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Spring 2021

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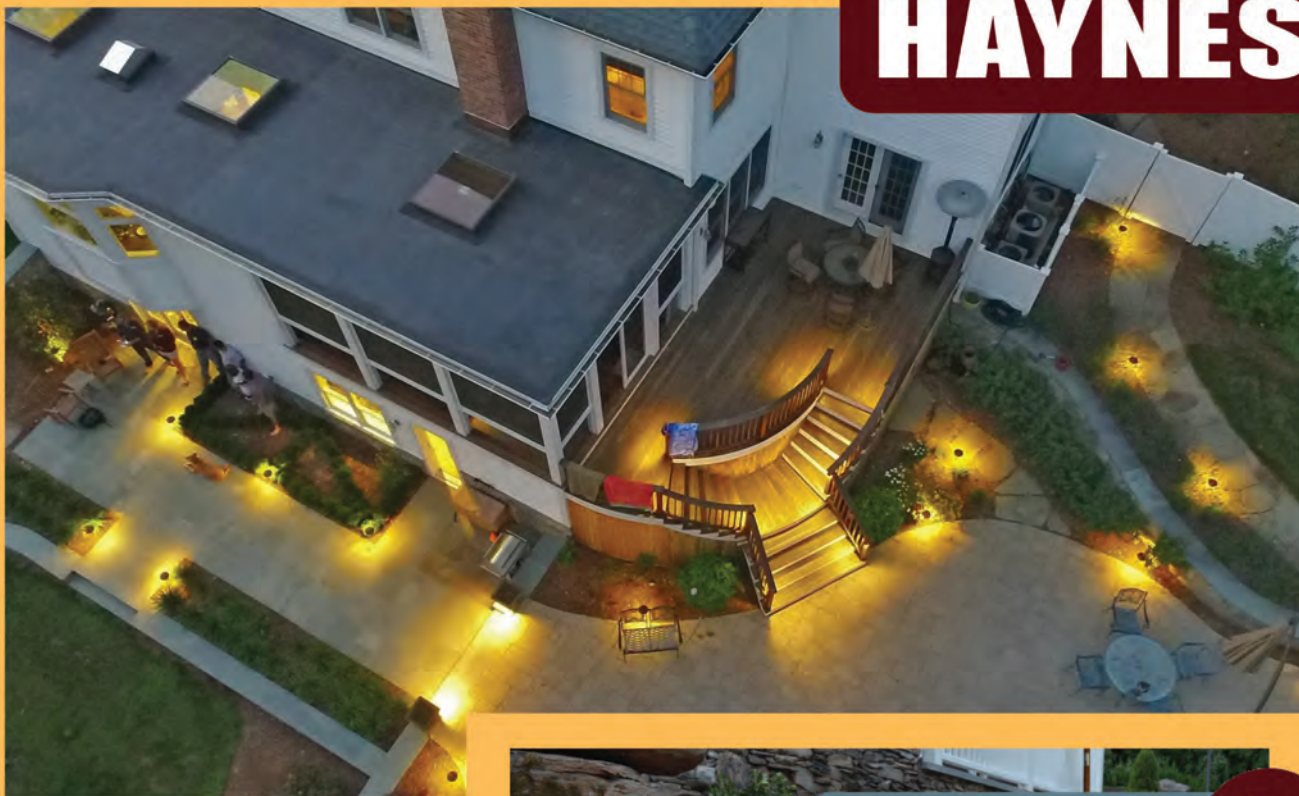
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Upcoming Events

Sounds of Summer Concert Series

Veterans Green & Plattwood Park

June 24th through August 5th

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COVID-19 Vaccines

For the latest updated information concerning COVID-19 vaccines and testing, please visit the following links:



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

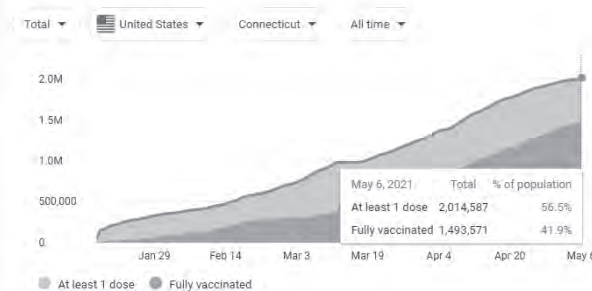


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Vaccinations

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News from the Selectman's Office

Yabba Dabba Doo!!!!

Fred Flintstone

It takes a worried man to sing a worried song
I'm worried now but I won't be worried long
The Kingston Trio

Summer is almost upon us: longer, warmer days are especially welcome after more than a year of COVID-19. And with the warmer weather we comfortably return to the safety of the out of doors. The Federal, State, and local Health Departments are all in agreement that we should feel safer outside. And the rapid development of first one, then two—and now three vaccines has given strength to the belief that a happier future lies ahead. So why does this worried man continue to sing his worried song? In a word: unmasking. The accelerating rate of vaccination carries with it a strong temptation to eschew the lessons the past year has drummed into our psyches: mask, distance, hygiene. Current CDC guidelines state that for people who have received both doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson, masks are not considered necessary for most outdoor recreation including walking, hiking, biking and running; gathering in small groups outdoors among both vaccinated and unvaccinated people; and outdoor dining settings. Masks are still recommended for public settings, both indoor and outdoor, with significant numbers of people; crowded gatherings, like concerts and sporting events; and visits to indoor businesses and gathering places like hair salons, shopping malls, museums, movie theaters and crowded houses of worship.

We who have had our vaccinations feel a sense of relief. We have gained protection from the shots in our arms, but the science is still young and does not guarantee that we are not still capable of spreading the disease. And so I worry. I fear that the ad infinitum repetition of the mantra—mask, distance, hygiene—is in danger of fading into meaningless background noise.

But.....if, after all this time, and since masking up has become a normal part of our daily routine.....IF we can hold out just a little while longer.....We Can Do This.

It is Budget Time Again

This is the time of year for us to harvest our asparagus and set our seedlings in the earth, fill our planters with flowers, get the boat ready for the water, clean off the golf clubs, or any of countless other projects or hobbies. Those of us so charged must also acknowledge that preparation of our budget takes priority. At the time of this writing our budget is ready, we have held our hybrid public hearing and we held our hybrid Annual Town Meeting on the third Monday in May, as directed by Town Ordinance and Executive Order. By the time this is printed we will have already voted, albeit a little differently than normal thanks to technology, but we will have voted. One year ago circumstances and executive order required that the budget be set without a public vote. I am thrilled that we are closing in on normal.

Be assured that the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance work diligently to fund our town responsibly, but one thing that does seem to be as usual is that we will not have a budget from our State Government prior to our statutory requirement to set our own budget. With this becoming more and more the norm, we are required to make assumptions. We have only the Governor's proposed budget to base our expectations of what assistance will come back to the Town from the State. How much assistance can we expect for education or roads? What new unfunded mandates might be imposed by our legislators? What other outside pressures might be put on our budget. We just do not know yet.

Route 80 Bridge Closure

The State DOT has been preparing for the replacement of the bridge on Route 80 that crosses the Deep River near the Deep River Farms property since pre-COVID-19 days, and the time has come for the project to begin in earnest. Preparatory work has already begun at the site with a planned full closure of the bridge to begin on June 10th and remain in effect until August 25th. We are working with the State DOT and the contractor to try and accelerate the project and open the road sooner than planned, but the projected schedule remains the same for now. The Ambulance

News from the Selectman's Office, cont.

Association, Fire Department, and Police Department are all working diligently to ensure that public safety will not be compromised by this work.

Infrastructure

We have budgeted for additional road work this season and you should see crews working on Westbrook Road, Fox Run Road, River Road, Bushy Hill Road, Essex Street, and Jones Lane. If budget allows, we will try and work on Sylvan Terrace and Scenic View Drive.

We will also be replacing sidewalks along West Elm Street from the Bridge at the Fire House to Route 9 and, fingers crossed, closing the loop on River Street between River Lane and the boat launch.

We will continue with our tree clearing efforts and work to clear any dead or dying trees from along our streets.

Spring Clean-up

These pages have been used many times to sing praise of the volunteers who offer their time and their efforts for our community. We celebrated the 51st anniversary of Earth Day on April 20th. Deep River benefitted from at least three unrelated and unsolicited volunteer efforts to clean up our town, and for that we are grateful:

On Saturday, April 24th, The Deep River Land Trust organized a cleanup of Pratt Cove with many folks joining the effort to remove any debris and invasive vegetation from in and around the Pratt Cove area.

The SECONN Divers group returned to the Deep River Landing on the same day to clean out the bottom of the river at the boat launch.

And, in an ongoing project that truly inspires, Jay Taylor and his mom, Mary Ellen Taylor, to date have picked up 72 bags of garbage in Deep River, focusing on Route 80, West Elm Street and West Bridge Street (Mary Ellen did West Bridge herself). They will be working along Route 145 next.



What a marvelous thing to do for this town. I remember when Mark Stremple would walk the Kirtland Street/River Street loop every morning with his dog and a plastic bag collecting garbage along his walk. What astounded me was that he walked every day, and he had garbage in that bag every day. I wish that folks would think a little bit before littering the sides of our streets, for not only does this lack of regard for others look bad, it leads to significant damage to the immediate and downstream environment.

Speaking of Garbage

We all feel a certain satisfaction in ridding ourselves of excess – we gladly toss newspapers, bottles, and cardboard into recycling bins. There is virtue in acting to protect our environment, but the market for these reusable cast-offs has dropped measurably, and is now a financial cost to the Town.

News from the Selectman's Office, cont.

MSW, or Municipal Solid Waste is another matter that has seen costs rise not only financially, but environmentally, too. MIRA, the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority that Deep River belongs to was dealt a blow when the trash to energy plant broke down and was determined to be unfeasible to replace. The result is that rather than dispose of our garbage locally, we will be trucking our waste to large landfills in other areas of the country, driving cost and environmental impact up exponentially.

In response to this, our Sustainable Deep River group is exploring how to reduce the waste we produce, or dispose of it differently. I anticipate a report to the Board of Selectmen soon, and expect that in order for our community to reduce our costs we will all need to put in some effort. Whether that means paying more attention to proper recycling, separating food scrapes from household garbage or any number of other efforts, please know that this is an issue that is not specific to Deep River, but is reflected across our state, nation, and planet. I expect that Deep River, as usual, will rise to the occasion and soon be a leader in our state in how we respond.

Around Town Hall

I am pleased to welcome Paula Weglarz to our Town Hall Staff. Most of us know Paula from her efforts on various Committees, most recently the Deep River Elementary School AND Region 4 Boards of Education. Well, you will now find Paula at our Town Clerks office working side by side with our Town Clerk.

I am sad to note we have lost our long time chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Donald Grohs. Don passed away in February, shortly after ensuring that all the proper documentation for the February ZBA meeting had been submitted. Don also worked for years to ensure that the flags that line our Main Street were in place and in shape. Don's efforts for, and love of, his community will be sorely missed.

Please note that in other pages in this issue you will find a list of vacancies that may exist for our various committees and commissions.

Three Little Words, Local, Local, Local

With guidelines from the State and Federal Health departments loosening up suggested practice, please remember our local businesses. Most everyone has told me how much support you have provided, but it has been a brutal year, and if you can, please keep Deep River in mind before venturing beyond our borders.

Normal?

Our desire for normal is strong, as is our exhaustion. We have worked so hard for so long to be safe, to keep our family, friends, and neighbors safe; all in the face of an unknown enemy virus that turned our world upside down. Now, thanks to science, we are able to get a shot in the arm and be more protected, and further protect others. Our senior citizens have been mostly vaccinated, but our younger citizens are stepping up a little slower than anticipated, but not in a way that is out of line with statistics from the rest of the state. Most vaccination clinics are walk in now, or if not, simple to register for. We are hanging on every word that indicates that we are safer, that we can resume our lives in the manner that we remember. I believe that those words are closer now than they have been for over a year. I believe that we should tread forward slowly, but continue to move ahead, and that as the summer progresses, we will be back to our good old selves, and that the Queen of the Valley will show, once again, that we are one from many and the best darn place around.

Be well, be safe, be kind

Angus McDonald, First Selectman

Water does not resist, water flows. When you plunge your hand into it, all you feel is a caress. Water is not a solid wall, it will not stop you. But water always goes where it wants to go, and nothing in the end can stop it. Water is patient. Dripping water wears away stone. Remember that, my child. Remember that you are half water.

Margaret Atwood – The Penelopiad



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Pandemonium Rainforest Project (PRP)



As we head into our summer months, we are so excited to share the "big white building" with you!

Some of you know it as the Esico-Triton building, 112 West Elm Street. We are going to be showcasing it as the "other" Pratt, Read & Co. building; A lot of Ivory cleaning, and cutting went on in this building; its past is still visible and we will be able to bring people through the factory and show them where the work was done and how it was originally powered with water from the Deep River. We are excited to share this. The Historians tell us that this may very well be the last Ivory factory in the United States that the public can tour and learn about ivory history; we are so proud that it's in our town!!!

Speaking of our town, in conjunction with the Deep River Historical Society, we are introducing Deep River's new bumper sticker, referencing the old- embracing the new... "Deep River- Queen of The Valley." This dates back to the 1900's when we had such a strong and prosperous Main Street with a flashy new diagonally built town hall. Deep River was then named the queen of the valley by the entirety of the shoreline, (then it was Saybrook). We thought it was about time to bring "Queen of the Valley" back since it belongs to US; we are strong, proud with history and, once again, have a bustling Main Street.

We are selling the bumper stickers as a fund raiser at Ashleigh's Garden, Anchor & Compass, Compass Rose, Deep River Historical Society, The Nest, and, of course, at our PRP Thrift Store for \$3.00 each!

- R3 -

The new Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose (R3) Thrift Shop, we are "Rebranding" the Thrift Shop to just R3 for us - it's easier and it holds less "stigma". For us this is all about recycling, saving the planet (and saving our animals!) We have over 50 departments just so you can find your favorite "stuff", we've been hoarding for two years...so please come in and have fun!!

- PRP Nature Center -

We are diligently working on our new "Animal House." We will rescue, rehabilitate and rehome exotic animals. All others (since we do have a Nature Center certification now) will be brought to the appropriate indigenous rehabilitation center for their species. The animals that come with us from Ashleigh's Garden are our core flock of parrots (and a few other kids;) they are forever homed with us and are our educational crew. This place will be state of the art, a facility our community will be very proud of!!

We will be offering summer camp for young people in 2022!

- The Yurt!!!!, a Mongolian Tent -

We are also erecting a 30 foot yurt. This will be a quiet place where a few of our parrots can free fly, kind of like a playground for parrots!!

We are also working with a local registered certified therapist to offer COVID-19 therapy and opioid therapy in our quiet beautiful setting.

- Some of the Programs we will be Offering -

Birds, bees & butterflies, recycling, reusing, repurposing, The Ivory history and The West Mill, Biodiversity - who lives under that log? Why you shouldn't own a parrot, things to consider before you adopt! Why you shouldn't own a reptile, things to consider before you adopt! We are looking to run at least 20 new programs per season, we will begin to list these on our PRP Facebook page.

If you want any more information or if you would like to volunteer to be a docent, help with the "Animal House," or R3, we have something for everyone!

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Springtime in the Town Clerk's Office

After many years of continuing education and professional participation, Deep River's Town Clerk was awarded her Master Connecticut Town Clerk Certification (MCTC) in April by the Connecticut Town Clerks Association Advanced Education Academy.

Town Stickers for 2021-2022 are now available at the Town Clerk's office AND at the Transfer Station. **PLEASE NOTE: Motor vehicle registration is required when requesting a Town sticker.**

- **Transfer Station** stickers are for residents only and allow use of the Transfer Station only.
- **Parks** stickers are for property owners and are required for use of Plattwood Park and the Town Landing.

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Dogs: If you have a dog, you are required by law to have him or her licensed in your town of residence. We will send license renewal postcards to registered dog owners to **begin** renewal on June 1st. (Sorry but we can't issue licenses before that date). These renewals can be done in person or by mail but all dog licenses **MUST** be renewed by June 30, 2021 to avoid paying a late fee.

Welcome New Residents & Property Owners

Charlie & Elizabeth Archer	183 Stevenstown Road	02/02/2021
Ashton W. Christopher	10 High Street	02/04/2021
Jonathan W. Keeling	9 Maritone Lane	02/08/2021
Christopher J. Pauley	92 Main Street, Unit 106	02/11/2021
Tyler J. Hagan	214 Main Street	02/17/2021
Tryon D. Clark	Glen Grove Road	02/18/2021
Lindsey Gustafson & Michelle Giddens	3 Merriwold Lane	02/18/2021
Brittany D. Friel	28 Stanwoll Hill Road	02/22/2021
Neil G. Obergefell & Cynthia A. Ott	37 Hemlock Drive	02/22/2021
Kevin Teskey	61 Main Street	03/01/2021
Richard Resnick & Molly Flueckiger	92 Main Street, Unit 205	03/01/2021
K & A Pickers, LLC	112 West Elm Street	03/02/2021
Samuel W. Redway	181 Kelsey Hill Road	03/02/2021
Lois Blood Bennett	303 Winthrop Road	03/08/2021
Rachel & Patrick Welch	304 River Road	03/09/2021
Joseph Choquette & Pamela Gourlie	125 River Street	03/09/2021
Mark J. & Dulcie S. Jensen	17 River Lane	03/11/2021
Scott Monterville	95 Westbrook Road	03/12/2021
Frances E. Pattavina & Frank Pellegrino	Lot #9, Cranberry Bog Estates, Hoopole Hill Road	03/15/2021
Richard LaChappelle, Jr.	37 Sylvan Terrace	03/22/2021
Lisa Jean Claveloux	39 Merriwold Lane	03/22/2021
Michael Quinn	92 Main Street, Unit 412	03/26/2021

New Trade Name Filings

John W. Saunders	The Wood Floor Depot, Inc.	02/18/2021
Capital Risk Management	CT River Business Services	03/04/2021

Town Clerk's Office, cont.

Marriages

John E. Ely & Sandra A. Stroeter	03/13/2021	Matthew W. W. Thomas & Coninne E. Latham	04/24/2021
Jonathan A. Rivera & Natalie S. Festor	03/20/2021	Sean M. Gravel & Sarah A. Park	04/24/2021
Corey T. Boudreau & Patricia A. Holliday	04/15/2021	Jeffrey K. Shaw & Kayla R. Borsari	04/25/2021
Jeffrey W. Green & Diane M. Reilly	04/17/2021	Steven E. Thomas & Linda E. Mann	04/25/2021
Barry W. Spaulding III & Lauren J. Candee	04/17/2021	Raymond F. Figlewski & Leanna Zwiebel	04/30/2021
Christopher A. Houk & Samantha M. Scalise	04/23/2021		

Local Boards and Commissions Vacancies

Community Health Committee (2)	term to expire 12-01-2021
Conservation Inland Wetlands Commission	
Regular	term to expire 12-01-2023
Alternate	term to expire 12-01-2023
Design Advisory Board (2)	term to expire 12-01-2021
Economic Development Commission	term to expire 12-02-2021
Economic Development Commission	term to expire 12-02-2023
Parks & Recreation Commission (2)	term to expire 12-01-2021
Parks & Recreation Commission (2)	term to expire 12-01-2022
Parks & Recreation Commission (4)	term to expire 12-01-2023
Planning & Zoning Commission- Regular	term to expire 12-01-2023
Planning & Zoning Commission- Alternate	term to expire 12-01-2023
Town Hall Auditorium Management Committee (2)	term to expire 12-01-2021
Zoning Board of Appeals- Regular	term to expire 12-01-2022
Zoning Board of Appeals- Alternate	term to expire 12-01-2023

Regional Agencies

Agent for the Elderly
 CATV Advisory Council District V
 Long Island Sound Council

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Town Clerk's Office, cont.

Passings

George Robert Wisner	36 Laurel Wood Drive	08/22/2020
Muriel Appell Rose Lynch	10 West Bridge Lane	09/09/2020
John Coulter	12 Maritone Lane	09/22/2020
Mark Bryant Rockefeller	10 Prospect Street	09/21/2020
Naomi V. Anderson	347 Main Street	09/26/2020
Jean M. Tanski	16 Hemlock Terrace	10/10/2020
Kathy Rae Judd	11 Lafayette Avenue	10/14/2020
Oscar A. Buracchi	7 Rattling Valley Road	10/16/2020
Yves Maignan	157 Main Street	11/12/2020
Roy M. Jefferson	4 Long Hill Road	11/22/2020
James L. Emmons, Sr.	192 Main Street	11/16/2020
Helen H. Berchtold	60 Main Street, #303	12/01/2020
George G. Bartlett, Jr.	24 Hemlock Terrace	12/11/2020
Harold D. Christensen, Jr.	150 Cedar Swamp Road	01/05/2021
Richard J. Billings	32 Tower Hill Lake Road	01/08/2021
Laura-Nell S. McCusker	116 Westbrook Road	01/10/2021
Pamela Jean Wollock	63 Stanwool Hill Road	01/14/2021
George Pratt Howard	140 Essex Street	01/30/2021
Tracey McKenzie	92 Main Street, #419	01/30/2021
Donald R. Grohs	12 Hemlock Terrace	02/07/2021
Leonard Joseph Tarte	113 Bushy Hill Road	02/09/2021
Francis Malcarne	104 Hemlock Drive	03/06/2021
Carroll Johnson Gilson	60 Main Street, #205	04/17/2021

Editor's Note:

The Winter 2021 Newsletter inadvertently omitted the caption "Passings" prior to listing the deaths that occurred in Deep River thereby listing them under "New Residents." Therefore, this issue lists the deaths from last issue to present. We apologize for this error.

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Garden Club

All the Dirt That's Fit to Dig

It's Spring fever.
That is what the name of it is.
And when you've got it,
you want --oh, you don't
quite know what it is you
do want, but it just fairly
makes your heart ache,
you want it so!
~~ Mark Twain~~

Spring Fever is one fever we do look forward to. The Deep River Garden Club is enjoying the fruits of its labor after planting over 1000 daffodil bulbs last October. With plantings last season at Devitts Field, around the Gazebo at the Landing and the triangle in Winthrop, we hope to continue to bring a splash of color and seasonal uplift to everyone this year and in the future.

The Club cancelled its annual Pansy Fundraiser again this year. However, we didn't cancel planting pansies. Locations of planting included the Veterans Green, the Gazebo at the Landing, the Winthrop Planter and Kirtland Commons. We hope to be able to have our annual Fall Mum and Bulb sale this year so everyone can purchase daffodil bulbs and help spread Spring Fever.

One of the ways we decided to cheer things up for Spring was by repurposing old chairs into planters. I gave 12 people in the Club the challenge of taking an old chair and painting and planting it with pansies for Spring. It was so much fun to see how different each one was. We then put the chairs at different establishments around town to wish everyone a Happy Spring. We plan on using the decorated Chairs in the future as advertising for upcoming Garden Club events ~~ so be on the lookout!



Earth Day: The theme this year is RESTORE OUR EARTH. In our continued mission to spread the word on saving the Earth, the Garden Club distributed pollinator seed packs and a handout about the benefits of planting for pollinators to each student at the Deep River Elementary School.

We hope bringing awareness to this important issue will inspire our youth. The Elementary School also has a Butterfly Garden that the Club has cleaned up for Spring and we will continue to enhance as an educational vehicle for saving our butterflies.

We decided last year that we would make our Mission Statement for the year The Pollinator Pathway and had our programs concentrate around that movement. The focus of the Pollinator Pathway is to Plant Native plants, Rethink Your Lawn, and Reduce Pesticide and Herbicide Use. We are working at making public spaces Pollinator friendly and encouraging the public to get involved in this movement. This is part of the Sustainable CT program for Deep River as well, and we encourage everyone to find ways to participate. To learn more about the Pathway visit Pollinator Pathway Northeast <http://www.pollinator-pathway.org/>

Also heading up the Pollinator Pathway: Lower CT River Valley mapping project for Old Saybrook, Essex, Deep River, Chester and Haddam is Felise Cressman and she can be reached at 203-640-3392.

We missed having the Valley Warriors help with Spring cleanup last year and again this year. They are a great asset with weeding, raking leaves and mulching. The Club has started with cleanup at the Landing and the Library, and will continue at the Veterans Green and Devitts. Along with cleanup, we will plant flowers at the Veterans Green for Memorial Day to commemorate our Veterans and fill the Winthrop Planter with a summer show of color. I want to thank everyone in the Garden Club who has spent time planting bulbs, turning chairs into planters, cleaning and maintaining our parks and landscape and promoting a better environment to live in for everyone in Deep River.

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/DeepRiverGardenClub

Digging Deeper,

Roberta Sciacca, President



Deep River Assessor's Office

There are many programs available to the residents of Deep River. Visit the Deep River website at www.deepriverct.us for a listing under the Assessor's Section for all programs.

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.

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 not later than December 31st following the date on which property tax is due in the town in which the motor vehicle is registered.

DID YOU REGISTER A VEHICLE AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2020?

If so, you will receive a Supplemental Bill payable in January 2022 for any new or replacement vehicle that was registered after October 1, 2020.

DID YOU GET RID OF A CAR BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 2020- AUGUST 30, 2021?

If you no longer have your vehicle and have canceled the plates, please contact the Assessor's Office or visit the Town website for a listing of documentation needed to remove or adjust your current vehicle assessment. Without providing the Assessor with proper documentation, it will result in a 12-month bill due July 2021.

Address Changes for Real Estate and Personal Property

It is important that you report your address change to EITHER the Assessor's Office or Tax Collector's Office. Our records must be updated with the most current address to ensure that you're receiving all proper notifications. Motor Vehicle mailing addresses are generated from your **registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)** and can only be updated through the DMV.

All information can be found on our website under the Assessor's Section at www.deepriverct.us

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Deep River Ambulance Association

Our continued thanks to all residents for continuing to follow guidelines and stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic! Thanks especially to all who have received their vaccine and have done their part to help prevent its spread! HUGE thanks go to our DRAA board member, Lenore Kuhn, who has spent countless hours cleaning and disinfecting our facility to keep everyone safe and healthy! This allows our crew members to concentrate on cleaning the ambulance and all of our equipment, knowing the rest of the environment we work in is squeaky clean.

We're really excited to see renewed interest from residents to become medically certified and join our crew! In April we welcomed probationary members Brian Beisser (certified as an EMR) and Sara Preston (working on certification as EMT.) We have a couple of additional people in the wings that we look forward to welcoming and announcing in the coming months! Again, it's just more people who are eager to help you, our residents, should you require emergency medical services.

We've unfortunately seen an increase in the number of falls in homes, especially among the elderly population. There are so many ways to help prevent falls, including:

- Be aware of medication side effects.
- Make sure clothing and shoes fit properly.
- Get rid of clutter.
- Use safety devices throughout the house.
- Make sure there is plenty of light.
- Make steps and floors as non-slip as possible.
- Be aware of risk factors of certain diseases.
- Add fall prevention exercises to a daily routine.

Consider helping a friend or relative assess their living situation, and help prevent a call to 911!

Since many sites that historically hosted Red Cross Blood Drives in the area have not been able to, we've picked up a few extra this year. We continue to be grateful to so many of you who have come in to donate blood to help save lives at our March 2nd and April 28th drives. More to come – July 16th and August 28th – we hope to see you there.

Stay safe and healthy in 2021!

Jen Kollmer, Chief of Service

The Nest Coffee House

Celebrating 2 years in Deep River As a Soft Place to Land for All!

To say the last year was a whirlwind would be a huge understatement. But as spring is upon us with so much promise it is even more remarkable to realize we will be celebrating our 2nd year anniversary in June!

The words that come to mind reflecting on these two years are **THANKFUL** and **GRATEFUL**. For two years this community has supported our little non-profit that could – and we are chugging up that hill! Because of this community's support visiting our shop, volunteering, donating and encouraging us, we have made an impact in the lives of many autistic and neurodivergent young adults.

But impact is often hard to measure. For most people in our cozy town the impact of our programs is easily seen on the faces of the young adults you meet and interact with at The Nest: Pride, Confidence, Happiness, Fulfillment and Acceptance are truly things you can see. We say that "opportunity brews confidence" within our programs but there is so much more.

Our Nest Community members enjoy sharing their thoughts with us. Just one comment we often hear is thankfulness for the chance to really interact with and get to know the autistic and neurodivergent young adults who make the magic happen at the shop. Relationships have been formed here that make a lifelong difference impossible to be measured.


Here are just a few examples: you may know Eric for his friendly welcome, remembering your name (and most likely your birthday). If you have had more than a few minutes of conversation with Eric you also know he is an enthusiastic musician who loves to take photos of the moon. You know that Aaron will **ALWAYS** get your order right and take your requests seriously - but that he has a great sense of humor too. You know that Sam is super friendly and makes soaps he sells in our Possibilities Boutique. You see that Emma is strong and determined as well as having creative talents and a "spillnot" device that makes it possible for her to carry your drink to you. But for those of you who take comfort in numbers, here are a few impacts we have made right here in this little shop over the past 2 years with this community's help:

- 20 young adults with autism or neurodiversity from 11 CT towns have completed 1st time work experiences/internships at The Nest launching their employment journey!
- 5 interns were hired on as baristas upon competing their internships.
- 8 employees have moved on to other employment without supports due to their confidence and experiences gained at The Nest.
- 101 Nest Social Gatherings for young adults of all abilities have been held in person and online.
- 405 individuals are now members of our Nest Gatherings Meetup group.
- 22 artists are represented in our Possibilities Boutique.
- 482 Compassion Coffees have been bought by customers to pay it forward.
- 315 Compassion Coffees have been used by thankful members of our community.
- 1156 Face masks were made by Nest staff /supporters and distributed across the country.
- 585 individuals and businesses have contributed to support A Little Compassion and The Nest, AND...
- We go through 102 pounds of coffee and tons of ice cream and crumb cake every month!

We thank you from the bottoms of our hearts for caring about the young adults in our midst that just need a chance to fly. Together, you have helped create a compassionate community and made our world a more inclusive, safe and diverse place....one young adult at a time.

Come join us at The Nest any time and be a part of the magic!

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Deep River Junior Ancient Fife and Drum Corps

The Deep River Juniors are currently holding lessons via zoom every week. As soon as the weather improves, you will once again hear the wonderful music our talented young musicians play and see us marching around town. We are currently working on a schedule of events for this marching season.

DRJA would like to sincerely thank all those who supported our annual Easter flower sale, it was a great success. Proceeds will go towards our music instruction. We would also like to thank those who so kindly and generously donated to our cause of keeping the 66 year tradition of the Deep River Juniors marching. Your support will help keep our drums and equipment in working order. Thank you so very much.


Our repertoire of music is from the era of the Civil War, the Revolutionary War of 1812, World War 1, Irish tunes and contemporary pieces. Our uniforms are designed from the Revolutionary era.

Currently, the members of our Corps come from Deep River, Chester, Ivoryton, Essex, Haddam, Portland and Norwich. New members are always welcome. Experience is not necessary, we teach the marching and music skills every Thursday evening starting at 6:30. For further information call - 860-526-5434.

Marilyn Malcarne, DRJA Director

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Veterans Green Monument Committee

The Veterans Green Monument Committee recently learned there are Veteran's names missing from the Columbia Memorial; namely, George A. Lee from the Korean War wing and Dean Henry from the Vietnam War wing. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Phil Schaller of Signs & GraphX as he will be inserting the omitted names on Deep River's Memorial.

The Committee is in the process of sorting through the more than 4,000 bricks from the original platform; we will update the Community on this endeavor at a later date.

The Committee is looking forward to the American Legion holding its Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs on the new platform. We are hoping Parks and Recreation will have some summer concerts on the Veterans Memorial Green this year.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to maintain and improve the memorials may do so by mailing it to: Veterans Green Monument Fund, c/o Town Hall, 174 Main Street, Deep River, CT 06417. You may also contact Richard Nagot at 860-526-5270 for more information.

Richard Nagot, Chairman



Deep River Economic Development Commission

The Deep River Economic Development Commission (EDC), in partnership with AdvanceCT, is planning to commence a survey, seeking resident and business owner's thoughts and ideas regarding development in Deep River. The EDC will be working closely with our Town Departments and Commissions, such as Planning and Zoning, the Board of Education, Tri-Town Youth Services, Public Health & Safety, and the Selectman's Office, to name a few. Once completed, AdvanceCT will analyze the results and develop a full report for the EDC and the Town's residents.

The EDC is aiming to issue this online survey no later than September 2021. In order to support the Town's strategic economic development goals and ensure statistical validity, we cannot stress the importance of a strong response. We are extremely excited and look forward to learning more about your thoughts and concerns around current and future development in our community!

Stay tuned for more updates!



American Legion Post 61 Ibell-Jacobson-Smith

As of this writing, it is uncertain how our Memorial Day ceremonies played out; or if the weather was sunny or stormy. We do have to say how wonderful it is for our veterans to see that the Town of DEEP RIVER never forgets that some servicemen and women gave all and others certainly made sacrifices too. While this second pandemic year was a difficult time to plan events, Mr. Angus McDonald and Mrs. Joyce Berardis were very helpful in pulling some things together for us. Thank you to our local citizens and Selectman for supporting our Memorial Day Ceremonies.

Some of you have seen our Facebook postings under American Legion Post 61 Deep River, CT Ibell-Jacobson-Smith or on Deep River



Diaries published around 12 April 2021. We have included some photographs of awards and trophies won by members who have passed on to Post Everlasting. Post 61 is not able to display these awards as we would like. We are asking members, friends and local residents who would be interested to contact us if they

would like to take possession of a piece of their veteran's history.

You might be related to some of these past champions who won various competitions. If you are a family member of someone who is named on these awards, PLEASE make sure you contact us so we can get this to you or a family member. Some of the names are Ron Hartigan-1998, 1947-48-49-50; Carlson, Gambini, Calamari, Watkinson, Majkowski, Catalano, Mislick, and Lindner. Another has the name Zane B., past Oratorical Contest winner on it. These items would be nice memorabilia for your family or to record on your ANCESTRY site; or for a youngster to complete a family history composition for a school project.



Many of our records from the 1920's and forward have been sent to Deep River Historical Society for proper care, archiving and maintenance. Post 61 wants to say "thank you" to the Deep River Historical Society for helping us retrieve some information on these awards, and identifying some of the local citizens depicted. It was a touching experience to be standing next to Kathy Kurze Schultz when she read the Post 61 Adjutant's note from 1926 about how an award was won "fair and square" in a tug of war competition at the Chester Fair. It was signed by her grandfather, Adjutant Kurze. Her father Herbert Kurze, like his father was a member of Post 61. Kathy and her mother were both active Auxiliary members. Both Richard Kalapos and Rhonda Forristal recognized the value of our records.

Post 61 welcomes U.S. military veterans and active duty military to telephone or write for more information. Please telephone Sr. Vice Commander Richard Nagot at 860-526-5270 or Commander Eileen B. Richard at 203-494-7151 (cell) or ytudenohp@yahoo.com. We have both men and women who both regularly attend Post 61 meetings. However, due to pandemic restrictions, our meetings will be on a new schedule.

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Deep River Fire Department



In many instances, members of a Fire Department are made up of multi-generational families.

Currently one of those families is the Lee family, which dates back 5 generations of service to the town of Deep River. Nancy Moore Lee, granddaughter, daughter, wife, mother and Grandmother of department members shared the following history and memories for this article.

Moore's and Lee's 5 Generations of DRFD

1st Generation - Harry A. Moore:

Early 1900's for approximately 20 years as Firefighter and Board of Fire Commissioners.

George W. Lee:

Early 1900's as Firefighter.

2nd Generation - Donald R. Moore: Harry's oldest son

Mid 1900's as Firefighter, then Fire Chief for over 25 years and Fire Marshal.

J. Hamilton Moore: Harry's youngest son

Mid 1900's as Firefighter and Mechanic on all vehicles.

3rd Generation - Roger A. Moore: Donald's youngest son

Firefighter, Fire Chief and Fire Marshal.

Don R. Lee Sr.: J. Hamilton's son in law & George W. Lee's grandson

Firefighter for over 25 years, Captain on numerous vehicles.

4th Generation - Don R. Lee Jr.: Don Lee's oldest son

Firefighter and Senior Officer, then moved to Colchester where he has been a volunteer, paid Firefighter, Deputy Chief & State Certified Instructor.

Tom M. Lee: Don Lee's middle son

Started as a Junior Firefighter then graduated to Senior Division and held the position of Assistant Engineer and now Chief Engineer for the past 3 years.

Tim M. Lee: Don Lee's youngest son

Joined the Junior Division then graduated to the Senior Division and has held many positions, including Chief for the past 9 years.

5th Generation - Michael Lee: Tom Lee's son

Joined Junior Division at 14 and will join the Senior Division this spring when he graduates. He is also a member of The Chester Hose Company.

Paige Lee: Tim Lee's oldest daughter, first female in our family.

Joined Junior Division at 15 and will join Senior Division when she turns 18.

Many times, when I was a kid, on holidays and celebrations, the first 2 generations and part of the third would leave because the fire horn was blowing. All that was left were the kids and female members of the family. At first as a child, I didn't understand why our Christmas, Thanksgiving or a picnic had to stop when the horn went off. Now I understand how important it was and still is. Those were before the days of pagers and radios so you never knew who was responding until you got to the fire house. We had a paper hung on the wall beside the phone that would indicate where the fire was depending on the number of times and sequence the horn went off which would give the cross streets. The holidays etc. still went on, just a little later.

I remember a Thanksgiving when we were finishing up the preparations the horn went off. This time it was a building on Main St. the building between Pet's Choice and the pasta store. It was a very large fire and if my memory serves me well it took all day to complete the cleanup. Again, I was just a kid so maybe it didn't take as long, I was just impatient.

Then guess what, I married a firefighter. I guess that's why as I got older, I understood the DRFD family a little better. At least we didn't hear the sound of the horn at our wedding, we were too far away. There were many fires I remember taking my sons to so they could see what the fire fighting family was all about, from their grandfather and father. LaPlaces Furniture store on Main St., was one of them.

The most recent fire alarm that interrupted a celebration was Father's Day around 2010 our house was full of people. The stuffed shrimp were in the oven, steaks and hot dogs ready for the grill and we heard this huge crash, power went off and we ran outside to see what happened. The firefighters that were there told everyone else to go back inside because a very large tree had come down across the road and there were live wires all over the street and lawns. Needless to say, it took a long time to get the live wires cleaned up, the tree cut up and power restored, so the road could be opened up for traffic. There were state policemen, power company workers and firefighters who were treated to steak, stuffed

Deep River Fire Department, cont.

shrimp (they finished cooking even without the power), hot dogs and plenty of salads, etc. It was an evening to remember and I didn't have any leftovers that night.

*Nancy M. Lee
(Wife of Don R. Lee Sr.)*

DRFD Junior Division

The Junior Division of the DRFD was established in 1949. The junior members meet every Wednesday evening, where they learn and drill alongside the senior members. To join the department as a junior, one must have an interest in volunteering in the fire service and be 14 years of age or older.

Doug Whittaker is the Junior Division Coordinator. The following members hold positions in the Juniors;

President - Ryan Grote

Vice President - Race Greenwalt

Secretary/Treasurer - Jack Whittaker

Captain - Lorena Preston

Lieutenant - Aidan Ingram



The Juniors have just designed their first badge as part of the Department. The members collaborated on the information for this endeavor and the badge was designed by member Paige Lee.

New Senior and Junior members are always welcome to join this wonderful organization of volunteers. Training is done on a variety of topics weekly. To join, simply come to a Wednesday evening drill at 6:30, which is held at DRFD Headquarters on the corner of Union St. and Elm St.

The Department would like to thank everyone who supported our Annual Lime Sale. The fund raiser was a great success due to the generosity of all who supported this endeavor. We would also like to express our gratitude for all who supported our Firehouse Food Drive. It was a great success and will help so many in need. Thank you.

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The Eagle

Deep River in the 1920s. Nearly five years had past since the conclusion of The War to End All Wars. The Armistice was signed on the Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month. It was a time to enjoy life, to relax, have some fun, to let the new music called Jazz sweep us across the dance floor. It was also a time to celebrate this welcome peacetime by remembering Deep River's Veterans, young men who had volunteered to serve in the American Expeditionary Force.

Until the dedication of the Eagle, Deep River had no memorial to those who had served during our first century and a half of independence. A group of townspeople set about planning a suitable memorial, going door-to-door to raise funds. By the Spring of 1923 they had amassed \$1,800. The imposing granite boulder, found locally, was then hauled to Middletown. There, at the Fox-Becker Granite Company, the rock was shaped and finished and the plaque was mounted (the company continues in business, still on Rappallo Avenue).



In a copper vault secured behind the bronze plaque are the rosters of both Civil War and World War I Veterans, a list of the residents who subscribed to the monument's fund drive and other contemporary memorabilia—including a copy of that week's *New Era*.

The Reverend E. O. Grisbrook gave the Invocation; Ernest L. Prann, Chairman of the Committee (and Editor-in-Chief of the *New Era*) spoke, as did First Selectman Walter S. Dickenson. But the newspaper reporter (probably Editor Prann) was clearly most enraptured by the words of Dr. J. Havergal Sheppard, who "...delivered one of the most stirring speeches ever heard in town."

In 1987, it was proposed that The Eagle be relocated to join *Columbia* on the main portion of Veterans Memorial Green. But, in the words of one veteran "... moving The Eagle would be like moving my father's grave." Thus was the proposal quickly set aside. Preparatory work was largely in the form of donations made by local contractors: Harry A. Moore poured the concrete footings and base; Nurseryman H. J. Zack provided the shrubs as well as the labor to plant them. The origin of the Eagle was, according to local lore,

the Monumental Brass Works of Bridgeport. The foundry ceased operating in the 1940s, but their catalogue includes many examples of similar patriotic and memorial castings.

50 YEARS LATER

By the early 1970s the Eagle had been guarding the center of town for half a century.

In this view to the north, the boxy doctor's office is behind the monument. Beyond that is the rear of one of the pair of billboards that long dominated the town center.

In the distance at left are the wood frame LaPlace Furniture building and the brick façade of Deep River Town Hall.



90 YEARS LATER

Little except the Eagle remains unchanged. The billboards came down in the 1990s; the medical office grew its pitched roof and dormers in 2011.

LaPlace's store across Main Street burned in the 1980s—its replacement was itself supplanted by the Walgreens pharmacy and a parking lot. Only the venerable Town Hall remains.

The Eagle was Deep River's first military monument. It was followed in 1928 by The Doughboy (*Deep River News*,



The Eagle through the Years

How easy for the photographer to properly frame this 1920s portrait—no unsightly wires in the background, no traffic on the roadway to interrupt the trip of the shutter.

The house no longer stands: it was razed as part of the construction of the mid-century retail center that brought modern shopping to sleepy Deep River's Main Street.

The 1970s photograph is one of a series intended to light-heartedly document scenes representing seamier views of some of Deep River's less attractive personas.

The postcard's publisher was one of the first to misrepresent The Eagle, which was never intended to be solely a memorial of the First World War (an error that has bedeviled local historians ever since).

As the plaque explains, it is to honor "The patriotic men and women who served their country in time of war."



WORLD WAR MEMORIAL, DEEP RIVER, CONN.

Winter 2020), in 1943 by *Columbia* (to appear in a future issue of the *News*) and, in 1952, the Duration (Valley Regional High School) World War II memorial (*Deep River News*, Fall 2020).

Overall production of this series has been under the guidance of Rhonda Forristall, with text by Jonathan Kastner. Photos and post cards are from the collections of the authors, the Woodcocks, Arlene Macmillan, Don Sampson and Peggy Maraschiello. Historical accuracy may have been attested to by Russ Calimari, Jeff and Linda Hostetler, Bob Johnson, Kathy Schultz as well as others old enough to re-member how it was back in the day. Omissions are inad-vertent, and are due solely to the author's faulty memory.



This World War I honor Roll stood, although briefly, on the same spot that The Eagle would soon occupy. Each name was engraved on its own wooden plate so that alphabetical order could be maintained as more Doughboys joined the fray. But clearly the frame was intended to display a maximum of 112 names, an indication that the designers had the advantage of hindsight. The name plates, long unframed, are stored at Town Hall. It was this photograph that served as our guide for the recently-dedicated bronze plaque, which lists those same names, in identical order, column by column. The house glimpsed through the foliage to the right of the Honor Roll succumbed to post World War II progress: it was razed in favor of the Deep River Shopping Center (now Adams)



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. Everything is focused on FUN!

The Year so far:

Tri-Town Cub Scout Pack 13 has kept busy through the COVID-19 challenges. We performed community service by replacing Veteran's Flags in Laurel Hill Cemetery in November and packing Wellness Bags for the homeless who visit St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown. We held a socially distanced campout in the fall, a winter night hike with stargazing, a Cub Blizzard meeting, instruction in geology, maps and compass usage, and pocket knife safety. During in person and zoom den meetings the Cubs have earned over 100 adventure belt-loops and pins since September and 12 NOVA STEM awards since September.

During Spring and Summer 2021 the pack will stay active by offering activity events - including Memorial Day Parades, annual Pinewood Derby, a pack campout, pack day hikes, rocketry day, and a campfire and knots night.



Tri-Town Cub Scout Pack 13 on the March Hike of the Month at Deer Lake Scout Reservation in Killingworth, CT

Who hiked 604 miles?

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. Since October 1, 2020, the 21 Cub Scouts have hiked a collective 604 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.

Want to get involved?

For more information or to join Cub Scout Pack please email Cubmaster GR Nash or Pack Committee Chair Lianne Ruty at tritownpack13@gmail.com. Families can sign up at anytime of the year.

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 Scout 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 kept busy by continuing to hold Troop Meetings on Zoom. During these meetings they have earned Merit Badges, played games about scouting trivia and planned their



Troop 13 working on winter Camping Skills during the Southeastern District Klondike Derby in February 2021

socially distanced, outdoor in-person Troop Meetings. The Scouts participated in a Halloween HauntORee day event and in at the Southeastern District Klondike Derby at their Troop meeting building. The Troop also helped the American Legion with their March Food Drive at St. Joseph's Church. During the spring they have events planned to help the boys work on camping and outdoorsman skills. Troop 13 is very excited to attend resident summer camp this July at the June Norcross Scout Reservation in Ashford, CT. Please be sure to stop by and find some great bargains at Troop 13's Tag Sale during the Town Wide Tag Sale this spring.

Bottle Drives:

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

Information

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

Deep River Parks and Recreation

As spring rolls into summer, Parks and Recreation reminds all residents to obtain a park vehicle sticker which will allow entry into both Plattwood Park and the Town Landing. Stickers are issued free of charge to all Deep River residents who show a valid vehicle registration to the Town Clerk and at the Transfer Station. Gate guards will begin checking parking stickers on Memorial Day weekend.

The Spring Women's Hiking Club enjoyed four guided hikes. Nine enthusiastic women signed up for this first time offering. Led by Ann Courcy, a local teacher and naturalist, the group was introduced to the basics of hiking such as proper clothing, what to pack, and how to read a trail map. The first three hikes were on different trails within the Canfield Woods property beginning at different entry points, Route 154 in Deep River; Book Hill Road Estates in Essex; and Dennison Road in Essex. The fourth was at a location voted on by the group - Incarnation Center in Ivoryton/Deep River. Each participant expressed their appreciation for this group activity and enjoyed exploring new hiking trails. All registrants also received a club t-shirt.

Plans are in the works to offer another hiking club in the fall.



P & R offered a new twist on an old favorite-the Spring Egg Hunt. Due to safety precautions, this year the 'egg hunt' was not held in person. P & R hung laminated decorated cardboard eggs around Main Street and at the town's three parks and invited DR youth to find as many as they could. Each egg had a springtime word written on it and participants recorded the word on their contest sheets and then submitted the forms for a chance to win a large basket filled with goodies. All youth, ages pre-kindergarten to 6th grade, were also invited to a drive through 'egg-



stravaganza' held on Saturday, April 3rd. Each child received a large plastic bucket filled with candy and treats assembled by P & R volunteers. Over 75 baskets were given out! The spring bunny was in attendance for 'socially distanced' photos taken through the car window. The event took place utilizing the driveway of Deep River Elementary School on River Street.

The **37th Annual Fishing Derby** was held 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 from the Beaverkill Fish Hatchery. Unlike other years when the derby was held on one day, this year, like 2020, the derby was spread out over a number of days to encourage social distancing and to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Anglers had to submit a photo of themselves with their catch and also send in a picture 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. The winners from each age category will be announced in the next issue.

Summer Camp registration is 'live' so don't delay and register today! Parks and Recreation camp is one of the best values around at only \$135.00 per week. We are offering 8 weeks of fun to youth entering 1st grade to those entering 7th. Camp begins on Monday June 21st and continues through Friday, August 13th. Each week the camp has a different theme with games, crafts and camp guests all related to the theme. Space is very limited so to avoid disappointment, register your child today.

The themes are:

- Week 1: "Camp Time Fun", June 21-June 25
- Week 2: "It's the Olympics!", June 28-July 2

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- Week 3: “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Camp”, July 6-July 9 (no camp on 7/5)
- Week 4: “Star Gazers”, July 12-July 16
- Week 5: “Cool Science”, July 19-July 23
- Week 6: “Game Show Mania”, July 26-July 30
- Week 7: “Let’s Create”, August 2-August 6
- Week 8: “Holidays”, August 9-August 13

The summer concert series, “**Sounds of Summer**” has been finalized and we are excited to announce this year’s line-up of fabulous bands. The concerts will begin on June 24th and run through August 5th with rain dates of August 12th and 19th if necessary. The bands will perform either at Devitt Field or at Plattwood Park to ensure that all in attendance have space to maintain social distancing. P & R is still pursuing food options for each show. The concerts will once again be offered free of charge on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00. In case of inclement weather, the bands will be rescheduled for a future date until we are able to utilize the Town Hall Auditorium which will serve as the rain location once in-person gatherings are allowed.

The line-up of bands is as follows:

- June 24th- Rotary, classic rock @Plattwood Park
- July 1st -Creamery Station, Ct’s best jam band @ Devitt Field
- July 8th – The Signature Band, party dance hits @ Devitt Field
- July 15th – Sweet Dad Tea, acoustic rock trio @ Plattwood Park
- July 22nd - Foxtrotter Plays Pink Floyd, Pink Floyd tribute band @ Devitt Field
- July 29th -Butter Jones, rock originals and covers @Plattwood Park
- August 5th -The 70’s Project, hits of the 70’s @ Devitt Field

August 12th and August 19th will be utilized as rain dates.

Parks and Recreation is finalizing a men’s summer basketball league. It is anticipated that the league will begin practices and games the week of June 21st. The league will run for 6 or 7 weeks with the final games

occurring the first or second week of August. Keep your eyes open for registration information so you don’t miss it. Cost of the program will be determined but will be nominal (anticipate under \$15.00 per player). All games will be at Plattwood Park.

Parks and Recreation is in the planning stages for a new fitness program called ‘Fitness in the Parks’. Different fitness options will be offered at various times & days in each of the parks. A full schedule with cost information will be released soon. Check the web site for registration information and for all of the details.

Esports is coming to town! P & R is working with a company to bring an Esports league to Deep River. We are hoping to have an early summer launch and to offer the ability to our players to play against other local rec departments. More information about this exciting new program to come.

Deep River Parks and Recreation is happy to announce a new collaborative program with the Fortunato Farm in Killingworth. “Cowboy Camp” – where little buckaroos will learn how to ride and care for their trusty steed. Camp will include fun competitions in rodeo, barrels, poles, flag race, dummy roping and a mystery event. Details are being finalized but get ready for some Howdy Doodie fun! Check the web site for registration information and costs. Children in elementary through middle school will be accommodated and are welcome to sign up for the weekly classes. A rodeo like demonstration will be presented by the students on the last class. Classes will be 1 hour in length and will be offered 1 or 2 afternoons a week. The session will run for 4 weeks. For more details and to sign up go to www.deepriverct.us under P & R.

Thank you to all of the sleuths who participated in the weekly contest, “Mystery Spot Mondays”. It seems to be a hit! For those unfamiliar, this contest invites you to guess where our beloved elephant “Queenie” is hanging out each week. She is somewhere in Deep River, but where? Each Monday, a new photo of Queenie, in a new location, is posted on the web site. Text your guess to the P & R phone number (860-526-6036) and if you are correct, you will be entered into the bi-

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weekly drawing for a \$25.00 gift certificate to a Deep River business. This contest has garnered so much enthusiasm and positive feedback! We are so pleased to receive the dozen or more entries each week. Keep it up! The contest began on March 15th and will continue through June.

At the time of this writing, we have had 3 drawings and 3 winners. The winners and their prizes are:

- 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

Our walking program is so close to launch! Thanks for your patience. Check the web site often so you don't miss a thing. We are working on adding an exciting element to this program.

Looking ahead to our late summer and fall offerings. We need your help with the 5K road race, the fireworks display, maybe a movie night, Halloween event and the holiday light parade and stroll. Please email or call the office if you'd like to join P & R and help with our wonderful programs or help us start something new. Do you have a specific hobby or interest? Help us turn that into a program and 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 maybe required. A refundable security de-

posit is required of 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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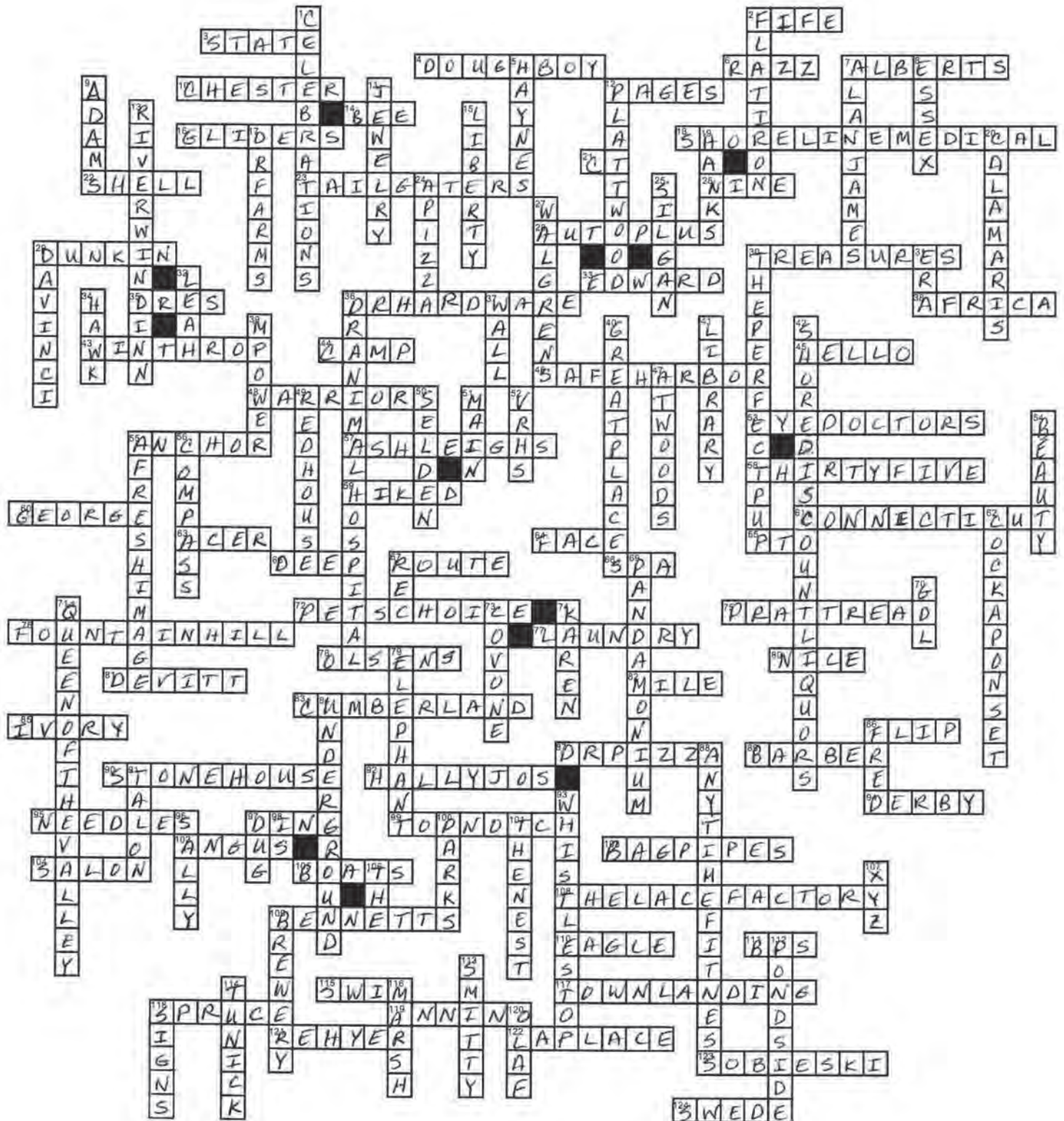
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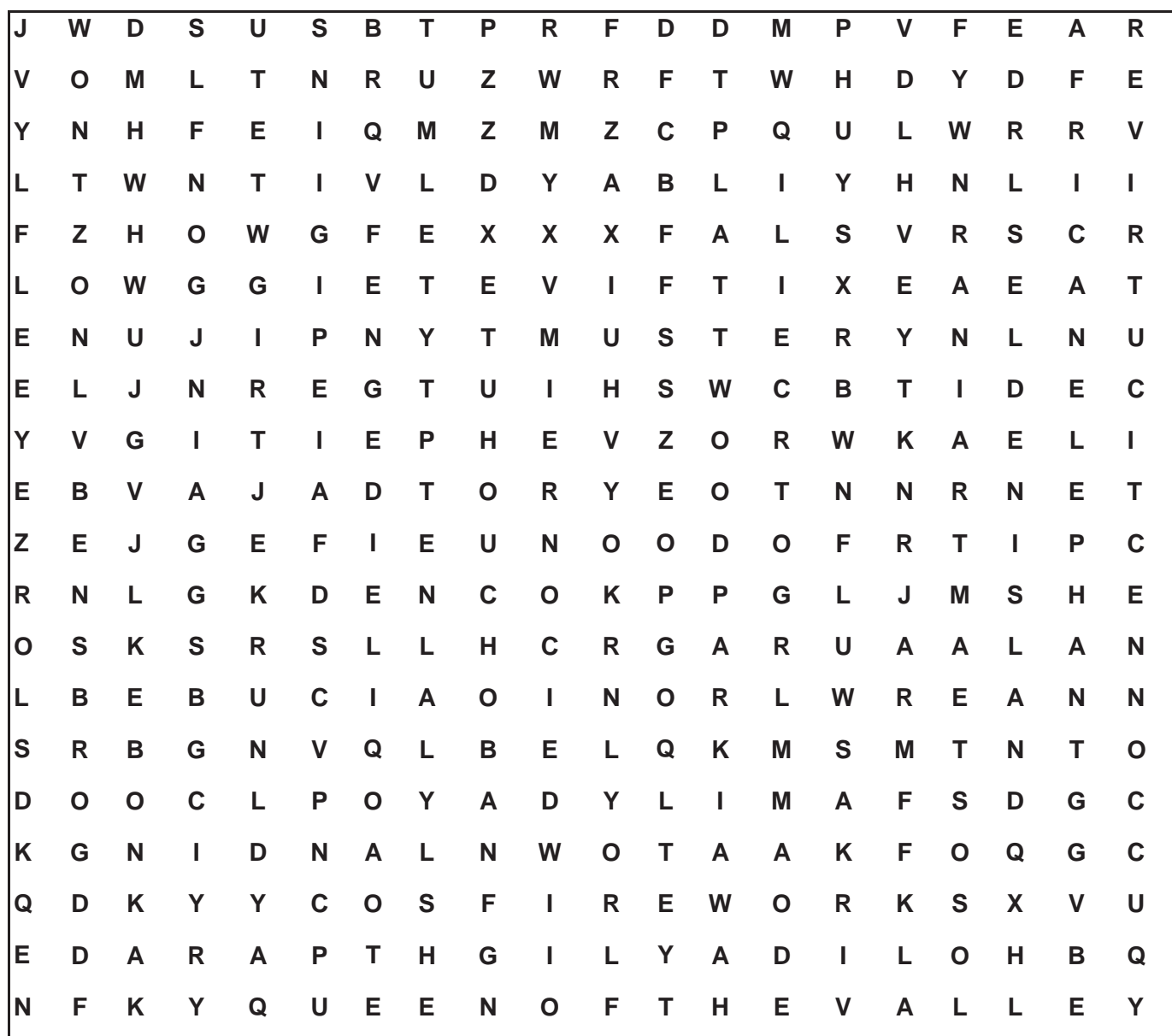
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Deep River Things Word Search Puzzle



Find the word in the puzzle.

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RouteEighty

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Deep River Land Trust

Hello Deep River!



YOUR Land Trust really needs some help. We are small but mighty with over 280 acres preserved in Town. The work we do benefits people who live, work and play in Deep River... that's quite a few of you! Can you help us? It won't be boring, in fact, you may never have to attend a board meeting ...really.

The Deep River Land Trust is a nonprofit conservation organization that seeks to acquire and protect open-space land in Deep River and to preserve it for the use and enjoyment of Deep River residents and visitors. By acquiring and maintaining land, the Trust protects wildlife habitat, scenic views, Connecticut River and Pratt & Post Cove frontage, upland forest and other valuable land by holding properties in their natural state for the benefit of residents now and in the future. Since it was founded in 1975, the Land Trust has acquired 16 properties as land donations, purchase and conservation easements. The Trust continuously seeks additional land preservation opportunities.

Do you love Deep River? Need some experience to add to your resume? Public service hours? Here's how you can help:

Media Wizard - We have a Facebook page and could use your expertise as well as creativity with it and expansion to other platforms. You will be able to take the lead!

Educators - Work with our famous teachers to develop and deliver programs and property related messages like why the preserve keeps the CT River clean.

Communications Commander - We have so much to talk about and need some guidance on how best to present it, who really needs to hear it and when to tell them.

Chief Property Steward - This person will coordinate our property stewards and help organize volunteer work parties, boundary marking, annual reporting and more.

Workers (work out)! - Those of you who want to work outside with trail design, building, maintenance, habitat enhancement, wood working (signs, bridges, benches).

Naturalist-in-Training - Work with our ecologists, geologists, biologists to help us with research that feeds our property management and educational programs.

Finance and Investment Experts - Help us keep it all going.

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Deep River Public Library



Hours

After a long year, the library has gone back to normal hours. Patrons are currently limited to 45 minute visits, and must wear masks.

Check out our website for hours and offerings.
www.deepriverct.us/library

A New Look

The library has new lighting in the Children's Room and the JUV/YA rooms. We also have a beautiful new computer desk for the public computers. New carpet and wood laminate has been installed throughout the library. Stop in and check us out!

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. Space is limited, registration is required.

On the second Wednesday of each month, Vicki Harris' evening book club will be held, starting in May. Space is limited for both 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.

A to Z World Food was designed for culinary institutes, students, world travelers, cooking clubs, adventurous eaters, and anyone who wants to learn about world cuisine without having to purchase individual country cookbooks.

A to Z the USA - This database covers 110 topics for each state, territory, and the District of Columbia, and 118 topics for the USA as a country.

Consumer Reports and more! Find a link to all of our subscriptions on the home page of our website.

Programs

We continue to host great programs for children and adults using Zoom. 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.

Meeting Room

The meeting room is available for groups of 5-15 people, during library hours. A fee of \$25 applies for cleaning services.

Summer Reading & ReadSquared Online Log

Deep River Library will be using the state online reading program, ReadSquared to track minutes read. No book titles are necessary, just download the app on your mobile device or visit the site at: <http://deepriverlibrary.readsquared.com> and log the minutes you've read! Children will earn incentive prizes to keep them motivated, as well as virtual raffle tickets to spend on prizes. Teens and adults who log their reading will also earn virtual raffle tickets to put towards prizes for various local shops!

Need a refresher on how to use ReadSquared:



Upcoming Programs:

We are offering a variety of summer reading programs, for all ages, both virtual and in-person. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, in-person programs will be outside on the library lawn, with masks and social distancing as required.

Food Explorers via Zoom: Lemon Bars on June 16; Veggie Tater Tots on July 21, Chocolate Chip Cookie Sandwiches August 11, all at 6:30 pm. Gather ingredients and try a new recipe in the comfort of your home! These programs are open to teens, adults and families that love to cook together.

Library Lawn Programs:

- **Music with Miss Martha:** June 24, 10:30 am Music and movement for kids.
- **Earth Friends Discovery Yoga Story Walk:** July 1, 10:30 am Family friendly yoga.
- **Tops are Tops with Science Outside the Box:** July 8, 10:30 am (Registration Required) Experiment with tops! 5+

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- **Ed Pop Magic Show:** July 15, 10:30 am All ages family magic show.
- **Two of a Kind:** July 22, 10:30 am All ages family concert.
- **Bryson Lang:** July 29, 10:30 am All ages comedy juggling act.
- **Owl Pellet Dissection with DPNC:** July 28, 4:30 pm (Registration Required) Visit with a live owl and learn about them in a unique way. 5+
- **Pond Life with DPNC:** August 5, 10:30 am Let's meet some creatures that live in our ponds.
- **Bring the Hoopla:** August 6, 10:30 am A 90-minute hula-hooping class!

Virtual Programs:

- **Wonder Woman Bedtime Storytime:** June 23, 5:30 pm A Facebook Live event where your child can interact with Wonder Woman!
- **Dinosaurs in Connecticut (Zoom):** June 25, 10:30 am (Registration Required) Discover what the fossils of Connecticut tell us about dinosaurs that roamed our state!
- **Collage Necklace Jewelry Class (Zoom):** July 7, 6:30 pm (Registration Required) Pick up a supply kit at the library and make a unique necklace. Perfect for crafty kids 8+, teens or adults!
- **Dog Treat Class (Zoom):** July 14, 6:00 pm Make doggo's tail wag with these healthy treats. Register for link and supply list.
- **Be a Rock Star (Zoom):** July 9, 10:30 am (Registration Required) Supply kit provided at the library for kids ages 3-8, looking to tap into their inner rock star.
- **Elsa Storytime: July 16, 10:30 am, (Facebook Live):** An interactive storytime experience with a princess! Directions to participate are on our calendar website.
- **Dig Those Dinosaurs (Zoom):** July 23, 10:30 am (Registration Required) Participants will learn fun facts as they try activities like excavating fossils and hatching dinosaur eggs. Supply kits available at the library.
- **Riverside Reptiles (Zoom):** July 30, 10:30 am (Registration Required) Let's meet some scaly ambassadors with tales that have unique stories to tell!
- **A Chem-Mystery with CT Science Center (Zoom):** August 4, 5:30 pm (Registration Required) Help solve a mystery as the Science Center guides you through a series of scientific clues! Best suited for kids in grades 2-5.

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

Check out our monthly calendar to see what's on offer. View our calendar online: <http://deepriverlibrarysupport.com>, or stop in to pick up a copy.

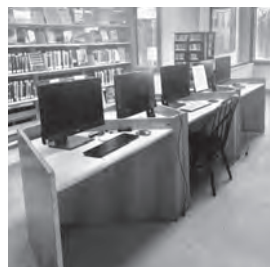
For full details or to register for one our programs, visit our calendar website:



Friends of the Deep River Library

April showers are preparing to bring gorgeous May flowers... and spring cleaning is in full force. The Friends of the Deep River Library are happy to announce we are again **ACCEPTING DONATIONS** of used books, audiobooks, and DVDs at the back entrance of the Deep River library. If you have a large contribution that is over 100 books and you need assistance, please email friendsofthedeepriverlibrary@gmail.com and we can happily arrange a pick-up. We are thrilled to be able to continue to provide different avenues for our friends to support our local library and are hopeful our annual Book and Bake Sale will return in the fall.

Most notably, contributions from this year's membership drive surpassed previous years by way of support and response. **THANK YOU!** Your efforts over the last two years have provided the funds to expand the media space within the library with an additional table, allowing for growth, increase usage, and room to keep us all healthy.



Consider checking out our Facebook page "Friends of the Deep River Public Library" or flyers around town for events to continue to contribute. 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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Deep River Congregational Church

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Our Board of Christian Service held a Mother's Day Plant, Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday May 8th to raise money for our Teen projects.

We were pleased to welcome eight new members to our church through the Rite of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. It was an outdoor ceremony in our courtyard following the church service with family members and mentors present. This has been a year-long preparation with Zoom classes and outdoor meetings with Rev. Haut, Sybil Higgins, Christian Education Director, and Chelsea Chiappa Ehmke, Youth & Family Director.

Christian Education Director, Sybil Higgins, and her dedicated staff of Sunday School teachers conducted Sunday School classes on Zoom and had virtual lessons that our children could access from home. Finally, as the weather improved, the children and teachers were able to gather outside in person to enjoy being together with special activities planned for Earth Day, Cinco de Mayo, Birthday Bash, and Summer Time Fun.

We are hopeful that the church will be fully opened in the Fall. Sunday School is scheduled to begin on September 12th. Please check the website for updates.

Again, the Youth Mission Trip will be held locally this year. Chelsea Chiappa Ehmke and her adult helpers will serve with our Youth Mission Team to complete local indoor and outdoor projects for members and friends of our church who need assistance, from July 22 – 25.

The men of our church will be participating in a retreat/hike to Adirondak Loj, Heart Lake, NY during the first weekend of August.

Our Annual Flea Market on the Green will be held on Saturday, August 21, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We have 80 spaces. Spaces are @ 20 x 20 and the price is \$30.00. Contact the church at 860-526-5045 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. or email office.drcc@snet.net to request a map and form. Forms can also be downloaded on our church web site, www.deeprivercc.org. Please come and join us, observing safe protocol of social distancing and masks.

Have a safe and happy Spring/Summer 2021! Please check our church website, www.deeprivercc.org for other activities. Contact the church office for further information about worship and upcoming events: 860-526-5045 or office email drcc@snet.net




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Tri-Town Social Services



Tri-Town Youth Services would like to thank the 424 students at JW and Valley who participated in our youth survey this year! Their responses helped our agency and community partners better understand youth attitudes and behaviors and the impact that COVID-19 has had on their lives.

Youth in our community have demonstrated remarkable resilience throughout the pandemic, and their survey responses show that the majority were able to accept what had happened and take steps to solve problems and take their minds off all that had changed around them. Most youth in grades 7-12 found the pandemic to be "somewhat stressful or a little bit stressful," and found support from their parents and caregivers. Nearly 75% of youth surveyed stated that their caregivers provided opportunities for them to share and understand their feelings about the pandemic. It hasn't been easy, but parents have been doing a great job supporting their kids!!

As COVID-19 restrictions begin to lift and more youth return to school and social activities, Tri-Town would like to share a few resources for supporting teens this spring:

- Build resilience! Sometimes we all need extra help building our toolkit of strategies for managing stress and coping with challenges. If you or your child need a re-set and some new strategies, our community has wonderful counselors ready to help. Check out ValleyShoreCollaborative.org for resources or call Tri-Town's Clinical Director, Melanie Meyer at 203-533-1937.
- School engagement has been a challenge this year and students themselves report a 46% reduction in engagement compared to the 2019 survey. If your child is struggling to re-engage at the end of the school year, Tri-Town may be able to help! Our new Case Manager, Lyn Connery is dedicated to problem-solving, creating a do-able plan, supporting and advocating for your child. Call 860-526-3600 for more information.

- Teen substance use rates are down across all categories, as there has been less access to drugs or alcohol- let's keep it that way! Please talk to your teens about the effects of drugs and alcohol on their developing brains. 90% of adults with addictions began using substances in high school (Partnership to End Addiction). More information can be found at tritownys.org.

Remember that everyone can support youth in our community!

Engage in conversation, ask questions and listen to what youth

have to say, get to know your young neighbors and enjoy their company, compliment their positive behaviors, involve teens in decision-making and support clubs and activities for young people when these opportunities return.



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Sustainable CT-Deep River Committee

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 (<https://sustainablect.org>) 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.

The relatively new Deep River Sustainability Committee is diving in! Our members have varied interests and talents and are exploring an array of 'action items' with the goal of helping Deep River move towards becoming a sustainable town.

One action item that the group is working on, led by Jerry Richard, Jeff Gross and Kevin Clark is to benchmark and track energy use. This is action item 7; Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations. It requires gathering information on energy consumption across all municipal buildings, both electric and gas, and identifying areas where there is waste and where the use of renewable energy would be beneficial. This includes solar and wind power, (also part of action item 5.0). 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.

Lenore Grunko is spear heading a look at action item 9; 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 annually not to mention the wonderful environmental benefit! Lenore is gathering information on this very interesting program which has just been implemented in Essex with some early success. Lenore's other passion is the arts so along with member Sarah Makowicki, action item 4; Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems is being explored.

Donna Grant has been taking the lead, working with the Deep River Garden Club, on action item 3; Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources, specifically sub action, 3.12; Enhance Pollinator Pathways. Did you know that animals such as birds, bats, bees, butterflies, beetles, and other small mammals that pollinate plants are responsible for bringing us one out of every three bites of food! They also sustain our ecosystems and produce our natural resources by helping plants reproduce. Pollinators travel from plant to plant carrying pollen that allows for the transfer of genetic material critical to the reproductive system of most flowering plants – the very plants that bring us fruits, vegetables, and nuts, as well as ½ of the world's oils, fibers and raw materials. The plants help prevent soil erosion and increase carbon sequestration. This nearly invisible ecosystem service is a precious resource that requires attention and help as locally and globally it is increasingly in jeopardy. So, this action item is a priority to several members of the committee.

Committee member Molly Flueckiger is leading the efforts on action item 8: Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education. One area of this action item that Molly will focus on is to try to assemble a community calendar by working with neighboring municipalities and local school and community groups. Jonathan Kastner is aiding with this action item.

Action item 1: Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts is a very important component to the entire program. One sub action, 1.2, requires participation in equity training of at least 3 people; Carol Jones and Sarah Makowicki have completed the 12 hours of training with Lenore and Molly scheduled for future classes. The next step in this action is to develop and have the town adopt a statement on equity.

Finally, the committee has also begun preliminary review of several other action items such as sustainable purchasing, dark skies, thriving local economies and promoting community growing spaces. The committee plans to reach out to local groups and other Deep River committees to work collaboratively and complete some of the tasks.

Interested in learning more? Go to the Sustainable CT web site. Interested in joining us? Please call the Selectman's Office for more information @ 860-526-6020.

Deep River Elementary School PTO

The Deep River Elementary School PTO is driven by our parent volunteers and community. Our parent volunteers make the PTO happen. We are also very thankful for the support of our local vendors. Without their generous donations over the years, the PTO would not have been able to do what we do. Thank you!

During the 2020/2021 school year our in-person family fundraising events were canceled due to COVID-19. We did have a few fundraisers: DRES masks, a Deep River Holiday Shopping event, the Unfundraiser, and a Virtual Book Fair. As always, all proceeds go directly to student initiatives. We hope that next year we will be able to hold our traditional fundraising events.

There are many ways you can support the DRES PTO that cost you nothing! Spread the word!:

AmazonSmile - Simply check out your Amazon orders at <http://smile.amazon.com/> and choose "Deep River Elementary School PTO Inc" as your charity, and 0.5% of the price of your order will be donated to DRES PTO. The AmazonSmile Foundation is a private 501(c)(3) foundation created by Amazon to administer the AmazonSmile program.

Shutterfly - Shutterfly will give DRES PTO 8% of any sales when you shop on <http://drespto.shutterflystorefront.com/>.

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Of course, we are grateful for any direct donations. **Direct monetary donations** are tax deductible and can be mailed directly to the school (Deep River Elementary School PTO, 12 River St, Deep River, CT, 06417. Checks payable to "DRES PTO"). We will provide a donation receipt letter with the PTO's tax exempt ID number for your records. All donations go straight to PTO initiatives and are greatly appreciated!

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

The Deep River Historical Society will honor the gift of Ada Southworth Munson in 2021 with several events. We are still working on finalizing plans, so please check the web site for dates and times. We will open for the summer season on Sunday, June 6th from 2 to 4 pm utilizing current COVID-19 protocols. We will be open Thursday mornings from 9am until 12 noon and Sunday afternoons from 2pm until 4pm.

Upon her death in August of 1946, Ada Munson gifted her unique family home to the Historical Society to be used for historical purposes. In the past 75 years the Society has worked hard to live up to that pledge. Some structural changes were made to the upstairs in the 1940's to turn bedrooms into a meeting room and lecture hall. Historical talks were widely attended and they soon outgrew this space. The upstairs room was converted to exhibit space in the 1990's. Due to a grant from CT Humanities the upstairs gallery, known as the Munson Room, has been transformed to showcase the Deep River Stream and the factories along its banks. The exhibit called "Wharf to Waterfall" has been a three-year project that the public will be able to see for the first time this summer.

The Bleach House, which was rescued and reassembled on the Historical Society property in 1998 has deteriorated again. It will need considerable help to live another 50 years. The plan is to take it down, create new supports and put it back up again. This project began in 2019 but COVID-19 has caused many delays. The grant from the 1772 Foundation only partially covers the repairs. Anyone wishing to donate to save the Bleach House can make a donation to the Society specifically for that purpose. So don't panic when it appears to be missing. It will come back.

Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Achievements is a project we collaborated on with Chester and Essex Historical Societies. This outlines notable women from our three towns and celebrates their achievements over the past 100 plus years. This was done in three parts due to the overwhelming response from the community. Go to our web site deepriverhistoricalsociety.org to view part one Trailblazers in a New Century 1900 – 1950 and part two Expanding Rights, Expanding Roles, 1950 - 2000. Part three will be coming along sometime this summer.

The Society is looking to connect with former employees of Esico – Triton, Champion Tool and Dye, Uarco, Plax, Monsanto, CT Valley Egg Company and others. We would like to learn more about these factories and businesses. Please feel free to call us at 860-526-5086 or rcforristall@gmail.com. We will also sponsor a Cracker Barrel evening on the lawn of the society this summer so everyone can share their stories.

We welcome all who are interested in Deep River and its varied history to join our membership. If you are new to town, or have wondered what we have to offer, please call us at 860-526-5086 for more information or to schedule a tour of the Stone House. We will be open this summer.

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Deep River 60 Club

The Deep River 60 Club, Deep River's senior citizen organization since 1975, held its first meeting of the new year on March 23, 2021 in the Community Room of the Deep River Public Library. The group was excited to resume its regular gatherings since it hadn't been able to meet since Sept. 2020 due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Members enjoyed refreshments and socializing and adopted the following Calendar of Activities:

- Aromatherapy with Gina Sopneski,
- Chair Yoga with Meredith Dow,
- Revisiting Deep River's Warsaw Street (A Panel Discussion) & Celebrating Sophie Giza's 100th Birthday,
- The History of The Deep River Junior Fife And Drum Corps with Marilyn Malcarne,
- Participation in Deep River's Memorial Day Parade and the Annual June Luncheon

The Deep River 60 Club, which was founded by Deep River educators, is open to all Deep River area seniors who are sixty years or older. The group is funded by dues and generous program sponsors. For more information call 860-526-9006.

The 2020-2021 Officers are:

Sally Carlson-Crowell, President
Louisa Ketron, Vice President
Maurine Rodrigues, Secretary
Richard Nagot, Treasurer



Sophie Giza

Deep River native, Sophie Giza, turned 100 years old on May 13, 2021, and many friends and family members believed this was a great cause for celebration!



Sophie is the daughter of Polish immigrants, Victoria and Ignace who settled in Deep River during the early 1900's. She was born and raised and lived most of her adult life in the Giza family homestead at the corner of Warsaw Street and Woodland Road in Deep River. She attended the Deep River Grammar School and graduated from Deep River High School in 1939. Sophie worked hard to support herself and cared for her nephew and parents when they were in need. In addition to providing child care for local children, she also worked as a waitress at Johnny Cake Inn in Ivoryton, and later at L.C. Doane, and the Monsanto Company in Deep River.

While she was living in Deep River, she also volunteered for "Meals on Wheels" in Old Saybrook, was a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Church in Chester, CT, and served as president of the Deep River 60 Club.

This past May, Sophie was the guest of honor at a special reception and panel discussion: "Warsaw Street," inspired by the book of the same name by Betty Griffin Goff McCaffrey. Sophie and others, who lived or currently live in Deep River's Warsaw Street neighborhood, were invited to serve on the panel.

Members of the Deep River 60 Club and Sophie's niece of Ohio and her nephew of Japan sponsored this event which reflected Sophie's spirit of hard work, love of family, community involvement, and the demonstration of steadfast friendship.

When asked what her philosophy was for a long life well lived, she responded "I believe that you should do the right thing at the right time as often as you can."

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Kirtland Commons

Residents and staff at Kirtland Commons are looking forward to the spring and summer months as we begin to plan more events outside as COVID-19 restrictions begin to lift throughout the state. Now that the vaccine has become available for most individuals, we are feeling much better about socializing within our community. We have recently opened the building to family and friends but are still strongly encouraging residents to meet outside when possible since the weather is getting nicer. The recent spring temperatures have Kirtland staff busy planning weekly outdoor events. We've already had a few local musicians come play for us on the patio. The plan is to continue with outdoor concerts throughout the next few months—we are planning on booking different local food trucks to cater some events. We can't wait to start playing cornhole and basketball again outside! We are hoping that we can soon allow the seniors within the community to rejoin us for outdoor events.

There are a few building projects underway at Kirtland Commons. We are in the process of an elevator modernization project as well as creating a new billiards room for the residents. We have begun the renovation of our old craft room and have transformed it into a billiards lounge. The room looks fantastic as

it showcases pictures of all the residents and will offer them a chance to play pool, darts, and a small putting area for golf lovers. There will be a TV so residents can gather to watch sporting events. We are looking forward to hosting a little pool tournament among the residents once we are done with the finishing touches on the renovation. We are hoping this new lounge space will help the residents feel a taste of "normal life" again as the pandemic limitations begin to lessen. A special thank you to Tom Doering for donating the billiards table. Also, our patio will finally be updated this spring once we get the donated bricks installed. Residents and staff are starting to work in the gardens around the property and we can't wait to see spring in full bloom here! In celebration of Earth Day, we plan to plant a butterfly bush garden in the yard for everyone to enjoy.

It is with a heavy heart that the Kirtland Commons Family had to say goodbye to one of our longest and beloved residents, Carroll "Gil" Gilson. He passed away peacefully on Saturday April 17th at the age of 105 with his family and favorite little dog Coco by his side. Gil lived at Kirtland Commons since the very beginning and has spent his last 28 years here. We give our condolences to Gil's family and friends—he will be greatly missed as he was a true inspiration to all of us.



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Dry Pants Model Yacht Club

Optimism Reigns at Plattwood Pond



Now that America is finally getting COVID-19 vaccinations, there is every reason to believe the Dry Pants Model Yacht Club will have a good season at Plattwood Park.

Our current plan is to have our routine club sailing from 10:30AM-Noon on Sundays and 2-4:30PM on Wednesday afternoons.

In addition, we are planning on hosting two regattas in 2021. The first is an AMYA (American Model Yachting Association) Region I event scheduled for May, 2021. The second is our traditional New England Spring Regatta which will be held in June, 2021 - a popular annual event for 16 years...If, however, COVID-19 precludes regattas before mid-summer, we will hold these two events in the Fall.

Plattwood Park has been a hub of radio-controlled model sailing in this part of New England for the past 15 years. Members routinely come from Milford to Mansfield to sail with our group.

Our Club has a close working relationship with the Deep River Parks and Recreation Department. We are most appreciative to the Town of Deep River for allowing us to sail at the pond. We try to be respectful of all local rules and do contribute financially to the Town.

Deep River residents are always welcome to try RC sailing. Just come up to one of us at the pond and let us know of your interest and you will have a chance to sail one of our boats while you are at the pond. We also have loaners available.

For anyone interested in our sailing program, please contact Jim Godsman (Club Secretary) at 860-767-5052. He will be happy to send you information on the club. It would be great to have more Deep River residents in DPMYC.

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Spring is also the State's legislative season, when thousands of ideas become hundreds of proposals, and then scores of actual bills that may affect the day-to-day life of our local processes. This legislative season has a few high-profile bills that would potentially impact issues of zoning and housing across the state, including here in Deep River. As of the writing of this newsletter, several proposals have moved out of Committee and are likely to be debated on the floor of the House and Senate over the next few weeks. In addition to serving the Town as Planning & Zoning staff, John Guskowski and Mike D'Amato have been very involved, through their professional organizations, in the discussions shaping these proposals.

Senate Bill 1024 proposes to encourage communities to expand housing access by making accessory dwelling units (also known as accessory apartments, in-law suites, or "granny flats") allowable in most residential zoning districts throughout the state. This would allow for virtually any existing single-family detached homeowner to add a rental unit should they wish, which would provide for both a revenue stream for the homeowner, and a relatively lower-cost housing option for another person wishing to live in town. This Bill would also reduce mandatory parking requirements

and require land use commissioners (such as Planning & Zoning, Wetlands, and Zoning Board of Appeals) to receive regular training on important legal and regulatory matters.

House Bill 6611, generally known as the "Fair Share" bill, would have the State conduct a detailed study on housing needs across Connecticut, and then allocate a portion of that need across every region of the state. That number would be further allocated to each town, according to their capacity and proportion of the region, and the towns would be given a ten-year window to work toward meeting that housing goal.

House Bill 6107 would also affect the way towns managed zoning for housing, making their responsibilities for providing for fair housing options clearer and providing guidance on what elements need to be included in their Affordable Housing Plan, which is required every five years.

As noted above, each of these proposals has made it through the Committee process and will be considered by the full legislature before the session ends in early June. If one or more of them pass, it will impact, to some extent, the way Deep River's own Planning & Zoning Commission addresses housing growth and regulation, though likely not a way that would be terribly noticeable in town. You can track all of these bills by going to the Connecticut General Assembly website at cga.ct.gov, or contact John and Mike to get more information at zoning@deepriverct.us.



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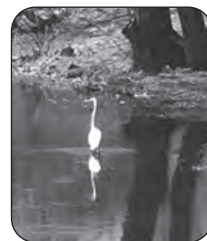
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Fountain Hill Cemetery

The cemetery remains a popular place for walkers and the crew is thankful for all of the positive comments. We take pride in making Fountain Hill Cemetery a beautiful and peaceful place.



We received the disappointing news that many of our beautiful trees are in danger due to aging. We have been actively working with local tree service experts to do all we can to preserve our trees while protecting the monuments.

The Board of Directors of Fountain Hill Cemetery created The Fountain Hill Cemetery Preservation Society two years ago. It is a 401(c)3 nonprofit organization that is working on projects to preserve the beauty of the cemetery for generations to come. We are looking for people who may be interested in becoming members. This organization would work on and oversee various projects to enhance the cemetery. With warmer weather approaching we would like to invite interested people to gather safely to share ideas for future projects. Currently, we are working on options for placing a fountain in the cemetery pond, looking into plantings to help our erosion issues, replace some of the trees that came down and straightening our older monuments. Any questions or interest please call Rich Forristall at 860-526-5086.

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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.

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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.
Acting Chairperson: Sarah Ficca

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.

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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Building Department

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buildingdept@deepriverct.us
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1 Church Street
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School Nurse ext. 1
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Fair Housing Officer

174 Main Street
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Town Clerk

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Fri. 9am-12pm

Town Historian

Richard Kalapos
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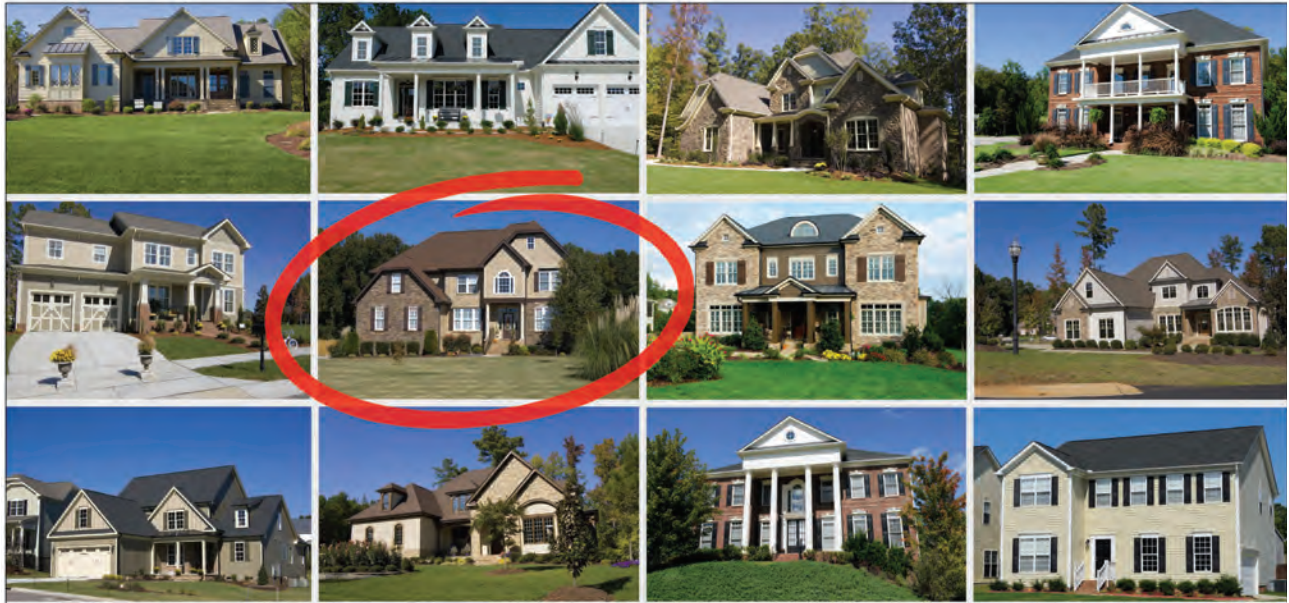
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