

I need to laugh when the sun is out  
I've got something I can laugh about  
We take a walk  
The sun is shining down  
Burns my feet when they touch the ground  
Good day sunshine  
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-John Lennon & Paul McCartney

All things point to a wonderful weekend, weather wise. Hallelujah. Let's get out, do some work and have some fun. While we are soaking up that good old vitamin D and enjoying the fresh air, let us keep in mind that the Nation, the State, and the Town are still operating under a state of emergency. I am just astounded at how, given enough time, a state of emergency begins to feel normal? It isn't. It will not be. Normal is something we do not know yet, but this is not it. I hope. We will be out this weekend. We should be out this weekend. Please, though, remember to wear your mask when you are in public and cannot maintain a safe distance from others. If you don't feel a need because you feel safe, please keep your neighbors in mind. They may not feel as safe as you. There is absolutely no need to judge. Not to mention, it is the law. It is difficult to think that outside is a place to keep a mask on, but it is. When you go to the Transfer Station, wear your mask and give yourself a little extra time to make sure you leave space between you and the next person. When you go Plattwood to walk the trails or enjoy the pond, wear your mask. When you go to the landing, wear your mask and leave some space between you and your neighbor.

Carol Jones and the Deep River Parks and recreation Committee have been working hard to provide activities for our youth and families. Each option looks like fun, a few might be found here:

[May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be With You- Star Wars](#)

[Fishing Derby](#)

[Chalk It Up!](#)

The Office of Governor Ned Lamont has announced that starting on May 20th (as long as numbers keep moving in the direction they are moving), some businesses and facilities will be permitted to begin a reopening process. What restrictions will be put in place remain unclear, but they will certainly involve a continuation of social distancing, sanitation measures, and mask wearing.

The Town Emergency Operations will be watching this carefully and will be forming a long term recovery committee to work in conjunction with our region to provide detailed guidance to local establishments, as well as to support unmet needs of the population due to the effects of dealing with the pandemic. Please keep in mind that until otherwise notified, the best course of action is still to practice physical distancing and to follow all guidance from the CDC, CT DPH, and CRAHD, websites found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

<https://portal.ct.gov/dph>

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The governor's press release will be found here:

[https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2020/04-2020/Governor-Lamont-Coronavirus-Update-April-30?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Governor%20Lamont%20Provides%20April%2030%20Update%20on%20Connecticuts%20Coronavirus%20Response%20Efforts&utm\\_content=Governor%20Lamont%20Provides%20April%2030%20Update%20on%20Connecticuts%20Coronavirus%20Response%20Efforts+CID\\_cf3b9bbd44f26a615821e7e284ed7fbd&utm\\_source=Office%20of%20the%20Governor%20Campaign%20Monitor&utm\\_term=Governor%20Lamont%20Provides%20Update%20on%20Connecticuts%20Coronavirus%20Response%20Efforts](https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2020/04-2020/Governor-Lamont-Coronavirus-Update-April-30?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Governor%20Lamont%20Provides%20April%2030%20Update%20on%20Connecticuts%20Coronavirus%20Response%20Efforts&utm_content=Governor%20Lamont%20Provides%20April%2030%20Update%20on%20Connecticuts%20Coronavirus%20Response%20Efforts+CID_cf3b9bbd44f26a615821e7e284ed7fbd&utm_source=Office%20of%20the%20Governor%20Campaign%20Monitor&utm_term=Governor%20Lamont%20Provides%20Update%20on%20Connecticuts%20Coronavirus%20Response%20Efforts)

Have as much fun as you can, please keep your neighbors in mind, we are getting close to where we can start to think and talk about how we move forward, but we still need to be careful.

Deep River is holding steady and the number of COVID-19 related hospital admissions are decreasing statewide. Are we there yet? No. Can we relax? No. Are we doing well? Yes!!! Let's do better. Hang in. Wear your mask. Wash your hands. Be patient and give space to your neighbor at the store. Be patient and call your friends, both far and wide. Check in with your neighbors. Check in with your family. So much to do! Most important of all be well. Be safe. We are Deep River.

Peace,

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