ana Greeno

Fifth & Sixth Grades:

Third Place: Dylan Street

Second Place: Lillian Farrel

First Place: Emma Lee

American Legion Post 61 members would like to thank all the DRES students and all their teachers for continuing to make this contest a happy celebration. The parents of all our students should feel proud of their own children and pride for a school that values citizenship and patriotism. Post 61 appreciates assistance from our local merchants who contribute prizes and donate money to award these outstanding young students. Contributions are from Jane Moen, DaVinci Pizza, and Celebrations. Their generosity helps to make this contest a heartwarming success.

*Report submitted by Richard Nagot, Sr. Vice Commander
Post 61 Children & Youth Officer*

The Deep River American Legion Post 61 held its **Annual High School Oratorical Contest** on Saturday, 4 February 2023 at the Winthrop Baptist Church. Darren Sengphachanh was the first-place winner. He received a certificate and a check. Darren is a junior at Xavier High School in Middletown, CT. Mr. Sam Sengphachanh, the contestant's father was present. We hope to see Darren again next year. His family lives in the Meriden area.

The first judge, Mrs. Cynthia Stannard, is a forty-two-year member of Auxiliary Unit 61, a business executive, and a Trustee of Deep River Historical Society. The second judge was Mr. Kevin Clark, a Post 61 member, Navy veteran and Xavier graduate. Post 61 members who attended were Commander Bill Burdick, Senior Vice Commander Richard Nagot, Art Nedobity, Jerry Richard, Sgt.-at-Arms Doug Shomo, District 7 Auxiliary President Lillian Beardsley and Clinton Post 66 member Phil Sengle. Mrs. Alice Winschel Johnson, Auxiliary Unit 61 was recognized as a guest. She served in the American Legion Auxiliary for 82 years and is thought to be the national member with the most years of membership. Both Phil Sengle and Eileen Richard (Adjutant for Post 61) are District 7 Oratorical Committee members.

The American Legion Oratorical contest allows high school students to demonstrate their knowledge of the Constitution and perfect their oration skills. It has been held at Posts across the country leading to a National Contest in April since 1938. Past participants have been TV and Radio host, Lou Dobbs, U.S. Senator Alan Keyes, and Vice President Mike Pence.

The American Legion Oratorical Committee members wish to thank Winthrop Baptist Church for graciously allowing us to hold this contest about the Constitution of the United States at this very historic church. When the student contestants speak at this contest everyone learns something. (For more information about American Legion membership, please telephone E. Richard at 203-494-7151.)

Commander Bill Burdick (860-322-7600) is hoping that all local U.S. Military veterans know that they are welcome to telephone for more information on membership, meetings, and activities. Local and visiting out-of-town, non-members are welcome to march or ride with us in our two Memorial Day Parades and participate in our Veterans Day activities. Post 61 thanks veterans for service to our country that they gave years ago and those of you who are still serving our communities, State, and Nation today.

Report Submitted by E. Richard, Post 61 Adjutant

FISH (Friends in Service Here)

FISH was founded locally in 1970 to provide free rides to medical appointments for residents of Essex, Deep River and Chester. The officers for 2022 are Henry May, President; Stuart Warner, Vice president; Mary Samburg, Secretary; Barbara Ryan, Treasurer and Jack Frost, Driver Recruitment. Dispatchers are John Heiser and Tony Carrano.

FISH restarted driving in April 2022 after not driving due to COVID in January through March 2022. Early rider volume was low but has gradually increased to 35 to 40 rides per month, about 1/2 our pre-COVID volume. FISH drivers and riders continue to be required to be vaccinated and to wear masks.

After not having FISH Annual Meetings in 2020 and 2021, FISH did have an Annual Meeting November 3, 2022.

The modest FISH budget is funded by grants from the Essex Community Fund, the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, the Essex Rotary Club, the Essex Savings Bank, the Deep River Community Health Committee, the Town of Chester, the Town of Essex, and other organizations, as well as by contributions from our drivers, riders and friends. We did not ask for donations for 2021 and are asking for donations in 2023.

Henry May, Driver and President



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Dry Pants Model Yacht Club

As most of you know that drive by the pond every day, it's hard. Therefore, you haven't seen any of us sailing. It's been a couple of years now that we haven't gotten to sail all year long. I do know most of us are taking this down time to work

on the boats we sail the most and also to get over this COVID scare. We are looking for a fair weathered spring to get back out on the pond.

For those of you that may be a bit shy about competing with class sailors, we offer Wednesday sailing for those new to the sport and also retired workers that can come out earlier in the day and sail. We almost always have a half dozen sailors that will take their time to loan you their boats and teach you to sail before you decide to buy one and join our club. DPMYC is there to support the new sailors.

We don't keep score on Wednesdays. We are there to teach the new people the basic skill of model boat sailing. Then when you feel brave with some sailing under your belt, you won't feel so intimidated on Sunday when we sail our best and keep score at the end of the day.

Remember, you can always find us at the pond every Sunday from 10:30am until 12:00pm as well as Wednesday in the early morning or afternoon. You can check the schedule. For more information, visit the club's website [www.drypantsmodelyachtclub.com] or just Google "dpmyc." Model sailing is a lot of fun. Come see and try it!

Bill Dempsey, Vice Commodore, 860-304-1942

Deep River Parks and Recreation

With the arrival of spring, the parks are set to open soon and with it, the return of Little League, men's softball, fishing, boat launching and the Dry Pants Model Yacht Club setting sail at Plattwood Park.

With the milder spring weather here, let's get back outside and enjoy all our lovely parks and our local community.

In early April, we held our annual egg hunt! Open to all Deep River youth ages Pre-K through grade 6, the event was held on Sunday, April 2nd. This event is always a popular one and this year proved no different. The event, held at Devitt Field, featured a visit from the Easter bunny and over 3000 eggs! The egg hunt was divided into three age groups, PreK-K, grades 1-3 and grades 4-6. Three lucky children, who each found the one golden ticket hidden in an egg in their age division, were awarded large Easter baskets full of goodies! Congratulations to all who participated as they left with smiles and baskets full of candy and treats! Thank you to the Deep River Fire Department who transported the Easter Bunny to the field.

Buddy Track is Back! Deep River Parks and Recreation is excited to once again be a sponsor for this terrific program, now in its 10th year! This program is designed to offer track and field events to unique learners ages 5 and up. Each player athlete will be teamed with a 'Buddy' to enjoy all aspects of this track and field program. Join us for this free program. We are accepting registrations for both athletes, ages 5 and up, as well as volunteer 'buddies.' The minimum age of the buddy helpers is 14 years old or at least 8th grade. Well-respected local coaches, teachers, staff and volunteers work together to offer this great program. Other proud program sponsors are: Wildwood Pediatrics, Child and Adult Orthodontics, Deep River Pizza and The Center for Children with Special Needs. The program runs for three consecutive weeks, meeting on Wednesday afternoons, from 5:00-6:30pm at the Valley Regional High School track on Kelsey Hill Road in Deep River. The program will run rain or shine, moving into the school gymnasium if the weather is inclement. Participants are encouraged to attend all three weeks of the session. This is a non-competitive program which will feature six track and field events: running relay, javelin (turbojav), 100-meter run, shot put, long jump and hurdles. No prior track and field experience required. Dates for 2023 are April 26, May 3, and May 10.

Registration can be done on the Town of Deep River web site (www.deepriverct.us), under the Parks and Recreation page, 'online registration' button, or completed forms can be mailed or dropped off to the P & R office. Registration for volunteer 'buddies' can also be done on the web site or if you are a Valley student, forms should be dropped off to Room 502 or handed to Riley Burch, Corina Pagliuco or Ava Frost. Please call the P & R office @ 860-526-6036, if you have any additional questions.

P & R is pleased to again offer the women's hiking club! This well-loved program, first offered in the spring of 2021, is once again lead by local naturalist and teacher, Ann Courcy. Hikes will take place weekly on Thursday afternoons, from 4:30-6:30pm. There will be a total of four local hikes. The first hike will take place on Thursday, April 27th. Registration remains open, so sign up today and join us as we explore and witness the earth waking up from a long winter. Cost of the program is \$45.00.

The annual Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, May 13th at Plattwood Park. The pond to the left of the park entrance will be stocked with rainbow trout who will do their best not to be caught by our young local anglers, ages 5-15! This event has a \$5.00 registration fee and is open to all area youth. Registration can be done on-line now or at the park on the morning of the event. On-site registration will begin at 7:00am and the derby will run from 7:30-9:30am. There will be prizes given in three age categories as well as biggest catch of the day. Plan to come down and cast a line. This derby has been a popular annual event since 1983! That's 40 years of fun! Even if you aren't planning to fish, mark your calendars and come on down to Plattwood Park to watch the sheer joy on the faces of the children as they reel in their catch!

Summer youth camp registration is now open. This is still the best value around. Don't miss out, as space is limited. The camp welcomes children entering 1st grade through 6th grade. The camp will begin on Monday, June 19th and go through Friday, August 11th. The cost of the weekly camp is \$160.00. Camp runs M-F from 8:30-3:30. Early care from 8:00-8:30 can be arranged. Each week of camp has a different theme with arts, crafts and in-house entertainment for the campers, revolving around the theme. In 2023, the camp size has been reduced to 30 campers per week, so to avoid disappointment, register today! The schedule of camp is as follows:

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 Week #3, 7/5-7/7 (due to holiday)
 "Celebrate Summer"
 Week #4, 7/10-"It's All Fun & Games"
 Week #5, 7/17- "Super Heroes"
 Week #6, 7/24- "Race Around the World"
 Week #7, 7/31-"All About Magic"
 Week #8, 8/7-"Up in the Air"

As this article is being prepared, in house entertainment is still being scheduled and finalized, so please check the on-line camp information prior to submitting your registration to ensure that you are signing up for the correct week.

Come work for the town this summer. We are now accepting applications for our seasonal summer employment. We are hiring for gate guards, lifeguards, and camp staff. Please find the job descriptions and applications on the town web site under the P & R page. Most positions will require a 10-20 minute interview. Applications are due by May 1st or until positions are filled. Weekend and holiday shifts are required. P & R is also hiring for an Assistant Camp Director.

Our free summer concert series, "Sounds of Summer" will return on July 6th to bring some live music to your Thursday evenings throughout the summer. Concerts will begin at 6:30pm at various park locations. The lineup for this summer is awesome and guarantees not to disappoint.

July 6 – Wild Nights – Party Rock Band
 Devitt Field
 July 13 – Undercover Cameo – Acoustic Duo
 Town Landing
 July 20 – Righteous Continental - Blues Rock Band
 Devitt Field
 July 27 – North County Band – Country
 Plattwood Park
 August 3 – All Funk'd Up - Funk Pop Band
 Plattwood Park
 August 10 – What It Is – R & B, Horn Band
 Devitt Field

We are working on adding a food vendor to each show. Please check out the town's website for any last-minute updates as we get closer to summer. If a concert is canceled due to inclement weather, it will be rescheduled, if possible, to 8/17 or 8/24.

The P & R department is pleased to again offer FREE Tai Chi and Qi-Gong classes at the Deep River Town Landing, on the banks of the majestic Connecticut River. What a wonderful, peaceful place to start your day as you get revitalized and energized for the busy day ahead. Flow like the river as you experience this riverside renewal.

This class, taught by Master Stephen Watson, will be held on Thursday mornings, from 7:00-8:00am. Classes will begin on May 4th and continue through August (8/31). Some additional notes:

- Classes will begin at 7:00am sharp.
- No pre-registration required.
- The hour will consist of stretching, practicing self-massage, range of motion movements, breathing techniques, and reflection.
- Dress for movement and the weather. Classes are held outside.
- Classes will be held unless the weather is extremely inclement.

Both Tai Chi and Qi Gong are Arts designed to develop inner and outer balance, promote flexibility, offer relief from life's stressors, and promote circulation. They are both best practiced in the great outdoors and nowhere is the outdoors greater than in Deep River. Everyone has their own particular limitations; these arts invite everyone in! Open yourself to the joy of discovery, community, connection, confidence, and flow. Tai Chi and Qi Gong offer us the chance to join Body, Brain and Breath - and who couldn't use that these days?

Wrapping up our winter activities brought the end to the Deep River Parks and Recreation's basketball program, offered to youth in grades K-12. The 2022-2023 season finished last week. The players seemed to all have a great time while improving their basketball skills and having fun. The recreation department would like to thank all the volunteer coaches and the referees, who gave of their time and talents each week bringing this great program to our local youth.

Deep River Parks and Recreation, cont.

The K-3 program, coached by Danielle Castellano, Adam Sutch and Nick Rioux, met once a week and emphasized skills and ball handling. The 23 players were full of smiles and determination as they mastered such basketball skills as dribbling, passing, and shooting.

Grades 4-6 also met once a week and were coached by Nick Graham and Nick Rioux. Valley student Nick Cox also helped out. The players improved their skills and also learned game strategies. Weekly scrimmages were held so players could implement what was learned. The K-6 grade program was held in the Deep River Elementary School gymnasium.



The NBA high school program, grades 7-12, ended their season with the annual 'Valley Cup' tournament. 'March Madness' was alive and well at the John Winthrop gymnasium recently, as the single

game elimination style tournament had the teams battle each other for a chance to take home the coveted silver cup trophy. Congratulations to coach John Dickson and his team, the Lakers, who beat the Bulls, 73-55 to become the 'Valley Cup' champions. Their name will be engraved on the trophy which is kept by the winning team for the calendar year until the next champions are crowned in March 2024.



Lucas Rogers led the Lakers with 26 points, while teammate Colin Carver added 19. Two other players were in double digits, Luke Buccaro with 11 and Eli Torres posting 12 points. Coach Dickson led his team to a regular season record of 6-1.



points and Jacob McKenna with 11.

The Bulls were a worthy opponent. Lead by coaches Michael and Paul Cullina, team high scorers for the tournament were senior Nii Sykes with 17

Deep River Parks and Recreation would like to thank all who volunteered this season with a special shout out to our other NBA coaches: Casey Metz, Steve Kleiman and Jim Metz. Thank you to the JW, DRES and EES custodial staff, as well as to all the referees. Referees this season were James Daly, Dave Berardis and Steve Elich.



Another popular program, adult pickleball was held weekly at the Deep River Elementary School, finished up on March 29th. On average, Wednesday night sessions brought out 12-16 players who enjoyed improving their games, getting some great exercise, and enjoying the camaraderie of fellow picklers! Pickleball

was offered in two winter sessions, October through December, and January through March. Each session cost \$10.00. A big thank you to Vicki Galimitakis and Liz Grendziszewski who routinely set up the nets, organized the games, signed players in and put equipment away so that this program could happen. Would you like to help keep this program going? We will be looking for other volunteers to help us so this program can be offered again in the fall.



Thank you to resident Tanya Young who again spearheaded a P & R sponsored adult volleyball league. The league began play in mid-October and will continue through the school year, so check the web site to see if we are still playing. Please come join us! This is a free program, which takes place on Wednesday evenings at John Winthrop Junior High from 7:00-9:00pm. All area adults are welcome to come and play, no pre-registration is required. The group will not meet when the school is not in session.

Some friendly reminders:

- Our parks continue to be enjoyed by so many. Please speak up if you see someone mistreating park property.
- Park stickers, available free to residents, are required to be displayed on the lower left corner of the vehicle's windshield.

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- Everyone must stop for the gate guard.
- Please remember when entering the landing, that you must stop for the gate guard and AGAIN for the train crossing. It's a federal law to stop at all railroad crossings. Be safe!
- Please remember that dogs are not allowed in the parks after 3/14. Dogs are most definitely not allowed on any of the ball fields.
- Please pickup after your dog; it's a town ordinance.
- No household trash should be disposed of at the parks.
- Public restrooms are now open.
- Friendly reminder- Park use forms are required to be filled out by **both residents and non-residents** if you would like to reserve exclusive use of a park area. Plan ahead as your application may have to be presented to the full Commission for a vote. A refundable security deposit is required of all users.
- Please help keep our parks clean-properly dispose of garbage.
- At Plattwood-please refrain from smoking on the beach; no fishing from the beach
- Please do not bring in glass bottles.



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Community Health Committee



The Community Health Committee (CHC) is currently comprised of 8 members. The committee is tasked with overseeing and raising funds for the Community Health Fund (CHF), providing support for the town's social service programs, it's social service director and the town's food pantry among other things.

To meet these challenges, the committee holds food drives, an annual financial appeal, and other fundraisers throughout the year in order to collect and purchase food for the Deep River food pantry and to raise money for social service programs and the department. The CHC was created in 2010 and continues to serve a vital part of our community. This winter, in particular, has seen a sharp increase in our neighbors seeking assistance for heating fuel, household bills and food. Therefore, the committee is so thankful to the members of the public who came out and voted to allocate ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to the CHF. These monies will go far to help Deep River residents, identified by social services, who need help with heating fuel costs and food.

Committee members are voted into their positions at town meetings. Our newest members are Betsey Scholfield and Jacki Calamari. The other members of the committee are: Tracy Woodcock, Chair; Lori Gregan, Vice-chair; Nancy Howard, Dawn Norton, David Blifford, Chris Brooks and Carol Jones.

Deep River's Social Service Director is Rosie Bining. Rosie works part time in Deep River and also serves as the social service director in Chester. Her office hours are Tuesday 9-12 and Thursday, 1-4. Her office and the food pantry are located at 56 High Street, next to Tri-Town Youth Services and Parks & Recreation. The food pantry is available free to any Deep River resident in need. If you need other assistance, please make an appointment to meet with Rosie. Her phone number is 860-526-6033.

Our fall 2022 annual appeal has been completed and we are so grateful to all who have donated. We set a goal to raise \$9000.00 and close to \$8,700.00 was collected. That money has been used to purchase food for the weekly backpack program that CHC runs for 14 DRES students, purchase food for the food pantry, and

to purchase gift cards to Adams and Cumberland Farms that the social service director can give out. The money has also gone towards fuel assistance.

The holidays brought out the best in our local community! CHC worked closely with DR Social Services, the Rotary Club, Tri-Town Youth Services and the DR Fire Department, and the holiday toy drive brought in a record-breaking number of toys and donations! Deep River families who needed some help this holiday season were overwhelmed by the generosity of the community. This past holiday season saw more volunteers, who chose to 'adopt' a child (or family) identified by the Social Service Director, in order to purchase a specific gift or gifts from their 'wish' list, outnumber the actual number of families who requested help! We even received two large donations of \$1000.00 from James Howard of Howard Tree Services and Tim Lee of Top Notch Electrical Services to buy gifts or food for deserving families.

We are also thankful to our community partners who help out the food pantry and our social service director throughout the year. Local civic groups such as the Rotary Club, the Elks, the Deep River Fire Department and local churches in Deep River and Chester are important contributors.

The committee continues to administer the Backpack program for students at Deep River Elementary School. This program ensures that students who might otherwise face food insecurity on the weekends do not go without. Members of the committee have taken turns shopping for food items, assembling bags and having them ready for DRES's social worker to distribute on Friday mornings. Although we are a small but mighty group; we still need help! Thank you to the Deep River Rotary Club and to a dedicated group of town hall employees who have donated their time to shop and fill backpacks, so that the program can continue 12 months a year. Would you like to help with this weekly program? If so, please call the town hall and leave a message for the CHC. We would love the help. It is a wonderful program but a great deal of work for a small committee to take on alone.

Beginning last fall, we also have received assistance from the Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries (SSKP) which recently created a Backpack support program. Audrey Brainerd, manager of SSKP Old Lyme Pantry, serves as

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coordinator of this program. On a monthly basis, Audrey prepares a large donation of food items for the CHC backpack program to supplement our weekly menus. These donations have helped us immensely in keeping costs down. So, thank you to Audrey and her staff for this assistance.

If you are looking for other ways to help, donations are always sought and appreciated. Items can be dropped off in the lobby of the Tri-Town Youth Services building at 56 High Street or at Town Hall during office hours. You may also order items on-line and have them shipped directly to the pantry if that is easier. Gift cards are also appreciated. Monetary donations should be dropped off or mailed to the town hall, with checks made payable to the 'Community Health Fund.'

As we move into spring, the pantry is in need of the following food items:

- Canned tuna, chicken, or deviled ham
- Hearty soups/stews
- Juice
- Coffee/tea (small 1 lb. containers)
- Canned fruit
- Boxed or shelf milk
- Cereal/oatmeal
- Crackers and snacks
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Planning & Zoning

Update to the Plan of Conservation & Development - Public Survey

The Planning & Zoning Commission seeks input on the Plan of Conservation & Development

As was noted in the Winter 2022 newsletter, the Deep River Planning & Zoning Commission, led by an Ad-Hoc Committee is in the process of updating the Town's 10-year Master Plan, known as the Plan of Conservation & Development (PoCD). This Plan, which was last updated in 2015, will help set the direction for the community's next decade.

The Committee began with a long discussion of a Vision Statement, which sets the tone for the Plan overall. The current draft of the vision, which is subject to modification, concludes with the following:

We envision a Deep River that forms the economic, educational, housing, cultural, recreational, and civic hub of the lower River Valley. We envision growth and development, including redevelopment, that encourages civic and inclusive economic participation that also maintains and supports the Town's high quality of life and protects our natural resources. We envision a plan of conservation and development that prioritizes our economic growth as a catalyst for achievement of future goals of the Town. We envision Deep River leading the ever-closer interconnection of the three-town region.

The Committee is now seeking public input on how this vision will play out. They have set up an online survey, to identify the most desired land uses for each of several geographic areas of Town. The goal of this survey is to help determine (or confirm) what sort of preservation or development efforts would be most desired in Winthrop, the River Road residential area, Deep River Landing, Downtown/Main Street, and other neighborhoods. Whether it is a new piece of protected forest land near the Killingworth line, a conversion of a former factory to apartment lofts, or the opening of a boutique apothecary on Main Street, the survey attempts to target specific future uses in different areas.

To participate in the survey, which is open now, please scan the QR code below or go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DRPoCD2023>. If members of the public have questions about the process or getting involved, they can contact zoning@deepriverct.us.



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The Nest Coffee House

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Spring is just beginning, and The Nest Coffee House has been blooming with growth. 2023 ushered in our brand new, sensory-friendly Gathering Space where the tattoo parlor sat for almost 40 years! We broke down walls and barriers for the neurodiverse young adults who call The Nest their soft place to land. With tremendous support from our community, the new Nest Gatherings Room, dedicated to Georgette L'Italien, opened on March 18th. We are so excited for the positive impact this new space will have on our programs. With seating for 24, sound-absorbing panels, soft lighting and a warm, welcoming vibe, this new space will allow us to brew up even greater opportunities and connections. We hope the community stops by to see our new space built with the love and the generosity of so many.

The timing could not be better - The Nest would like everyone to join in to Celebrate the Spectrum. Our 2023 neurodiversity awareness campaign calls upon our community to acknowledge that our world "Needs Minds of All Kinds!" Throughout the month of April, we will host panel discussions, share information, and embrace the difficult and incredible aspects about neurodivergence. With fun events like Open Mic Night on April 21st, April is sure to be full of inclusivity, kindness, and fun! Look for ways you can be a part of our campaign in the shop and on our social media platforms.

Amongst all the fun, our N.E.S.T (New Employment Skills & Training) interns were hard at work. This winter three young gentlemen, two of which are in high school, participated in their first ever job experiences with us at The Nest! With help from our job coach, they stepped out of their comfort zones to learn new skills and meet new folks. We loved being part of their continued growth! Seeing these guys in action showcased what a little compassion can do!

Beyond our employment and gatherings programs, The Nest strives to provide a multitude of opportunities for neurodiverse individuals to discover acceptance and independence. The Alexandra Dilger Award is one of those ways. By providing specific assistance such as accommodations, tools and lessons, the Alexandra Dilger Award helps neurodiverse individuals aged 18 years through 30 years reach for their personal or professional goals. Watch for this year's deserving awardees coming soon.

Wishing everyone a safe, kind and compassion filled spring blossoming with potential.

Jane Moen

Fountain Hill Cemetery



Fountain Hill Cemetery has had a busy winter with mild conditions. We have been able to get some tree work done and some of the stumps removed. The Fountain Hill Cemetery Preservation Committee is actively researching grants to help us with tree work and more importantly replacing trees that are coming down. We are starting a fund for the replanting of trees to maintain our park like setting. If anyone wants to donate a tree or funds toward a tree, please contact Rich Forristall at 860-790-0061.

We encourage visitors to enjoy our "park," but we ask that everyone be respectful of our cemetery. As we head into spring and wet weather, it is essential that visitors NOT park on the grass or leave the paved surfaces for any reason. There has been some damage done with tire tracks driving over footstones and grave sites leaving deep ruts in the grass. This has been especially noticeable in the Green Burial section and is very disrespectful to those who have chosen this as their final resting place.

All dogs MUST be on a leash when on the cemetery grounds. There was an incident this past winter when an unleashed dog attacked a dog on a leash with medical attention needed. Thank you to those who faithfully pick up after their pets. Dog waste containers are placed throughout the cemetery for your convenience.

The Wooster Chapel is available for services by calling Mark Lowrey at 860-790-1098. Plots are available by calling Rich Forristall at 860-790-0061.

Deep River Congregational Church

You are invited to join us for worship on Sundays at 8:30am or 10:00am. The 8:30am service offers a more intimate time to gather to worship and praise God, while the 10:00am service is a traditional service, with Choir, in addition to the weekly sermon. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Also, on the third Wednesday of each month, there will be a Service of Peace and Healing at 7:00pm. If you cannot attend in person, our 10:00am service is live-streamed each Sunday. Go to our church website, www.deeprivercc.org and click on live-stream.

Our Sunday School offers programs from birth - 12th grade and we welcome all within the local community and beyond. Sunday School meets during our 10:00am service.

Our DRCC group for High Schoolers, Teen Issues meets every Sunday from 10:00am-11:00am, and is open to all in grades 9-12. Join us for fun projects and meaningful talks about life and faith. No matter where you are on your faith journey, all are welcome.

We held our services during the Lenten season and during our Holy Week and Easter services:

April 2nd - Palm Sunday – Services were at 8:30am and 10:00am

April 6th - Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Tenebrae, 7:00pm - The service was in-person and live streamed here on our website. If you watched from home, we hope you had your own bread and juice ready to partake in Communion during the service.

April 7th – Good Friday, A Soup and Bread Supper was held at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall, followed by the Good Friday Service of the Cross at 7:00pm – This service was in person as well as live streamed here on our website.

Easter Worship – April 9th
Easter Sunday, the most joyous day of the Christian year.

6:15am - Sunrise Service was held in person at Veterans' Rock in Fountain Hill Cemetery and was also seen on our Facebook page at 6:00am

8:30am - Early morning Easter Service
(in-person only)

9:00am - 9:45am - Easter Morning Fellowship Hour
hosted by our Deacons

10:00am - Full Easter Service with our Choir-
This service will also be live streamed on our website.

Please join us on Sunday, April 30th at 4:00pm. The **Connecticut River Valley Symphonic Band** will present a free concert for our church and community. The band is directed by church member and music educator, Jacob Wilson. Their mission is to engage, enrich, and educate musicians and audiences through the preservation and performance of traditional concert band music. If it is anything like the concert they presented here at Christmas time, I guarantee another enjoyable afternoon.

On Sunday, May 7th you are welcome to participate in our International Food Fair following our morning worship services. Do you have an international dish you like to make or a recipe from your family ancestors? Then we need you for our first International Food Fair, where the congregation will taste dishes from around the world. If you would like to participate by making your favorite recipe, please see Chelsea or Sybil or email yandfm@deeprivercc.org & ChristianEd@deeprivercc.org.

There is always a lot happening here, so please check our website, www.deeprivercc.org, which is updated regularly. You may also contact Office Manager, Kris Lindner at 860-526-5045 or officedrcc@deeprivercc.org



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Winthrop Cemetery

Volunteers at it Again!



If you are passing by on the morning of May 6, 2023, you may see the "Willing Workers of the Winthrop Cemetery Association"

hard at work. We've been cleaning up the cemetery property each spring since 1974.

Coffee and refreshments are provided. Volunteers bring the equipment they like to use, rakes, shovels, clippers, brush cutters and a great attitude, to help keep this little piece of town land looking great.

If you are passing by, give us a toot, a high five, or, if inclined, stop by and lend a hand. Volunteers are always welcome. Stay for an hour or the full 9:00am to 12:00pm. Rain date is May 13. We appreciate all who show up! Thanks to those who volunteered following our last article.

Our annual association meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27 at the Winthrop Baptist Church, time at this writing TBD.

If nothing else, please plan to attend the traditional and, possibly, oldest Memorial Day Parade in Connecticut, on Sunday, May 28. If you are a veteran, consider joining in. A Memorial Service starts at 1:00pm at the Winthrop Baptist Church; a parade forms and marches to the cemetery with a short ceremony, then turns around, goes back to the church, and concludes at the John Sobeski Club on Warsaw Street. Spectators are always welcome.



etery, established by the proprietors of the "Sayville" section of the Saybrook Colony. Winthrop had its own post office, a school, a general store, a girls boarding school, and a considerable amount of industry. If you own an old Winthrop house, have a relative with pictures of structures in Winthrop in the early years, or have come across a deed for a house of one of the folks buried in Winthrop Cemetery, please give our president Kathy Schultz a call at 860 526-2161. We'd love to hear from you.

Kathy Schultz

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Today

*If ever there were a spring day so perfect,
so uplifted by a warm intermittent breeze*

*that it made you want to throw
open all the windows in the house*

*and unlatch the door to the canary's cage,
indeed, rip the little door from its jamb,*

*a day when the cool brick paths
and the garden bursting with peonies*

*seemed so etched in sunlight
that you felt like taking*

*a hammer to the glass paperweight
on the living room end table,*

*releasing the inhabitants
from their snow-covered cottage*

*so they could walk out,
holding hands and squinting*

*into this larger dome of blue and white,
well, today is just that kind of day.*

Billy Collins

The opportunity to spend time in the quiet of the woods, view the stillness of freshwater ponds and admire the power and beauty of the Connecticut River is all available to the fortunate souls who live in Deep River, Connecticut. As stated on the Deep River Land Trusts website "By acquiring and maintaining land, the Trust protects wildlife habitat, scenic views, Connecticut River and Pratt & Post Cove frontage, upland forest and other valuable land by holding properties in their natural state for the benefit of residents now and in the future." As one of the last towns to bear witness to the majesty of the CT River before it flows into Long Island Sound it is easy to take this lovely watery neighbor for granted. The Connecticut River is a corruption of the Mohegan word "quinetucket" and Nipmuc word "kwinitew" which mean beside the long tidal river. The

"kwinitew" produces 70% of the fresh water flowing into Long Island Sound and is the longest river in the New England region. It flows through four states and its watershed encompasses 11,260 square miles. The next time you have the opportunity to view this river, think of the places it's been through and the grandeur it has witnessed along its journey to the ocean. Near the river, is New England's greatly traversed, occupied, and developed land.

Since its founding in 1975, The Deep River Land Trust (DRLT) has preserved more than 250 acres. The Land Trust has accepted stewardship responsibility of these properties throughout the town, removing litter, encouraging native plants and animals, and holding educational events to help the surrounding community better develop an appreciation for the landscape. To get a better idea of which property is closest to your location please follow this link to the official site for the Land Trust <https://deeperiverlandtrust.org/>. Once opened you will not only find a listing of the maps but upcoming events, a history of the DRLT, recent state grants supporting land acquisition and a membership application. By becoming a member of the DRLT you will be joining a network of likeminded individuals/families whose support helps us to continue the work of preserving open space (available to the general public) for present and future generations.

Long time board member of our local land trust, Janet Stone, has coined the phrase "Think globally and hike locally." This simple but powerful concept can be used to motivate each of us to put on our shoes and go for a walk. Our town is graced with an abundance of open space and a network of sidewalks more extensive than almost any surrounding town. There has been a growing recognition of the benefits both physical and psychological of immersion in nature. The Blue Zones website has listed a number of health benefits accrued from walking in natural landscapes.

A recent study from the American Cancer Society followed 140,000 older adults and reported that those who walked six hours per week had a lower risk of dying from cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, and cancer than those who were not active, but that walk-

Deep River Land Trust, cont.


ing even as little as two hours per week could begin to reduce the risk of disease and help you live a longer, healthier life. <https://www.bluezones.com/2018/07/research-says-walking-this-much-per-week-extends-your-life/>. This information regarding the effects on our physical wellbeing is great news, but there are also psychological benefits as noted in Science Daily, "We found that spending time in, or living close to, natural green spaces is associated with diverse and significant health benefits. It reduces the risk of type II diabetes, cardiovascular disease, premature death, and preterm birth, and increases sleep duration. People living closer to nature also had reduced diastolic blood pressure, heart rate and stress. In fact, one of the really interesting things we found is that exposure to green space significantly reduces people's levels of salivary cortisol -- a physiological marker of stress." <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/07/180706102842.htm>

All of this is good news and should send all of us who are able out the door and into the magic of the great outdoors. As the Canadian Poet Margaret Atwood has stated, "In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."

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Wooden Gnome Workshop; April 19 @ 6:30pm
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Dreaming with the Departed;

April 29 from 10:30am – 1:00pm

Find out more about why your loved ones visit your dreams and determine what messages they are sending. Registration is required, seating is limited.

Torries, Spies, and Traitors: Divided Loyalty in Revolutionary Connecticut; May 3 from 6:30pm - 7:15pm. Find out more about the divided conflict and decide which side you would have picked in this historical discussion presented by the Connecticut Historical Society Museum and Library.

All of our programs are free unless noted, and open to the public.

Upcoming Intergenerational programs:

Food Explorers: Skillet Vegetarian Pie

April 19, 6:30pm

Food Explorers: Chocolate Strawberry Galette

May 17, 6:30pm

Black Bean Tacos

June 14; 6:30pm

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cooking classes to enjoy a social and inclusive program that is delicious and great fun!

Programs for Teen & Children:

Chess

Beginner Chess Instruction;

March 15, March 29, April 12; 4:00pm

Advanced Chess Instruction;

March 22, April 5, April 19; 4:00pm

Deep River Chess Tournament;

May 20, 10:30 am – 12:00pm

Registration is required for all chess activities.

Storytimes are offered on Thursday and Friday mornings at 10:30am. Join us for books, music, and movement, followed by social time and play. No registration required.

News from The Library Board of Trustees

The Library Board has reviewed the suggestions from community members and has expanded intergenerational programming.

The community room has become a hub for hands-on craft projects and fascinating presentations.

You can find out more, and register for programs, at our home page under Calendar.

When you check out your books, don't forget to view the gallery of rotating works of art from the River Valley Artists.

Check out our monthly online calendar to see what's on offer and to register for programs at <http://deep-riverlibrarysupport.com>, or stop in to pick up a printed copy.



Friends of the Deep River Public Library

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The Deep River Library is not just a home for books. It is a community center for all ages providing computer access, programs for kids and adults, e-books, educational resources, and much more that is completely free to our community! The Friends is a volunteer non-profit organization that raises money for things that otherwise would not be included in the library's budget, like:

- Summer Reading 2023
- Museum Passes (ask a librarian what's offered!)
- Events/Programs
- Books
- New Community Little Free Libraries (coming soon!)
- and much more!

We raise money through generous donors like you and events put on throughout the year. Our Psychic/Medium event is tentatively scheduled for the end of April and we're planning a new Deep River Day fundraiser that still includes our tasty baked goods! We also have books for sale year round in the lobby of the library. Please consider monetarily supporting us to help our library!

Most importantly we need volunteers to keep this organization in existence. Please consider joining us on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm. You can also join our meetings remotely over the phone or zoom if you can't be there in person. Thank you!

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Deep River Elementary School

It has been a busy past few months at Deep River Elementary School as we enter into the final trimester of the school year in March. We have spent much of the past few months deep in teaching and learning while taking the time to develop students' social emotional skills and create an engaging and nurturing school environment. We have brought the school together for larger events, such as our town hall meetings where students of all ages get to be part of school community building and learning around key skills. Students have also taken part in Read Across America Day with students from Valley Regional coming to read to our classrooms to celebrate reading. Coming up we have a number of events between our annual Day of the Arts, Science Fair, spring celebrations for grade 6 as they prepare to move up to the Middle School and our annual Walk-a-Thon.

Staff in many grade levels and content areas took the time to highlight recent events in their classrooms below.

The kindergarten students continue to develop their social skills by exploring the Choose Love topics of gratitude and forgiveness through discussions, stories, and written responses. The students have been introduced to all the letters and sounds at this point in the year. Students are enjoying many books through read-alouds and they are reading fiction and non-fiction books at their own level during the reading workshop. The mini lessons for the workshop have focused on "Reading Super Powers" which are the many strategies students can use to decode words (For example: pointer power, sight word power, sound power, and persistence power). The kindergarten students are looking forward to a "Super Reader Parade" where they will walk by the older students with their capes and superpower signs. This trimester, Writers Workshop is focusing on informational writing. Our second science unit focused on learning about the concepts of push and pull. We learned that swings, slides, car ramps, and kicking balls are all examples of this concept. During Math Workshop, our students are focusing on learning how to identify as well as describe the attributes of two-dimensional shapes. Students are seeing these shapes in their everyday lives, solving puzzles such as tangrams and pattern block puzzles, as well as learning how to draw each shape. Our three-dimensional shape unit will begin next week which will focus on STEM activities such as building cubes, rectangular prisms, and cylinders. Kindergarten students are actively participating in all our activities and are looking forward to spring!

In first grade the staff and students recently celebrated. They decided to have Penguin Day as a culminating celebration for their recent math unit in Bridges which focused on

penguins. Students learned all about King and Rockhopper penguins - where they live, what they look like, what they eat, how many eggs they lay, how much they weigh, and how tall they are. Students then measured and compared the heights of the two penguins to the height of themselves. They wrote inequality statements using the $>$ (greater than) and $<$ (less than) symbols, ordered the three heights from shortest to tallest, and made a life-sized representation of all of the actual heights using yarn. When the math activities were all completed, they just didn't want the fun and learning to end!!!!

Second graders have been very busy! In math, they recently finished their unit which focused on measurement. They have just begun working with place value to 1,000. Students continue to focus on math fact fluency in Number Corner. In reading and writing the students have shifted to Opinion and Characters. They had an author study focusing on Kevin Henkes books. A few examples of these books are Wemberly Worried, Lily and her Purple, Plastic Purse and Chrysanthemum. These books are filled with rich characters, which led to great discussions. The culmination of this unit will be choosing a favorite Mouse character and writing why this is a favorite character, using character traits and evidence from the book.

Also, grade 2 partnered up with grade 4 to co-host the most recent Town Meeting. This focused on the Choose Love theme of Forgiveness. The second graders were responsible for the introduction and conclusion of the meeting. In addition, they learned a Forgiveness Chant and participated in presenting it to the school!

Third grade continues to work to identify and apply all four Choose Love ingredients: Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness, and Compassion in Action. Social and Emotional Learning takes place each and every day among all content areas. Third graders continue to learn to celebrate their "glorious mistakes," and that making mistakes is how we learn and show that we are taking responsible risks. Students continue to write in their Choose Love and Habits of Mind journals each month, and recently shared how they have used the Habit of Mind, "Thinking Flexibly," to try a different way of thinking. During the last few months, third graders have learned about diverse individuals in history who have contributed to our global world through their courage and perseverance. Through learning about these famous people in history, students have learned that they themselves can also do hard things.

Deep River Elementary School , cont

Students in grade 4 are focusing on multi digit place value, addition, subtraction, and rounding strategies. They are practicing their skills during whole group instruction, small group work, on IXL, and independently. Through Bridges Number Corner students are computing and making mathematical observations and identifying patterns. During writing, students have been learning the writing structure of opinion essays. They are also working on differentiating between facts and opinions. Students have been using Lucy Calkins Boxes and Bullets strategies to elaborate and add details to their writing. Students are using reading comprehension strategies to answer questions using evidence from the text. They are also applying known patterns for accurate spelling. Additionally, students are reading books independently to increase their fluency and reading comprehension strategies such as inferences, point of view, and theme. The 4th graders are learning about Connecticut's geography and first people. 4th graders have just hosted a Town Meeting focusing on the theme Forgiveness where they successfully demonstrated a learned Forgiveness Chant for all of DRES.

In fifth grade, the students have incorporated cross-curricular inquiry to foster deep learning. The students work through the phases of immersion, investigation, coalescence and demonstration of learning. Throughout these phases the students are able to wonder, build background knowledge, develop questions, search for new information, synthesize information, demonstrate an understanding and share their new learning with others. Throughout inquiry, the students tie everything together through an essential question which helps them probe for deeper meaning. These questions are open-ended, encourage collaboration and foster the development of critical thinking skills.

In sixth grade, students are busy getting ready for their transition to middle school. They have already started picking their classes and learning all about what the middle school has to offer. Although the transition seems to be right around the corner, they are getting excited about all the fun activities planned to celebrate our 6th graders and their journey at DRES before they leave us. A few of the activities planned are: a Yard Goats baseball game, a Project O field trip, an ice cream truck and more! In social studies, the students have wrapped up the study of the United States and Canada with a closer look at National Parks. Currently, they are studying Latin America and all the diversity it offers in culture, climate, vegetation and language.

In the music department students are hard at work learning to read and demonstrate the beat values of the basic rhythm

notes: whole, half, quarter, and eighths. During the past two weeks the students have had to be on their toes when presented with various rhythms. Using the floor tiles as a “beat,” when shown a rhythm, students quickly identify the number of beats and move across the floor the same number of steps. To make the game even more challenging, if the rhythm is green they move forward and if red, backwards. The students are highly engaged and are learning note values while having a ball. Feel free to try the game at home!

Using the four music domains—Create, Perform, Respond, and Connect—the general music classroom can promote collaboration and communication between students, as well as provide frequent opportunities to build relationships and engage with one another. This is particularly true of ensembles that perform with one another. In 5th and 6th grade, they spend much of the year creating an Orff ensemble using the orff xylophones. Students work alone, with a partner and in small groups mastering various musical genres; this year a focus has been on Funk. The interpersonal skills learned in the music classroom can prepare students for future life experiences. These classroom experiences often build a student's confidence to work on other ensembles that happen outside of the regular classroom such as guitar, ukulele and recorder ensemble.

Instrumental Music at DRES is thriving and showing year to year growth in numbers and student interest. We are near 100% enrollment for students in grade 4 & 5. There is an increase in the 6th grade participation from last year as well. Students in grade 3-6 attended a concert at Leamy Hall where they saw the United States Coast Guard Band perform. For many students this was their first live professional performance. Students display a high level of excitement for instrumental music. Our beginning students in 4th grade, are excelling in many areas of learning an instrument which include tone development, rhythm, phrasing, and continually increasing their range of notes and repertoire of music weekly. Some students are advancing so quickly that they are on to Book 2 which typically does not happen until 6th grade. The Advanced Band (5th & 6th Grade) successfully performed at the winter concert. The concert was well attended by families and members of our school's community (the gym was full, standing room only!) Students are working hard on new concert music for the spring concert and continue to develop their skills in ensemble music making. In addition to the Advanced band, students in the 4th grade Beginning Band will perform an ensemble for the first time this spring. In the coming weeks the DRES Jazz Club will begin which will provide students with unique opportunities to continually develop their individual musicianship.

Deep River PTO



Over the years, the DRES PTO has purchased: art boxes for all students to use during remote learning, classroom air-conditioners, musical instruments, courtyard picnic tables, and other educational items. We have also paid transportation expenses for field trips, science assemblies, and other in school assemblies. Due to the pandemic, we were unable to do most of our fundraising last year. This school year we will be raising money to improve and supplement the outdoor learning spaces that have become so important to our school community during the pandemic.

There are many ways for you to help:

Participation on Committees is an essential part of making the DRES PTO successful. We still have several events coming up this year that we could use your help and support with!

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.

Box Tops For Education - The Box Tops for Education program has gone virtual! Just download the app on your phone and scan your grocery receipts to earn money for our school! No more box tops to clip and super easy to earn free money for DRES.

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 in volunteering or if you have any suggestions for new activities, please email us at drespto@gmail.com. We will be updating the DRES PTO Facebook and Instagram pages regularly. Don't forget to follow us!!

Please check there for more information about DRES PTO activities in the future. Thank you for your support!

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.



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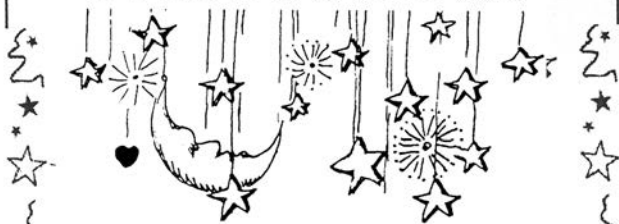
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Deep River 60 Club

The Deep River 60 Club resumed its regular meetings and programs on February 14, 2023. The senior citizens' organization, which was founded in 1975, meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month during February, March, April, May, September, October, November and December. No meetings are held in January or during the summer. The group currently meets in the Community Room of the Deep River Public Library at 1:30pm for a business meeting, socializing, refreshments, and programs that are of interest to its members.

During recent months, our group's activities have included the following: participation in Deep River's 75th Anniversary Celebration at the Deep River Town Hall Auditorium.



Daisy Watrous, a past president of Club 60, spoke about living in Deep River during that time and working in

the former Deep River Lace Factory and current 60 member, Beverly Oboda, shared childhood memories of growing up in Deep River;

In addition, for the 75th Anniversary celebration, Club 60 provided items for the 1947 memorabilia table; Jean Randall tended the box office and Sally Carlson Crowell read a poem about Deep River that was written by her maternal grandfather, Fred "Al" Pearson.

At the Club's November gathering, Rev. Timothy Haut, author of "Deep River Days," presented a book talk about life in Deep River.



Lisa Aranci entertained our group in October with vocal and guitar music.

At the Deep River Historical Society's Festival of Trees, the Club (led by Gladys Grabner) won third place for Creativity.



Club members enjoyed a holiday lunch together at Sammy's Restaurant in Westbrook.

Most recently, Club 60 invited Deep River Constable, Scott Wisner, to speak to the group about safety issues. Constable Wisner made Club members and guests aware of the many ways they can stay safe in their homes and out in the community. Members were encouraged to ask questions if they had special concerns. The talk was well received and very much appreciated.



The proposed calendar of activities for the upcoming months includes a talk about the War Memorials in Deep River by Richard Nagot, a viewing of the movie "On Golden Pond" at The Kate in Old Saybrook, a presentation by the Bowtie Historian, and a trip to Harkness Memorial Park to view the gardens and Long Island Sound. Other events will feature chair and standing exercises, as well as games, refreshments, and dining out. In May members will elect officers and committee chairs for the next four years. All senior citizens, who are 60 years or better, are invited to join. The Club's activities are funded by dues, fund raising activities, and donations. For more information call 860-526-9006.

Sally Carlson Crowell, President

Deep River Meetings on Television and Online

Stay informed about Town government by watching Board of Selectmen meetings and Board of Finance meetings Sunday evenings at 6:00 on Comcast channels 19 & 1070, or Frontier TV channel 6089. Board of Selectmen meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and recorded for broadcast on the following two Sunday evenings. The monthly Board of Finance meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday and broadcast with the Board of Selectmen's meeting on the following Sundays.

You can also view meetings **online** by going to the Deep River web site (www.deepriverct.us). On the homepage under "Quick Links" select "View meetings online." On the link you can select meetings by date.

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

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Board of Assessment Appeals

March and September
Date & times to be announced.
Chairperson: Darlene Pollock

Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission

2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Chairperson: Tanner Steeves

Community Health Committee

1st Tuesday of most months at 7:00 p.m.
Chairperson: Tracy Woodcock

Deep River Elementary School Board of Education

3rd Thursday of each odd numbered month (except for July) at 7:00 p.m. at the elementary school. Joint meetings with other Region 4 boards during even-numbered months at JWMS
Chairperson: Miriam Morrissey

Deep River SustainableCT Committee

2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Chairperson: Sara Conner

Design Advisory Board

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

Economic Development Commission

3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Chairperson: Peter Lewis

Board of Finance

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

Board of Fire Commissioners

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

Library Board of Trustees

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

Municipal Ethics Commission

1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Chairperson: Luther Moen

Parks & Recreation Commission

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

Planning & Zoning Commission

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

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: Kate Sandman

Board of Selectmen

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

Water Pollution Control Authority

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
(as needed)
Chairperson: Jerome Ackerman

Note:

If a scheduled meeting falls on a legal holiday, check with board or commission for rescheduled date.

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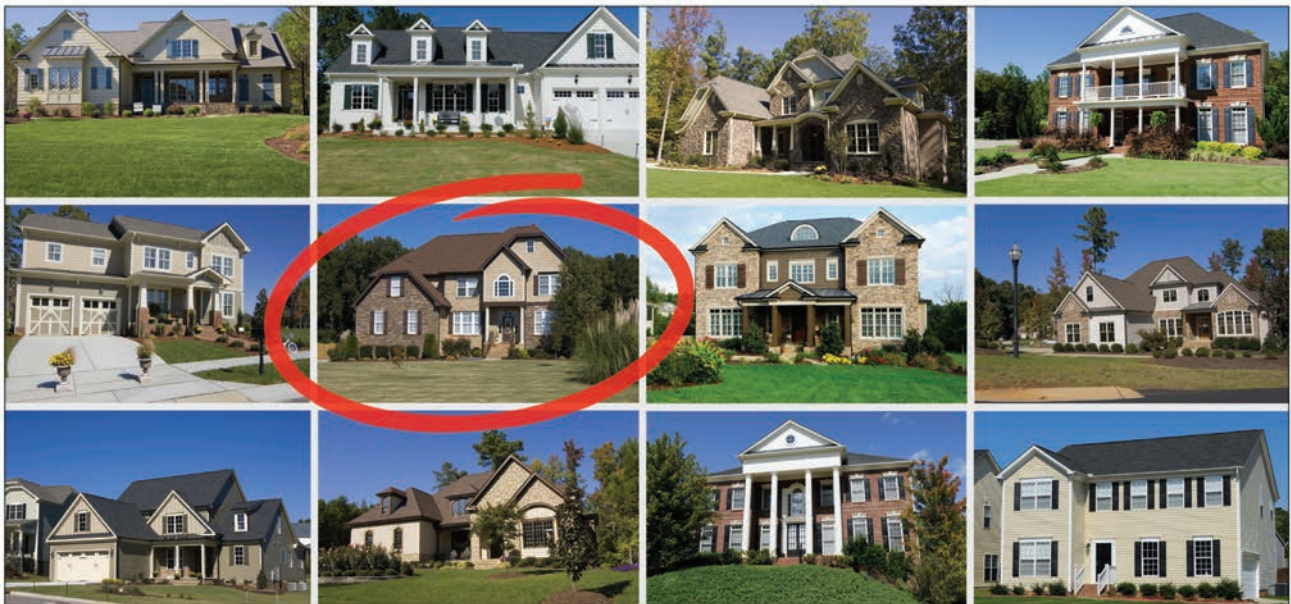
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