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Upcoming Events

Deep River Day

Saturday, September 16th

Time Capsule Sealing Ceremony

Wednesday, November 11th

The Eagle Memorial at Veterans Green

Festival of Trees

December 1st-3rd

Deep River Historical Society

Holiday Stroll & Light Parade

Saturday, December 2nd



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News from the Selectman's Office

You've got to accentuate the positive
Eliminate the negative
Latch on to the affirmative
Don't mess with Mister In Between
You've got to spread joy up to the maximum
Bring gloom down to the minimum
Have faith or pandemonium
Liable to walk upon the scene

Accentuate the Positive - Harold Arlin & Johnny Mercer

All the rivers run into the sea...

Holy Cow, how about the weather? Pretty difficult not to notice the difference between summer 2022 and summer 2023! Last year the word was drought and we were asked to reduce our water usage as much as possible. While by scientific measures the drought might have ended in the fall, we had so little snow cover during the winter and such limited spring rains we really did not experience much of a spring freshet. Talk about a quick change, as of this writing my rain gauge has recorded 10 inches of rain in July alone, and the Connecticut River reached flood levels in July for only the third time since 1897. Together with the rain this summer, not atypically, we have experienced considerable winds. The Town's aggressive clearing of dead or dying trees and limbs along our roads (in tandem with Eversource) have limited the duration of any loss of power or closed roads thus far, and we intend to maintain that work in preparation for the fall and winter storm seasons.

Just because I so enjoy Mark Twain, I will share parts of his address to the annual festival of the New England Society in December 1876:

"A toast:
The Oldest Inhabitant - The Weather -
Who hath lost and doth forget it?
Who hath it still and doth regret it?"

"Gentlemen: I reverently believe that the Maker who made us all, makes everything in New England - but the weather. I don't know who makes that, but I think it must be raw apprentices in the Weather Clerk's factory, who experiment and learn how in New England... Old Probabilities has a mighty reputation for accurate

prophecy, and thoroughly well deserves it. You take up the papers and observe how crisply and confidently he checks off what today's weather is going to be on the Pacific, down South, in the Middle States, in the Wisconsin region; see him sail along in the joy and pride of his power till he gets to New England, and then - see his tail drop. He doesn't know what the weather is going to be like in New England. He can't any more tell than he can tell how many Presidents of the United States there's going to be next year. Well, he mulls over it, and by and by he gets out something about like this: Probable nor'-east to sou'-west winds, varying to the southard and westard and eastard and points between; high and low barometer, swapping around from place to place; probable areas of rain, snow, hail, and drought, succeeded or preceded by earthquakes, with thunder and lightning. Then he jots down this postscript from his wandering mind, to cover accidents: "But it is possible that the program may be wholly changed in the meantime."

Deep River Day...

Last September we enjoyed the 27th annual Deep River Day hosted by the Deep River Merchants Association in cooperation with the Town of Deep River. We had a blast celebrating our town and the 75th anniversary of the official change of our name from Saybrook to Deep River. This year, the Town, through our Parks and Recreation Commission, will be making efforts to continue the traditional celebration of all things Deep River bookended with the 5K Road Race in the morning at Devitt and a fireworks show in the evening at Plattwood, with planning underway for filling in the day. (We are hopeful to fit an Old-Time Baseball game into the mix). Please look for announcements of what might be taking place, and feel free to contact Parks and Recreation or the Town Hall if you would like to participate in the planning or sponsorship of some of the events.

A 100-year-old eagle...

This May we extended our traditional Memorial Day Ceremony to celebrate and acknowledge something really cool - something that was put in place 100 years ago, on Memorial Day 1923 - following what was then referred to as the world war, a war that resulted in

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the loss approximately 116,516 Americans. Keep in mind that the H1N1 Influenza Pandemic known as the Spanish flu killed an estimated 675,000 Americans between the years 1918 & 1921.

On December 30, 1921 the Deep River Businessman's Association gathered, and during the course of the meeting discussed how to best recognize the sacrifice the people of Deep River had made to ensure the survival and success of liberty in our country and around the world. The results of these efforts were that a bronze eagle would be cast in Bridgeport and placed at the top of a stone monument to be set at the north end of the Town Green. Fox and Becker out of Middletown cast a bronze plaque and incorporated a space for a time capsule, which took the form of a copper box, to be set inside the monument. (Fox and Becker remains in business to this day).

100 years later, with little knowledge of what had been set in the time capsule, the Board of Selectmen, working closely with the local veterans and the Deep River Historical Society laid out a plan to open the time capsule and acknowledge the efforts made a century ago.

From the very beginning it was determined that we would require expert advice, so we contacted Peabody Museum, Wadsworth Atheneum, other historical agencies, including the State of Connecticut Public Records Administrators Office and the State of Connecticut archeologist, both current and emeritus, for advice on how to move forward.



All advice led to opening the plaque and its contents immediately to ensure its condition and safety. The committee determined to follow this advice, one step at a time, making

every effort to be able to share contents as soon as possible.

With this in mind, we arranged to remove the time capsule, with no real idea what was behind the plaque. After taking two hours and thirty minutes to carefully remove the plaque, we discovered a 6" x 7" x 3" cop-

per box. Thirty minutes later the box was removed from the stone and placed in the vault at the town clerk's office.



More correspondence with experts led to bringing the box to Quinnipiac University to be examined with both X-Ray and MRI technology. The folks at Quinnipiac were excited to help, and not only enjoyed the very different experience, but seemed fascinated with the story. Disappointingly, we were not able to determine with any confidence what was inside.



Experts all advised that we could open the box to see for ourselves, so we did. After another three-hour effort it was determined that there was enough water infiltration damage to the

material that we could not remove the contents with any confidence that nothing would be damaged. After considerable research it was determined to send the box to the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, Massachusetts, the number one historical document preservation center in New England.

While we do not yet have the contents of the box in hand, we do know what was included in the copper box:

- A booklet – the financial affairs of the town of Saybrook for 1920-1921
- A newspaper, the Deep River New Era, dated Memorial Day, May 25, 1923
- A list of the names of men from Saybrook who served in "the world war, and the civil war."
- The minutes from the Deep River Businessman's Association regarding the erection of this memorial
- 9 postcards of Deep River as it was in 1923
- Approximately 300 pledge cards recognizing contributors to the funding of the "soldiers memorial."

See photos at the end of this article...

News from the Selectman's Office, cont.

When the materials are received, they will be put on display at the Deep River Town Hall for a number of weeks, then set on permanent display at the Museum at the Deep River Historical Society

We will reproduce all of what was recovered and place those copies back in the stone, on Veterans Day 2023 when we will permanently set the memorial plaque in place.

It is our goal that on the same day in November 2023, we will set in place a new time capsule to be opened in 2123 which will be filled with memorabilia that is determined from a pool of students and citizens. Please feel free to contribute ideas for what will be included.

People that contributed to this effort and should be thanked are:

Sean Scott – used his skills as a mason to help us pull the plaque off and remove the box, as well as set the plaque back in place.

Jack Sterry from Fox-Becker Granite – the company that set the original rock, plaque, box, and eagle in place 100 years ago for his expertise and advice.

Nick Ballontoni – Emeritus State Archeologist for his expertise and advice.

Sara Mcingvale – photographer who documented the removal of the time capsule

Deep River residents Jerry Roberts, Kathy Shultz, Rich Nagot, Rich Kalipos, Duane Gates, Jim Olson, Carol Jones, and Joyce Berardis, each for their unique and important contributions.

Highways and infrastructure...and important Main Street News

The Connecticut Department of Transportation is replacing the stop light support structure, traffic lights, and cross light stands and mechanisms that control traffic at the intersection of Main Street, Elm Street, and River Street. In the end this project will increase traffic safety and will be a good project for the Town, but the period of construction will be, at the least, a

pain in the neck. While the project has been in the planning stages for more than two years, we were notified on July 26 that work is set to begin this fall. Work is expected to begin on or around October 1, 2023 with a projected date of completion in November of 2024. This work will be done in six or seven “mobilizations” of approximately 3 – 7 days, with lengthy intervals of no work being done. We will work closely with DOT so that we can let you know when the mobilizations will occur and what impact they might have on traffic. Please see below for instructions on signing up for email news blasts.

By the time this issue goes to press we will have completed paving projects on West Elm Street and Rattling Valley Roads and Kelsey Hill Road will have been chip sealed in our efforts to extend the life of our roads. We are scheduled to complete the paving of sections of River Road, Bushy Hill, and Westbrook Road this summer. We will notify you as the schedule becomes clear.

The Deep River Fire Department has taken delivery of a new engine for our fire department. At the time of this writing the engine is expected to come into service within the week. Simultaneously, the Department has ordered a new Tanker Truck that is currently in Connecticut being built to Federal, State, and Deep River's own specifications.

We took delivery of a new Ford Explorer police vehicle to replace a twelve-year-old Dodge Charger that was costing us more to keep on the road than it was worth.

Lions and Tigers and Bears.... go buy

Deep River's vibrant downtown continues to be blessed with venerable shops that serve well the needs of our community, including a wide variety of goods and services. We have managed to maintain and support, whether through auspicious forethought or fortunate happenstance, a virtual replica of the kind of small-town Main Street that was ubiquitous until banished by the automobile.

The Deep River Post Office has been in its present location since the 1950s, having outgrown the space it had occupied since 1893 in the then newly dedicated Town

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Hall. It is difficult to remember a time when our shopping center, established in 1957, was not the anchor of our shopping district. Other familiar reminders of an earlier era: Fremuts and Fred & Georges garages.

Deep River Hardware, Celebrations, Eye Doctors, Anchor and Compass/Compass Rose, Adams, Cumberland Farms, Walgreens, Liberty Bank, Red House, Whistle Stop, Hally Jo's, Calamari's Tavern, The Pet's Choice, G's Treasures, The Riverwind Inn, Dunkin' Donuts, Edward Jones and Atwood's Auto Appearance have been operating on Main Street for time spanning five to fifty or more years.

Let's visit the North End of Main Street:

A restaurant of more than a half-century standing: Landing & Main. The roster of earlier titles includes Redwood Lounge, Louie's, Duke's Whalers Pub, Rankin's Pub, the Ivory Pub, and finally...Landing & Main. Over the past three years, during the Pandemic's reign, long-time owner Sal Camera has done a great job of bringing his restaurant back to being "a place to go." Meanwhile, on the opposite corner of Kirtland, we have a new lunch spot, Chambo's Italian Deli, and across Main Street, Promethea Arts, a wonderful companion to SOMA as "Arts" bookends to Downtown. Let's not forget Eight Mile Meadow Bakery, Face Arts Music, and Digital Sign and Graphics.

While reviving the north end, make note of the former Whelen, more recently PCI, complex on Winter Avenue. I make note here of a company that, although not in the retail sector, has proven to be a Cinderella story of a successful small (but definitely growing) small business with international reach. Colanar, which designs and manufactures high-tech machinery for the medical industry, has recently expanded production at their Winter Avenue facility. Since 2007 Bernd and Lucy Stroeter have grown their business from a backyard outbuilding on Kirtland Street to the Plattwood Industrial Park to their current space on Winter Ave. Colanar is a shining example of the benefits public / private cooperation can yield. In the same complex Patrick and Tina Gilbert continue to grow the River Valley Esthetic Institute and remember to visit John and Kerstin at High Nine Brewery.

The number of newer businesses lends us confidence that our Commercial District continues to thrive: The Rusty Rail, Sean Scott's new company headquarters, replacing the former Rent All, Head to Tail Dog Grooming is in the process of moving in next door. Honeycone Ice Cream is expanding and will be creating deliciousness at 39 Main Street (the old White Way Laundry or Marble Factory building, whichever you care to remember).

Salon 357, State Farm, and Razz will welcome Brick and Mortar, a new shop in the building formerly occupied by Chaos and more recently by Allen James who has relocated his studio a bit south on Main Street. A little further down the road an established investor in Deep River recently purchased a building and has expressed only positive thoughts about the north end of Main Street, and we have discussed the possibility of another public/private cooperative effort working toward economic revitalization and affordable housing.

The Nest has expanded into the tattoo parlor space and we are working with the new owner of 160 Main Street who has met with the Economic Development Commission in order to present his wide-ranging plans for that property, which, while still in preliminary stages, are exciting to think about. Stay tuned!

It is the nature of the beast that some shops will leave, through retirement or other business decisions. We will miss The Spot, which while only in town a short while, had an impact on our Main Street and whose proprietors were active members of our Merchants Association (as were their predecessors in that space). History tells us that the storefront will find a new business before long. Deep River Ice reports a tremendous first season and is now a staple (no wonder, their Italian Ice is the best this side of Brooklyn).

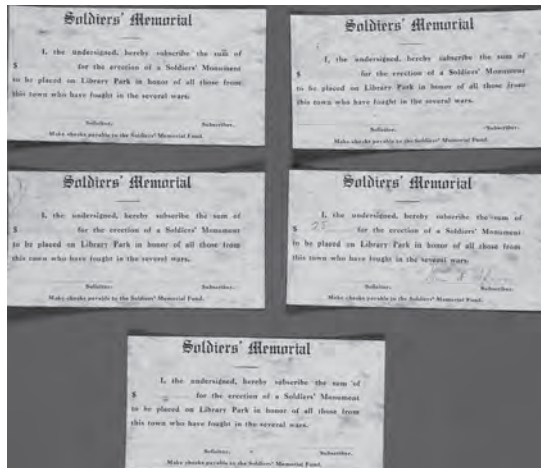
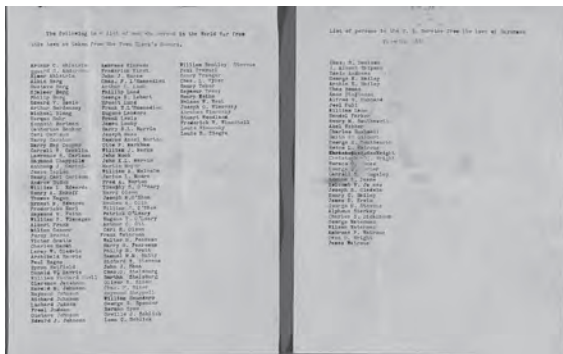
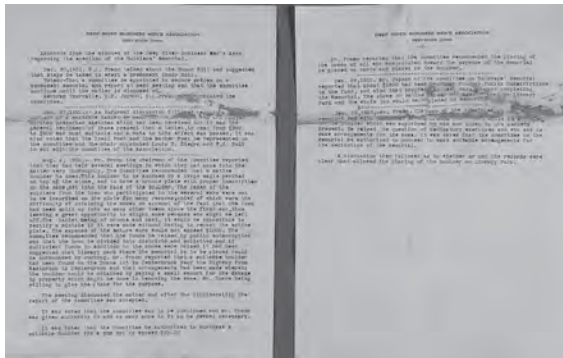
We have worked for three years with the former and the current owner of the Citizens Bank Building, and while neither Hartford Hospital nor Guilford Savings Bank nor similar corporate possibilities (in addition to multiple restaurant developers), could determine how to make the building suit their specific needs, the property is currently under contract to be purchased by Connecticut Coastal Academy, bringing 23 full time

Town of Deep River finally has a functioning Community Calendar. You'll find a link on the Town website. This valuable communications tool is the result of the diligent efforts of our Sustainability Committee and of the residents who responded to the town-wide survey published by the Committee in 2022. Kudos to Committee members and then-chairwoman Carol Jones and PTO member John Ely for getting this in place.

Photos of the contents of the 1923 Time Capsule



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News from the Town Clerk

Municipal Election and Absentee Ballots

Municipal Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in the Community Meeting Room of the Deep River Public Library from 6:00am to 8:00pm. Many college students, some eligible to vote for the first time, think they can't because they are away at school. This is NOT the case! Anyone who will not be available on election day may vote by absentee ballot and applying has never been easier than with the new online application portal: <https://oabrsots.ct.gov/>. They may also apply in person at the Town Clerk's office any time before the election. (Sorry, parents, but your child must be the one to sign this application). The application can be downloaded from our town website at <https://www.deepriverct.us/town-clerk> or the Secretary of the State's website at <https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Voter-Information/Absentee-Voting>.

This application can be mailed in or dropped in the Official Ballot Drop Box, once it's been unlocked, in front of the Town Hall. Once the application is on file, the Town Clerk will mail the ballot as soon as it becomes available on October 6, 2023. The office is open Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-4:00pm, Thursday 9:00am-6:30pm and Friday 9-noon.

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Welcome New Residents & Property Owners

Jay T. & Cathy A. Cassineri	112 Hemlock Drive	03/07/2023
Eve A. Appell	170 Stevenstown Road	03/08/2023
Ryan Cayer	73 Main Street	03/15/2023
Thomas C. & Chelsea Shultz	384 Winthrop Road	03/16/2023
Kevin J. & Rebecca H. Lauder	60 Spring Street, #1	03/17/2023
Giuliano Cirillo	20 Village Street	03/17/2023
Colleen Burkle & Noah DeNegre	11 Village Street	03/20/2023
Amanda S. Hill	219 Warsaw Street	03/22/2023
Maximilliane Schinabeck & Sophia Ioannidis	126 Essex Street	03/23/2023
Heather Nedovich	92 Main Street, Unit #403	03/27/2023
Irene M. Buckley	92 Main Street, Unit #416	04/17/2023
Richard & Anne Lemieux	108 River Road	04/18/2023
Ramon F. & Wendy Senande	61 River Lane	05/09/2023
Aaron & Lucas Daniels	17 River Lane	05/16/2023
Stephen & Amy Sowa	27/151 Meadow Woods Road	05/17/2023
Dirk A. Samuelson	259 Warsaw Street	05/22/2023
Robert S. O'Neill, Jr.	53 Main Street	05/23/2023
Garrett W. Wadsworth	50 Castle Heights	05/26/2023
Benjamin A. Sordo	391 Main Street, Unit #131	06/26/2023
Catrin G. Martin	92 Main Street, Unit #114	07/05/2023
James Cunningham	9 Burcam Circle	07/19/2023
Anthony & Donna Mingrone	57 Village Street	07/24/2023
Lauren M. Gardner	20 Glen Grove Extension	07/24/2023
Ryan M. Grote	58 Warsaw Street	07/25/2023
Leslie B. Bravi	49 Kirtland Street	07/26/2023
William R. Hust	92 Main Street, Unit #103	07/31/2023
David S. & Beverly L. McKeehan	26 Doane Road	07/31/2023

Town Clerk's Office, cont.

Marriages

Dylan M. Grzybowski & Jordyn M. Martinelli	04/08/2023
Matthew T. Beisser & Christina Grover	04/16/2023
Paul J. Schiller & Kelly E. Hunt	04/20/2023
Ashley A. Woodward & Lina A. Giglio	04/22/2023
Connor J. Johnson & Brodie B. Swinton	04/30/2023
Anthony J. Verrier & Debra A. Wood	05/05/2023
Julius A. Goodale & Kristi L. Roach	05/13/2023
Jason E. Shuttleworth & Jennifer M. Penna	05/13/2023
Keith R. Bonenfant & Heather N. Msaad	05/20/2023
Anthony J. DeRiso & Paige A. Jenney	05/20/2023
Michael A. DelMonaco, Jr. & Elizabeth A. Robinson	05/28/2023
Philip A. Valley & Jessica A. Marrocco	06/03/2023
Francisco J. Cordova & Yecenia J. Delgado	06/08/2023
Samuel G. Schlesinger & Samantha G. DeRosa	06/09/2023
Callen T. Brooks & Audrey A. DeFusco	06/10/2023
Benjamin C. Clark & Kathryn N. Ierna	06/10/2023
Adam M. Plott & Kathryn J. Bergeron	06/14/2023
Spencer P. Tang & Rachel H. Alpert	06/18/2023
Jonathan Reilly & Koren E. Torre	06/23/2023
William F. Fagan & Alison R. Crider	06/24/2023
Eric R. Helmrich & Allison M. Radde	06/24/2023
Gabriel M. Flugrad & Breanne R. Carbone	06/25/2023
James M. Fitz Gerald & Aryn E. Doyle	06/30/2023
Mark L. Sirico & Cari E. Kruzel-Boxwell	06/30/2023
Andrew A. Schmitz & Martha L. Werner	07/03/2023
Nicholas R. Afragola & Raquel J. Romano	07/13/2023
Dante S. Scarano & Krista M. Peltier	07/21/2023
Nathan P. Hunsaker & Mary A. Proteau	07/22/2023

Passings

Shepard Schwartz	03/05/2023
Bruce J. Zira	03/17/2023
Joseph P. Echtman	03/19/2023
William N. Zesner	03/25/2023
William R. Caval	03/30/2023
Frances T. Strukus	03/27/2023
Joan L. Zaremba	04/02/2023
Edward C. Hemmann	04/08/2023
John Ricci	04/12/2023
Kathleen L. Alsop	04/18/2023
Melvin L. Hartford	04/21/2023
Larry W. Simms	05/09/2023
Federico A. Huaman Lescano	05/11/2023
Robert N. Bianca	06/06/2023
Mazie E. Dennison	07/10/2023
Leonard K. Creeron	07/19/2023

Local Boards and Commissions Vacancies

Conservation Inland Wetlands Commission:

Regular	term to expire 12-01-2023
Alternate	term to expire 12-01-2023
Design Advisory Board (2)	term to expire 12-01-2023
Design Advisory Board (1)	term to expire 12-01-2024
Parks & Recreation Commission (3)	term to expire 12-01-2023
Veterans Green Monument Committee	term to expire 12-01-2023
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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New Trade Name Filings

Landing and Main	PuzPie LLC	04/06/2023
R McNally Painting LLC	Russell F. McNally	04/17/2023
Helping Hands of Deep River, Inc.	Jennifer Shea	04/25/2023
Deep River Congregational Church	Dayle F. Larson	05/23/2023
Custom Carpet Cleaning	David Dill Saunders	06/01/2023
E.d.S. Cleaning Service	Edward Kyttle	07/06/2023
A Step Ahead Soccer	Donald P. Dione	07/18/2023



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Waste Reduction Pilot Program - DEEP

Deep River has collected over 58,500 pounds of Food Scraps in the Waste Reduction Pilot Program!! Keep up the great work! You can still join now if you've missed it!

Deep River is one of 15 towns running Waste Reduction Pilot programs, from a CT DEEP grant, and in just 6 months we've already separated over 58,500 pounds of food from our trash. The food scraps we've collected are being processed into energy through an-aerobic digestion. This program is going great, and we want to see more participation; this tonnage is only about 43% of what the grant consultant, Waste Zero, believes is available in Deep River's waste stream.

We have been so amazed at the feedback, support, and participation in town that we've formed a new Ad Hoc Waste Reduction Committee to study and advise the town on how to proceed once the pilot has wrapped up. We are seeking additional members, so please reach out to the selectman's office at 860-526-6020, option 1 or selectman@deeperiverct.us if you are interested in participating.

The state and the region are currently in a Waste Crisis as there is no additional space to dispose of garbage. One way to help is to work to reduce the amount of trash created.

The Ad Hoc Waste Reduction Committee is exploring how "Unit-Based Pricing," a proven waste reduction concept, could work to reduce the amount of waste created and to save the town money on trash costs, which could help collect more food scraps to be used for clean energy. "Pay as You Throw" is a way to manage and reduce trash by paying for the amount you dispose of instead of a flat fee. This program has proven to create behavior change and is a fairer way to pay for trash since one can control how much you pay by controlling how much trash you make. The orange bags for trash are similar to how a "Pay as You Throw" effort would work - it's an easy challenge to try to fit all of your trash into only 2 orange bags per week. The orange bags act as a measuring cup for waste and help everyone to think about what they are throwing away - for instance textiles can be donated, yard waste can be dropped off

or mulched on your lawn, and items that still have use like an old coffee pot can be given to a friend or to those in need.

Take the challenge - There's still time to participate! Do you need your free green and orange bags? You can get them from the Deep River Transfer Station.

Thanks for giving this a try and getting so many tons of food out of the trash and into clean energy! We will be having a town meeting on this program in the coming months, and we want your feedback!

*Luciana Granstrand
Environmental Analyst
Sustainable Materials Management
Waste Engineering & Enforcement Division
Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection*



Deep River - SustainableCT

Food Scraps

Good news for food scrapping! PAPER TOWELS ARE ACCEPTED!

It's kind of funny how something so specific can create confusion but the final word is that soiled paper towels are accepted in the food scrap container now. (Please do NOT include any paper towels soiled with chemicals.)



Meanwhile, many thanks to those people who are separating and disposing of their food scraps in an environmentally friendly way. Disposal can be in your backyard compost, handed off to the chickens next door or at the Deep River Transfer Station. Whatever environmentally friendly way you do it, we applaud you.

If you haven't joined the trend, please do. Removing food waste from the trash and converting those scraps into clean, renewable energy can save us money. We can help you solve the problems you might be having to organize the process of separating your food waste from household garbage. There are many ways to go about it and we're happy to help. Email Joyce in the First Selectman's Office at jaberardis@deepriverct.us and we'll get back to you. We want everyone on board separating food waste. For more information: <https://reducethetrashct.com/deepriver/>

Region #4 Food Scraps Fundraiser a Success!

All 5 Region #4 schools will be separating food scraps to reduce garbage sent to the landfill. The 3 Tri-Towns have raised enough money to pay for 2 years of transportation costs involved with food scrapping by local fundraising and a hefty Sustainable CT matching fund grant. It will begin this fall so that new habits can be made both at home and in school.

Thin Plastic and Film Recycling "Recycle More Than the Bag!"

Changing habits to reduce waste continues with thin plastic recycling. In February, Deep River joined the NexTrex Community Challenge with the goal of educating our community about thin plastics. If we reach the goal of diverting 500 pounds of thin plastics and film from the waste stream, we earn a free park bench. As of publication we have collected 530 pounds! Soon we will have a new park bench for all to enjoy. Congratulations!

Keep the recycling going!

While getting a bench is very exciting, even more exciting is that we as a community are keeping all that plastic out of the landfill and giving it a new life. Thin plastics are impossible to avoid and cannot be recycled in the blue bins - they clog up the automated recycling sorting machines. If you haven't already, start collecting thin plastics in your home and see how it adds up.

If you own a business, you can participate as well. We already have two enthusiastic business owners in town doing their part: Compass Rose/Anchor & Compass and Celebrations. Thank you for doing your part!

What are thin plastics? They are more than the bag. So many products come wrapped, protected, and delivered in thin plastics. Plastic films labeled with #2 or #4 recycling symbol (polyethylene films), Bread Bags, Ziploc and other resealable food storage bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, product wrap (around items like paper towels, toilet paper and water bottles), air pillows & bubble wrap, retail bags, plastic shipping envelopes, ice bags, bubble wrap, produce bags and more!

Please don't include saran from meat packaging, or any soiled and wet bags or wrap.

Please do be sure your plastics are CLEAN and DRY.

Thin plastics dropoff locations:

Adams Hometown Market
Town Hall
Deep River Library
Deep River Transfer Station

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Confused about what is and what isn't allowed in the thin plastic bins?

Thin Plastics Frequently Asked Questions:

Can I recycle plastic bags and film if they...

...are colored plastic?

YES, the color does not affect the recycling process.

...tear like paper?

NO, please do not include, as they are not currently accepted in film/bag recycling bins.

...stretch when I pull it apart with both hands?

YES, this is the correct type of plastic to recycle. If it doesn't stretch or it tears like paper, please throw it in the trash. NOTE: Cereal box liners ARE allowed.

... have a shiny metal look like a chip bag or candy wrappers?

NO, this plastic film is not recyclable.

...are pet food bags?

NO, this plastic is not recyclable.

...have a paper label or tape stuck on?

YES, but labels, tape and adhesive strips should be removed if possible. You can simply cut off the label as the integrity of the bag isn't important to the recycler.

...are thicker, stiff plastics for linens and beddings (including anything with a real zipper)?

NO, they are not the kind of plastic recyclers can use in their processes.

...contains other materials or is dirty or wet?

NO, plastic film must be clean and dry and the right type in order for it to be recycled. Please remove all other materials like tape, paper receipts, food residue and crumbs, and crinkly or rigid plastics (bottles and tubs). These contaminants can ruin the quality of the plastic and may result in it not being recycled.

...are boat wrap?

NO, because its intended use is to protect boats outside, which means it could contain barriers or be contaminated with moisture and debris that are problematic in the recycling process.

... are very shiny (like floral wrap) and make a loud crinkly sound when crumpled?

NO, this plastic film is not recyclable.

...have this NexTrex® label?

YES, brands and retailers are using this label to let consumers know that the plastic film package is recyclable.

...are labeled degradable AND recyclable?

NO, recyclers can't risk using degradable plastics in new items so these items are not recyclable.

For a full list and some great videos of the process:
<https://nextrex.com/view/educate#materials1>

What's In and What's Out?

Recycling can be confusing! Did you know there is a RecycleCT Wizard available that can help you determine what recyclable items go where? Go to the home page of the Deep River website, www.deepriverct.us and click on the "Can I Recycle It?" icon on the lower left corner.

An app for your smart phone RecycleCT is also available and VERY useful. Download it today!

Deep River Waste Reduction Committee

While these processes continue to get easier, the work continues. A new ad-hoc committee has been approved in Deep River. The Deep River Waste Reduction Committee will meet to find more ways to reduce waste in town that will drive down our costs while helping the environment.

For more information about any of the above topics and the latest updates on our work: Find us online: www.deepriverct.us/deep-river-sustainable-ct-committee Email us: sustainabledeepriver@gmail.com Follow us on Facebook and Instagram

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

Here's an Update

While working towards the bronze certification, the committee sent out a town wide survey to assess the town's effective communication. One suggestion made by most of those who took the survey, was that the town need-

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ed a community calendar; a single repository to see what is happening in town. We are happy to report that the calendar is live and available on the town's web page with a direct link about halfway down the page. If you are part of a community group make sure to send your information to cal@deepriverct.us to be included on the calendar. And, of course, utilize it to see what's going on in town!

The Deep River Sustainable CT Committee received a small number of our anticipated larger order of food scrap buckets and in early August were at the transfer station distributing them to participants. Congratulations to Mark Shiring from Shailer Pond Road, who was randomly chosen as the winner of a \$100.00 Adams gift card. He was the 10th visitor to pick up a bucket on the third day of distribution.



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What's IN?

Follow these steps before placing acceptable items into your recycling bin.

DO: empty, clean, rinse, and repeat for each item. | DON'T: shred, box, or bag items.



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GLASS



Bottles and jars



METAL



Food and beverage cans, aluminum foil and foil containers



PLASTIC



Jugs, tubs and lids

What's OUT?



No plastic bags or plastic wrap*

(Bring to bins at:
* Adam's, Deep River
Town Hall, Library, Transfer
Station or participating
grocery store)



No styrofoam or black plastic containers

(Throw them in the trash)



No clothing or linens

(Use donation programs)



No tangles

(No hoses, wires, chains or electronics)



No combustibles

(No propane tanks, batteries, and non-food grade aerosol cans like spray paint and pesticides)

To learn more about What's In and What's Out of your bin, ask the **RecycleCT Wizard** at **RecycleCT.com** or **download our new app.**



Deep River Fire Department



The membership of the department is very proud of 5 members of the Junior Division. AJ Kerop, Erin Lee, Noah Lee, Churchill Roberts, and Tyler Stein spent a week in the heat of the summer, in full gear, working hard to learn and master aspects of emergency training. Camp culminated with an exhibit of their skills at graduation. Congratulations AJ, Erin, Noah, Churchill, and Tyler; we are proud of your hard work, determination, and dedication.

A portion of the standards for attending; thirty-two students are accepted into each session. This session immerses the students into the mission, culture, and skill set of the fire service. A strong emphasis is placed on character, self and mutual respect, individual empowerment and teamwork as students participate in physical fitness training, learn in a classroom setting, compete in team-based activities and progress in squads through a series of practical training evolutions divided into engine, ladder, and rescue company fire ground operations. At the end of the session, the students respond to and mitigate a simulated multi-story building fire utilizing the skills that they have learned over the week.



In June of 2021 the town approved the purchase of a new engine. The contract was signed to have Gowans and Knight Company in Watertown, Connecticut build the new engine. This beautiful piece of apparatus was delivered to us in March of 2023.

The new engine has: 2022 Spartan Gladiator chassis, seating for 6 firefighters, 1000 gallon water tank, 30 gallons class A foam and a 2000 gpm pump.



The department has been vigorously training with this new fire apparatus, Engine 551. This new engine re-

places a 40 year old engine. Consequently, the learning curve on the new truck is technologically advanced compared to the former. The new features offer more efficiency in time and management at a fire scene.

We are all very appreciative of the hard work involved to develop a criteria for the purchase of a new vehicle. Thank you to the town for the support we received to allow this project to move forward. Thank you to the truck committee who spent countless hours researching, visiting manufacturers, and holding meetings to formulate a plan for the best possible outcome.

It is very rewarding to know that the entire town will benefit from this new piece of apparatus as it is the first out to all calls.

For the first time in many years the DRFD chicken bbq was once again held. Thank you to all who came out in support of this fundraiser. Thank you to John Ely for heading the charge and organizing



it, to Steve David for coming out of retirement to show us the ropes, to Agata Luff and Hannah Partyka for working all day with us, to all the members who helped set up, break down, cook and serve the meal and to our talented musicians John Martorelli, Del Perez, and Ken Hebert; you certainly set the tone. At the end of the day, left over meals were delivered to Deep River Senior Housing.

Reminder that the 9th Annual DRFD Automotive Extravaganza will be held on September 10th from 9:00am to 2pm at Devitt field. Pre-1929-present automobiles, emergency vehicles, motorcycles, tractors, and mega trucks are welcome to participate. \$10 entry fee, walk-ins are free. Food and drinks are available on site. Please join us for a wonderful day enjoying our lovingly restored automotive history.

Respectfully, Marilyn Malcarne Public Relations

Deep River Junior Ancient Fife and Drum Corps



DRAM 2023 was a wonderful event of 42 Corps from around the nation descending on our beautiful little town to share their music, traditional garb, and camaraderie. The Friday night Tattoo, hosted by the Deep River Juniors, provided a program that focused on the young musicians of this genre.

Performances by the following Corps entertained the enthusiastic crowd:

- The Deep River Junior Ancients - established in 1955.
- Young Colonials Fife and Drum Corps - Carmel, N.Y. - celebrating their 50th Anniversary.
- Nutmeg Fife and Drum Corps - celebrating their 75th Anniversary. Saluting Director Terri Lamb for her 43 year involvement with the Corps.
- Camp Kids - sponsored by the Company of Fifers and Drummers. Kids from 9 different States were introduced to John Ciaglia, a significant composer/arranger from the Fife and Drum Corps world, while attending camp at Bushy Hill. This experience culminates in a performance at the Tattoo. This year saw 54 young musicians perform an amazing selection of tunes by the great Ciaglia.
- Fifes and Drums of York Town - Yorktown, Va. - Coming from a significantly historical area of our country, this Corps performance is a precise combination of music and military bearing. We were honored and appreciated the fact that York Town rearranged their schedule in Boston to perform in the DRJA Tattoo.

Awards;

- Dick Smith Award - presented to Angus L. McDonald and Carol Jones for their dedication to the Town of Deep River.
- Ken and Charlotte Traves Award - presented to

Aaron Beard, Terry Malcarne, and Scott Greenstreet for their incredible dedication to the Deep River Juniors. All three are instructors of the Corps. Their musical expertise and compassion is very much appreciated; they are always going the extra mile for the kids.

- Bonnie Desnoyers Scholarship Award - presented to graduating senior Elijah Gopalakrishnan, Fife Sgt. of the Juniors.
- Appreciation Award - presented to Stephen Travernier for his 69 years of service to the Deep River Drum Corps and 69 years of service to the Muster.

The Deep River Juniors would like to congratulate the Deep River Drum Corps on their 150th Anniversary of the Corps which is a true milestone of dedication to our community. Saturday's performance was enhanced with many former members performing with the Corps.

Congratulations to DRJA graduating members, Major Dakota Maikowski, Fifer Elijah Gopalakrishnan, and Fifer Paige Lee. Your professionalism, positive attitudes, and role model status will be missed in the line of march. Thank you for your service and good luck in all your future endeavors.

DRJA would like to salute Bill and Linda Caval, our Godparents. RIP Bill, you will always have a place in our hearts and history.

DRJA welcomes new members. Fifers and snare drummers are welcome to apply. The bass drum section is currently closed. No experience necessary as we teach the instruments and the military bearing. Practice is held Thursday evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Call 860-301-9305 for further information.

Respectfully, Marilyn Malcarne



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Deep River Historical Society



There's been a lot going on with your Deep River Historical Society this year and we will be showcasing lots of improvements to our building and grounds this fall.

New roofs on both the Stone House and the Carriage House were installed and completed in late April. These were funded by ARPA which was received from the Town of Deep River and we are truly grateful for the support the town gave us for this work. We are hoping by the time this article reaches your home that our new driveway, with designated handicap parking, is either under construction or completed. This is a two-pronged project as it will include the installation of a handicap ramp donated by one of our members. It will give visitors better access to our collection and is made possible by our ongoing Capital Campaign. We are also in the planning stages of replacing the trees we lost this spring.

Deep River Day is fast approaching!

September 16th from 10am to 2pm!

During Deep River Day the Historical Society will be celebrating Deep River's farming past. The Carriage House and the Annex will be open for viewing and our historic farm collection will be available to visit too! Did you know that Lozzelle Platt grew tobacco in his fields where Plattwood Park is today? Come learn all about farming in Deep River and meet our newest docents! We have two enthusiastic young men, one from the elementary school and one from the junior high to lead you on an entertaining tour of the Carriage House items.

Save the Date!

October 21 and 22 at 2pm
Town Hall Auditorium

Deep River Historical Society is partnering with Patty Carver and the CT Children's Theater for a musical presentation entitled *Radical Women: The Suffragists*. Watch for updates as you won't want to miss this great family show!

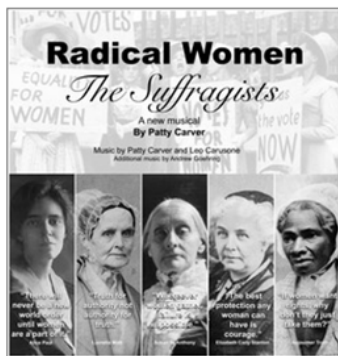
Radical Women, The Suffragists

A New Musical by Patty Carver

Directed by Jerry Goehring

Music by Leo Carusone, Patty Carver & Andrew Goehring

Lyrics by Patty Carver



Elizabeth Cady Stanton began the battle for women's suffrage, demanding the right to vote at the Seneca Falls Con-

vention in 1848. No one could predict women's fight for the right to vote would last for more than five generations. Countless American women labored passionately for suffrage, but it was just a handful that spearheaded the cause with trailblazing leadership and conduct considered radical. It was because of these radical women that women's suffrage finally came to fruition in 1920.

Featuring a cast of six women and chronicled from the unique perspective of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, *Radical Women, The Suffragists* is a new musical featuring benchmarks in The Suffrage Movement and the women that made it all happen.

Featured Characters include: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Judge Daniel Cady, Lucretia Mott, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, Jane Hunt, Maryanne McGlintock, Martha Wright, Frederick Douglas, Lucy Stone, Justice Ward Hunt, Carrie Chapman Catt, Alice Paul, Lucy Burns, Harry Burn and Febb E. Burn.

Festival of Trees to be held December 1st-3rd. If you are a not-for-profit or own a business or just like decorating holiday trees sign up to have a tree displayed at the Historical Society. For 3 evenings the Historical Society property will be lit for the holidays and feature beautifully and creatively decorated trees from all over Deep River's community. Mark your calendars to come join us for the tradition. You can enjoy refreshments, listen to music, and vote for your favorite trees!

Don't forget to book the Carriage House for your holiday parties early.

Contact Carriage House Events Manager, Liza Thayer at 860-322-3426 or via email: liza.thayer@deepriverhistorical-society.org to check availability.

Things you can do!

Become a member! And be a part of Deep River's Historical Society

Buy some bricks! To support our fundraiser and help us build a terrace

Request a historical marker for your home! Historic homes qualify for research and a marker. Learn more about the history of your home!

There are so many ways to connect with your community's history through the Deep River Historical Society! Details for all the above and more of what we offer are on our website: <https://deepriverhistoricalsociety.org/>

Keep up to date with our goings on via Facebook too!



Are you looking for a unique venue to host your family get-together or company event? Engaged, and beginning your wedding planning?

The Deep River Historical Society's picturesque Carriage House can accommodate smaller events like birthdays, anniversary parties, baby showers, reunions and receptions as well as larger tented wedding events on our beautiful grounds.

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Deep River Elementary School

Greetings from DRES as we gear up for the 2023-2024 school year!

During this summer, I've had the opportunity to connect with various individuals in the Deep River community. It's evident that education holds great importance not just within the town but also in the wider Region 4 district. Our mission for the upcoming school year is twofold: to provide a high-quality education for our students and to continue to involve the community in the education experience at DRES.

We are committed to offering a comprehensive core curriculum that accommodates various learning styles, allowing students to master grade-level standards in diverse ways. Our approach involves educating the whole child, and supporting their growth in all aspects. Those students requiring additional assistance, be it academically or emotionally, will receive targeted interventions in subjects such as mathematics, literacy, soft skills, and social skills. These interventions are carefully monitored for progress and long-term effectiveness.

Throughout the school year, we will actively seek feedback from families and the community, which will be valuable in guiding our School Improvement Team. This feedback allows us to fine-tune our daily operations as a school community and respond to the specific needs of our student population.

Once again this fall we will be actively recruiting volunteers for our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) day this December. This is an opportunity to engage our students in the fields related to these domains giving them a hands-on look into careers of those in the community. You do not have to have experience working with students to participate. If you or someone you know is interested please reach out to jtorchia@reg4.k12.ct.us.

Region 4 is always looking for substitute teachers for Deep River and the Region 4 district. If you are interested in coming in to help us out please apply via the Region 4 district website under "employment."

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the community for their immense support in the school budgeting process. It has enabled us to maintain small class sizes, expand our curriculum, and upgrade our technology resources. We are truly fortunate to have a dedicated and well-prepared staff, among the best in the profession, who staunchly advocate for the needs of our students.

I am always available to lend an ear, and I eagerly anticipate meeting more members of the Deep River community throughout the upcoming school year.

Josh Torchia
Principal Deep River Elementary School



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Deep River Parks and Recreation

Deep River Parks and Recreation is excited to be spearheading Deep River Day coming up on September 16th. Plan to start the morning off by participating in the annual Run to the River 5K road race. The race is USTAF certified and will be timed by Empire Timing Co. DJ Mike Prodotti will be on hand playing some lively music to get you going. Join XTrainDFQ for a free pre-race stretching clinic at the field. The race begins at 9:00am. On field registration begins at 7:30 am. Save money by registering early or better yet, grab some friends and register as a group. On line registration is still available. There are several age categories and the top three runners, both male and female, from each age division will be awarded a trophy. The best overall male and female will be recognized.

The day will continue with a wide variety of activities scheduled for multiple locations around town. The Friends of the Deep River Library will hold their popular book and bake sale on the library grounds on Main Street, beginning at 9:00am. The Deep River Garden Club will be selling seasonal mum plants on the grounds of the Historical Society. At the Deep River Historical Society, enjoy a fascinating exhibit on farm machinery with other interesting machines and vehicles. The DRES PTO may be on hand with a child's craft table and assorted lawn games will be offered. At the Deep River Congregational Church green, known as Marvin Field, come shop at the Deep River Farmer's Market as well as an artisan market, featuring 30+ artists. Children's activities will include face painting, a juggler, stilt walker, balloon sculptures and a dunk tank. Local organizations such as the American Legion, the Deep River Sustainable Committee, the Deep River Land trust, and the Sierra Club to name a few, will have informational booths set up, so be sure to check them out. The Community Health Committee (CHC) will also have a booth where they will be collecting toilet paper for the Deep River pantry. Their goal is to see how tall they can build a toilet paper tower! So, please consider making a donation to help with the tower construction. In addition to all that, there will be live music by local resident, Kenny Hebert's band, the LP's, as well as music by local band Righteous Continental. We are in the planning stages of all of the day's details, but we do know that Apizza Grande will be on hand to serve up some delicious slices for lunch. Many

of the local merchants will offer instore specials and other fun so make sure you plan to come to downtown Deep River on Saturday, 9/16! We will also present the costumed pet parade so plan your furry friend's costume to be part of this annual tradition. Check out the Deep River Day schedule for the latest information and times.

Plan to end your day with us too! Fireworks are back and fun is being planned for Plattwood Park. DJ Mike Prodotti will join us once again to offer dance tunes and music for the fireworks crowd beginning at 6:00pm. Shuttle buses will be available to bring revelers to the park from the John Winthrop Middle School parking lot. Deep River Ice will be at the field serving up their yummy ice cream and italian ice. The P & R Commission is working on bringing a food vendor to the park so that you can just show up and buy dinner and dessert there. Fireworks are slated to begin at 8:30pm. Check the Deep River Day flyer for the latest on the fireworks.

With the arrival of fall, we will offer some old and some new programs. The women's hiking club will be back as well as indoor pickleball. We are working out the details to add youth tennis lessons, and outdoor pickleball if we can complete our court at Plattwood Park in time. Youth basketball registration will be open in early October so don't miss out on that fun program. Also, mark your calendars for the P & R sponsored Halloween activity to be held on Halloween night 10/31 @ Town Hall. Looking far ahead, but so you can plan ahead, the holiday stroll and light parade, "Light up Deep River" will take place on Saturday, December 2nd.



Wrapping up P & R summer programs, the 'Sounds of Summer' Concert series, had a wonderful line up of bands this year which brought out a dedicated crowd who attended week after week. Folks came out to listen to some great music and enjoy dinner and even a special dessert from Deep River Ice which attended all of the concerts. We did, unfortu-

Deep River Parks and Recreation, cont.

nately, have two concerts postponed due to inclement weather but as this is written, we are working to rebook them for a different date. Fingers crossed. Thank you to Pizzeria DaVinci, Apizza Grande, Deep River Ice and Chris' Hot Dogs for serving up delicious food at the concerts. Shout out to P & R member, Chris Marra for arranging all of the great music for Deep River.

Summer Camp ended in mid-August and for many of our campers and their parents, it ended too soon. P & R is proud of our summer camp staff who did



an outstanding job to keep our eight-week summer youth camp a top quality, fun, accommodating and safe program for our

local youth. The cost of the P & R program makes it the best camp deal around. A big shout out to Camp Director, Hanna Partyka, Assistant Director, Jake Castellano, Kayla Howard, Director week #1 and on call; counselors; Luke Buccaro, Kendrick Larabee, Madelyn Morrissey, Eliza Rosenthal, Kenzie Mule and Spencer Andrews and Counselors-in-training (CITs); Dean Rosenthal, Antonio DeLa-Fuente Cascanos, Gabriel Aledandro, Abby Vilca and Eloise Bergeron for all of their hard work, dedication, good humor and smiles this summer. The camp had different themes each week and had inhouse entertainers based on that theme. We enjoyed a camp wide foam party, a magician, mini golf, on site hero blast laser tag, hula hoop fun and so much more!



Looking back to late spring, in May, we held our popular fishing derby. This year, we had quite a few anglers come out to try their luck at landing a big trout. The derby was held on Saturday, May 7th at Plattwood. The pond to the left of the park entrance was stocked with approximately 200 rainbow trout who did their best not to be caught! But some of our young local anglers, ages 5-15 were able to land a few! Congratulations to this year's winners; Age category-5-8 years; winners; 1st place-Alex Buestan, 18" trout; 2nd place- Ian Auperin, 17" trout; 3rd place-Charlotte Brainerd, 16" trout.

Age Category 9-11 years; 1st place- Kyle Aronson, 19" trout; 2nd place -Adam O'Brien, 15 1/4" trout; 3rd



place- William Spearrin, 15" trout. Age category 12-15; a tie for same length so weight was utilized. 1st place-Cesar Pazz, 16" trout, weight 2.75lbs; 2nd place- Sebi

Carrasquillo, 16" trout, weight 2.50lbs. The biggest catch of the day went to Charlotte Farrell, age 7, who reeled in a 19 1/8" trout. Congratulations. As is tradition, Charlotte's name will be engraved on the fishing derby plaque that hangs at the elementary school. The annual derby has been a main stay in Parks and Recreation's programming ever since it began in 1983! 40 years! The derby is open to all area youth ages, 5-15. Thank you to Ted's Bait and Tackle in Old Saybrook, who generously donated a gift certificate as well as a very nice salt water rod and reel as a grand prize.

Our Spring Easter Egg Hunt, originally scheduled for Saturday, was held on Sunday, April 2nd due to rain. This yearly event is open to all Deep River youth ages Pre-K through grade 6. Sunday was a beautiful day that saw more than 100 youth and their families come out to play games and meet and take photos with the Easter Bunny, who arrived to the field with an escort by the Deep River Fire Department. The crowd was thrilled to watch the Easter Bunny sitting up front in the fire truck waving as he arrived at the park and as he stopped to greet all of the children and give out candy treats. Once the hunt was



started, it was over in a matter of minutes. The joy and excitement on the children's faces was precious as they opened their eggs in search of the hidden golden ticket. Three lucky children found the 'golden' ticket within their age group and were awarded with a big Easter basket stuffed with quite an assortment of goodies! Congratulations to this year's winners: PreK - Kaedyn Pangelinan; Grade 1-3-

Deep River Parks and Recreation, cont.

Elena Haley; Grade 4-6- Jacob Rowland. Great job to the P & R Easter Egg Committee for all of their hard work. This year, several new games were added to the event which were well received by those in attendance. Thank you to the Deep River Fire Department for their help in transporting the Easter Bunny to the field.



The women's spring hiking club was enjoyed by 12 participants. Once again lead by naturalist and local teacher, Ann Courcy, the group enjoyed 4 local hikes to Johnson farm, Falls River Preserve, Canfield Woods and Bushy Hill Nature Center Trail.

P & R is excited to announce that we are working on our new multi-day music and arts festival! We need your help; it will take many volunteers to help plan this event and to ensure that it runs smoothly. P & R envisions 2 full days of awesome music and art from a large variety of bands, musicians and artists. The idea is to have music being played and heard and both music and art being appreciated throughout Deep River. Save the dates of June 17-19th, 2024. The cost for a festival pass has not yet been determined. If you are a local business, a member of a band or simply want to volunteer to help get this launched for 2024, please reach out to Carol Jones at the P & R office or to P & R chairperson, Chris Marra. Sponsors are also needed! We will begin meeting shortly.

The Community Foundation of Middlesex County (CFMC) recently awarded Carol Jones, a \$1000.00 grant to support the department's great work with our youth summer camp program. CFMC Board Chairman Clint Reid stopped by the Parks and Recreation office recently for the check presentation. The only stipulation put on the funds was that it be spent for summer camp. Deep River Parks and Recreation utilized the grant to enhance our campers' experience by hiring a magician, bringing in mini



golf and by purchasing new camp supplies and equipment. We even had enough to take the campers out for ice cream! A grant of this size makes a big impact on our program budget. In addition to the above, this summer, it allowed for an extra camp scholarship to be awarded to a deserving Deep River youth. The grant was made possible by the generosity of the M. Jones Fund (no relation) at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. The M. Jones Fund was established to recognize the importance and the impact that summer camps have on children and teenagers. The fund wants to help ensure that the youth in the community have access to camp opportunities and also that the Parks and Recreation department has the resources that it needs to offer the best camp experience.

Please consider joining the Commission to help on a particular event or help with multiple events. Your time commitment can be whatever works for you. Or volunteer your time: we need your help to keep these events and activities going. Call the office or text 860-526-6036 and we can come up with a plan that **WORKS FOR YOU!**

Some friendly reminders:

- There is a smoking ban in effect at all of the town's parks, playgrounds and ball fields. This includes all tobacco products, cannabis, e-cigarettes and vaping.
- Our parks continue to be enjoyed by so many. Please speak up if you see someone mistreating park property.
- Please remember that dogs are only allowed in the parks between the dates of 10/30 through 3/14.
- No household trash should be disposed of at the parks.
- Public restrooms at the parks will close at or around the end of October. Port-o-lets are offered only at Plattwood Park year-round.
- Friendly reminder- Park use forms are required to be filled out by both residents and non-residents if you would like to reserve exclusive use of a park area. Plan ahead as your application may have to be presented to the full Commission for a vote. A refundable security deposit is required of all users. A certificate of insurance may also be required.
- Please help keep our parks clean-properly dispose of garbage.
- At Plattwood- no fishing from the beach, no floatation devices, no outside grills.
- Please do not bring in glass bottles.



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Deep River Garden Club

The Deep River Garden Club was founded in 1930, but some of you might not know who we are so we wanted to reintroduce ourselves. The Deep River Garden Club (DRGC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote a greater interest in civic beautification for the Town of Deep River by way of charitable projects which emphasize conservation, plantings, upkeep and overall betterment for our community. In doing this, we also provide the advantages of social interactions within our membership and the other associations in town.

We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm with meeting content ranging from workshops, tours, lectures, town gardening and brainstorming. We also try to stay active in the community, pairing with other organizations and trying to raise money for additional projects. Early this year, we spearheaded the Rain Garden project behind the Deep River Library along with the help of the Library and Rotary club. We also had a successful Pansy sale with the Deep River Elementary School PTO to raise money to beautify gardens on the DRES grounds. And this fall we will be working in conjunction with the Historical Society to sell Mums to raise money to plant new trees in place of recent removed ones (Stay tuned for more information on that). Not to mention we just worked with the Deep River Fire Department to spruce up the desolate median across from the Firehouse.

Just a few of our responsibilities include maintaining the Veterans Memorial Green, the Devitt Field entrance, the Deep River Landing, the Winthrop Planter, Daffodils across Deep River and the new Firehouse Median Garden. But we want to do so much more! With enrollment rate low we struggle just to maintain what we have, but the current members are ambitious and ready to recruit you! Come join us as we Dig Deeper, creating a lasting camaraderie with other residents while we beautify the town!

For more information, questions or to join our club please contact us at dr gardenclub@gmail.com. You may also follow Deep River Garden Club on Facebook to see what we are up to next! And Remember, **You don't have to have a green thumb to join, just an interest in beautifying Deep River!**



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Everyone has to agree that our Main Street/Rt.154 in Deep River looks stunning with all the American flags flying. We have outdone ourselves! A special thanks goes to SAL member John Ely and his helpers for going up and down the ladder so many times. These are new flags (poles and brackets) paid for by the "Flag Fund" to which so many of our deceased member's grieving friends and families donated to. Replacing the flags came to \$795. with \$450 remaining for future memorial flags. By the way, Post 61 members took two truckloads with about a thousand aged or damaged flags to Meriden Post 45 for their very respectful disposal ceremony which takes place around Flag Day (14 June). Thank you to Deep River Hardware Store for collecting these flags and to Deep River Ambulance Barn Staff for storing them during the year. Ms. Joyce Berardis was most helpful in ordering them. (Due to the pandemic, there were earlier shortages, staffing and handling challenges. Some of these frustrating issues are not fully resolved.)



Truthfully, we have been delighted (for many years) with the receptions our local schools have given to our Deep River American Legion Post 61 veterans. We started our Memorial Day weekend on Friday with an early breakfast reception at John Winthrop Middle School

followed by a patriotic assembly. Post 61 Vice Commander Richard Nagot awarded three students with certificates of achievement in our essay contest. Their teachers and parents should be proud that so many students are able to express themselves with such eloquence and clarity even at such an early age.

The Valley Regional High School students delivered a beautiful program to recognize local military who sacrificed everything in the name of freedom for our nation. It was held under the maple trees that were planted years ago to commemorate those who fell during World War II. Another tree is on order for a sacrificed Vietnam soldier, Peter T. Koritkoski.

The choral arrangement at Deep River Elementary School was well executed. The lyrics were very clearly sung making this song very emotional. The DRES band was well organized especially considering the way the students lined up. It was interesting to see just how carefully these musicians handled their instruments. These youngsters were very professional. Young Mr. Paulumbo, the trumpet player was outstanding when he played TAPS.

I know our speaker, Mrs. Esia Friedman was very impressed with our Memorial Day ceremonies. Being over 95 years old herself, she has witnessed plenty of history, some very cruel and serious especially for a child growing up during the Holocaust and Nazi controlled geography. During these extremely difficult times, and then later as a teacher, mother, wife, and widow, she had a valuable message to convey: "be thankful for all the good things we have; don't complain." She seemed to hold the attention of the children but we all need to listen to her.

We sincerely hope our local teachers will support students who wish to enter the DRES Arts and Essay contest this fall as well as the Oratorical Contest for the high school level. (Our local deadline for the Oratorical Contest application will be 27 November 2023.) By the way we did get a lovely, neat, well composed letter from our GIRLS STATE delegate. This VRHS student had been inspired by her own mother who attended GIRLS STATE in 1988. She loved the experience and meeting State Representatives as well as the Lt. Governor, and the Attorney General.

Another nice thing on Memorial Day was that we had an additional fifteen veterans who responded to a letter requesting "marcher and rider reinforcements." It was encouraging to see more comrades accompanying us down Rt. 154. They were all in pretty good shape, too! Please telephone Commander Burdick (860-322-7600) for more information about membership if desired. Post 61 would always welcome non-members and out-of-town veterans to join in our ceremonies. We have both men and woman veterans who served in conflicts and during times of peace. The service and sacrifices of our military veterans to our country is more deeply appreciated than some already know.

I just returned from the American Legion Department of Connecticut 104th Department Convention. A resolution for term limits for Dept. of Ct. delegates serving on national committees was not passed. (Y-122 vs. N-140). A strong focus this year will be on The Emergency Fund (from which the American Legion has supplemented US Coast Guard salaries when Congress cannot pass a budget and some agencies do not pay their personnel).

Most everyone reading this knows that Deep River has a time capsule that was situated in the Eagle Monument on 29 May 1923. If you would like to read more about the ONE HUNDRED YEAR OLD TIME CAPSULE, please see page 8 in the CT RIVER VALLEY Town Guide inserted into the COURIER for 6 July's newspaper. Reporter Ethan Hamm details much of the committee's

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discussions. It is expected that we will know more about the contents as soon as the scientists get back to us. Another time capsule is intended to replace the 1923 capsule on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11th, and then to be opened 100 years from now. If you have any ideas about what should be included, please tell Selectman Angus L. McDonald and the Committee. Also, it might be nice to have as many very young babies as possible present for this "Photo-Op." After all, several of them could be present for that 2124 opening. (If you can give us names in advance, we could create a certificate documenting their presence at this event. Call 203-494-7151 cell.) Whether 100 years ago or today, respect has been paid to the veterans by the people of this town and the surrounding area. American Legion Post 61 wants to thank the general community, churches, various organizations, and the Selectmen for such generous support in many ways. It is felt that serious honor and recognition was given to past veterans.

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Community Health Committee



The Community Health Committee (CHC) will be at Marvin Field (the DRCC church green) amongst all the fun on Deep River Day collecting toilet paper and other paper products as we challenge all to help us build a toilet paper tower! How high can we build it?! Please come down with your donations of paper products as they are in high demand and not something typically donated to the pantry. Did you know that paper products and personal hygiene products are not able to be purchased under SNAP (supplemental nutrition assistance program)? All donations will be put in the food pantry at 56 High Street for our Deep River friends in need. For every donation, take a spin on the candy wheel for a free treat!

The committee is tasked with overseeing and raising funds for the Community Health Fund (CHF), providing support for the town's social service programs, its social service director and the town's food pantry among other things. Therefore, the committee is so thankful to the members of the public who came out and voted to allocate ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to the CHF. These monies will go far to help Deep River residents identified by Social Services Director, Rosie Bininger, who need help with heating fuel costs, food, and other expenses as we head into the fall and winter months.

Our fall 2023 annual appeal will be mailed out shortly. Please consider making a monetary donation to our cause. The money collected is used to purchase food for the food pantry, food for the weekly backpack program that CHC runs for DRES students, and to purchase gift cards to Adams and Cumberland Farms that the social service director can give out. The money collected in this annual fundraiser has also gone towards fuel assistance.

We want to thank local groups and businesses who plan fundraisers and take up food collections for the pantry such as the Rotary Club, Face Arts Music, Bennett's Books, DRFD, and our local churches. Please support their efforts. In early November, Face Arts Music will again hold their 'Jams For Cans' event to collect nonperishable food items. Please plan to attend and enjoy some great music from local musicians. The price of admission is a donation, either cash or a non-perishable food item for the food pantry.



The Deep River Police Department is also a big supporter of the food pantry and together we will hold the annual Stuff-a-Cruiser event on Sunday, November 5th. This is a chance to collect food items to help our most vulnerable families in need enjoy a wonderful holiday meal. Please look for us in front of Adams and come say 'hello.' One of our members will again don the turkey costume that was such a big hit last year! Thank you for your generosity in 2022!



This past spring, the CHC asked Bininger to tally the number of residents visiting the pantry on a monthly basis. In May, we recorded 129 visits to the pantry. June saw a rise in visits to 146 and July closed out with a lower number of visits, 65. For such a small pantry, it is quite busy. Our neighbors are in need. Please remember that need



when shopping; maybe buy an extra item or two if it's on sale and drop it off in the lobby at 56 High Street. Dona-

tions can be made anytime the building is open, Monday-Friday. We anticipate the number of visits will rise again as we head into the colder months.

The most sought out food items continue to be:

- Canned tuna, chicken, or deviled ham
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Hearty soups/stews
- Juice
- Crackers and snacks
- Coffee/tea (small 1 lb. containers)
- Canned fruit
- Boxed or shelf milk
- Cereal/oatmeal
- Crackers and snacks
- Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper)
- Toiletries (soap, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, personal hygiene, etc.)

Community Health Committee, cont.



The committee continues to administer the Backpack program for students at Deep River Elementary School. This program was set up to ensure that students who might otherwise face food insecurity on days without school, do not go without. During the school year, the program is administered weekly and during summer school recess, the boxes are assembled with four weeks' worth of food and distributed once a month. We are proud that we can provide food assistance during the summer months as neighboring towns are not able to keep their backpack programs going year-round. Well done Deep River. Kudos to DRES's social worker, Laura Kasprow, who personally delivers the food to the students year-round! And kudos to the members of the committee who take turns shopping for food items, assembling bags and/or boxes and having them ready for Kasprow on Friday mornings. The committee could not sustain this program without outside help; so, thank you to the Deep River Rotary Club and to a dedicated group of town hall employees who have each taken on this task for 1 or 2 months of the year. Many hands make light work, and this is a perfect example of caring Deep River residents at work!

The menu for the weekly bags and monthly boxes calls for fresh produce. The committee would like to thank Scott's Orchards of Deep River who donated fresh fruit to the summer boxes. Also, thank you to Whelen Engineering, who donated over 100 string bags that were utilized for the weekly food items.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Would you like to help with this weekly program? If so, please call the town hall and leave a message for the CHC. We would love the help and donations.

The CHC was created in 2010 and continues to serve a vital part of our community. Committee members are voted into their positions at town meetings. The members of the committee are: Tracy Woodcock, Chair; Lori Greagan, Vice-chair; Carol Jones, Secretary, Betsy Scholfield, Jackie Calamari, Nancy Howard, Dawn Norton and David Blifford.

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The Deep River Police Department is committed to keeping our small-town community safe. As we enter the Fall of 2023, please keep the following points in mind:

Be sure to always keep your car and home doors locked, and never leave your keys in your car. We are still experiencing a decent volume of vehicles that are rummaged through overnight, or even stolen.

There are many work zones throughout our community. These workers are attempting to improve the infrastructure of our Town. Please slow down when approaching these work zones.

As the new school year begins, motorists are asked to please proceed with caution as children will be waiting for or entering and exiting buses. Please also pay close attention to the school bus lights and signals.

Should you have need of police services, you may contact the Deep River Police Department at (860)526-6027.

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Planning & Zoning

During their 2021 Session, the Connecticut General Assembly passed a series of changes to the State's Zoning Enabling Act (CGS §8-2) that affected how municipalities across the state were asked to deal with land use matters. Some of these changes were welcomed by pro-housing development advocates, and by a multitude by skeptics of state involvement in local zoning. One of the most significant changes dealt with how towns regulated Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU), also known as "in-law apartments" or simply "accessory apartments."

The new law (Public Act 21-29) requires all municipalities, unless they chose to affirmatively opt-out, to regulate the allowance of ADUs in the same way they regulated single-family residences, within certain parameters. In other words, if you are allowed to build or occupy a one-family dwelling on a residentially-zoned property, you should also be allowed to add an accessory dwelling unit on that same land. The ADU can be either within the existing structure, added on to the existing house, or be within a separate building on the same lot (like a small cottage or an apartment above a garage or in a barn).

In response to this law, as well as to promote expanding housing opportunities in town as part of their first Affordable Housing Plan (<https://www.deepriverct.us/planning-zoning/files/affordable-housing-plan>), the Deep River Planning & Zoning Commission changed their Zoning Regulations in 2022. The new Regulation allows any residential property to have an ADU through a simple administrative process. As long as the new dwelling unit meets basic size and setback standards, and can be supported by the property's wastewater system (sewer or septic), an ADU can be added.

Recognizing that very often, the general public is not aware of how Zoning Regulations work or how they change property-owners' rights, the Commission is seeking to provide some public information on this new ability. They have prepared a short overview of the topic and will be seeking to spread the word about ADUs throughout Deep River.

If people have questions about accessory dwelling units, or any other land use matters, you may contact the Zoning Department at zoning@deepriverct.us or via phone at 860-526-6030.

So, you want to build an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)?



What is an ADU?

An **Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)** is a self-contained living space built on the same lot as a primary residence. They offer a unique opportunity for homeowners to earn passive income on a rental unit. ADUs are becoming increasingly popular as a means to maximize land use, increase affordable housing options, and provide convenient living arrangements for extended family.

Where can I build one?

ADUs may be built on any lot within a zoning district that allows a one-family dwelling in Deep River. You can determine your property's zoning designation [here](#).

An ADU may be **attached** to or located **within** or **detached** from the principal dwelling, and located on the same lot as such dwelling. ADUs may be located in the basement of the principle dwelling if one wall opens to grade.*

*More information can be found on page 75 of [Deep River's Zoning Regulations](#).



Source: Abundant Housing MA



What would the approval process look like?

ADUs are permitted via an **administrative Zoning Permit procedure**. The application can be found [here](#).

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Fountain Hill Cemetery

Early in 1851, 26 leading citizens of the village of Deep River, (town of Saybrook) met at the store owned by G. Spencer (known today as the Family Laundry on Main Street) to discuss where to bury the dead. As a result, an association was formed and purchased a territory encompassing 40 acres situated a little east of the village of Deep River and sacredly consecrated for the purposes of a cemetery. For 172 years The Fountain Hill Cemetery Association has maintained the cemetery and continues to oversee the care and burial of our residents. Its beautiful park-like setting draws many of our residents on a daily basis to walk, read and relax under the shade trees.

Prior to 1851 these 40 acres were used as a quarry, shipping out local stone to places along the Atlantic Coastline as far away as New Orleans. This land was barren of trees. The Rural Cemetery movement had reached its peak and burial practices were rapidly changing. In 1868, The Association hired a prominent landscape architect, B. F. Hathaway of Stamford, CT to create the park-like setting that we all enjoy today. A news clipping from the New Era mentions that Arborvitae trees from Maine had arrived by barge at the Deep River Landing for planting at the cemetery.

In 1885, Beers described the cemetery: "The special attractiveness of Fountain Hill Cemetery consists not in its monuments, but in itself, in its own natural beauty as heightened by art. Its park like spaces, shaded with a variety of deciduous and evergreen trees; its umbrageous ravines; and scenery that everywhere gratifies the eye, unite in making a scene of summer or autumnal beauty that is rarely found in association with the dead, and cannot fail to have an elevating and refining influence upon the living." We are grateful to our diligent crew who work hard to maintain this level of beauty today.

Many of our trees were planted in 1868. The hurricane of 1938 destroyed more than 100 trees at the cemetery and only a few were replaced. Many of you are aware that we have consistently been taking down aging trees to protect the monuments and many more are in danger of coming down. Dr. Stephen Gephard, a member of our Board of Directors has created a plan to replace

the trees. The Fountain Hill Cemetery Preservation Society is starting a fund to make these plans a reality. Anyone wishing to donate to this project can contact Rich Forristall 860-790-0061.

The cemetery pond was added to enhance the beauty of the cemetery in 1929. The Association hired F. Arigoni and Sons of Middletown to do the work for \$4,500. Designed to be no more than three feet deep originally, it is currently less than twelve inches deep. The Preservation Society of Fountain Hill Cemetery is working to enhance this area once again and making it deep enough to accommodate a fountain.

We are also working on a website to showcase the beauty of Fountain Hill Cemetery and keep residents up to date on ongoing projects and how you can help or get involved with the Preservation Society.

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Deep River Congregational Church

All are welcome to attend worship services at the Deep River Congregational Church. Beginning Sunday, September 10, we will resume our regular worship schedule, with a shorter service at 8:30am and a full service with choir at 10:00am. The 10:00am service will be live streamed and can be viewed on our website, www.deeprivercc.org. You may also watch the service any time later on Sunday or in the following weeks by going to the "Service Videos" icon and clicking on the "Playlist" in the upper right corner of the latest video. Please consider worshipping with us this fall as we begin our new Sunday School year and other activities of our church.

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

- A Little Free Library was added to our church grounds, just outside the office entrance. Chelsea Ehmke had the idea and church member and craftsman, Art Christianson brought her idea to reality. Please come and take a book or donate some favorites you would like to share. Book marks, with information about our church, will be added.
- Our church continues to reach out to our local community by hosting Shoreline Soup Kitchen here every Thursday at 5:00pm. It continues to be curb-side pick up only.
- Dale Litalien, RN teaches an exercise class for church members in Fellowship Hall which meets on Tuesdays from 9:30am - 10:30am.
- A group of volunteers greeted visitors to our town on Muster Day, July 15th, and helped park cars on Marvin Field and the church parking lot.
- On Sunday, August 13th we enjoyed an outdoor concert by the Connecticut River Valley Symphonic Orchestra, directed by church member and music teacher, Jacob Wilson.
- Our Annual August Flea Market, on August 19th brought a number of vendors and many visitors to our church. We are so pleased with the community



support of this event and are appreciative of all those who rented spaces, as well as those who came to shop.

- We are also home to two AA groups, which meet weekly in our Lower Fellowship Hall. A Women's AA group is here on Mondays, at 7:00pm and our regular Thursday night group at 7:00pm.

Sunday School starts on September 10th. All are welcome to our Sunday School program. We have classes for 4 year olds through 8th grade, along with a Sunday Nursery for Birth - 3 year olds. Following the 10:00am worship, all are invited to the Annual Sunday School Mission Fair. Activities include: the pie eating contest with Rev. Tim; making homemade butter to spread on top of homemade bread; Fizz Pop Bowling; and cookie decorating to name a few. Plan on staying an hour after church that day to enjoy all the events, including lunch. Contact Sybil Higgins, our Christian Education Director at christianed@deeprivercc.org for more information.

Our church also offers a group for High School students called Teen Issues that meets every Sunday throughout the school year beginning September 10th from 10:00am - 11:00am. Teen Issues is open to everyone in grades 9-12. Join us for fun activities, service projects, and meaningful talks about life and faith. All are welcome and we hope you can join us on Sundays!

We also offer Youth Groups for grades 4 -12. Our first activity is scheduled for Sunday, September 24th at 11:30am to kick start our Youth Group activities this year. We hope you can join us at DRCC for pizza, ice cream, games, and more information about how you can get involved in our Youth Groups! For more information about Teen Issues or Youth Group, please contact Chelsea Ehmke at yandfm@deeprivercc.org

Church Events Happening this Fall. Save the dates and join us!

- Sunday, October 1st, come and enjoy the Annual Sunday School Chowder Cook-off following 10:00am worship.

Deep River Congregational Church, cont.

- On Saturday, October 7th at 10:00am, we will observe the Annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.
- On Homecoming Sunday, October 8th, we will recognize those who have been members of our church for 25 years or more at our 10:00am service.
- On Sunday, October 15th, we will host a Harvest Dinner from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Please join us for a Ham Dinner with all the "fixin's!" Local talent is welcome. Please email Sybil Higgins by October 8th, if you are interested in performing, christianed@deeprivercc.org
- On October 29th, our Sunday School will celebrate a Joyful Pumpkin Festival Display, Halloween Parade and Treats, as well as the traditional Pumpkin Toss (11:15am)
- Rev. Tim Haut will lead the Annual Walking Tour of Fountain Hill Cemetery on Saturday, November 4th. Meet Tim at the Chapel at 10:00am.
- During the month of November, the Sunday School will hold its Food Drive (Nov. 5), host a breakfast to honor our Veterans (Nov. 12th at 9:00am), and participate in "The Great Turkey Hunt" (Nov. 19).

Please Support our Ye Old English Christmas Faire in early December!

- Saturday, December 2nd, Ye Old English Christmas Faire, 8:30am – 2:00pm. Stroll among decorated booths with unique gifts and baskets filled with surprises; home baked pies, cakes and sweets; candy; knitted and crocheted items; toys & games for the children; King's Treasures for gifts, Country Kitchen; Reindeer Restaurant; and of course photos with Santa.

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


Deep River Meetings on Television and Online

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

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

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

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Winthrop Cemetery



The annual meeting of the willing workers of the Winthrop Cemetery Association was held on April 25, with a pizza supper night. Election of officers and

directors returned Richard Nagot to the chairmanship, Kathleen Schultz, president and sexton, George Atwood, vice president, Matt Sheridan secretary, Rick Daniels treasurer and in the articles of incorporation, Angus, Duane and Jim, our selectmen, to the board.

We are very proud of all who came to volunteer if only for a short time and look forward to keeping the cemetery looking "park-like" out in the Winthrop vicinity.

This cemetery dates back to 1750. The back north section is closed to further burials due to its delicate and historic nature. Two sections are available for burials and lots can be purchased by contacting the sexton.

Special thanks are in order for all who volunteer, our bakers, and refreshment suppliers, ACER Gardens for the mulch, Atwoods Auto Body for its equipment, the Deep River town crew, the Gates family for the flag-pole plantings and all who donate to our association.

*Respectfully submitted:
Kathy Schultz, President*



A well attended and productive volunteer work day was held on Saturday, May 6, with many new and returning helpers. Brush clearing, mulching, weeding and raking cleared out truck loads of debris. With the help of the Valley Warriors in the Community, on their annual workday, yards of top soil was moved, grass planted, and gravestones cleaned. The fountain was installed



by the town crew and everything was looking great by Sunday May 28, the day of the Memorial Day parade, which is an old time tradition.

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Hope Preschool

In the past year, Hope Preschool has made strides in establishing itself in the tri-town community through monthly outreach projects, town-based events, and inviting community helpers as guests into our school.

Through it all, watching our students grow and develop has been one of the most rewarding experiences.

Many times in the early childhood world, educators & administrators make the mistake of measuring success in terms of high enrollment rates, low staff turn over, rising finances, and grant awards. Although all of those things are wonderful to have, the real success is at the expense of each student that walks through our doors. At Hope Preschool, success has taken the form of a child writing their name for the first time, zipping up their coat all by themselves, and communicating their emotions with a friend. The proud look on a child's face when they've finally mastered a skill that they've been working hard to achieve is a feeling like no other.

Our success, is measured within the happiness & well-being of our students! As we prepare for this upcoming school year, we are more than sure that God has an amazing plan for each of our future students.



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It's hard to believe that summer is coming to a close and autumn is on our doorstep. Here at A Little Compassion and The Nest Coffee House, we embrace every season as a fresh beginning, a chance to hit the reset button and change things up a bit. Fall always brings new school interns into our midst and that means new skills, talents, and energy of young adults with differing abilities. We look forward to introducing them to you and to the world of work while setting the stage for their bright futures. We'd love to hear from you if there is a young adult in your life who may benefit from our programs!

For those new to neurodiversity language, neurodiversity is a newer umbrella term that includes many disabilities that impact how people process the world. Disabilities including autism, down syndrome, ADHD, depression, anxiety, Tourette's syndrome, and others all fall under this umbrella. Being neurodiverse (or neurodivergent) means that a person experiences the world differently and may include their having sensory challenges, alternative ways of learning and seeing things as well as needs for simple (or complex accommodations). Accommodations such as an option to wear headphones to dampen loud noises or the ability to use a visual task list are necessary for their success, but also often benefit all people.

The other benefit of neurodiversity is that it teaches all of us the power of understanding, compassion, and inclusion. Being curious and assuming good intentions is our go-to approach when a staff seem to be doing something "wrong." You'd be surprised at what you can learn by simply asking a staff member why they did something. A favorite example at The Nest is when an employee served up an iced latte without stirring it. By stepping aside and saying simply "Hey why wasn't that latte stirred," we learned that they not only thought it was pretty with its visible layers of ice, espresso, and cream, but they also felt that an adult should be able to stir their own drink. Honestly, it was pretty and, of course, the adult could stir their own drink. But with just a little redirection and clarification of "The Nest Way" of serving iced lattes ready to drink, we were back on track in a flash and even had a few laughs about adult responsibilities.

We are thankful for every customer that comes into the shop because each purchase not only has the power to help us fulfill our mission financially but more importantly, each visitor provides our staff important experiences interacting with customers. Building confidence and skills for their next work endeavor can be life-changing. So come see us soon. There is something new happening every day including our Nest Gatherings, Compassion Story Hours, and much, much more!

We hope you join us for our Compassion Walk 2023! This year the inclusive and beautiful walk will be on Saturday, October 14th with even more family-friendly fun for all. This year's entry is free for any neurodiverse young person up to age 30! For more details on what we've got brewing, visit us at The Nest, on Facebook or Instagram, and at our website www.thenestcoffeehouse.org.

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Deep River Public Library



Let's Talk Books

Wednesday afternoon club: Join us on the third Wednesday of each month @ 1:15pm to discuss the book of the month. The library has copies available for book club.

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Upcoming Programs:

Memory Tips

Sept 13, 6:30-7:30pm in the DRPL meeting room. Deep River Library in collaboration with Chester Library presents a program on memory by Dr. Hurwitz, a nationally recognized expert on stress. Registration is required

Understanding the Power of Dreams

Saturday, Sept 23 @10:30am
Your night dreams and day dreams are rich with messages for you. Join Grace Erhart and Dale Litalien, Level 3 Dream Teachers in the Robert Moss School of Active Dreaming. This workshop will teach you how to interpret your own dreams and develop your understanding of synchronicity. Registration is required.

Monthly Cooking Classes on Zoom

September, October, November, December. Dates TBA
Join us on Zoom for tasty cooking programs, open to tweens, teens, adults, and families that like to cook together! We share recipes, cooking tips, and make delicious meals and treats with the nutritionists at Food Explorers! Registration is required.

Terrific Thursday; Fun Friday Story Times:

Thursdays @10:30am; Fridays @ 10:30am; Weekly, starting September 28.

Join us for music, movement, and stories, followed by play and social time! Set healthy reading habits, get to know other parents, and develop community! All are welcome. No registration required.

An Evening with *Connecticut Ghosts*

Wednesday, October 18 @6:30pm

Join us as psychic, Nick Grossman, and entertainer/author, Charles Rosenay, share the details from their numerous paranormal investigations! No registration required.

Holiday Harvest Table

Saturday, November 4 @ 10:30am

Celebrate the holiday season with a lovely eye-catching three table display. Topics covered include how to construct a buffet, tablescape techniques, health recipes, wine and spirit batch recommendations, and more. Samplings of chocolate, Harvest Bark and a festive mocktail beverage. Registration is required.

Check out our monthly website calendar, Facebook Events page, or LinkTree to see what's on offer and to register for programs at: www.deepriverct.us/library

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Deep River Rotary

Across the Rotary year 2022-2023, the Deep River Rotary has been involved in a number of community and international projects. These include: cleaning debris and overgrowth with the Deep River Garden Club behind the Deep River Public Library, repainting the Keyboard Pond Gazebo (with a roof replacement to happen soon), holding a food drive for the Deep River Food Pantry, shopping and sorting for the DRES Backpack Program, hosting Paint Nights to benefit a High Hopes Therapeutic Riding Scholarship, collecting Mittens with Spruce Ledge Tree Farm on their Mitten Tree, donating holiday gift bags to the residents of Riverview Lodge, holding a toy drive for Tri-Town Youth Services and co-hosting a 4 Way Test Contest for students in Region 4 with the Chester and Essex Rotary Clubs. Members were also present and helping at ALC's Water Lantern Festival.

The club hosted its 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament this past October. The proceeds raised allowed us to donate to A Little Compassion's Water Lantern Festival, Mutts Mending Mankind (training rescue dogs as therapy animals for first responders and veterans), Shelter Box (providing emergency shelter & tools), Escola da Unidade (finalizing an intercultural school in the Amazon rainforest) and a \$2000 college scholarship for a resident of Deep River.

Deep River Rotary was also lucky enough to pair with Leah Kisselbrack's Polar Plunge, Shore Discount Liquor's customers and Liberty Bank in October/November to raise money for several area food pantries, including the Deep River Food Pantry.

In the next few months, we're looking forward to doing a toothpaste & deodorant drive for Helping Hands of Deep River (helping homeless and low-income veterans). Anyone looking to donate should contact Jennifer Shea at (860) 481-9031. Donations may also be dropped off to Jill Merola at Shore Discount Liquors.

Deep River Day will see us on the Veteran's Memorial Green with face painting and locally baked cookies. We hope to see you there!

The 4 Way Test - Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned.

Friends of the Deep River Library

The Friends of the Deep River Public Library would like to thank you for your generosity with our annual 2023 appeal. We are so grateful for our community. Our annual Book and Bake Sale is planned for September 16th from 9-1pm. Please continue to donate books at the library for this event! It is one of our most well attended fundraisers of the year! We also look forward to your wonderful donated baked goods. We will be circulating a signup sheet via our social media and at the library circulation desk for these items, feel free to drop all donated baked goods Friday afternoon before close or Saturday morning by 9 on the 16th.



A few other notes, we hope you remember to use the free passes to the many museums, seaport, and some of the other adventure opportunities they offer.

We are currently working with our local boy scout troop to add some additional free libraries around town. Due to popular demand, we are also planning to bring back our annual psychic medium fundraiser event in January. If there is something that interests you, or a subject you would like to learn more about or a craft to create, let us know.

We are always looking for new members, so feel free to reach out via email. We love new friends!

Thank you for your support.

Lori Gregan, President
Kyra Beta, Secretary
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Kirtland Commons

As the weather has warmed up, our schedule at Kirtland Commons has gotten busier and busier! Early this summer we celebrated “30 Years of Kirtland Commons” and the woman behind it all—Joann



Hourigan. She has been the dedicated director of the Housing Authority for the past 30 years. The original building held 26 units and in 2018, with a lot of hard work and resilience, 18 units were added on. Kirtland is such special place rooted in the concept of community

and was built to create safe, affordable housing for our elderly and disabled individuals. I’ve only been here for a blink in time compared to 30 years, but I can whole heartedly say this place would not be what it is without Joann.

Our weekly activities remain the same—BINGO, yoga, billiards, ceramics, papercrafts, and trivia. To cope with all the changes and the significant amount of loss we’ve experienced over the last year, we started a “Support Circle” for residents. We’ve hired Kathleen Bisson to lead this group which a couple of our residents are finding to be a wonderful experience.

We’ve been noticing more and more attendance from seniors in town which is fantastic! The generous grant we receive from the Holm’s Trust each year funds all these activities which are for seniors in town as well as our residents. If there are any seniors in the Deep River area interested in our events, please reach out to Liza at lizathayer@deepriverha.org. We would be happy to distribute our monthly calendar.



Out of all our events, our “Summer Concert Series” might be our favorite! Concerts started up the first week of July and will continue

through the end of August. Our first show with the LP’s and Chris’s Hot Dog was a tremendous hit—over 80 people attended! We’ve been having so much

fun every Wednesday night and we are excited to see how the rest of the summer goes. We still have Frank Andrew’s Pizza Truck, Blue Chip Ice Cream Truck and Red House’s Fried Chicken on the upcoming menu and Chris’s Hot Dog truck will be back for the last show of the summer! It’s so wonderful that we can host a variety of local musicians to come play for us each week. We love to see our community unite and enjoy a summer evening with one another. If any seniors in the community are interested in joining us on Wednesday night—please reach out to Liza to make a reservation. A meal token costs \$5 per person.

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Yale Book Award

For the third time in as many years, three students from Valley Regional High School have been honored with the Yale Book Award. This year's recipients are Mia Bibbiani of Chester, Mikaela Carlin of Deep River, and Lucas Silva of Essex. Including this year's recipients, nine students from Valley Regional High School have been recognized with the Yale Book Award since 2021.

The Yale Book Award is conferred upon students in their junior year of high school for showing outstanding personal character and intellectual promise. Students throughout the US and internationally may be considered for the award, which is presented in partnership between Yale's alumni communities and schools within those communities. While multiple students from the same school may receive the award in the same year, it is rare for a school to achieve this kind of recognition for its students.

This year's three award recipients from VRHS – one from each of Chester, Deep River, and Essex – were recognized at the school's annual awards assembly in May. The book awards chosen for these students reflect each recipient's interests and possible future aspirations. Mia Bibbiani received a copy of "Long Day's Journey into Night" by Connecticut's Eugene O'Neill. Mikaela Carlin was presented with "Accidental Conflict" by Senior Yale Fellow Stephen Roach. And Lucas Silva was recognized with "Interaction of Color" by Josef Albers, the former Chair of the Department of Design at the Yale School of Art. Each book includes a bookplate inscribed with the student's name and recognizing the student's achievement as a Yale Book Award recipient.

Bradford Galiette of Essex, Secretary for the Yale College Class of 2008 and a former member of the Yale Alumni Association Board of Governors, remarked, "It's thrilling to see this year's awarded students exhibit the kind of intellectual curiosity, creativity, leadership, and strength of character that are so very much needed both here in our towns and in communities around the world. I'm grateful we find students as talented as Mia, Mikaela, and Lucas among us in our corner of

Connecticut, and may we continue to wholeheartedly celebrate and encourage them and their classmates as they get ready to take their next steps."

Details about and comments from each of this year's recognized students follow.

Contact: Bradford Galiette / 860-575-4984 / bradford.galiette@aya.yale.edu

Mia Bibbiani (Chester)

"The Yale Book Award represents a combination of kindness and community with strong academic performance, ideals that I strive to achieve, which is why being recognized with this award was a wonderful experience for me. I have a strong interest in humanity, specifically the way we humans engage with each other and with the world. This interest has led me to be most intrigued by subjects such as English, Psychology, and History, with a focus on media forms such as films, books, and plays, and how we represent and interpret humanity through them. Because of this, the critical edition of 'Long Day's Journey Into Night' by Eugene O'Neill, which contains the full play script and an analysis of said script, is perfect for me. I am very thankful to the Yale alumni community for choosing this book for me, and I am excited to read it.

"Since I was a child, I have always wanted to experience it all, never content with the idea of leaving the world having only done one main thing. I have wanted to be a lawyer, a writer, a chef, bakery owner, artist, museum curator, and historian. Today, I still love books, food, art, and of course, history, but my desire for my future is to be a filmmaker. I want to surround myself with the creative arts, and my passions for writing, visuals, and media have led me to this conclusion. I plan on attending a filmmaking program in New York City this summer, and I would like to major in film studies and production in college."

Yale Book Award, cont.

Mikaela Carlin (Deep River)

"I would like to wholeheartedly thank the Yale alumni community for presenting me with the 2023 Yale Book Award. Peeling off the wrapping paper of the award, I was elated to find that the book, 'Accidental Conflict' by Stephen Roach, appeals directly to my interests in political science and international relations. Around the dinner table, politics has always been at the forefront of the conversations among my family members. Listening to discussions of policy decisions, elections, and relations with governments around the globe has inspired me to pursue this topic in my studies. I am a student in the IB diploma program, and am currently taking a course called Global Politics, which has fostered this inspiration greatly. I intend to study international relations and law in my higher education. This award means a great deal to me, not only because of what it represents, but also because the book I was awarded perfectly aligns with my interests. Thank you to Stephen Roach himself and, once again, to all of those involved in the presentation of this award!"

Lucas Silva (Essex)

"The Yale Book Award recognizes and embraces the efforts I put, as a student, into everything at school. A sense of gratification and excitement fills me every time I look at my book, a reminder to strive for academic perfection and character development. And as I flip through my book, Josef Albers's 'Interaction of Color,' the more grateful I am of achieving this honor. The Yale Book Award adds momentum to what I want to accomplish in the future, the study of biochemistry and international relations. I wish to promote connections between the two interdisciplinary areas and advocate for global health policies and science diplomacy. Here, The Yale Book Award serves as a metaphor for this endeavor, evoking ambitious goals and tenacious efforts."

Deep River PTO



The Deep River Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (DRES PTO) saw an incredibly successful year in 2022-23! We would like to thank our incredible community for supporting

events such as: BINGO Night, Pansy Sale, the co-host Pasta Dinner with the Deep River Fire Department, the Ice Cream Social, the Clothing exchange, and many others. Your involvement on our elementary school's behalf has been invaluable.

During the 2022-23 school year, donated funds supported:

- Field trips (such as attending the U.S. Coast Guard Band's annual School Concert Series)
- Student enrichment activities (such as A Place Called Hope)
- Unbudgeted school improvement and classroom items (new air conditioners for classrooms)
- Teacher Appreciation Week (five days of celebrating our teachers and staff)
- STEM Day (guests included parents with careers in the sciences as well as the Connecticut Science Center's Bubble Show)
- Day of the Arts (we hosted Crocodile River Band, Flock Theater, Face Art Studio and more)

Our 2023-24 PTO has already begun contributing to our community by offering mini-grants to teachers for an additional classroom event or items, giving teachers additional funds to refresh classroom libraries and by providing two commercial grade picnic tables to increase our outdoor classroom space.

We have a bright future ahead of us this year and we would love your support! All caregivers are welcome to join our meetings offered both in person and virtually on the third Thursday of each month. We love co-hosting events and supporting our community. Please reach out to drespto@gmail.com; we'd love to partner with you!

Follow us on Instagram @drespto and on Facebook DRES PTO for the most up-to-date event information.

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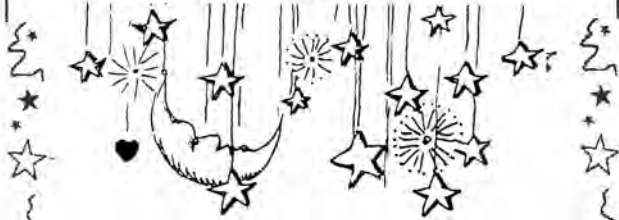
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Deep River 60 Club

The Deep River 60 Club's first meeting for the new season will be Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023, at 1:30pm at the Ambulance Barn located at Elm St/Rt 80. We will share refreshments and acknowledge new and longtime members. Also at this meeting Barbara Lunn, Program Chair for next year, will present a proposed schedule of activities for fall 2023. Such activities could include a picnic with music at the Deep River Landing, standing and seated exercises, nutrition discussion, I-phone workshop, CT Native American History, and other subjects that are of interest to the membership.

In June, Members of the Deep River 60 Club, enjoyed a delightful luncheon at the Marker 37 Restaurant in Chester, CT. We celebrated the culmination of a very meaningful 2022-2023 season and honored the Officers that completed their term: Sally Carlson Crowell, President, Louisa Ketron, Vice president, and Richard Nagot, Treasurer.

Deep River 60 Club has been in existence since 1975.



Pictured in the front row (l-r) are Sally Carlson Crowell, Carol Clark, Ann Bielot, Gladys Grabner, Beverly Oboda. Standing (l-r) are Terry Konafal, Sue Wisner, Maurine Rodrigues, Cheryl Tilney, Barbara Lunn, Calice Sterling, Louisa Ketron, Richard Nagot, Jean Randall, and Norman Randall. Missing members: Lillian Bella, Anna Klein, Lori Staib, and Art Tirrell.

Most recently Gladys Grabner and Ann Bielot, along with other club members, attended a musical concert at Kirtland Commons. Featured was a local favorite "Java Groove."

Thank you to the Holm's Trust, Joan Hourigan, and Liza Thayer for organizing these entertaining musical groups for the public's listening and dancing pleasure.



With summer beginning, Club 60 members Beverly Oboda, Sue Wisner and Carol Clark represented the club as they joined the Memorial Day Parade at the Fountain Hill

Cemetery. A floral wreath was placed, and a brief ceremony was held. The parade proceeded to the Deep River Veterans Memorial Green where guest Speaker Esia Friedman spoke about her WWII experience. It was very enlightening. First Selectman Angus L. McDonald shared information about the 1923 time capsule. This had been encased in the large rock that proudly supports the eagle and is dedicated to WWI Veterans. More information is forthcoming about the 100-year-old time capsule as to what was included and where to see the contents displayed.

Richard Nagot, a Vietnam veteran, and member of the American Legion presented an educational talk about the many war memorials in Deep River. The talk was based on information gathered in a booklet entitled Deep River Connecticut 20th Century War Memorials compiled by Rhonda Forristall and Jonathan Kastner. The Eagle on the Rock at Main and Essex Streets was featured in Deep River's 75th Anniversary Celebration in 2022.



Another history program that was of interest to our members this season was an oral and visual presentation by Jason Scappaticci, also known as the Bowtie Historian. Jason spoke about the Connecticut Witch Trials. The club would like to acknowledge Norman and Jean Randall for coordinating this educational event and the Holm's Trust for sponsoring the speaker and providing refreshments. We look forward to future programs from the Bowtie Historian.

The Deep River 60 Club's recent theatrical entertainment was at the Kate in Old Saybrook which also included a self-tour of the museum. We watched the movie, "On Golden Pond" with Katherine Hepburn

Deep River 60 Club, cont.

and Henry Fonda. Thank you to Gladys and Wayne Grabner for organizing this memorable event. Sally Carlson Crowell and Sue Wisner were two in the appreciative audience.



Another presentation that was well received by Club 60, was given by Sheila Gavish of Amston Home Transition Solutions. She spoke of suggestions for cleaning out clutter and downsizing. Thank you to Louisa Ketron for arranging this informative program.

On May 23rd the club held its final meeting at the Deep River Public Library for the 2022-2023 season. The program was inspired by the book "The Wrinkled Heart" by Veronica M. Lloyd. This was coordinated by Sally Carlson Crowell assisted by Terri Konefal, Richard Nagot, Beverly Oboda and Calice Sterling. It was intended to be a kind of Valentine. The interactive hour combined information about Jesse Lewis's Choose Love Program, suggestions for exercises and good nutrition for the heart. A dance and singalong to the song from Damn Yankees, "You've Gotta Have Heart," concluded the program.

During the past four years, Club 60 weathered the pandemic, celebrated the club's 45th anniversary, and recognized our town's 75th year as Deep River. It has been a treasured time to remember. Though our heart may be wrinkled, it is not broken.



As stipulated in the bylaws, the Club's Officers can only serve for two consecutive two year terms. Therefore, at its final meeting for the year The Deep River 60 Club unanimously elected the following slate of officers and committee chairs for 2023-2025.

President: Louisa Ketron, and member of all standing committees.
Vice President and Sunshine Committee Chair:
Richard Nagot

Secretary and Membership Committee Chair: Calice Sterling
Treasurer and Programs and Fund-Raising Committee: Barbara Lunn
Refreshment Committee Chair: Terry Konefal
Publicity Committee: Jean Randall, Norman Randall, Sue Wisner
Nominating Committee Chair: Cheryl Tilney
Member at Large: Sally Carlson Crowell
Member at Large: Carol Clark

Membership in the Deep River 60 Club is open to all seniors who are 60 or above who live in Deep River or nearby communities. The club's activities are supported by donations, dues, and fundraising. Contact Membership Chair Calice Sterling at 860-767-2302 for more information about becoming a member.

Text and Photos for this issue provided by the Publicity Committee: Jean Randall, Norman Randall, Calice Sterling, and Sue Wisner.

Sally Carlson Crowell also contributed text and some photos for this edition.

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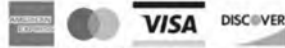
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Board of Assessment Appeals

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

Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission

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

Community Health Committee

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

Deep River Elementary School Board of Education

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

Deep River SustainableCT Committee

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

Design Advisory Board

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

Economic Development Commission

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

Board of Finance

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

Board of Fire Commissioners

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

Library Board of Trustees

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

Municipal Ethics Commission

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

Parks & Recreation Commission

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

Planning & Zoning Commission

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

Regional 4 Board of Education

1st Thursday of each month, except July and August.
Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at John Winthrop Middle School.
Chairperson: Kate Sandman

Board of Selectmen

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

Water Pollution Control Authority

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

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

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