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Upcoming Events

Merchant Associations' Family Day

Saturday, September 18, 2021

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Halloween Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 30, 2021

2:00-4:00pm

Plattwood Park

See page 25 & 29

Annual Fireworks Display

Saturday, October 30, 2021

7:30pm

Plattwood Park

See page 25 & 29

Holiday Stroll and Holiday Light Parade

Saturday, December 4, 2021

4:00-8:00pm

Main Street

See page 25



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News from the Selectman's Office

"We need to give thanks
every dawn
for the gifts of life
for each breath drawn.

For everything
that keeps us living,
we speak our words
of true thanksgiving."

From the poem *Giving Thanks* by Joseph Bruchoc

The word 'thank' stems from the Latin word *tongere*. The term 'thank you' derives from 'think,' and originally meant "I will remember what you did for me." In Spanish, thank you is *gracias*; in Italian, *grazie*; in French, 'merci.' No matter what language you speak 'thank you' is an expression of gratitude.

Deep River has much to be thankful for: warm, sunny days of Summer making way for crisp, cooler days of Fall; the beauty of the lower Connecticut River Valley, showcasing Deep River as "Queen of the Valley;" a vibrant, bustling Main Street becoming more exciting with the addition of new businesses to our downtown. Most of all, we are thankful to the wonderful people who make our Community stronger with generous acts of kindness. The following anecdotes show that differences and divisions do not have the majority voice in our small town; we come together to make Deep River a wonderful place to live.

Students in Mr. Russ Arigoni's core class at Valley Regional High School requested permission to place flags at grave sites at Fountain Hill Cemetery to honor those who lost their lives in times of war. Caitlyn Bogan, Kailley Costa, Katie Morrissey and Madeline Morrissey generously took the time to pay tribute to the men and women who served our Country.

Whelen Engineering, following a long-standing tradition, donated a 2019 Dodge Charger, bolstering the Town's fleet of cruisers and enabling the retirement of a very well used older vehicle. Thank you, Whelen Engineering.

Thanks, too, to Chester's Cy Libby for agreeing to donate a blue spruce to the Town of Deep River this upcoming holiday season. The tree will be taken from the Libby's front yard and transferred to the center of Town. The transplanted conifer will grace our downtown during the holiday season. Our thanks to the Libbys.


We also want to send our heartfelt thanks to the countless volunteers from the Deep River Ambulance and the Deep River Fire Department. Along side volunteers from our mutual aid response area, they selflessly gave of their time and expertise throughout the Muster weekend, working together in a cohesive unit to ensure the public health and safety, and undeterred by temperatures that rose into the 90's.

We would be remiss if we did not take a moment to remember the people and animals of the past that allowed Deep River to prosper. Tens of thousands of African Elephants gave their lives for no other purpose than the tusks they surrendered. The ivory trade was a catalyst for Deep River's commercial success, but it was achieved due to the sacrifices made by enslaved Africans and the elephants they were forced to kill. It is opportune, especially, on this tenth anniversary of the Deep River Elephant Dedication, to reflect on those beings that didn't have a choice in helping the economy of Deep River; a silent devotion of "I will remember what you did for me" paying the ultimate sacrifice for this small Town.

"There's so much to be thankful for; even with our differences, there is a place we're all connected, each of us can find each other's light." Thankful by Josh Groban

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From the Office of the First Selectman



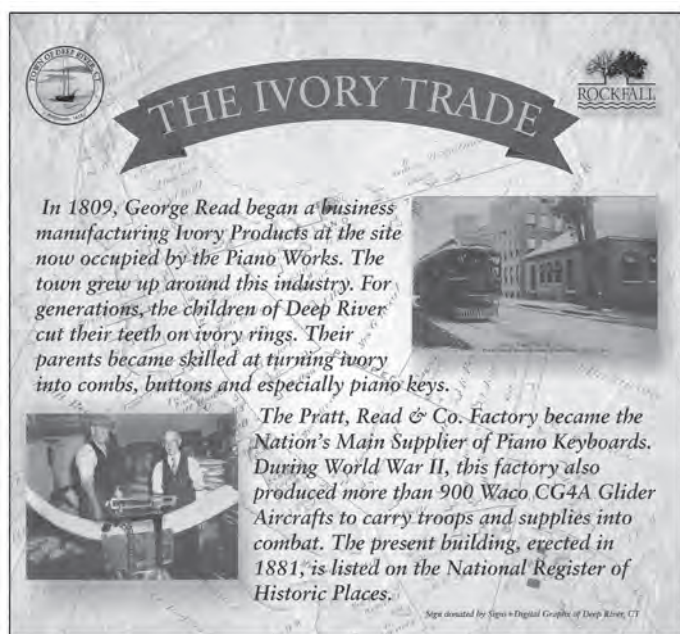
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Honoring the Elephant



On the Backs of Elephants

“The Ivory Trade,” the historic marker displayed at Landing & Main Restaurant (Main and Kirtland Streets), offers the briefest of Deep River histories, spanning the Industrial Age—from the mid 18th Century through the end of World War II. It speaks of ivory, but does not mention the toll on the elephants themselves. Nor is there mention of the depredations suffered by enslaved Africans, forced by their captors to lug the huge tusks across their shoulders from Zanzibar in the east, across the continent to west coast ports. Their tusks represented just a tiny fraction of the mass of each elephant, yet the animals themselves represented what today might be called “collateral damage,” slaughtered for no other reason than the value of their ivory. But while the slaves who bore their burdens might at least entertain the concept of rising up against their masters, the elephants could not.

Accounts of the numbers of elephants killed for no purpose other than to satisfy the market for piano keys vary. Some sources say that as many as 12,000 elephants a year gave their lives solely for their tusks. A History of Pratt Read Company, published in 1973 by the Deep River Historical Society, cites an earlier publication—Ivory, Scourge of Africa, by E. D. Moore, who wrote that “approximately 30,000 elephants were killed from 1905 to 1912.” Whatever the exact number, the toll on the east African elephant population was devastating.

Ivory was by no means Deep River’s only industry, but it is fair to say that, for the better part of two centuries, ivory sustained us. Our commercial area in those days was centered more toward Pratt Read and the north end of town. Main Street was a link in the Middlesex Turnpike, the heavily-traveled route from Old Saybrook to Middletown, Hartford and points north.

Piano keys are no longer veneered in ivory, and the ivory trade has been banned world-wide since 1990. Africa’s overall elephant population is estimated at 600,000, but in eastern regions of Chad, poaching for the sale of tusks on the black market, reduced elephant numbers from 400,000 in 1970 to fewer than 10,000 by 2006, according to Wikipedia. But it is not simply a matter of catching the poachers. Like wild creatures throughout the world, elephants suffer from encroachment. As human populations expand, forests and other formerly wild habitats give way to housing and agriculture.

In recent years respect for the natural world has begun to work its way more deeply into our consciousness. We have come to understand that although we cannot control the forces of nature, neither can the natural world continue to absorb the pressures of our presence. There may be limits to our ambitions.

Enter the Elephant

Sometime in the mid ‘00s, John Guy LaPlante, who, himself, may be mistaken for one of nature’s forces, conceived the idea of honoring the elephant by bringing one to Deep River, a symbol that would serve as a reminder of the tens of thousands of elephant tusks that, over two centuries, underwrote our town’s success. John was an active member of Deep River Rotary. Among his previous causes was the Rotary-funded gazebo at what has come to be known as Keyboard Park. (John LaPlante has other credits, too: a couple of years in the Peace Corps in Eastern Europe and a book or two. But that’s another story).

John was on a quest, but purpose or not, his introduction to Ellen was determined by fate—or simple misjudgment. On the way to Rhode Island to visit his Uncle Dennis, John took the wrong turn leaving the Interstate. Was he lost? Depends on your defini-

Honoring the Elephant, cont.

tion. When he stopped at the end of the exit ramp, facing him from across the road were not one, but five elephants of varying sizes. It was the holy Grail of elephant sculptures.

Thus it was that on the morning of the 3rd of December 2010, John Guy LaPlante and Highway Foreman Ed Field headed east in the Town pickup, en route to Rhode Island. By 2 o'clock, now a trio, the group returned to Town Hall: humans in front, Ellen safely strapped in place, wrapped against the chill in a pink River Wind quilt. The elephant was here.

But where is ...HERE?

A few more, Ellen was hustled off to the Town Garage pending a decision on her final placement. But agreeing on a place for her display was not nearly the hot-button issue as had been the controversy over whether she should be purchased at all. She was expensive, but aside from the cost, did Rotary's mission include dealing with sensitive issues such as elephants and ivory?

Over time both issues were resolved: Ellen came to Deep River and, eventually, following the consideration of many sites—the Piano Works (somewhat obvious), the Town Landing (pretty much the same), Town Green, Library, Keyboard Park...But of all the possibilities, Town Hall seemed most logical. It made sense that a symbol of Deep River should be at our Town's seat of government. And there was the practical consideration—here, in such a public place, itinerant artists might be less apt to embellish Ellen's wrinkled grayness.

Her proper welcome:

On a gorgeous October 14, 2011, the stage was set. Ceremonies commenced at the Town Landing, with speeches appropriate to the occasion and performances by the Deep River Junior Ancients Drum Corps. Then, the entire congregation having removed to the lawn in front of Town Hall, 'Queenie' was unveiled, and the event concluded with a fife and drum rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner."

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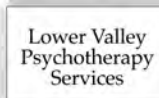
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News from the Town Clerk

Municipal Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 2nd in the Community Meeting Room of the Deep River Public Library from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Many college students, some eligible to vote for the first time, think they can't because they are away at school. This is NOT the case! They may vote by absentee ballot and can apply for this ballot in the Town Clerk's office any time before the election. This application can also be mailed in; just download it from our Town website at www.deepriverct.us or the Secretary of the State's website at <https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Voter-Information/Absentee-Voting>. Once this signed application is on file, the Town Clerk will mail the ballot as soon as it becomes available. The office is open Monday-Wednesday 9-4, Thursday 9-6:30 and Friday 9-noon.

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Welcome New Residents & Property Owners

Jennie Maneri & Kevin Chapados	11 Union Street	04/01/2021
Bryan Mather & Molly Miller	230 Kelsey Hill Road	04/05/2021
Jonathan S. Walker	19 Union Street	04/09/2021
Kathleen Recchia	210 Kelsey Hill Road	04/12/2021
Gregory P. & Emilie J. Butler	44 Kirtland Street	04/15/2021
Annelillian T. & Matthew J. Sicignano	35 Bridge Street	04/19/2021
Southbridge Street Investments, LLC	16 Grove Street	04/28/2021
Jared T. Coles	Merriwold Lane, Lot 8	04/30/2021
Robert H. & Kathleen M. Tourjee	42 Winterberry Road	05/03/2021
Kristin L. Madden	23 Elm Street	05/07/2021
Cheryl L. Klobe	92 Main Street, Unit 2	05/10/2021
Connor D. Reagan & Kaitlyn M. Smith	24 Essex Street	05/11/2021
Tara Larkin	17 Harvey Lane	05/13/2021
Daniel Stewart	19-21 Prospect Street	05/17/2021
Emily & Casey Fritz	199 Union Street	05/18/2021
Eileen Flaherty	92 Main Street, Unit 419	05/20/2021
Matthew Deutsch	77 Scenic View Drive, Unit 21	05/24/2021
Katarzyna Prusak	23 Belmont Avenue	05/24/2021
Robert J. Kinne	6 Kelsey Hill Road	05/25/2021
Meredith Ryan-Reid & Clinton D. Reid	49 Winterberry Road	05/27/2021
Debra Paulson & Richard Sachs	53 Essex Street	06/01/2021
Michael K. LaFlair & Sarah E. Wernert	12 Whittlesey Brook Road	06/02/2021
Susan J. Mizejeski & Janet M. Rayner	57 Plains Road	06/02/2021
New England Land Holdings, LLC	362 West Elm Street	06/08/2021
Donna Solywoda	34 Fairview Avenue	06/08/2021
Jeni L. & Frank B. Abel, IV	Hoopole Hill Road, Lot #8	06/11/2021
Victoria L. Reed & Edward D. Markunas	46 Lords Lane	06/14/2021
Timothy P. & Deborah A. Conway	58 Union Street	06/15/2021
Paula Boyer Rougny	12 Jones Lane	06/18/2021
Charles R. Phelan	0 Plains Road	06/18/2021
Hamblett Enterprises, LLC	171 Main Street	06/28/2021
Paul J. Schiller & Kelly E. Hunt	21 Read Street	07/01/2021
Sea Spray Properties, LLC	4 Bahr Road	07/01/2021
Meghan A. Ward & Aaron E. Silver	110 River Road	07/06/2021
Frances McLaughlin	14 Dickinson Court	07/20/2021

Town Clerk's Office, cont.

Marriages

Jarred D. Palmer & Samantha A. Markel	05/01/2021
Brian M. Pinto & Kelsey A. Donovan	05/08/2021
Spencer J. Haymond & Michelle R. Wagmeister	05/10/2021
Damian Sokolowski & Klaudia M. Muszkieta	05/14/2021
Jeffrey M. Pero & Kelsey E. Dunn	05/15/2021
James J. Levesque & Danielle M. Lawton	05/16/2021
Stephen L. Herceg & Laura E. Shapcott	05/29/2021
Edwin B. Sojos Criollo & Tracy G. Torres	06/05/2021
Thomas J. Devane, III & Amanda R. Hale	06/05/2021
Chase A. Williams & Angela M. Lynch	06/12/2021
Joseph H. Vidal & Kiersten M. McEvoy	06/12/2021
Michael J. Shapley & Victoria J. Jackson	06/26/2021
Christopher D. Moore & Taylor M. Blauvelt	06/27/2021

New Trade Name Filings

Mammoth Tech, Inc.	Credit Adjustments, Inc.	04/08/2021
Kathleen T. Gephart	Kathleen Gephart Designs	04/19/2021
Erin Goodrich	Wellness Room Deep River	05/05/2021
Joseph J. Thielen	Jopetto's Clock Works	06/01/2021
Bobby Hamblett	Hamblett Enterprises, LLC	06/28/2021

Passings

Austin Knights Blake	142 Kelsey Hill Road	03/23/2021
Theresa S. Pulcini	12 Belmont Avenue	04/06/2021
Sherry Ann Rhodes	65 Winter Avenue	04/11/2021
Frances P. Bjornberg	73 High Street	04/18/2021
Mary Zawacki	40 Stevenstown Road	04/28/2021
Peter Atkins	121 Falls Landing Road	05/02/2021
Catherine Breidt Fremut	375 Main Street	03/10/2021
Gertrude Platts Harding	56 Scenic View Drive	05/17/2021
Timothy William Strang	51 West Elm Street	05/23/2021
Leonard M. Nodelman	308 River Road	05/31/2021
Patricia G. Bartek	27 River Street	06/21/2021
David C. Brainard	166 Union Street	06/30/2021



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*Live in each season as it passes;
breathe the air, drink the drink,
taste the fruit, and resign yourself
to the influences of each.*

-1853 journal entry by Henry David Thoreau

The Summer Solstice on June 20th ushered in unusual heat and seasonal blooms happening weeks earlier than normal. In July along came the rain, all of which any gardener would be grateful for, but these climate



changes are influencing the air we breath, the drink we drink and the fruit we eat. What can we do to help? Taking small steps in how we manage our property to help Pollinators is a start. One small but very influential step taken by the Town to save the Monarch Butterfly this year was keeping all the milkweed along Main

Street. Habitat loss and fragmentation has occurred throughout the Monarch range. Milkweed is the only food source for monarch larvae and for caterpillars to eat and lay their eggs on. We have several forms of Milkweed that grow in CT and adding it to your garden or even in a pot on the deck would be an influence you can have on every season that passes.

As members of the CT College Arboretum we had a tour of the Wild Flower Garden and Azalea Collection in May. This 750 acre Arboretum includes landscaped grounds, surrounding plant collections, natural areas and managed landscapes. These resources all support the College's mission of preparing the next generation of citizen leaders, whose diverse responsibilities will include crafting a sustainable relationship with the natural world. A wonderful place to visit any time of the year.

As next generation leaders go, Katherine Morrissey of Deep River was this years recipient of the Deep River Garden Club Helen Hannon Scholarship of \$500. Her interest in Chemistry with a focus on renewable energy and climate change will lead us forward. Our congratulations and best wishes for your continued success.

As continuing education for our members we participated in a lecture at Ballecks Garden Center on Perennials for 10 months of bloom. Thank you Nancy Balleck for providing useful information on plants that offer food for our birds, pollinator plants for all seasons and creating an environment that can bring comfort and consolation in time of distress.

We have planted flowers this year at the Veterans Green, Devitt's Field, The Landing, Town Hall, Plattwood Park and the Winthrop Planter. I want to thank my watering team who help keep everything blooming. Veterans Green: Sally Carlson-Crowell, Gale Dilger, The Landing: Janet Klinck, Janet Nelson, Karen Abercrombie, Town Hall: Amy Winchell, Plattwood Park: Kelly Lacoske, Winthrop Planter: Janice Kmetz, Terry Konefal, Devitt's Field: Lonnie Moskal, Barbara Lunn, Edie Brown. They all have been happy for rain!

We will be having our annual Mum and Bulb sale on September 18th from 9-1 at the Library. Come help spread some Spring Fever by planting Daffodils and supporting the future efforts of the DRGC.

The Deep River Garden Club meets once a month, "Come grow with us."

Contact information P.O. Box 1166, Deep River, CT. 06417 or email drgardenclub@gmail.com. Facebook. [com/Deep River Garden Club](https://www.facebook.com/Deep-River-Garden-Club)

Digging Deeper,

Roberta Sciacca, President

Deep River Assessor's Office

Important News and Application Deadlines:

Additional Veteran's Exemption: -The filing period for this program runs from February 1, 2021 through October 1, 2021. To qualify for the Additional Veteran's Exemption, State mandated income requirements must be met.

If you own property and are **Totally Disabled & or Blind**, you are entitled to an exemption. To receive this exemption, criteria must be met and an application completed on the prescribed form which needs to be filed with our office by October 1, 2021 for the 2021 Grand List.

Income requirements and additional information can be found on the website at www.deepriverct.us or call the Assessor's Office at 860-526-6029. Please contact our office to schedule an appointment if you wish to apply for any of the above programs or if you have any questions regarding the requirements.

Active Members of the U.S. Armed Forces: – Any active member of the United States Armed Forces (defined as United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force and any reserve component thereof, including the Connecticut National Guard) is eligible for the **exemption of one motor vehicle**. Applications for the exemption **must be completed annually** and submitted to the Assessor's Office no later than the December 31st following the date on which property tax is due in the town in which the motor vehicle is registered.

Veterans are reminded to **record** their Honorable Discharge papers (DD214) with the Town Clerk's office on or before October 1, 2021. Those veterans who have already recorded their DD214 do not need to file again.

Farm or Forest Use Program - New applications are available for property owners claiming land as Farming or Forest use and need to be filed with the Assessor between **September 1 and October 31, 2021**. A working income bearing farm is necessary to be considered for the Farm Program. To be considered for the Forestry Program, a minimum of 25 acres, not including the home site, is required and property owners must have a **certificate from the Forestry Department** dated on or before **October 1, 2021**. Please stop in the Assessor's Office to receive guidelines and applications for both programs.

Tax Exempt Organizations - In accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes, this is the year in which

scientific, education, literary, historical, charitable, open space land preservation organizations, and cemetery property held in trust for a religious organization are required to refile for property tax exemption status. Quadrennial forms (M-3) were mailed by the Assessor's Office on September 1st to existing accounts and are due on or before **November 1, 2021**.

Town of Deep River Business Owners:

Business Personal Property Declarations – Personal Property Declarations will be mailed mid-September, to all existing accounts. **Notice is hereby given** to all persons liable to pay **Personal Property** taxes in the Town of Deep River that they must return to the Assessor's office, on or before the **first day of November 2021**, their personal property list (declaration). Failure to declare will require the Assessor to apply an arbitrary assessment and a **25% penalty**.

Personal property declaration should include all furniture, fixtures, equipment and machinery of all commercial and industrial businesses; *unregistered motor vehicles*, snowmobiles, farm machinery and horses. **Manufacturing Machinery Exemption Applications** must also be filed at this time. Anyone not receiving a personal property declaration should contact the Assessor's office. **Even though a declaration was not received, it does not preclude you from filing.** If you are a resident business in the Town of Deep River it is your responsibility according to Connecticut State Statutes to file one.

If you have received a personal property declaration and **will not be conducting any business** in Deep River as of October 1, 2021 you must complete the Affidavit on the front page of the declaration and return it to the Assessor's office prior to November 1, 2021. This signed affidavit is mandatory as proof to allow the Assessor to remove you from the 2021 Grand List. If the documentation is not received, the Assessor must estimate the assessment and **apply a 25% penalty**.

All information can also be found on our website in the Assessors Section at www.deepriverct.us

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The Nest Coffee House

Time seems to have flown by while also standing still at The Nest Coffee House this summer. All our staff have remained essentially the same since before COVID-19 and we have even added 3 new employees. Please come by to meet Katie and Liam – our newest Baristas, and Lisa – our fabulous Development Coordinator who has found a place in all our hearts with her kindness, compassion and dedication to our mission.

Speaking of mission – thanks to our community our mission remains strong – and our priority to provide employment, social opportunities and all needed supports to young adults with autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and other neurodiversities in our local communities has never been more important – residents of Deep River have made that possible with each purchase, smile, donation or kind word.

Although we've been open for indoor seating since mid-June, our outdoor seating is still available on quaint Main Street. We continue to have visitors from around the state (and even the states of Florida, Ohio, Hawaii and more - oh and Canada) who have heard of our wonderful town and the special, inclusive, kind and caring Nest Community we have built. Outdoor music, busy shops and restaurants as well as many visitors on Main Street show our town in the best light to all who come. A day doesn't go by without someone commenting about the impact our mission has had on someone they love. It seems everyone knows a young adult with a disability who has struggled and is in need of a soft place to land. These impacts are why we keep stepping forward and digging deeper toward a kinder and more inclusive place where everyone knows they belong.

With all that has happened this year we are most thankful that all our staff have remained healthy and happy during these challenging times. The best gift we could ever ask for is for our family to be healthy! We are also grateful for this wonderful shoreline community who has stuck by us through purchasing a simple cup of coffee, ice cream cone, muffin, sandwich or a smoothie. Every purchase made supports our programs...it's that easy to be a part of something bigger. A few dollars and

a smile can be life changing.

We invite everyone to join us as a community on September 25th (rain date September 26th) for our 3rd Annual Water Lantern Celebration at Plattwood Park. This year we will again celebrate people of all abilities and everyone can be a part of it by decorating a floating water lantern and either launch it live on Plattwood Pond or have us launch it so that you watch it float on the pond with 400 others from the comfort of your own home via our live stream!! Tickets for the event include a lantern, all decorating supplies, a boxed dinner, entertainment and launch - all hosted by Sarah Cody, our emcee from WTNH News 8! Go to our website www.thenestcoffeehouse.org or find us on Facebook @ thenestcoffeehouse for more info! Opportunity Brews Confidence at The Nest!!!

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Deep River Junior Ancient Fife and Drum Corps

The Deep River Junior Ancients held their first Tattoo in two years. It was a wonderful night filled with superb music, performed by amazingly talented musicians. The Corps would like to thank everyone who helped make our Tattoo such a special event.

The following Corps entertained the audience; Deep River Junior Ancients, Vic's Kids- who came from every corner of the State and Country, Grand Republic - an array of east coast musicians, Young Colonials - Carmel, New York and Stoney Creek - Stoney Creek ,CT.



Vic's Kids is a Corps of former Deep River Juniors, that celebrates the legacy of Vic Malcarne. This year the Juniors celebrated their 66th Anniversary. We held extra combined practices of the Juniors and Vic's Kids to develop a program that was a testament to the expertise that carries on. Members from 1955 to current were part of this amazing performance.

We would like to congratulate and thank the following award winners:

Vic Malcarne Award - Community spirit, volunteerism, consideration for others, respect.

2019 - AJ Kerop and Maddie Reibold

2020 - Noah Lee and Catalina Wilson

Ken and Charlotte Traves Award - Generosity of time and expertise shared with the Juniors.

Jason, Deborah, Catherine and Sophia Mali.

Dick Smith Memorial Award - Guardian Angels who support our cause from the heart.

Bill and Linda Caval

Bonnie Desnoyers Scholarship Award - presented to graduating seniors.

Michael Roise, Celia Robbins and Olivia Handy

Michelle Roise was presented an award for her continued support of the Juniors and always keeping us on track with her amazing organizational skills.

David Blifford was presented an award for keeping our trailer in working order and donating hours of his time every year making repairs to keep us on the road.

The Corps is financed through paid jobs and fund raisers. The members and Board are thrilled to be back on the street entertaining and presenting our craft while earning the funds necessary to keep us marching. Upcoming jobs include a performance at Fort McCleary, Kittery Point Maine, the Battle of Bennington parade, Bennington, Vt., Guilford Fair and New Britain's 150th celebration.

Congratulations to Michael Roise, Celia Robbins, Olivia Handy and Lucas Kaufman on your graduation from High School. Thank you for your years of service to the Deep River Juniors. All the very best of luck on your future endeavors. You all will be missed.

The Deep River Juniors are looking for new members to join our Corps. No experience is needed.

Music and marching skills are provided during practice every week. Please call 860-526-5434 for more information or come check us out at practice every Thursday from 6:30-8:30. Place for the fall to be determined.

Marilyn Malcarne

Deep River Junior Ancients Director

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Veterans Green Monument Committee



Upon removal of the original bricks from the platform of the Columbia, the Committee noticed that many of the bricks had names written on the bottom of the bricks in magic marker. Searching through records of the late Edward Negrelli, the Committee found minutes from October of 1993 which stated that people could sign their names at the bottom of the bricks as a donation to help pay for the platform. Those signed bricks would then be installed on the platform. It took our Committee over 6 months to sort through over 4000 bricks that were taken from the Columbia platform. At the conclusion of our search, we found 371 bricks with names inscribed on the bottom. Of those 371 bricks, we were able to identify 364 names. The Committee, along with the Board of Selectmen, decided that these bricks will need to go back on the platform as they were placed as a donation. The bricks will be placed on the granite walkway which goes around the Columbia platform. The Committee is also considering taking up the rest of the granite slabs on the walkway and around the flag pole and reinstalling them. We are hopeful to have a fundraiser in the beginning of November to pay for the cost of this renovation. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Veterans Green Monument Committee may do so by mailing it to: Veterans Green Monument Committee, c/o Town Hall, 174 Main Street, Deep River, CT 06417. For more information, you may also contact Richard Nagot at 860-526-5270.

Richard Nagot, Chairman

Deep River Economic Development Commission

Deep River Economic Development Commission Invites All Residents & Business Owners to Participate in Survey

The Deep River Economic Development Commission (EDC) is excited to announce the role out of its new economic develop survey! Over the past year, the EDC has collaborated with the Board of Selectman, Planning and Zoning and other town committees to develop economic growth plans for our charming small town. However, we cannot do it alone and we need to hear your voice!

The survey's mission is to obtain an understanding of the town's needs, both from our valued business owners and our residents. The survey's primary focus will be on business retention, new business recruitment, investor/real estate outreach, land development, conservation and growth, with a specific emphasis on past success, such as commercial incubator spaces and new business startups.

Partnering with AdvancedCT, a nonprofit economic development firm, we have created a short 3-5 minute survey, which will be available mid-September. For more information and updates, please visit the Town's home page (www.deepriverct.us) or the EDC's home page (www.deepriveredc.com).

We encourage everyone to participate, as a strong response will assist in the strategic planning of our economic future!

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American Legion Post 61 Ibell-Jacobson-Smith

It looks like we are getting back in the swing of things. The American Legion in Connecticut just held its 102nd Department Convention at the Trumbull Marriot. Over 380 Legion members attended on 10 July 2021 which is when the voting takes place. At least 100 Auxiliary members held their convention at the same time. The SALs had a large presence as well. We are ready to start our new year similar to the July first to June thirtieth calendar the federal government employs. Most district meetings will resume in September, similar to the post meetings. (By the way, all 17 SAL members in Squadron 61 are paid up for the coming year so they are 100%. Both John Ely and Howard Beardsley have assisted Post 61 with various tasks that our senior citizen members can not do easily. Their gifts of time and talent are truly appreciated.)

Several Post 61 members have been very busy. After our Deep River MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, we brought about a thousand U.S. Flags to the Meriden American Legion Post for a very respectful Flag Disposal Ceremony. It took two pick up trucks. These local flags were collected over the past two years mostly by DEEP RIVER HARDWARE. Thank you to Mr. Arthur Davies (American Legion member in Chester) for serving our neighbors this way for many, many years. And thank you to Deep River Ambulance for storing them.



A Blue Star Flag was presented to the Family of U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Alex Fortier, a 2021 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. Lt. Fortier is headed to Alabama for further training with some of his West Point

classmates. He is a graduate of VRHS and from Deep River. Also, he is now a member of American Legion Post 61 as of 2 July 2021.

Several Facebook notices were posted on our own American Legion Deep River Post 61 IBELL-JACOBSON-SMITH Facebook site, on the Deep River Diaries site, and the Real Decent Haddam, Chester, Deep River, and Essex sites pertaining to several trophies and awards we have in our storage closet. Post 61 still needs to find the relatives of several other award winners.



If your father or grandfather was a Post 61 member, your family name might be on one of our awards or trophies. We really can not store these much longer. Jeanette Stremple did respond and was able to bring some over to a relative. Post 61 member Art Nedobity found a neighbor who was related to Zane Bouregy who won the ORATORICAL Contest at several levels to become a Department of Connecticut winner. Phoebe Petrovic of Essex and Christina Mitchell were winners at several levels for whom we have plaques. We want them or relatives to claim these awards. I can not tell from FB if these young ladies still live locally (or in Wisconsin, Croatia, or New Haven). If you know them or their parents, please ask them to telephone me. Thank you.

There have been inquiries about the AMERICAN LEGION ORATORICAL CONTEST over the summer. The good thing is that parents and students are starting early. We will work with Valley Regional High School to find a suitable date in January. Deep River, Essex, and Chester residents from other high schools would be welcome to participate. Please telephone 203-494-7151 for more information on this contest. A conversation could be helpful. You can check the web site at CTLegion.org; search for Oratorical Contest. The District 7 Contest (Middlesex) will be held at Post 66 in Clinton on Thursday, 10 February 2022 followed by the Department (Connecticut State) Contest on a date and place to be determined (probably Saturday, 5 March 2022). We all learn about the U.S. Constitution when these exceptional students compete. These are some of our future senators, other elected officials, and leaders in industry.

As the Post 61 Commander, I do hope we are reaching every U.S. Military veteran in Deep River with information they need. In the past, the American Legion was willing to serve all veterans but membership required that the individual served during war time or a recognized conflict. This is no longer the case. All veterans since WWII can be admitted as members. We cordially invite interested veterans to telephone Senior Vice Commander Richard Nagot at 860-526-5270 for more information. The pandemic re-arranged our meeting schedule. Our next meeting will be at DEEP RIVER FAMILY DAY on Saturday, 18 September 2021 in the area of the Town Hall. We hope you will stop by to say hello. And yes, we are hoping for sunny, warm fall weather on Saturday, 13 (probably) November to celebrate VETERANS DAY with a parade. As of 23 July 2021, that's the way it looks. As we all know, things can change. Best wishes to all our Deep River neighbors and friends.

Eileen B. Richard, Commander, Post 61

Deep River Fire Department



Due to the pandemic, the 2019 and 2020 Department banquets were canceled, resulting in the inability to recognize those that demonstrated exemplary service to the Deep River community.

To rectify this, in early summer the department held a family picnic at Devitt Field.

A wonderful day of games, camaraderie and a whiffle ball game between the Senior and Junior members (where the Seniors were victorious) was enjoyed. The day culminated with a delicious meal provided by the Apizza Grande pizza truck. Considering the amount of time the members spend on drills and calls 24/7, 365 days a year, the time spent with family and friends was a precious commodity and very much appreciated by all in attendance.

Presentation of Awards for 2019:

- Tim Haut was honored for his 40 years of service as Department Chaplin
- 25 years of service - Tim Lee
- Top Responders Senior Division - Adam Kerop, Don Lee Sr. & Ryan Minor
- Top Responder Junior Division - Aidan Bohner
- Firefighter of the Year Award - Adam Sutch. With a young family and starting off in a new job, Adam found the time to complete both FF1 and FF2. This is quite an impressive accomplishment.
- Chiefs Award - David Wigg. David has been a great fireman and Officer. He has held an apparatus Captain position for several years. In addition he has stepped up to take care of truck checks for several pieces of equipment every month.

Presentation of Awards for 2020:

- Chief Jim Budney - 45 years of service
- 30 years of service - John Kollmer, Rich Kollmer, Tom Law & Marilyn Malcarne
- 25 years of service - David Wigg
- 15 years of service - Sarah Laport & Roy Monte
- Top Responders Senior Division - Rick Daniels, past Chief Bob Raymond, Chief Engineer Tom Lee
- Top Responder Junior Division - Mathew Daniels
- Junior Firefighter of the Year - David Uphold
- Firefighter of the Year - Sarah Preston. With a young family and starting a new job, Sarah found the time to complete her FF2 and EMT national certification. This dedication was only accomplished through many hours of study and hard work.

- Chiefs Award - Chief Adam Kerop - In addition to being a great firefighter and Officer, Adam has taken on a number of additional projects. He has set up a new electronic/online software for training tracking, apparatus maintenance records and inventory. Adam has also taken on the position of Training Officer.

The following members were recognized for completing additional training beyond our normal training schedule:

- Adam Sutch - FF1 and FF2
- Pete Dinello - FF1
- Sarah Preston - FF1 and EMT
- Jon Lambert - FO1 and Rescue Core
- Steven Budney - FO1 and Rescue Core
- David Wigg - FF2
- Peter Terenzi - Fire Instructor 2
- Rob Leoise - Fire Instructor 3
- Ryan Minor - Aerial Operator

The department is most appreciative for all of the town citizens who came out to approve the additional funding needed for the new engine. Replacing a piece of apparatus is a long, tedious process. With aging equipment, it is imperative that our 40 year old engine be replaced in a timely manner. In addition we would like to thank the Town administration for supporting this much needed initiative. New members, both Senior and Junior are welcome to join our team of dedicated first responders. Visit headquarters any Wednesday evening for more information.

Marilyn Malcarne, Public Relations



David Uphold - 2020 Junior Firefighter of the Year

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Deep River Historical Society

Deep River Historical Society Celebrates 75th Anniversary

It has been a huge challenge for us to cope with the social and financial effects of the Pandemic for 18 months. All our fund raisers and programs suffered by cancellations due to the COVID-19 concerns. We are now at a place that we feel we can loosen those strict standards and start resuming some of our activities, at least as of this month of July, when this article was written.

Ada Southworth Munson gifted the Southworth Homestead to the Saybrook Historical Society (now Deep River) in August of 1946. Three generations have lived in the Stone House. We are so fortunate that we have a place to share that history of Deep River and use the property to maintain her home and make it a showcase for the town's collections. We are thankful to the local businesses that supported us on our 75 Bits of History program during the summer. Please support their businesses: Anchor & Compass, Davinci Pizza, Hally Jo's, Celebrations, Deep River Pizza, The Nest, Compass Rose, Apizza Grande and The Red House.

We are excited about our newest permanent exhibit in the Munson Gallery on our second floor. Due to our first grant from CT Humanities this has enabled us to complete a nearly 4-year project called "WHARF TO WATERFALL" This leads into the changes that



Rhonda Forristall (left) presenting flowers to (right) Brenda Milkofsky. Photo by Sue Wisner

also occurred into the Industrial Revolution and how Deep River had a big part in that. Even if you have visited the Stone House previously, it is time to visit again to see the huge transformation of our display. We are so appreciative of the planning and execution of this amazing display with the help of Brenda Milkofsky, a professional Museum Consultant, and her involvement for all four years. Many dedicated vol-

unteer hours made this a reality and without them it never would have been accomplished. Stop in and see the changes, you won't be sorry and most likely be very impressed in how our town's history is newly displayed. As a bonus our exhibit on the first floor remains open celebrating our town's history on the 100th Anniversary of Women finally winning the right to vote.

We will close our summer hours on Saturday, September 18th, Family Day. We will be open by appointment until December 3rd. December 3, 4 & 5 we will open for our Festival of Trees. Hours to be announced. The suffragette exhibit will close this fall and a brand new exhibit will be opened next spring. Wharf to Waterfall is a long time exhibit and will be enhanced next year.

We also want to acknowledge the funds received from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County to help with making the new exhibit more interactive.

Thoughts are underway for a re-enactment on October 2nd that connects the children's story of Stone Soup with the Stone House to create a fund raiser for the Society.

Early fall we will be sending out a town wide appeal letter, which was done two years ago, with the hope for financial support from Deep River Residents and Businesses. This is separate from our membership letter sent out earlier in the year. We hope that you will help us with our many expenses and maintenance of the grounds and buildings. We are a non-profit organization, and your donations are tax deductible, and greatly appreciated.

We are in the process of repair and redesign of our Historic Bleach House that is damaged and deteriorating. A grant from the 1772 Foundation only partially covers the expenses. The plan is to take it down, create new supports and put a structure overhead of the new design. It is being done in stages as finances allow. Anyone wishing to donate to this purpose can donate to the Society specifically for that purpose.

How can you help? There are many ways. Support us by becoming a member of the DRHS and/or respond to our appeal letter early fall.

Deep River Historical Society, cont.

We always need help with maintaining our plants and outdoor shrubs and any help offered to our new House and Grounds Chairman, Bill Nitschke, would be greatly appreciated. Bill can be reached through our main number 860-526-1449 or our Curator, Rhonda Forristall at 860-526-5086.

We at the Stone House are technically challenged. We are in Search/Need for IT volunteers. This work can be done at your own home and on your own time or schedule. We are in desperate need of an IT Person(s) who could help us with computer issues such as putting our information in the cloud, scanning, and digitizing our documents and so much more. Our budget is currently low to hire a paid professional due to our revenue loss during the pandemic. Even students could do this as part of their community service obligations at high school. The youth of today shines with their technical skills in comparison to the older generations. We could learn so much from them.

If financial management is more your forte, perhaps you could volunteer some hours helping our Treasurer, Cindi Stannard. So many ways to add a hand. Publicity has a need as well.

If you are new to town, or have wondered what we have to offer, please call us at 860-526-5086 for more information. We are located at 245 Main Street and eager for you to contact us.

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Chester/Deep River Boy Scout Troop 13

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

Recent Troop Happenings

Boy Scouts in Troop 13 have happily been able to meet in person again through the spring. During this spring they have been able to hold a campout, work on rank advancements; they have earned Merit Badges, and planned for their week of Summer Camp at June Norcross Webster in Ashford, CT. The Scouts participated in both the Chester and Deep River Memorial Day Parades and assisted the Veterans group in Chester to replace flags at the grave sites of Veterans.

On Sunday, June 13, 2021, Troop 13 was able to publicly honor six Scouts who earned the Eagle Scout rank during the pandemic at a large group Eagle Court of Honor at Camp Hazen. The following Eagles were recognized: Zachary Gilbert, Gavin Hauswirth, Jacob Kateley, Carl Neubert III, Michael Raymond, and Michael Roise. Each of these Eagle Scouts has made an impact on our community with their service projects and leadership.

On Wednesday, June 16, 2021, Troop 13 held a Court of Honor for all members of the troop who have earned a collective 42 Merit Badges. The following scouts have earned the following rank advancements as well.

- Life: Cooper Edwards, Daniel Fritz, Paul Knudsen, Logan Parker, Aiden Stone
- Star: Sebastian Peterlik
- Second Class: Josh Clark, Bryce Huntley, Jack Knudsen, Nate Mezick, James Preston, Churchill Roberts,
- Scout: William Connolly, Jackson Fritz, Jonah Morrissey, Elliott Paradis

Bottle Drives

Troop 13 collects and sorts returnable cans and bottles at their collection area at the Chester Town Garage on Grote Road if you would like to drop returnable soda, beer or water bottles and cans. Funds from these returnable containers help to pay for campouts and events the scouts participate in.

To learn more information about joining Troop 13 please contact our Scoutmaster, Michael Ruty @ 860-558-8888.



Troop 13 Eagle Court of Honor held June 13, 2021 at Camp Hazen Alpine Field. Left to right: J. Kateley, M. Raymond, G. Hauswirth, Z. Gilbert, M. Roise, C. Neubert III



Troop 13 Summer Camp at June Norcross Webster in Ashford, CT

Tri-Town Cub Scouts Pack 13 Chester-Deep River-Essex

Tri-Town Cub Scout Pack 13 Chester-Deep River-Essex is dedicated to the growth and development of boys and girls in grades K-5. Cub Scouts in Pack 13 are given wholesome opportunities for physical, mental and intellectual development. Most of all - Everything is focused on FUN!

2020-2021 in Review

Tri-Town Cub Scout Pack 13 kept busy through the COVID-19 challenges from September to June. We held a fall and spring campout, marched in Memorial Day parades, decorated Veteran graves with American flags for Veteran's Day in Chester and Memorial Day in Centerbrook. The Pack also held their Better Late than Never In-Person Pinewood Derby at Camp Hazen this year where the creativity of our scouts showed in all the fantastic car designs.

Through virtual and in-person den and pack meetings the 22 Cub Scouts have earned the following awards from September to June: 188 Adventure Belt-loops, 43 Webelos Adventure Pins, 13 NOVA-STEM Awards, 3 Religious Emblem Knots, 10 Cub Scout World Conservation Awards and 9 Whittling Chips! Each award represents a fun learning opportunity in a grade level appropriate way.

939 Miles Hiked by the Cub Scout Youth!

This year the leaders decided to get everyone outside as much as possible and created the Pack 13 Hike of the Month Program where the Cub Scouts can earn a hiking stick and mileage awards for the hiking stick. From October 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021 the 22 Cub Scouts of Pack 13 hiked a collective 939 miles of CT State Parks and local land trust properties, while introducing the practices of the Leave-No-Trace principles and the Outdoor Code to the Cub Scouts. Next year the goal is to hike more miles!

Summer Activities:

Pack 13 held outdoor "Come and Try Us Out Events" in July and August. You may have seen the posters at the local libraries and town email newsletters. You can also contact us and ask to be added to the email list.

Want to get involved?

For more information or to join Cub Scout Pack 13, please email Cubmaster GR Nash Jr. or Pack Committee Chair, Lianne Rutty at tritownpack13@gmail.com. Families can sign up at anytime of the year, if you think your child would enjoy and benefit from what we offer. Parents are encouraged to become leaders. Training is required for all adult volunteer leaders, and is provided by both the Pack and the Boy Scouts of America Council office.



Tri-Town Cub Scout Pack 13 End of the Year Awards June 12, 2021



Tri-Town Cub Scout Pack 13 placing Memorial Day flags at the Centerbrook Cemetery

Winthrop Baptist Church

How does a 276-year-old “country” church survive a pandemic? It turns out that it takes a lot of creativity, an enormous amount of willpower from a dedicated group of Deacons and Trustees, and the love and support of the community.

After shutting our doors on March 15, 2020 due to the rapid spread of COVID-19, Winthrop Baptist Church reopened in September 2020 after welcoming our new interim pastor, Rev. Bill Huegel one month prior. Rev. Huegel joins us from Wallingford following a 35-year career serving three American Baptist churches in both Connecticut and Massachusetts. Upon the Church’s reopening, Rev. Huegel, preached from our side porch with the help of technology to create three “new” ways to attend church. Services were broadcast live on Facebook for those uncomfortable returning in-person while our PA system allowed parishioners to sit outside and enjoy the weather, and a new FM transmitter let parishioners remain in their cars and “tune in.” As the weather turned colder, however, we returned to our Sanctuary following strict COVID-19 guidelines. Seating capacity was limited as pews were roped off and shared items like hymnals and bibles were removed. Congregants were required to wear masks and hymn singing was not allowed. An extensive weekly cleaning protocol was put in place to keep everyone safe. Services returned to a more “normal” look and feel on Easter Sunday, and we are now fully open with regular Sunday services from 10 to 11 a.m. each week.

Despite the pandemic, we found ways to continue our church mission of community service. We established the Winthrop Baptist Pantry, collecting food items for the local food bank, and began serving free lunches to the community on Tuesdays. Free breakfasts prepared by Rev. Huegel were served on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.



We welcomed the community back to the church in a big way on June 5, 2021, hosting our first (and hopefully not last) Tag Sale and Community Market. Our normal September tag sale and Holly Day Christmas Fair had been canceled in 2020, and we sought ways to bring the greater community together as pandemic-related restrictions were



eased. After a year of lockdown, we were excited to invite our neighbors for an outside market where they could visit with one another, share breakfast and lunch, and feel the joy of being together. The Market was a huge success with nearly two dozen booths on a hot and sunny day.

Local non-profits, including the Winthrop Cemetery Association, The Over 60 Club, Deep River Historical Society, American Legion and Auxiliary, Deep River Town Historian, and Boobstock (a breast cancer charity) joined us along with several private vendors. Church proceeds benefitted local church missions like the Deep River Food Pantry, a backpack program, and our soon-to-be launched Community Closet.

Currently, we’re hard at work preparing for a special 9/11 community service. More information about that event should begin appearing in the local newspaper soon, so keep an eye out for announcements.

All are welcome to join our worship service at 10 a.m. to 11a.m. on Sundays with communion served the first Sunday of each month. We continue to serve COVID-19 safe Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Winthrop Baptist Church is located at 444 Winthrop Road, Deep River, on the green in Winthrop Center across from Acer Gardens. Rev. Huegel holds office hours on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and enjoys meeting with all visitors.

For more information about the Church or our upcoming programs, please call 860-526-5141 and leave a message, or email us at office@winthropbaptist.org. You can find us online at www.winthropbaptist.org and at www.facebook.com/winthropbaptist.



Rev. Bill Huegel and his wife Debbie



Deep River Parks and Recreation

As we head into fall, Deep River Parks and Recreation is keeping their collective fingers crossed that we will be able to utilize school gym space for fall/winter programs. We will continue to focus on offering outdoor activities as well so that we can utilize our lovely parks and community and be able to socially distance in order to keep everyone safe. Please keep your eye on the P & R web page for up-to date information.

The popular women's hiking club first offered in the spring will return this fall. It is anticipated that it will include four local 1 hour hikes and maybe one a bit longer, that involves a short drive from Deep River. We look forward to another enthusiastic bunch of participants as we had in the spring. Led by Ann Courcy, a local teacher and naturalist, the group will be introduced to the basics of hiking such as proper clothing, what to pack, and how to read a trail map. Registration is now open. Hikes will take place on Tuesday afternoons at 4:30 and will begin on September 21st. Cost is \$40.00 and includes a t-shirt.

The annual 5K and 1 mile fun run will take place to kick start the Merchant Associations' Family Day. The race will be held rain or shine on Saturday, September 18, 2021. DR Parks and Recreation has been organizing this race for over 25 years! The route is relatively flat and is very scenic, taking the participants of the 5K to the center of town and down to the lovely town landing and Connecticut River. We are planning music at the landing during the race and will once again be offering free water, fruit and healthy snacks at Devitt Field. Raffle prizes will also be offered! On line registration is still open, so lace up those sneakers and plan to join us. The one mile fun run will begin 8:00 am, and the 5K will begin at 9:00am. The 5K will be chip timed by the Empire Timing Company while the 1 mile fun run will not. A discount registration fee will be given to groups of 5 or more runners. Same day registration will be accepted, although discouraged. Go to the P & R web page to register.

We are excited to announce a brand new event-a drive in movie! Family day fun will continue in the after dark hours when P & R hosts the first ever, drive in movie at Devitt Field. We have limited space, so tickets will be required. Call the P & R office or stop in at Town Hall to pick up your ticket to the show. The movie to be shown will be the family friendly, Jumanji rated 'PG-13' which is approved for all audiences, parental guidance suggested. Come and join us for this new feature! Remember, space is limited so once all of the tickets are gone, that's it. The plan as of this writing, is to have the snack shack open to sell pizza slices, sweet treats, candy and drinks. This might change as we get closer to the

date depending on any restrictions imposed due to the pandemic. However, if the weather cooperates, the movie will go on despite the pandemic! So mark your calendars. The movie will begin at dusk so check the web site for a better approximation of the starting time.

P & R is working with other local rec departments to join an Esports league and be able to offer this fun activity to our community. Planning is on-going, so as you read this, registration is probably open! Check out the P & R page for more information including cost.

The Halloween trunk or treat event and the annual fireworks will take place on Saturday, October 30th. These two free events will both be held at Plattwood Park. The Trunk or Treat event will run from 2:00-4:00 pm and feature games, a costume contest and music from crowd favorite, DJ, Mike Prodoti. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated trunks/cars as well! Bring plenty of candy so that costumed participants can trick-or-treat at your car. The fireworks will begin at approximately 7:30 pm and will also feature a DJ playing some great tunes. Plan to come on down to the park with your car or truck decorated for the Trunk or Treat event and stay for the fireworks show. Just think-what a great way to have some fun and also score a great parking spot for the fireworks show! Chris' Hot Dogs will be on site and P & R will once again be selling candy, snacks, drinks and of course, glow sticks, from the snack shack. All cars/trucks must be pre-registered for the Trunk or Treat activity. Registration is free.

With the uncertainty of what the pandemic will look like in the fall and winter months, at this writing, we are unsure if we will be able to offer our winter basketball program for grades K-12. Please continue to check the web site for updates. If P & R is allowed to utilize gym space at the schools, the basketball program registration will be out in late October. Based on previous year's schedules, practices should begin in late November or early December with games beginning in January.

Save the date for the annual Holiday Stroll and the Holiday Light Parade which will be held on Saturday, December 4th from 4:00-8:00 pm. Start planning your vehicle's light decorations so that the 2021 parade will be bigger and better than ever! The anticipated parade route will be Bridge to Main Street to Southworth ending at Devitt Field. More details to follow!

Deep River Parks and Recreation, cont.

Looking Back at Late Spring and Summer

Similar to 2020, the annual fishing derby was held over a number of days to encourage social distancing and to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. From May 8th through May 16th anglers had the opportunity to catch a prized trout from the fishing pond at Plattwood Park, which had been stocked with rainbow and golden trout from the Beaverkill Fish Hatchery. The young participants, ages 5-15, had to submit a photo of themselves with their catch and also a photo of the fish getting measured at the on-site measuring station set up by P & R. More than 2 dozen anglers registered for the event but only 3 were able to land a fish during the derby. Congratulations to Charlotte Farrell who won for biggest catch hauling in a 17.50 inch trout. Sy Howard, age 6 was first in his age group, catching a 17.25 inch fish and Abigail Farrell, reeled in a 16.25 inch trout to take 2nd place.



Abigail Farrell, 16.25 inch trout

Enhanced safety precautions were put in place to help insure that the P & R youth summer camp could once again offer campers and staff a delightful eight weeks of summer fun! Camp ran from June 21st- through August 13th and at less than \$140.00 a week remains one of the best values around.

The campers enjoyed three days a week of swimming and beach fun at Plattwood Park. Two days were spent at the elementary school, where games, crafts, playground fun and local walking field trips were possible. Several times the campers trekked to the library for super cool and fun programs, such as learning about pond life, being entertained by a magician, and enjoying yoga-storytelling. The campers were also invited on a walk through Fountain Hill Cemetery by Rhonda Forristall, a local historian and volunteer with the DR Historical Society. Rhonda made history 'come alive' for the campers with a very interesting walk where they learned many cool and interesting facts. One of those was why Sol Lewitt's headstone has cube shapes on it and why another displays the Dairy Queen Logo. Her planned 45 minute walk turned into an hour and a half! The campers were enthralled! On another day, the staff and campers had the opportunity to walk to the Stone House where volunteers demonstrated and explained early life in Deep River and how our ancestors used 'gadgets' created out of



necessity, to perform daily tasks. A big thank you to the volunteers at the DR Historical Society; Kathy Schultz, Rhonda Forristall, Richard Kalapos and Jeff and Linda Hostetler, among others, who shared their knowledge and gave of their time to give the campers and staff a fun day.

Parks and Recreation is extremely grateful to the Community Foundation of Middlesex County who awarded the department a \$1,000.00 grant to be used exclusively for youth summer camp. This generous donation allowed 7 Deep River youth to attend camp free of charge. The whole camp got in the spirit sending out a big thank you to the Foundation.

The summer concert series, "Sounds of Summer" was well received but, of course, was derailed three times due to inclement weather. There seems to be something about Thursday evenings in the summer that brings on rain! The lineup of bands was awesome with something for everyone. Holding the concerts at only Devitt Field and Plattwood Park, where the crowds could spread out and socially distance,

Deep River Parks and Recreation, cont.

was beneficial. Our hope is that next summer we can once again hold concerts at all of Deep River's lovely parks and open space venues as we have in the past; fingers crossed. The line-up of bands for 2021 was as follows:

- Rotary, classic rock @Plattwood Park
- Creamery Station, CT's best jam band @ Devitt Field
- The Signature Band, party dance hits @ Devitt Field
- Sweet Daddy Tea, acoustic rock trio @ Plattwood Park
- Foxtrotter Plays Pink Floyd, Pink Floyd tribute band @ Devitt Field
- Butter Jones, rock originals and covers @Plattwood Park
- The 70's Project, hits of the 70's @ Devitt Field



Parks and Recreation sponsored an adult men's summer basketball league at Plattwood Park. Under the leadership of local coach, Nick Mardjekaj, 6 teams competed against each other playing under the lights on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, from June 21st through the second week of August.

Join Parks and Recreation today, as we need your help to continue to offer these great programs and events to the town. The 5K road race, drive-in movie night, the fireworks display, Halloween event and the holiday light parade and stroll are all approaching. Help with one of these great offerings or suggest something new. We love new ideas!

Please email or call the office if you'd like to join P & R or just want to volunteer to help with any one of our wonderful programs. Do you have a specific hobby or interest? Help us turn that into a program to invite others in to share your passion.

Some Friendly Reminders:

- Our parks continue to be enjoyed by so many. Please speak up if you see someone mistreating park property.
- Please remember that dogs are not allowed in the parks from March 15th to October 30th.
- No household trash should be disposed of at the parks.
- Park use forms are required to be filled out by both residents and non-residents if you would like to reserve exclusive use of an area at a park such as the pavilion. Applications should be filed at least 3 weeks in advance of the requested date of use. Depending on the proposed use, other fees or paperwork may be required. A refundable security deposit is required from all users. Your application may have to be presented to the full Commission for a vote, so please plan accordingly. Events not approved by P & R might be turned away by the gate guard on duty.
- Please help keep our parks clean-properly dispose of garbage.
- Be a courteous pet owner-pick up after your dog and keep them on a leash.
- At Plattwood-please refrain from smoking on the beach; no fishing from the beach
- Please do not bring in glass bottles.
- Don't forget to visit the Town Clerk to get your parking pass for the parks.

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Mystery Spot Mondays Contest "Find Queenie"



Congratulations and thank you to all of the sleuths who participated in the weekly contest, "Mystery Spot Mondays" and correctly identified where our beloved elephant "Queenie" was spotted around Deep River. "Queenie", who was named in honor of Deep River's nickname, "Queen of the Valley" was photographed in different places around town and then each week, a picture of "Queenie" in a new location was posted. Within minutes, guesses were coming into the P & R phone line! You should all be very proud of yourselves: you know your town so well! The contest ran for 16 weeks. From weeks 1-14, every two weeks, a name was drawn from the winning entries and that person was awarded a \$25.00 gift certificate to a local business or restaurant. For weeks 15 & 16, we drew two names and awarded two prizes as multiply locations needed to be identified. This contest garnered so much enthusiasm and positive feedback, that we will be starting it back up this fall, so look for the announcement. Here are the pictures of "Queenie" and her locations over the last 4 months.

(Left to right): John Winthrop sign; horse shoe pits at Marvin Field; Pratt Cove-north side near bird-

house; River St. swing in island; Plattwood Lifeguard chair; Rock outcropping bottom of Kelsey Hill Road; Town Landing crosswalk (Abbey Road look alike); Apizza Grande; Winthrop Fire House; Deep River welcome sign by exit 4, south Main St. ; Piano Works Main Street stair entrance; In island leading to Marina Road at River Lane; third base dugout at Devitt "A" field; left side of Valley Regional HS entrance sign; at Stone house porch steps; 4 places of worship-Winthrop Baptist Church; Wooster Chapel (Fountain Hill), Deep River Congregational Church; Deep River Baptist Church

Congratulations to our Contest Winners:

Week 1 & 2 -Sara Benedetto - \$ 25.00 Whistle Stop Café
Week 3 & 4 - Margaret Field - \$25.00 Celebrations
Week 5 & 6 - Betsy Macmillan - \$25.00 The Rusty Rail
Week 7 & 8 - Jared Smith -\$25.00 Landing and Main
Week 9 & 10 - Sean Casula - \$25.00 Anchor & Compass
Week 11 & 12- Jill White- \$25.00 EmJays
Week 13 & 14 - Jane Falivene - \$25.00 Apizza Grande
Week 15 - Jane Cavanaugh - \$25.00 Pizza DaVinci
Week 16 - Samantha Gerard - \$50.00 Red House

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Sustainability CT-Deep River Committee

The Deep River Sustainability Committee has been busy! Committee members continue to tackle an array of 'action items' with the goal of helping Deep River move towards becoming a sustainable town.

Lenore Grunko is moving action item 9 forward; Strategic Materials Management, specifically 9.3; Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics. Under this action item, a program would be set up to allow Deep River residents to recycle food scraps. This would keep hundreds of pounds of compostable waste from ending up in plastic garbage bags and disposed of as household waste at the town's transfer station. The town would save a substantial amount of money by potentially reducing our garbage by 20-30%. This is our goal since MIRA, the garbage processing facility in Hartford, will be closing next year and our garbage will be transported out of state. The impact of this is twofold, larger costs to the town and more environmental impact. Educating the community on the importance of recycling food scraps will be challenging but as Lenore points out when recycling first went into effect back in the 1970's, it took a while to understand the 'why and how' of the process we're all practicing now. First, we had to recycle cans and bottles and when that didn't work on a large enough scale, folks were paid to return their cans and bottles. Soon after that, other items hit the recycling stream. Now, we need to adopt a new behavior recycling ALL food scraps. This will include, meat, cheese, eggs and vegetables. The food waste will be transported from the transfer station by a hauling company to Quantum Biopower in Southington. Quantum Biopower is an anaerobic digestion facility that turns organic material into renewable energy and compost. The process reduces our garbage, saves money while also saving OUR piece of the planet.

The Board of Selectmen put together a Deep River Transfer Station Advisory Committee which has been meeting regularly to determine the best course of action to move this forward. Because Chester contracts with the town to utilize the transfer station for recycling and bulky waste inviting them to the table makes sense. The committee consists of elected officials from Deep River and Chester as well as Sustainable CT committee members from both towns.

So get ready Deep River peeps! Residents, restaurants, apartment complexes and more we're about to embark on a new age. Stay tuned for the details!

Let's read together! Spearheaded by Lenore Grunko, the Deep River Sustainable CT committee is initiating a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) book club in collaboration with the Deep River Library and the Sustainable CT committees in both Essex and Chester. This DEI book club for the tri towns will begin on September 22, 2021 at the Deep River Public Library. By applying a racial equity lens to book readings and discussion, the group will pay attention to race and ethnicity, while analyzing problems, seeking solutions and defining successes. The group will be excited to listen, learn and do the hard work that is required to address the power imbalances that exist as part of systemic racism. While reading and discussing books centered on DEI, we hope to develop a better understanding of the obstacles and options available to us to while creating a more inclusive and comfortable environment for all people. We will be meeting on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. The first book is White Fragility. Send email to TTDEIbookclub@yahoo.com to sign up or for more information.

Committee members Jerry Richard, Jeff Gross and Kevin Clark continue to work on action item 7; Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations, which requires gathering and tracking energy consumption across all municipal buildings, both electric and gas, and identifying areas of waste and where the use of renewable energy would be beneficial. This includes solar and wind power, (also part of action item 5.0). This is a very time consuming process that involves reaching out to State, local and town personnel as well as Eversource for electric and gas information.

Another action item being addressed is action item 6; Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices. This covers zero emission vehicles, municipal vehicles and public transportation amongst other things. Where to locate another charging station for example, is being considered.

Committee member Jeff Gross is also working on action item 3.10; Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management. Working with Alan Mizejeski, the Deep River Tree Warden, plans are in the works to support a volunteer effort to cut down and eradicate invasive species on town property. One particular species, Tree of Heaven, is overrunning several of our streets. Late sum-

Sustainability CT-Deep River Committee, cont.

mer is good for cutting with less immediate grow-back. As of this writing, a detailed plan is being submitted to the Board of Selectman including the scope of work, the locations of work and dates of work. Alan will aid in technical and legal guidelines, safety advice, and in obtaining any permits necessary for cutting on town property. This volunteer effort is a start to addressing a large problem and at this point, will not include state right-of-ways or private property, where the problem is arguably bigger. The hope is that through personal outreach by the volunteers, the community will be made aware of what invasive species exist in town and in their own yards and can take action. Perhaps as you read this, you have seen this group of volunteers working...please consider joining them in their efforts. Jeff will also reach out to the Conservation Commission and Deep River Garden club to help with these efforts as it is an ongoing battle to stay ahead of these invasive plants.

Jeff is also delving into action item 3.0; Well-stewarded Land and Natural Resources. He is trying to organize a public seminar on the new HB6441 bill, which outlines how towns can establish programs favoring resiliency in the face of climate change. The bill as passed seems to focus on storm water runoff which is relevant to all of the Connecticut's shoreline and river systems. The goal is to have the bill's sponsor, Sen. Cohen, attend as a speaker or Christine Palm, as well as someone from Green Bank. More details to follow.

Committee member Molly Flueckiger continues to lead the efforts on action item 8; Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education. Working within the Sustainable CT Equity Toolkit framework, the Deep River Committee is exploring ways to build and strengthen municipal processes to be more inclusive, cohesive, and representative of all community members, now and in the future. The Committee is wrapping up a baseline Communications Inventory as the first step in a process to identify Communications Best Practices for municipal communications. Molly has been working closely with Sustainable CT Fellows Megan Schweickert and Sofia DiNatale to develop a training tool to help Deep River optimize our digital communications for accessibility. The goal will be to hold a digital accessibility training event for municipal content publishers to share the information.

Molly has also been actively working with equity con-

sultant, Elizabeth McGee, as the committee tackles the requirements of action item 1; Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts. Ultimately, the committee will ask McGee to hold an equity forum for stakeholders from municipal staff, elected officials, and committee and commission volunteers. Action item 1, sub action, 1.2; requires participation in equity training of at least 3 people from the municipality; to date, Molly, Carol Jones and Lenore Grunko have completed the 12 hours of equity training. Deep River is now eligible to earn credit in the Sustainable CT Certification process because a member of municipal staff, an elected official, and a volunteer have completed this training.

This past spring, the Deep River Garden Club lent a hand to the sustainable DR committee on action item 3; Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources, specifically sub action, 3.12; Enhance Pollinator Pathways. The group made up informational packets which taught about the importance of pollinators including a free pack of seeds and distributed them to every Deep River Elementary School student so that they could do their part and plant their own pollinator garden! Their efforts will earn Deep River credit towards this action. Awesome job! Interested in learning more? Go to the Sustainable CT web site (<https://sustainablect.org>).

Interested in joining us? Please call the Selectman's Office for more information @ 860-526-6020. The committee meets the third Friday of every month at the Town Hall @ 9:00 am.

The mission of Sustainable CT is to guide communities to strive to be thriving, resilient, collaborative, and forward-looking while they build community and local economy. The mission also includes aiding communities to equitably promote the health and well-being of current and future residents, as they respect the finite capacity of the natural environment. Sustainable CT provides municipalities with a menu of coordinated, voluntary actions, to continually become more sustainable; to provide resources and tools to assist municipalities in implementing sustainability actions and to advance their programs for the benefit of all residents; and to certify and recognize municipalities for their ongoing sustainability achievements. It is a voluntary program.

Deep River Congregational Church

All are welcome to attend worship services at the Deep River Congregational Church. Our summer Sunday services have continued each week at 10:00 a.m., both in person and live-streaming. It is our hope to return to our former schedule of worship (8:30 and 10:00 a.m.) in September. We also hope to have our Senior Choir and Chancel Handbell Choirs return.

Along with our Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m., we plan on opening our Church School for all of our children and young people (birth through high school). Our Sunday School meets weekly and this fall will hold the majority of our classes outside except during inclement weather. We are fortunate to have large indoor classrooms where we have lots of space for creative learning.

Contact Sybil Higgins, our Christian Education Director at christianed@deeprivercc.org for more information.

Youth Group for grades 4th-12th with fun activities and community outreach opportunities happening each month! Contact Youth and Family Director, Chelsea Chiappa Ehmke at yandfm@deeprivercc.org for more information.

Please check our website www.deeprivercc.org, for updates on our worship schedule. You are also welcome to tune into our website on Sunday mornings at 10:00 and click on "Live-Stream" on the menu bar to participate in our worship at home. Live-stream will continue, even though we are meeting in person. You may also watch the service any time on Sunday or in the following weeks by going to the "Service Videos" icon and clicking on the "Playlist" in the upper right corner of the latest video.

We've had a busy summer sharing the good news of Christ's love.

- Our church continues to reach out to our local community by hosting Shoreline Soup Kitchen every Thursday at 5:00 p.m. It has been curb-side pick up only, but hopefully this fall, meals can be served inside again. (See our website for updates!)
- Dale Litalien, RN began an exercise class for church members in Fellowship Hall which meets on Tuesdays from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- On July 23-25, Chelsea Chiappa, our Youth and

Family Director, led a group of 30 youth, mentors and adult chaperones on a mission trip right here in our own community. Chelsea can be contacted at yandfm.drcc@snet.net for information about church youth group activities.

- On the weekend of August 6th, our men departed for their 31st Annual Men's Hike. This year they went to Adirondak Loj in Heart Lake, NY. 20 went on the hike this year. It was a welcome experience, since it was cancelled during COVID-19 in 2020.
- Our Annual August Flea Market, on August 21st brought a number of vendors and many visitors to our church. We are so pleased with the community support of this event and are appreciative of all those who rented spaces, as well as those who came to shop.

Please consider worshipping with us this fall as we begin our new Sunday School year and other activities of our church.

- We are looking forward to being back together for the start of Sunday School on September 12th. Our Sunday School offers programs from birth - 12th grade and we welcome all within the local community and beyond. After worship service on the first day, we will hold our Annual Sunday School Mission Fair with activities for all ages, such as a Pie Eating Contest with Rev. Tim, Butter Churning, Giant Jenga, Fizzy Pop Bowling, Cake Walk, Cookie Decorating....and more.
- Rev. Jane Vieira will give the sermon on Sunday, September 12th in recognition of the 20th anniversary of 9/11.
- Outdoor Fall Concert on Saturday, September 25th at 4:00 p.m. Free of charge. All are welcome! Light refreshments will be served. If you are a singer or musician and would like to perform please contact Chelsea Chiappa Ehmke at yandfm@deeprivercc.org by September 18th. Rain date will be Sunday, September 26th at 1:00 p.m.
- On Saturday, October 2nd at 10:00 a.m., we will observe the Annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's birthday.
- On Sunday, October 3rd, all are invited to the Annual Sunday School Chowder Challenge. Come and sample chowders made by members and friends of the church and vote for your favorite!

Deep River Congregational Church

- On Homecoming Sunday, October 10th, we will recognize those who have been members of our church for 25 years or more.
- On October 24th, we will celebrate Laity Sunday. One of our Deacons, Greer Richardson, will lead the service and give the sermon.
- Rev. Tim Haut will lead the annual walking tour of Fountain Hill Cemetery on Saturday, October 30th. Meet Tim at the Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Rain date is November 6th.
- On October 31st, our Sunday School will celebrate a Joyful Pumpkin Festival which will include pumpkin and scarecrow design
- During the month of November, the Sunday School will host a breakfast to honor our Veterans and participate in "The Great Turkey Hunt."

Our website, www.deeprivercc.org is updated regularly. Please check that for more information about our worship schedule and church activities. You may also contact Office Manager, Kris Lindner at 860-526-5045 or office.drcc@snet.net.

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Deep River Land Trust

Deep River Land Trust (DRLT) has conserved 38 more acres with the Williams Woodland Preserve!

At the very end of 2020, Lindy and Tim Williams generously donated 38.6 acres of forest overlooking the Connecticut River to DRLT. With this addition, DRLT now protects 255 acres of open space in our town. As you will see in the accompanying map, the Williams donation was extremely impactful. It directly connects to two existing DRLT preserves, which, in turn connects with three Essex Land Trust preserves. This network is accessible by road from DRLT's Guetliweg preserve on River Road. Combined, these properties form a 100-acre complex! Once we have completed the trails being designed for Williams, hikers will be able to start at any one of eight access points, move between towns, and even pair a hike with a paddle on the Connecticut River!

Please consider donating your time or funds to help us develop public access for Williams Woodland Preserve and to steward this property forever against degradation by invasive species.

YOUR Land Trust really needs some help. We welcome volunteers of all ages!

Join a committee, assist in a project, or design your own initiative:

- **Development** - Help us raise funds to improve and protect our preserves forever.
- **Education and Outreach** - Work with our inspired teachers to develop and deliver educational programs and content to adults and kids. We have so much to talk about and need some help presenting it.
- **Land Preservation Planning** - Work with us to identify connections and corridors that will preserve our quality of life and natural resources. Help us preserve the places you love!
- **Membership** - Help us bring more value to our members and expand the DRLT family.
- **Trails and Stewardship** - Exercise your mind and muscles by designing, building, and maintaining trails, protecting habitat, and building benches, bridges, and signs.

- **Website and Social Media** – Show off your website and social media talents by contributing to our online presence.

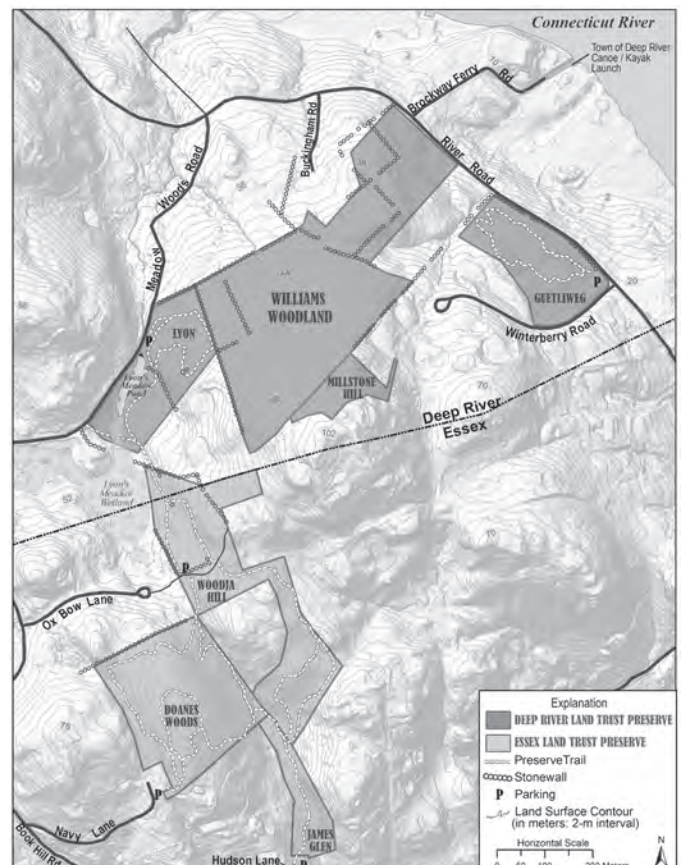
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We would LOVE to hear from you. Contact us at deeperiverlandtrust@gmail.com or call our President Laurie Giannotti (860-543-2198) to discuss any of the above opportunities or to create one of your own!





Membership Form

Join the Deep River Land Trust! Membership is open to all—individuals, families, and organizations interested in supporting our mission. Individual, Family, Contributing, Sustaining, and Guardian Membership lasts one calendar year, starting in April in honor of Earth Day. Please renew your membership by April 22 each year. Lifetime membership does not need to be renewed each year. Membership benefits include receipt of the Annual Newsletter, attendance at Annual Meetings, and participation in special Land Trust activities; Membership responsibilities include exercising your right to vote in Board elections and voting on motions set before the entire DRLT membership.

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Membership dues to the Deep River Land Trust are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. It is most efficient for us if you fill out this membership form on line and pay your dues via PayPal, but if you choose to join us by using paper, please make checks payable to **Deep River Land Trust, Inc.** and mail along with this completed form to:

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Deep River Public Library



The library has returned to normal hours. Unvaccinated persons and children under 12 are required to wear masks. Two year olds and under, however, should not wear masks because of suffocation risk.

Check us out at www.deepriverct.us/library.

Let's Talk Books

Join us on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:15 pm to discuss the book of the month. Occasionally we'll watch a critically acclaimed film in lieu of a book discussion.

Join us on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm for the evening book club.

New Book Club forming – The Deep River Sustainable CT Committee, in collaboration with Deep River Public Library, and other local libraries, will hold the first DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) book talk on September 22 @ 6:30pm at Deep River Library.

Space is limited for all clubs, registration is required. Call 860-526-6039 for more information.

Our Digital Media Offerings:

OverDrive – enjoy ebooks and audio books for free. Hoopla is a digital streaming service for library users to instantly download digital movies and more with your library card.

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Programs

The library continues to offer a variety of programs for children and adults. Story Time and book clubs are being held at the library. Check out our monthly online calendar to see what's on offer and to register for programs at www.deepriverct.us/library.

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

News from the Children's Department

All of our programs are free and open to the public. View our website calendar for all programming at the following link: <http://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/d/drpl/ek.cfm> or open the camera app on your smart phone and scan this QR code to open the calendar:



What's New in the Children's Department

Deep River Library has been updating their children's collection. Our picture book collection has been newly organized by themes to make for easier browsing. We are also updating our series section for older readers. Come check out our latest offerings!

Did you know...

We joined Instagram! Follow us to stay in touch with current library happenings: <https://www.instagram.com/deepriverpubliclibrary/>

Want quick access to pre-recorded virtual programming? Visit our LinkTree for the latest story time videos and STEM activities and tutorials: <https://linktr.ee/deepriverpubliclibrary>

Want to join our email list? Send your request to Miss Elaine: drplchildrensdept@gmail.com

Deep River Public Library, cont.

Upcoming Fall Programs:

Story Times:

We offer weekly story time three ways! Starting on September 30, Miss Elaine will host a socially distanced, in-person story time on Thursday mornings, a virtual story time through Zoom on Friday mornings, as well as offer a pre-recorded story time to be released weekly. To keep the numbers low, we will be requesting patrons register for in-person story times. Please visit our calendar for dates, times, registration information and Zoom links. To access pre-recorded story times, visit our LinkTree or request to be on the weekly email.

Deep River Chess Club; September 22 - November 10; 4:00 - 5:00 pm (Zoom)

Changes are coming to our Chess Club this fall! We will now host a Beginner and Advanced Chess Club. The Beginner Club will be for kids in kindergarten through 8th grade. The Advanced will be for kids in 5th - 12th grade. Registration will be required. Each class will start with 30 minutes of instruction and finish with 30 minutes of play. This program will be held on Zoom and requires that participants sign up for a free Chess.com account. Stay tuned for a monthly adult chess club that is in the works!

Food Explorers Cooking Classes on Zoom:

Veggie Stuffed Shells Cook Class, September 22, 6:30 pm
Chocolate Chip Pumpkin Cookies, October 20, 6:30 pm
Apple Pie, November 17, 6:30 pm
Cinnamon Buns, December 29, 10:30 am

Zoom in while a Registered Dietitian guides us through making a delicious recipe! These classes are open to adults, teens/tweens and families that love to cook together. Registration is required to receive the list of ingredients and Zoom meeting link. Visit our calendar to register.

Friends of the Deep River Library

The Friends of the Deep River Library are happy to announce that our Annual Book & Bake sale is back on track for Family Day, Saturday, September 18th, 9am-2pm. We can't wait to see you all!

We can not THANK YOU all enough for your contributions from this year's spring membership drive. Your generous donations surpassed previous years by way of support and response. Your efforts continue to provide funds to expand the media space within the library; this year we added a new computer table, replacing our make-do tables, as well as supporting many programs even through the world of zoom!

We have also added additional museum passes for discounted entrance fees, now that we are out and about again. Two that have become popular are Strubidge Village in Massachusetts, as well as The Roger William's Zoo in Rhode Island. Both are outside venues, perfect day trips for families. Or, if you just have an afternoon you can take advantage of the CT River Museum pass, or other local places like the Mystic Seaport.

Please check out our Facebook page "Friends of the Deep River Public Library." Liking and sharing it helps us grow our social media presence and build our family of followers. To support us further, become a FRIEND of the library and work with us to sustain such an integral part of our community.

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As adults, we model strength and resilience when we acknowledge our own needs (and our own fears) and then take steps to care for ourselves and meet those needs. As parents, teachers and helpers, we cannot give from an empty cup. Start this school year with a daily self-care plan so that you feel strong and ready to guide the young people in your life to do the same for themselves.

Remember to reach out for support when you need it. Tri-Town Youth Services offers programs and services to ease the transition back to school. Call 860-526-3600 or visit tritownys.org for more resources and information.

Positive Youth Development

JWMS Youth in Action: promoting community services and a positive school climate. Starting in September. Contact Laura@ttysb.org or Mrs. Sullivan for more information.

VRHS Freshmen Transition Events
Tri-Town, Camp Hazen and Valley welcome the new class.

VRHS Peer Advocate Training, beginning in October.
High school students may contact Mr. Pitman for an application.

Counseling Services

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Conflict Resolution Program
Restorative Solutions to Peer Conflicts
Family Conferencing
School Discipline or Police Referrals Accepted
Court Diversion Programming

Marriage & Family Therapy

Limited appointments available for children, teens and adults. (Locally, there are openings at Child & Family Agency and Pathways).

Visit tritownys.org/mental-health-awareness for more resources.



Volunteers Needed!

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Early Childhood Council
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Tri-Town Youth Services Board of Directors

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Bealey Memorial Scholarships

Essex Winter Series Awards Francis Bealey Memorial Scholarships

ESSEX, CT – The Board of Trustees of Essex Winter Series is pleased to announce that the organization has chosen to award two Francis Bealey Memorial Scholarships rather than a single one for 2021. This year's recipients are Lauren Spencer Sacrey and Elio Perez-Wilson, both of Deep River. The Francis Bealey Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually to a Valley Regional High School (VRHS) graduating senior who will be furthering their musical studies in college, generously provides \$1,000 for each year of study, for a total of \$4,000. The Scholarship was established in 1995 after the passing of Essex Winter Series board president Francis Bealey to honor his commitment to music and arts education.

Lauren Spencer, the daughter of Tracy and William Sacrey, plans to attend the University of Delaware to study music education with a choral concentration. Because her teachers have always inspired her, Lauren's goal through her college study choice is to help students "from all walks of life cultivate their musical talents." Reaching first-tier music program "Wall of Fame" recognition at VRHS, Lauren participated in the Camerata, Voce, Encore and Acapella Honor Choir Ensembles, performed as a musician in the Jazz Band and Percussion ensemble, and worked with the Peer Advocate Program.

Elio is the son of Danton Perez and Katherine Wilson-Perez. Consistently a High Honors student, Elio found his love of musical theatre in 8th grade when he performed in the school's production of "Bye, Bye, Birdie!" Throughout his years at VRHS, he worked to improve his skills through many performances within the school as well as outside of school at The New England Music Festival, the Shoreline Music Festival, and the Heritage Music Festival in Chicago. To further his focus and follow his passion for musical theatre, Elio plans to attend Western Connecticut State University.

Bringing world-class classical and jazz music to the shoreline area was the dream of the founders of Essex Winter Series, established in 1979. The late Fenton Brown devoted decades to expanding the series and ultimately recruited pianist Mihae Lee to become Artistic Director. The "Fenton Brown Emerging Artists Concert" series was begun to honor Brown's commitment to promoting the careers of young artists. Each year, Essex Winter Series presents a series of concert performances by top-rated musicians from around the world – with each season including a mix of such performances as chamber music, instrumental soloists, opera singers, symphony and chamber orchestras, and jazz bands.

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Deep River Elementary School

The 2020-2021 school year was historic! We celebrate the amazing successes of the year despite unprecedented challenges faced by students, families and staff.

August of 2020 was a time of great uncertainty for communities across the country. Educators and families struggled to imagine what a school day would look like based on all the new practices required in order to keep all community members safe and minimize exposure to the virus. It was hard to imagine 5-12 year old students managing social distancing and tolerating wearing masks for full days. Thanks to the unflagging partnership of the Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD) and collaboration of leaders across Chester, Deep River and Essex, we were able to welcome students back to the classroom.

As the year progressed, we were delighted to be able to invite all students back to school five days a week. This made building classroom community and in person student-to-student collaboration much more achievable. Some families opted to continue having their children access all learning from home. We are grateful to all our parent partners for their support during the days of learning from home. A special commendation to the families of our youngest learners - we could not have had such success without your efforts.

It would be impossible to overstate the heroic efforts of Deep River Elementary teachers and staff. They were thrust into a steep learning curve:

- Learning to manage the needs of students in person and students participating remotely
- Reimagining instruction in a setting where it is impossible to have students gather for in person partnerships or small group work
- Translating all instructional materials into a digital format
- Maintaining constant preparedness to shift to a fully remote format in case there is a need to quarantine

Despite all these challenges, the staff were able to create warm, connected classroom communities. While the adults longed for pre pandemic normalcy, the students still had fun, engaging days. Students made meaningful academic growth across the curriculum. Students adjusted to constant mask wearing and social distancing protocols masterfully - far better than we could have imagined last August.

DRES is a Choose Love School. This program includes direct instruction about Courage, Gratitude, Respect and Compassion in Action. These concepts are woven throughout the school day across curricular areas. Understanding the impact the stressors of the pandemic had on children and families, staff placed Social Emotional Learning at the center of their planning. While the 2020-2021 school year is now behind us, we are still living through a pandemic. We will continue to focus on the social and emotional needs of our students and their families in the coming year.

Unfortunately, there are many school traditions that do not translate to socially distanced settings. For example, we were sad not to invite our local veterans to DRES in November. All school assemblies were impossible this year. But, we were able to enjoy several whole school projects. This included:

- We had a school wide walk-a-thon to support the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement. DRES raised \$2,061.09 for this wonderful program.
- We were able to have a field day for students in Kindergarten - Third Grade and another for Fourth-Sixth Graders.
- We had small versions of our annual food drive and our Mitten Tree collecting hats and mittens.
- Sixth Graders continued to be featured in a daily newscast played in classrooms each day.
- We held our annual Veterans Day essay contest and the winners were able to present their work at a wreath laying ceremony for Memorial Day.
- We had small, volunteer run Science Fair and Invention Conventions.
- A student-led group raised awareness about the importance of protecting trees, raised \$365.05 for the Connecticut Tree Protection Association and gave each student a seedling to plant for Arbor Day.
- Students participated in many themed spirit days throughout the year.

On behalf of the DRES school family, we would like to thank the larger Deep River community for your kindness and support.

Lauren M. Feltz

Principal, Deep River Elementary School

Deep River Elementary School PTO

The DRES PTO Needs Your Support!

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. We will continue to do all that we can to make DRES the positive learning community that we are proud to be a part of. Please join us in helping to support the students of DRES.

There are many ways for you to help:

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!

Adams IGA Community Rewards Program - When you shop at Adams with your Adams Rewards card, the DRES PTO will earn money through the Community Rewards program.

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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 volunteering or if you have any suggestions for new activities, please email us at drespto@gmail.com or drop a note in the PTO mailbox in the DRES teachers' lounge. We will be updating the DRES PTO Facebook page regularly. Please check there for more information about DRES 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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Deep River 60 Club

The Deep River 60 Club was pleased to be invited to join the procession at the Memorial Day Parade as the Town honored those who lost their lives during our nation's foreign wars.



This was the first public gathering that was held where Deep River citizens were not required to wear masks outside since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was a time to be thankful for our military forces as we welcomed in the warmth of summer. In June, members were treated to the fife and drum sounds of Terry Malcarne and his granddaughter as Marilyn Malcarne outlined the history of the Deep River Ancient Junior Fife and Drum Corps.



Marilyn and Terry Malcarne talk to the Deep River 60 Club about the history of the Deep River Junior Ancient Fife and Drum Corps.

Members of the 60 Club also supported the Deep River Winthrop Baptist Church's

Tag Sale in June. Club members donated items to be sold resulting in some attendees acquiring treasures that they never expected.

Most members were present at the Club's annual June luncheon at Scotch Plains Restaurant as the group introduced its officers and committee chairs for 2021-2022.

Although the Club does not regularly meet during the summer, members stayed active as they organized the second part of Sophie Giza's 100th birthday celebration, and made plans for fall activities. 60 Club members intend to hold a future reception at the Deep River Town Hall Auditorium where Sophie will be the guest of honor. The program will include music, songs and dances from the 1900's, highlights about Deep River's Warsaw Street neighborhood, and refreshments. Also, the 60 Club is excited about using the Auditorium for this celebration since many activities such as graduations, social dances, flower shows, theatrical performances and so many other town functions were held there since the Town Hall was built in 1893 and the Auditorium restored in 2013.



During the fall the 60 Club looks forward to a guided tour "From Wharf to Waterfall" at the Deep River Historical Society, a talk about Deep River's Food Pantry, a river boat cruise, the Festival of Trees and various programs led by its members.

The 60 Club has always welcomed new members since its founding in 1975. Membership is open to all Deep River area residents who are 60 years of age or older. For information, call 860 526-9006.

2021-2022 Officers are Sally Carlson Crowell, President; Louisa Ketron, Vice President; Calice Sterling, Secretary; and Richard Nagot, Treasurer.

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Kirtland Commons

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KC has a few ongoing fundraisers and all proceeds will go to recreational and meal programs to support our seniors and disabled. The Buy a Brick Campaign is still taking place—All of the previously purchased bricks for our “Buy a Brick Campaign” have been installed in our patio! If you would like to commemorate a relative, friend, pet, volunteer or veteran, please reach out if you would like to place an order. 4x8 brick is \$50 and a 8x8 brick is \$100. We also cooked up some

delicious homemade strawberry-rhubarb jam which will be for sale locally. We have recently reopened our Monday Night Dinners to seniors in the Deep River Community. Lisa Johnson has been making delicious dinners for the residents the past few months and we are thrilled to be able to open our dining room to the community again. If any seniors in the Deep River Area are interested in joining Monday Night Dinners please reach out to Liza at Kirtland. Meals cost \$5 per person. If any individuals are interested in donating towards our fund to buy Kindles for the residents, we plan on starting a technology class in the Fall so they can learn how to use the internet, email, and Facebook etc.

We’ve been working on finishing various projects—our elevator renovation will be complete by the end of the year and our billiards room has just a few finishing touches left. We are looking forward to fall activities like our Annual Pumpkin Carving contest, scarecrow making, and cranberry picking!



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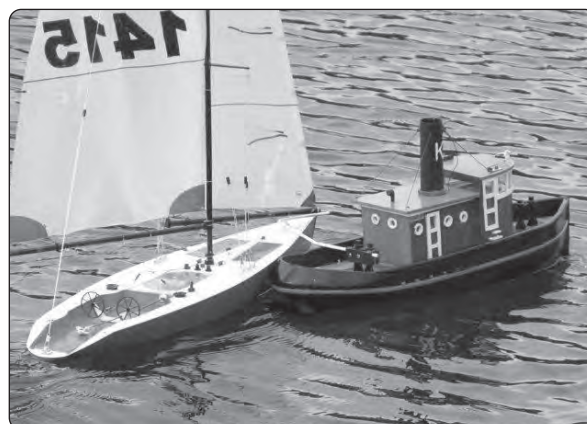
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Dry Pants Model Yacht Club

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The boats we sail at Plattwood Pond have no motors—just sails for power. Sometimes, Mother Nature takes away the wind. Sometimes, there are mechanical or electrical issues. The options to recovery are to wait for a boat to drift to shore, or go wading or swim to the rescue, or take matters into our own hands. We have experience with all of the options—including swimming!!

The Dry Pants Model Yacht Club has two rescue boats: a tug, and a boat that looks like a police rescue boat. One is always present at the pond when we sail. Each has an arm that hooks on the boat that needs help. Rescues take less than five minutes.

Deep River residents are always welcome to stop by and visit with sailors. If you have had some sailing experience, club members are very willing to give you a chance to take the radio-control helm of a boat or even provide you a loaner. And, if you really like the experience, we will be very happy to have you come and join us on a regular basis.

Look for us at the pond every Sunday from 1030 AM until noon as well as Wednesday evenings until dark. For more information, visit the Club's website: www.drypantsmodelyachtclub.com or just Google: dpmc. Model sailing is a lot of fun. Come see and try it!!

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Planning & Zoning

The recently-concluded session of the Connecticut General Assembly resulted in a few pieces of legislation that will have some relevance to local Planning & Zoning or other land use issues. Perhaps the most high-profile of these was the legalization of adult-use recreational cannabis in Connecticut. While medical marijuana has been legal in Connecticut for many years, this additional permission has implications in all of our towns. The Town must decide whether to allow smoking or consuming marijuana in public spaces, such as parks. That will be a decision for the Board of Selectmen and possibly for Town Meeting to vote on an ordinance.

From a Zoning perspective, the Planning & Zoning Commission must decide whether to allow a cannabis retail operation to be established. The way the state law is written, if the Town does not take specific action, a potential cannabis retail shop may be allowed like any other shop, such as a grocery store, pharmacy, or boutique. The Town could opt to either prohibit them altogether or regulate them with a higher standard of review and require specific locations and separation distances from schools, churches, or public buildings. In either case, because of State licensing limits, it is extremely unlikely that the Town of Deep River would ever have any more than one (1) single retail operation in the community. The Planning & Zoning Commission will be working with the Economic Development Commission and Board of Selectmen over the next few months to discuss their approach on this matter.

In other legislative actions, PA 21-29 made changes to the State's Zoning Enabling Act (CGS §8-2) as relates to Accessory Apartments. Starting in 2023, all single-family

dwelling in residential zones will be eligible to add a second, accessory dwelling unit via administrative approval. The property must conform to public health codes, appropriate setbacks, and other standard regulations, but Towns may no longer require lengthy public hearing or special permit processes to manage these dwellings. This law does have a potential "opt-out" provision should Deep River wish to consider a different approach to these accessory units, but that process requires super-majority votes of **both** Planning & Zoning and the Board of Selectmen to proceed.

Finally, the State has extended the flexibility of every local Board and Commission to hold either virtual, hybrid, or in-person public meetings through April, 2022. Each entity may decide for themselves if they wish to continue virtual meetings or return to an in-person model... with a few exceptions. Should any individual Board or Commission member wish to participate in a meeting virtually, even if all other members will be in-person, the Town will have to make that accommodation and provide a virtual component. Conversely, if a Commission wishes to continue entirely virtual meetings and a member of the public petitions at least 24 hours in advance to participate in the meeting in person, the Town must also make that accommodation. These two provisions seem to push towns toward a hybrid approach, where both in-person and virtual options are available. The Town of Deep River is working on acquiring and installing the technology to make these meetings more easily accessible.

As always, if there are any questions about land use matters, you may contact the Zoning department at zoning@deepriverct.us or via phone at 860-526-6030.



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Fountain Hill Cemetery

Fountain Hill Cemetery had one of the busiest summers on record. Many services that were postponed due to COVID-19 are being scheduled for this year. The wet weather has contributed to our work load as well with limbs down and storm damage. Fortunately, none of the monuments have been damaged. Now that our paving projects have been completed, we are focusing on our aging trees. Nearly all of our trees need help and you will see tree crews working to eliminate stress on the trees we think we can save and removing others before they fall and create more problems. There will also be some work done on the hedges in Lower Vista. They have become severely overgrown and we will trim them back more than usual this year in an effort to prevent them from infringing on the monuments.

The Wooster Chapel is heated and air conditioned for the convenience of those looking to book an event and not worry about the weather. Arrangements can be made through Mark Lowrey at 860-790-1098. There are plots available for full burial as well as cremations and green burials. Call Richard Forristall at 860-790-0061 for more information.

Fountain Hill Cemetery and the Deep River Historical Society joined together to host the Park and Rec Campers on July 5th. We had 25 campers walking through the grounds learning about Deep River's rich history. We shared stories of baseball, art, bravery and mystery to a group of students who were attentive, curious and amazed at the history of our quiet little town.

The Fountain Hill Cemetery Preservation Society held its annual meeting in May and in August hosted a gathering of interested people looking for the public's input on future projects. A fountain for the pond, replacement of trees, and monument restoration are just a few of topics discussed. Anyone wishing to be involved can call Rhonda Forristall at 860-526-5086. Next meeting will be in October.

Our Annual Fall Walk with Rev. Tim Haut will be held on Oct 30th at 10 am. We will meet at the Wooster Chapel.



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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.

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Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission

2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Chairperson: Tanner Steeves

Community Health Committee

1st Tuesday of most months at 7:00 p.m.
Chairperson: Russell Marth

Deep River Elementary School Board of Education

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

Design Advisory Board

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

Economic Development Commission

3rd Monday 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: Steven David

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: Carol Flaim

Parks & Recreation Commission

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

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.

Sustainable CT - Deep River

3rd Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m.
Chairperson: Carol Jones

Veterans Green Monument Committee

3rd Thursday of even numbered months, 11:00 a.m.
Chairperson: Rich Nagot

Water Pollution Control Authority

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
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