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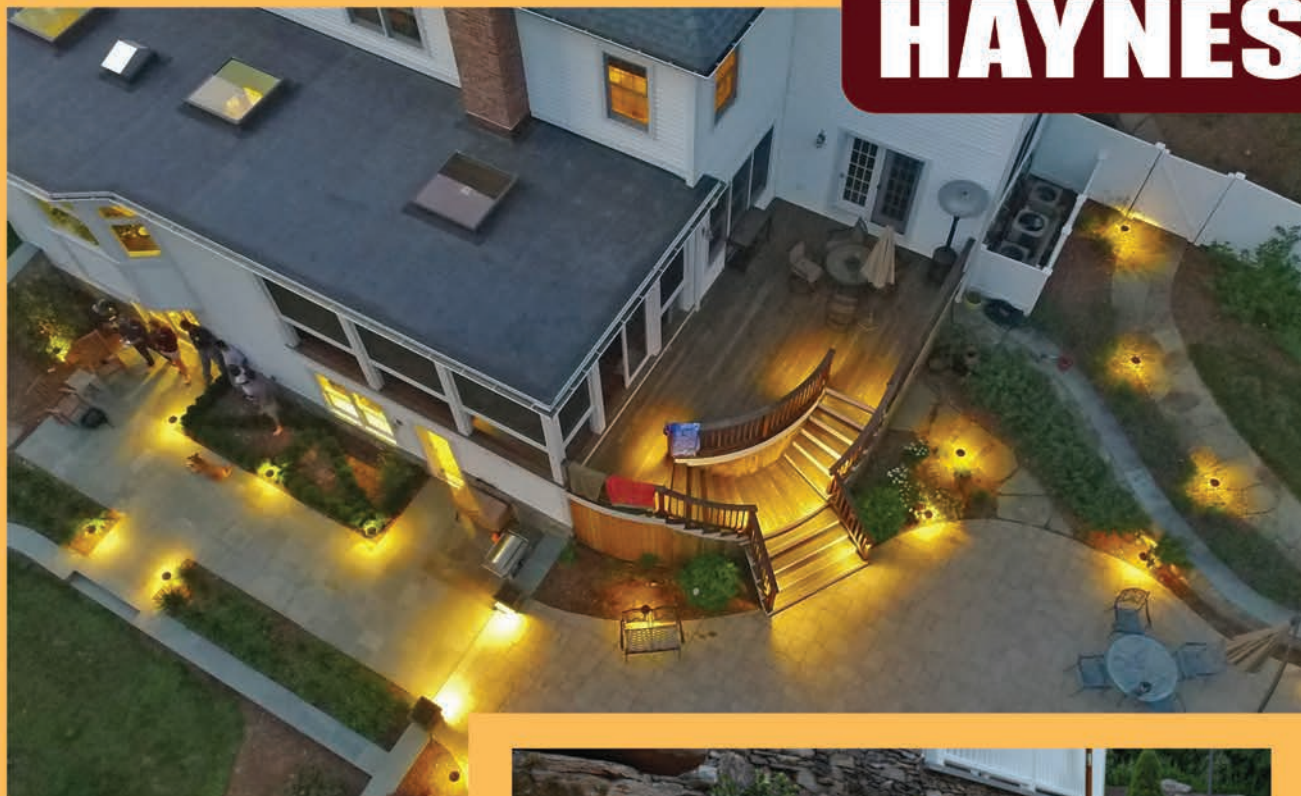


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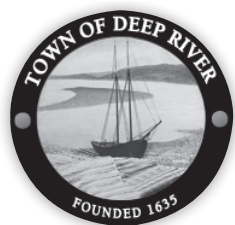
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## COVID-19 Vaccines

All those 65 and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in CT. The registration process may be difficult for some people aged 65 and over, especially for those who don't have email or the internet. If you have a neighbor or friend that you know of who may be in that position please assist them with this process.

The CT DPH has trained specialists to answer the new Vaccine Appointment Assist Line which is available 7 days a week between 8am and 8pm to assist people with scheduling their vaccine appointment. They can be accessed by calling 877-918-2224.

Please share this information with loved ones and neighbors aged 65 and older who have not yet received their COVID-19 vaccine.

### HOW DO I GET VACCINATED?

There are several ways to schedule an appointment to get vaccinated and all require an appointment. You can go through Nutmeg Pharmacy, through a Health Care Provider, through CVS, or through Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS).

To make an appointment through Nutmeg Pharmacy, register on their website at <https://www.nutmegpharmacy.com/covid19-vaccine> or call them directly at 860-767-1389 or 860-345-3607 or 860-891-8142

Use the following links to search and schedule an appointment through Health Care Providers around the state:

- Yale New Haven Health - <https://covidvaccine.ynhh.org/>
- UCONN Health - <https://health.uconn.edu/coronavirus/covid-vaccine/>
- Hartford Health Care - <https://hartfordhealthcare.org/health-wellness/coronavirus/vaccine>
- Middlesex Health - <https://middlesexhealth.org/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus-information/covid-19-vaccine>
- Veteran's Affairs – if you receive your health care through the VA, contact your primary care provider

CVS is offering vaccinations at several locations across the state, Waterford being the closest to home. Use this link to register there: <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>

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## News from the Selectman's Office

"Groundhog found fog.  
New snows and blue toes.  
Fine and dandy for Valentine candy.  
Snow spittin'; if you're not mitten-smitten, you'll be  
frostbitten!  
By jing-y feels spring-y."      The Old Farmer's Almanac

The winter solstice is my favorite day of the year, for the simple reason that once past the solstice I know that more sunshine is headed our way. Sure, once the holidays are behind us we are faced with a long, cold January, followed by a snowy February, and who knows whether March will be a lion, a lamb, or most likely, a combination of the two. But we see more sunlight every day, and that sunshine gets a little warmer every day, and the snow, once removed from the driveway, is pretty and fun to play in. We cheer when the Groundhog doesn't see his shadow, Valentine's Day is a good excuse to indulge in a little chocolate, and St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner. All of that adds up to one thing: Spring!!!!. So much to enjoy and so much to look forward to.

The gatherings and travel that accompany the holidays brought with them a marked increase in COVID-19 cases across our state, which was reflected here in Deep River. With more than month between the holidays and the time of this writing we are seeing our active cases heading back to single digits. That is where we want to be.

### Responsibilities to ourselves and to others

Over the past year our Town Hall has continued to operate, uninterrupted. Dependent upon the rate of positive cases in town, the Town Hall offices have been open and available to the public, either with limited access, by appointment, or via telephone and electronically. We are currently open by appointment and will continue to monitor the situation and attempt to balance public safety and the safety of our staff with accessibility. Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

Despite our extended efforts, we have not reached the end of this journey. Please, do not relax your efforts. The difficulty of staying home, of isolating ourselves will only increase. We need to get out. We need to say hello to each other (at an appropriate distance, or course). If you don't feel a need to distance, to wear a mask, to distance because you feel safe, please keep your neighbors in mind. They may not feel as safe as you. I will paraphrase Dr. Fauci when he speaks of our responsibilities to ourselves and to others:

"Some of the people contracting this virus will have no symptoms, some will have mild symptoms, some will suffer symptoms enough to put them at home for a few days, some will be in bed for weeks and have symptoms even after they recover, and others will go to the hospital. Some people will require the use of oxygen, some will require intensive care, some will get intubated, and some will die. This can lead to a very confusing situation where some people might trivialize the virus, thinking "it doesn't bother me, so who cares?"

We have a dual responsibility. We have a responsibility to ourselves, because thinking that young people have no deleterious consequences is not true. We're seeing more and more complications in young people. But even though the majority — the overwhelming majority of them — do well, what you can't forget is that, if you get infected and spread the infection, even though you yourself might not get sick, you are part of the process of the dynamics of an outbreak. And what you might be propagating, inadvertently — perhaps innocently — is infecting someone who then infects someone else who is someone who is vulnerable. That could be your grandmother, your grandfather, your sick uncle, who winds up in the hospital, or dying."

### The return of STEAP

For the first time since 2016 the State of Connecticut has issued the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) and Deep River was fortunate enough to be one of the Towns awarded funding. We have received a grant for \$119,000 in order to undertake the "Deep River Open Government Enhancements" project. This will allow for us to install audio-visual cameras and broadcast capabilities in the auditorium, a GIS system, online land use permitting, new computers, and three electronic message boards. In reviving the STEAP program the governor implemented a special Corona Virus provision to assist towns with expenditures related to their ongoing response to the pandemic and this program will allow for us to better offer remote participation and communication with you, our town.

### A Bridge too Far

If you drive West Elm Street, I am sure you have noticed the beginning of the anticipated State DOT bridge replacement project at the bridge over the Deep River near the Deep River Farms. You will see activity beginning with the temporary location of utilities and other preparatory work. Current plans are for 69 days of bridge closure and a full detour, beginning on June 16 and lasting until August 25. We are working with the DOT and the contractor to



## News from the Selectman's Office, cont.

try and shorten that timeline in order to open West Elm as quickly as possible.

This morning we are reviewing the “day after” effects of a potent nor-easter that dropped over 12” of snow on our town. The snow fell for nearly 16 hours sometimes at a rate of two to three inches an hour, faster than our plow trucks could push it aside. Fortunately, at the end of the storm the temperature rose to above freezing, helping with the clean-up. Kudos to our highway crew for working so hard to keep our roads safe in the face of adversity!

### It's Budget Time Again

At this time of year, though our thoughts may turn to planning our gardens and starting our seeds, we acknowledge that preparation of next year's budget takes priority. We initiate our process coincident with Governor Lamont's announcement of his proposed state budget. COVID-19 has put considerable stress on our State Budget leaving the Governor with many difficult decisions, Education or Public Safety? Mass Transportation or Highway Maintenance? State Aid to Municipalities seems to always be in jeopardy.

Be assured that the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance will be working diligently to fund our town responsibly, but that as individual citizens it is important for each of us to consider attending Region 4 budget workshops and meetings.

As budgets grow increasingly lean, competition for funding grows proportionally. Lines are easily drawn, and often challenged. Harsh words broadcast effortlessly find an audience...heard, then repeated, ad infinitum. Those of us of sufficient age, whose memories (perhaps just a couple of decades) encompass a time when it was common for people of varying opinions to air their differences—to weather discussions that might turn to heated exchanges—yet rise from the table with continuing respect for one another's views. As we enter into these conversations, I ask that we continue to conduct ourselves with civility and kindness, in contrast to the current norm.

### Local, local, local

As you have throughout the past year, please continue to keep our local businesses in mind. There is little more difficult than operating a small business, even in the best of times. To call these times trying is an understatement, to say the least. Our businesses have been working harder than ever to keep themselves afloat, and can use any sup-

port that we can give them. When you do need to shop, please remember those three little words, local, local, local. I am confident our businesses are open for business, and will welcome you with a smile.

We have spoken often in these pages of the generosity of so many of our citizens, and I will do so again here. We are blessed to have a group of volunteers calling our elderly residents in the age group of 65 years plus in order to try and help them arrange to receive a vaccination shot. We are not always able to connect, so you can help this effort simply by reaching out to your neighbors or your acquaintances who might be in this category.

More than a year has passed since the beginning of this virus, and its influence on so many aspects of what we once would have called “day to day life” in Deep River. Who has not had friendships strained by the stricture to mask up and keep our distance? How many restaurant seats have languished in storage in the effort to create more empty space—for fewer diners? Not until this scourge has finally been banished will we fully appreciate the extent of the loss of the events that have been denied us.

But take heart: Winter solstice is well past. The Sun climbs higher by the day, slowly, yes, but noticeably. Spring is coming.

In the meanwhile, here is the old mantra, it works: Wash your hands. Keep your distance whenever you can. Wear your mask.

Be well, be safe, be kind  
Peace

*Angus*

“Little darling, I feel the ice is slowly melting  
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear  
Here comes the sun  
Here comes the sun  
And I say  
it's all right”

George Harrison





## The Doughboy

Thomas Latham (Deep River High School class of 1924) is the Doughboy—he was the model for the sculpture’s creator, C. Percival Dietsch. On May 31, 1972 a reporter from the *New Haven Register* interviewed Tom. The resulting article, in paraphrase, follows:

Latham remembered clearly that during the First World War “almost every family in town was involved in the war effort: if a pupil didn’t have someone in the war, fighting, he had someone close to him in the Home Guard.” Young people of the day were united in feeling, along with adults, that this was a war to save our country.

Following the armistice in 1918, it became a tradition for the school’s senior class to raise money each spring toward a memorial to those who had served. By 1927 the fund had reached \$750. But what could be done with \$750? The apparent answer was ‘Not much.’ Tom told the

Clarence Percival Dietsch (1881–1961) studied sculpture at the New York School of Art and at the American Academy in Rome. Deep River’s Doughboy is listed among his international body of work (Rome, Baltimore, Houston, New York City). Dietsch joined the American Expeditionary Force in 1918 and was later awarded a medal for his work as an instructor of soldiers blinded in battle.

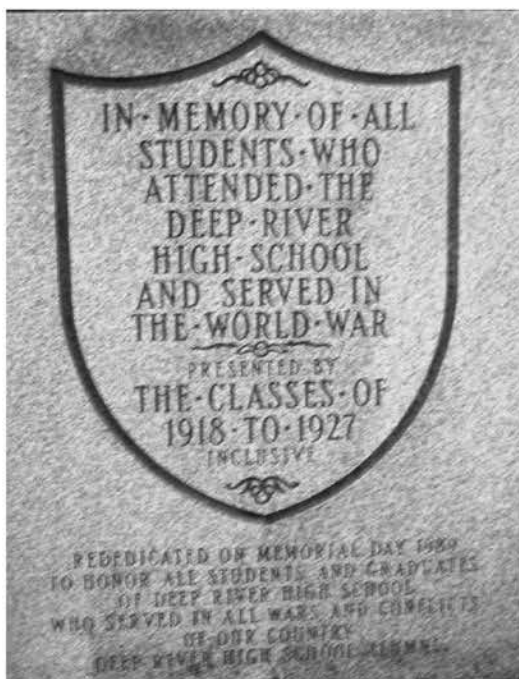
Alumnae Association that he might have a solution. He would ask whether his friend, the noted sculptor, C. Percival Dietsch, could help. Dietsch spent summers at Ayers Point in Old Saybrook. Dietsch offered his talents, gratis. His one condition was that Tom pose for the sculpture.



Those who knew Tom Latham say that the sculptor's representation is a perfect likeness.

By the 1970s the rigors of a half century of New England weather had seriously deteriorated the memorial. In 1980 the Deep River High School Alumni Association undertook a restoration project. Fortunately the original mold was still available, and the Association had the statue recast in bronze. The original concrete base had also suffered, so the Doughboy was given a more appropriate granite base (*below*)

Funding was private, through subscription of the townspeople. Rededication ceremonies were held on Memorial Day 1989. As they have since the original dedication in 1928, services continue to be a part of the annual remembrance occasioned by Memorial Day. Deep River High School



was built in 1914. In 1952, together with Chester and Essex (our neighbors to the north and south) Deep River formed Regional School District #4, whose middle school and high school house grades seven through 12. Since then, the former high school, now approaching its centennial, has served Deep River's children from pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade.

Today the Doughboy, framed by evergreens, occupies its place of honor on the front lawn of the Deep River Elementary School on River Street.

"In memory of all students who attended the Deep River High School and served in the World War. Presented by the classes of 1918-1927. Rededicated on Memorial Day 1989 to honor all students and graduates of Deep River High School who served in all wars and conflicts of our country. Deep River High School Alumni."





## The Doughboy in Close Up

*Upper left:* Doughboy, rear view..

*Lower left:* His left boot, the toe dug several inches into battlefield mud.

*Upper right:* Right foot firmly planted, with a firm grasp on his rifle, the Doughboy awaits his orders. Armistice Day was nine years in the past; the next war more than 10 years hence. Tom Latham, as convincing a Doughboy as the artist portrayed him, was never called to serve.





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## Town Clerk's Office

### New Permit Stickers:

New permit stickers for both the Transfer Station and Town Parks are now available at the Town Clerk's Office and the Transfer Station. The Town Hall is currently open to the general public by appointment only while we weather the COVID-19 storm. We are keeping our regular office hours which are Monday-Wednesday, 9:00-4:00, Thursday, 9:00-6:30, and Friday, 9:00-noon. Please note: a current motor vehicle registration is required for each sticker issued.

### Residents:

- Transfer Station Permit Stickers are available to residents only and are required to use the Deep River Transfer Station.
- Park Permit Stickers are separate from the Transfer Station stickers. They allow parking / boat launching at Plattwood Park and the Town Landing.
- New Permit Stickers are issued biennially in January of odd years and should be displayed at the bottom of the driver's side windshield.
- Permit Stickers are free of charge to residents and may be obtained at the Town Clerk's office or at the Transfer Station year round. **Please bring your Motor Vehicle Registration as proof of residence when obtaining a Permit Sticker.** Please note that property owners who are not residents are not eligible for a Transfer Station Permit Sticker but may obtain a Parks sticker.

### Marriages

Alexander H. Blackett & Marisa N. Magner	10/09/2020	Brooks P. Robinson & Ashley N. Muzik	10/17/2020
Jeremy Skinner & Sarah M. Riccitelli	10/02/2020	Tyler S. Hamilton & Makenna E. Parkin	10/24/2020
Brian S. Davey & Rebecca Carroll	10/03/2020	Nicole R. Marotta & Heidy Y. Baez	10/24/2020
Aaron S. Bower & Kaitlin C. Quallen	10/10/2020	Taylor R. Cassell & Carlin M. Huckel	10/31/2020
Jacob B. Thomas & Vivian T. Wanjohi	10/10/2020	Austin J. Haggerty & Sarah A. York	10/31/2020
Christopher S. Hatem & Alexandra C. Washakowski	10/11/2020	Raymond R. Neal & Marisol Guevara	10/31/2020
Joseph V. Bosco & Maegan X Dyakiw	10/12/2020	Martin E. Wirt & Rebecca M. Stoll	10/31/2020
Daniel E. Creaturo & Alexandra J. Pepper	10/15/2020	Daniel Leonard & Leonor Pablos	11/28/2020
Ryan R. Miner & Breeanna R. Korcak	10/16/2020	Justin W. Jacobson & Rory E. Fitzgerald	12/29/2020

### New Trade Name Filings

Cynthia Gail Stannard	CGS Art Studio	10/13/2020
Desiree Dominique	CT River Notary	10/21/2020
Christine Belko	Memories Made Your Way	10/30/2020
Sheryl Serviss	SERVCO	11/18/2020
BRS Services LLC	Bozzuto Bros Refuse Services	12/07/2020
Catherine Troncoso	Happy Dog Dog Party's	12/22/2020



**Town Clerk's Office, cont.**

**Welcome New Residents & Property Owners**

Catherine Montgomery	92 Main Street #227	09/02/2020
Christopher & Anita Carlin	39 Scenic Drive	09/02/2020
Allison B. Sloane	1 Cedar Swamp Road	09/09/2020
Lauren M. Feltz	245 Westbrook Road	09/09/2020
Abner L. Molina Ortez	391 Main Street #204	09/14/2020
Charles Rich & Macanna Regan	12 Castle Heights	09/21/2020
Salvatore Scalora & Claudia Widdiss	78 Scenic View Drive	09/18/2020
Ted Goldberg & Jacqueline Granados	38 Brockway Ferry Road	09/24/2020
Elizabeth Sullivan	51 Cedar Lake Road	09/24/2020
Joshua & Jennifer Mislick	423 Main Street	09/25/2020
Michael Ludwig	21 River Street	09/28/2020
Keith W. Barry & Jillian M. Rafferty	125 Main Street	09/29/2020
Cynthia Goetz	391 Main Street, Unit 404	10/01/2020
Daniel L. Klune	54 Prospect Street	10/02/2020
Kyle A. & Cailin D. Schultz	77 Falls Landing Road	10/05/2020
Joseph & Joyce Ostering	91 Long Hill Road	10/06/2020
Peter Anselmo & Jo-Ann Anderson	21 Cedar Swamp Road	10/05/2020
Antonio Bevilacqua	12 Jones Lane	10/21/2020
James Dryfoos	1 Brockway Ferry Road	10/13/2020
Daniel & Tiffany Fritz	110 River Road	10/26/2020
Elon & Susan Foster	92 Main Street Unit 416	10/29/2020
Alex Calle	139 Warsaw Street	11/02/2020
Anthony Brockwell, Jr.	92 Main Street, Unit 104	11/04/2020
Wanda L. Larivee	34 Main Street	11/06/2020
Francisco Echeverria-Matute & Brenda Echeverria	32 Bridge Street	11/09/2020
Zachary J. Machold	64 Scenic View Drive	11/10/2020
Eleanor T. Kleinhans	211 Union Street	11/12/2020
Nicholas H. Schultz	22 Riverview Avenue	11/16/2020
Bruce & Meredith Newman	16 Whittlesey Brook Road	11/19/2020
Christopher & Carolyn Cronkhite	36 Whittlesey Brook Road	11/23/2020
Joseph & Aimee Vincente	42 Hemlock Drive	11/24/2020
Theodore Sod & Burke Pearson	15 Bridge Street	11/24/2020
Jason R. Landry	57 Spring Street	11/24/2020
Evan Haston	84 Hemlock Drive	12/03/2020
Ronald & Keena Toth	24 Shailer Pond Road	12/10/2020
Dzenis Jasavic	15 Pent Road	12/10/2020
Felipe & Samantha Suriel	15 Sunset Ridge	12/14/2020
Lindsey W Fyfe	92 Main Street Unit 204	12/21/2020
Joseph Radomski	31 Village Street	12/23/2020
Adam Palilonis	92 Main Street, Unit 414	12/28/2020
Zachary Hamed & Ann Badman	99 Book Hill Road	12/29/2020
Heidie Emack	92 Main Street, Unit 213	12/30/2020
Bruce C. Adams, Jr. & Laura P. Crawford	271 Main Street	12/30/2020
Kevin & Rebecca Lauder	60 Spring Street	01/11/2021
Timothy & Jean Puglielli	105-107 River Road	01/19/2021
Amy Petrone & Douglas Whittaker	165 Essex Street	01/21/2021
Asher & Cynthia Sigurdson	11 Riverview Avenue	01/21/2021
Thomas & Carol Facin	Lot 1, Hoopole Hill Road	01/25/2021
William Stiefel	538 Winthrop Road, #9&11	01/25/2021



### Town Clerk's Office, cont.

George Robert Wisner	36 Laurel Wood Drive	08/22/2020
Muriel Appell Rose Lynch	10 West Bridge Lane	09/09/2020
John Coulter	12 Maritone Lane	09/22/2020
Mark Bryant Rockefeller	10 Prospect Street	09/21/2020
Naomi V. Anderson	347 Main Street	09/26/2020
Jean M. Tanski	16 Hemlock Terrace	10/10/2020
Kathy Rae Judd	11 Lafayette Avenue	10/14/2020
Oscar A. Buracchi	7 Rattling Valley Road	10/16/2020
Yves Maignan	157 Main Street	11/12/2020
Roy M. Jefferson	4 Long Hill Road	11/22/2020
James L. Emmons, Sr.	192 Main Street	11/16/2020
Helen H. Berchtold	60 Main Street, #303	12/01/2020
George G. Bartlett, Jr.	24 Hemlock Terrace	12/11/2020
Harold D. Christensen, Jr.	150 Cedar Swamp Road	01/05/2021

### COVID-19 Vaccines, cont.

Completing the registration in VAMS may take several days while the system verifies your eligibility, so it is important to begin as soon as possible.

- VAMS stands for Vaccine Administration Management System.
- This is the government's preferred method for you to schedule an appointment.
- To use this method, you **MUST** create a VAMS Account to get vaccinated.
- Click this link to create a VAMS Account, and then follow the instructions provided:  
**<https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine>**
- A unique email account for each person registering is required to use the VAMS System
- VAMS appointments are only being provided to those 65 and older.
- When searching for an appointment on VAMS try searching Old Saybrook (06475) – There might be open appointments! (Again these appointments are currently only for anyone 65 or older).
- You **MUST** be registered in VAMS to schedule an appointment at Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD)'s Vaccination Clinic!

#### SOME VAMS TIPS:

- If you are registering for a loved one or a friend, do **NOT** use your own email address! Instead, create a unique email address for them. You will need your email address when it is time for you to register yourself for a vaccine!
- If you already have a VAMS account, refresh your browser several times to view the appointment times for Old Saybrook. To make an appointment for the Old Saybrook clinic, you must be registered in VAMS\* and have your own email account.

**Here is the link to the State's COVID-19 Vaccination Website for additional information: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus?COVID-19-Vaccination>**

If you still need assistance, please call us at the Town Hall (860-526-6020 option 1) and we will arrange for someone to work with you to obtain an appointment.

Please share this information with your family, friends and neighbors who are 65 and over!

Be safe, be well, be kind.... Peace

*Angus McDonald*

#### To Schedule an Appointment via Telephone:

- Yale New Haven Health at Mitchell College: 833-275-9644
- Middletown Health Department: 860-638-4549
- Backus Hospital, Norwich: 860-827-7690



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### Deep River Assessor's Office

The 2020 Grand List filed with the Town Clerk on January 21, 2021, has a total net taxable value of \$533,440,117. This is an increase of \$22,846,852 over the 2019 net taxable Grand List. The Assessor's Office is very grateful to the taxpayers for their cooperation during the entire process of completing the Revaluation and the final assessments for the 2020 Grand List.

#### Top Five Taxpayers 10/1/2020 (Combined Real Estate & Personal Property)

- |                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Connecticut Light & Power Co. | \$ 12,102,400 |
| 2. SHM Deep River LLC            | \$ 4,790,020  |
| 3. Smith & Wesson LLC            | \$ 4,279,110  |
| 4. Silgan Plastics Corp.         | \$ 3,879,270  |
| 5. Goodspeed Leasing Co., LLC    | \$ 3,511,690  |

The Town of Deep River offers both State and Local Options for Tax Relief and Exemptions. Due to COVID-19 through Executive Order, the Homeowner's reapplication filing requirement has been suspended. Any taxpayer who was granted a benefit for Grand List Year 2018, will automatically maintain their benefits. Any new applicant should contact our office to arrange filing an application by May 15, 2021.

**Homeowner's (Circuit Breaker) and Local Homeowner's** - The application period for this program is February 1, 2021 through May 15, 2021. Persons who file must be 65 years of age by December 31, 2020, or totally disabled. There is a five-year residency requirement to be considered for the Local Homeowner's program.

**Additional Veteran's Exemption** - The application period for the Additional Veteran's Exemption is February 1, 2021 through October 1, 2021.

**Proof of income** is required when filing for the Homeowner's, Additional Veteran's and Local Homeowner's program. The income requirements are determined by the Office of Policy and Management and includes all taxable, non-taxable income, and social security income (Form SSA-1099). Persons who file **must be 65 years of age or totally disabled**. If you file an Income Tax Return, the Assessor's Office is required to copy that filed return as well as your Social Security Form SSA-1099.

Information on all properties continues to be available in the Assessor's Office and can be found on our website in the Assessor's Section at [www.deepriverct.us](http://www.deepriverct.us). For any questions concerning various assessment exemptions and benefits available to qualified taxpayers, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office at 860-526-6029.

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## Deep River Ambulance Association

**Welcome to winter, everyone!**

Thank you, thank you for continuing to stay safe during this last year of COVID-19. Deep River Ambulance Association is grateful to everyone for continuing to follow guidelines and for being patient as we keep you and our members safe. It does take us an extra minute or two in our response time to properly don our extra personal protective equipment, and we're grateful for your support! Early last year we were so thankful for the wonderful residents and businesses who helped stock us up with masks, face shields, and cleaning supplies – just what we needed to get us through until the state started getting us weekly distributions. (We are well stocked now!)

Our annual elections were held on January 14th, and we're pleased to announce our executive committee once again consists of Jennifer Kollmer (Chief of Service), James Guerrera (Deputy Chief) and Maria Lucarelli (Secretary.) Every single crewmember is a dedicated EMR or EMT who does what they do to help the people of Deep River and surrounding towns.

Thank you to all who have responded to our annual fundraising letter; we are so grateful to everyone who helps our organization keep running! The funds raised through donations help with all of the "extras" – radios to help us communicate, new defibrillators and gear for our first responders, and last year, a Zoom account so that we can hold our meetings remotely!

We extend a huge thank you to all of our blood donors who came out to support the December Red Cross Blood Drive in this crazy time of blood supply shortage coupled with fewer donation sites! We will be hosting another drive on March 2nd, from 1 pm to 6 pm, and hope to see you there.

We would like to extend messages of gratitude to Janice Kmetz for decorating the tree in our window, to Jerry Clark, Jr. for keeping our landscaping beautiful, and to John Dube who continues to plow us out at all times of day and night!

Please stay safe! Blessings and peace to you all in 2021!

*Jen Kollmer, Chief of Service*



### The Nest Coffee House

#### A Little Compassion and The Nest Coffee House

At A Little Compassion and The Nest Coffee House life has been all about adapting, changing, persevering, finding the good and being kind since COVID began. Like all non-profits, we have had to find new and innovative ways to meet our mission. For us that is to change the lives of young adults who are neurodiverse. We have reached out to our community with the motto of “understanding starts here” to make a difference to those who need us however we can with cookies, coffee and treats in hand. This community has reached back again and again, joining us to build a more inclusive, kind and diverse space right here in beautiful Deep River.

The Nest Coffee House has become a place of constant change and adaptation. Finding new ways to serve our customers with an online presence as well as offering only safe take-out food and beverage items has become our new normal. We have developed new standards and training for all our staff to keep them and our customers safe and feeling comfortable. We now serve locally made soups and affordable grab and go meals since so many people are hesitant to return to inside restaurant dining.

What we are most excited to have built in these challenging times is the new Possibilities Boutique at The Nest. In place of the tables and chairs that once filled our space we created a cozy, welcoming, eclectic space where people of all abilities can show and sell their creative works. We have come to know so many from makers, shoppers or visitors and connected with them in ways we never could have imagined before COVID. The level of creativity in our community is utterly amazing but is outmatched by the generosity, care, and compassion we have seen by folks becoming a part of our mission through the boutique.

Our Nest Gatherings created for young adults who often find themselves looking for connections and a soft place to land found a whole new way to meet when gathering in person safely was no longer possible. Pre-COVID-19 Nest Gathering offered a variety of engaging and interesting activities at The Nest in our Gathering Room. Now we meet completely online and have changed up our topics. Although we still include some of the same fun, quirky and interesting topics like Trivia Night and Anime Night; we have created gatherings to address the isolation, loneliness, anxiety, and frustration that has been the hallmark of these COVID days and nights. Express Your Stress, Coloring for Bored People, Maker's Night and more have become regular gatherings online. Gatherings

are always free and welcome all young adults. Check them out – just search Meetup.com for Nest Gatherings!

Most of all, we have learned that there are so many kind and good people in our community. When we all take care of each other and are kind whenever possible, we all can overcome the imbalances in the world right now. So many donors, volunteers, customers, and staff have made it possible for us to still be here for our young adults. And that is something we plan to do for a long, long time.

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## Deep River Junior Ancient Fife and Drum Corps

All funding required to keep our young musicians in uniforms, instruments and instruction is raised through paid parades, performances, dues and fund raisers. A three-week hiatus due to COVID-19, turned into a 10-month frustration of no marching, music, parades or in person instruction. This past year gave us a set of circumstances where every parade was canceled and we only had one fundraiser using an online format. Consequently, instruction was not plausible due to finances.

We are happy to announce that after a ten-month break, we have once again started instruction, via zoom. Although this venue has short-comings, being back together practicing our music is wonderful. Once the weather cooperates, you will hear our music as we get together to jam in a socially distant manner.

The Board of Directors would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Silvia Gopalakhisnan and Olivia Handy for their dedication to the corps. Silvia, our Fife Sgt. and Olivia our Bass Sgt., volunteered their time to give music lessons to our members, online, from March through June. Their kindness and generosity is appreciated beyond measure and exhibits the true meaning of selflessness. Thank you Silvia and Olivia.

Last year we were blessed by a very generous Deep River couple with funding to have a summer uniform designed and custom made for the Juniors. Once we are back on the street marching, in our new uniforms, our season will be dedicated to this kind, caring couple. Thank you so much B. & L.

Since everything was canceled last year, the recipients of the Vic Malcarne award were not announced at the Memorial Day program. This award honors the memory of Vic Malcarne, who dedicated his life to the youth of our community. As a baseball coach, Board of Education member, founder of the Deep River Junior Ancients and founder of the local 4H, Vic was a much beloved role model to everyone.

The Board of Directors would like to congratulate AJ Kerop and Maddy Riebold as the 2020 award winners. This award honors the community spirit, volunteering and caring for others exhibited by the winners. Much like Vic, these young members of our community are carrying on the tradition of unconditional love for their fellow man.

Please consider supporting the Juniors at their annual Easter Flower Sale which will be held as an online event on [www.drja.org](http://www.drja.org). Pickup and local delivery will be available.

*Marilyn Malcarne, DRJA Director*

## Sustainable CT

### 'Sustainable CT' Arrives in Deep River

What is Sustainable CT you ask? Well, we are excited to tell you about a program developed to provide municipalities with a menu of coordinated, voluntary actions to continually become more sustainable; to provide resources and tools to assist municipalities in implementing sustainability actions and advancing their programs for the benefit of all residents; and to certify and recognize municipalities for their ongoing sustainability achievements. We are a newly formed committee of volunteers with a goal of not only getting Deep River certified and recognized as a Sustainable CT town but to secure grant funding to achieve some additional programs for Deep River. An exciting component of this program is the fact that Sustainable CT will match up to up to 50% of funds raised for an approved project!

The program is quite extensive but broken down into 13 different action areas. These "actions" cover a wide range of projects that Deep River will benefit from with the help of volunteers and other Deep River established organizations. Many of the 'action' items have already been addressed in some capacity by our Town so we have a head start in many areas. The range is broad from "Supporting Art and Creative Culture" to "Solving the Connecticut River's Aquatic Invasives"; from "Recycling Materials and Composting Organics" to "Providing Resources and Support to Businesses".

Check out the web site <https://sustainablect.org/> to see how much this program can help Deep River continue moving forward! The committee will work with different groups within the town to implement 'actions' of the program and earn points toward certification. This is an exciting program for the town. Please consider lending your area of expertise to our efforts. Our goal is to not only get Deep River certified and recognized as a Sustainable town but also to secure some grant funding to achieve some additional programs for Deep River. Email [cjones@deepriverct.us](mailto:cjones@deepriverct.us) if you are interested in joining us.



### Veterans Green Monument Committee

The Veterans Green Monument Committee is extremely happy and proud to announce the completion of the platform in front of the Columbia Memorial.

The Memorial now has 15 white bricks that honor the 15 servicemen from Deep River who lost their lives while on active duty. It also has a bronze plaque and granite bricks with names of veterans who lived in Deep River at the time of their enlistment and were not already listed on the Memorial.

The Committee is planning a dedication ceremony in May, 2021 before Memorial Day, however, the size and scope of the dedication will depend on the COVID-19 situation.

The Committee would like to take this time to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support of this project as well as everyone who donated to the Monument Fund and allowed this meaningful project to come to fruition. However, the Committee's fundraising efforts must continue for future maintenance and improvements to the Monument. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Veterans Green Monument Committee may do so by mailing it to the Veterans Green Monument Fund c/o Town Hall, 174 Main Street, Deep River, CT 06417 or contact Richard Nagot at 860-526-5270 for additional information.

*Richard Nagot*  
*Veterans Green Monument Committee, Chairperson*



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## American Legion Post 61 Ibell-Jacobson-Smith

Unfortunately like many other groups and organizations, the pandemic has suspended most of our activities. Our members are in telephone and e-mail communication frequently. We would like to hear from potential new members. If you are a U.S. military veteran who served during any time frame, in any branch of service, and are curious about joining, please telephone Senior Vice Commander Richard Nagot (860-526-5270) or Eileen Richard (203-494-7151) for more information. We have both men and women veterans who regularly participate in American Legion activities at the Post 61 level, at the District 7 (Middlesex County) level, and at the Department of Connecticut (state) level.

Please visit our Facebook site by entering "AMERICAN LEGION DEEP RIVER, CT Post 61 IBELL-JACOBSON-SMITH" (It's hard to believe, but there is another Deep River in the mid-west, so just watch out for the Connecticut version.) Also, another internet site to explore, "MyLegion.org," might answer questions you may have. I am told that this is a historic time to live in because of the pandemic. Thank you and best wishes to our Deep River neighbors. Stay well.

*Eileen B. Richard, Commander*

### Veterans Essay Contest

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the American Legion's Art and Essay contest was limited to sixth graders only at Deep River Elementary School.

The Essays written for this year's contest covered the Higgins Boat and how these boats helped to win World War II.

The winners of the 2020-2021 American Legion's Art and Essay Contest were as follows:

- 1st Place: Julian Mardjekaj
- 2nd Place: Emma Reilly
- 3rd Place: Elleigh Ortola

The American Legion would like to take this opportunity thank all the students who wrote essays for the contest and hopes that the winners will be able to read their essays at the Memorial Day Program. The American Legion looks forward to the future when the entire Deep River Elementary School will, again, participate in this contest.

*Richard Nagot  
Children and Youth Officer*

### The Higgins: The Vessel That Won WW2

**Julian Mardjekaj  
Ms. Pitney - Grade 6**

World War II was a war in which the free world was able to end Hitler and the Axis regime of terror on the world. Thousands of American soldiers sacrificed their lives for the greater good of society and should always be remembered as heroes. America's will to win and drive for technological advancement allowed for the introduction of the Higgins Boat as a military asset. The Higgins Boat had a major impact on America's victory and proved to be key in the transportation of troops, equipment and supplies. The Higgins Boat employed land and sea or amphibious warfare and provided a logistical stronghold that won the war.

It was June 6, 1944. Hundreds of Higgins Boats rushed towards the shore of Normandy France. Soldiers ducked as bullets were buzzing over their heads. The Higgins boat was swaying viciously side to side as the operator fought mother nature in an attempt to push through the oceans raft and reach shore. Once at shore, the boat ramps swung open and a group of soldiers unselfishly rushed off the boat, with one thing at mind, victory.

What made the Higgins boat popular amongst the U.S. Armed forces was its capability to transport troops via land and sea to the battlefield. This allowed soldiers to gather and attack from different fronts along the shore, thinning out the enemies focus. The layout of the Higgins included two gunners in the back, 36 soldiers up front and a vessel operator. Higgins also had the ability to hold 8,000 pounds of equipment. This allowed for versatility, creating the opportunity to transport more than just soldiers. Equipment such as armored vehicles and jeeps were often transported via the Higgins.

The Higgin's propulsion was built into the hull of the vessel, allowing it to be functional in only 10 inches of water. This was essential because it prevented soldiers from having to swim to shore and assured the safe arrival of essential equipment. Beach landings no longer required ports as the only way to transport troops or supplies from ship to shore. This meant that defending armies would now have to spread themselves thinner across entire coasts.

On D Day, hundreds of Higgins boats stormed the shores of Normandy France with soldiers, equipment and anything needed for the war effort against the Nazi's and its Axis counterparts. This widespread attack could not be beat. This is how the Higgin's Boat helped the Americans win World War II.



## Deep River Fire Department



**At our Annual Business meeting in January, (via Zoom), we held our Election of Officers.**

### Elected Positions for 2021

**Chief** - Tim Lee  
**Deputy Chief** - James Budney  
**Assistant Chief** - Steven Budney  
**Assistant Chief** - Adam Kerop  
**Secretary** - Tim Ballantyne  
**Treasurer** - John Kollmer Sr.  
**Chief Engineer** - Tom Lee  
**Trustee** - Tom Law (3-year term)

#### **Chief: Tim Lee**

Tim is a fourth generation Firefighter. Currently three generations are members of DRFD; Dad Don, brother Tom and nephew Michael (Junior member.) 2021 marks his 9th year as Chief of the department. He joined the department in 1990 as a Junior firefighter and in 1993 became a senior member. Tim has taken every class, lecture and drill imaginable to attain his level of expertise in the field of firefighting. Aside from running this organization, Tim owns Top Notch Electrical Service and is the father of four children.

#### **Deputy Chief: James Budney**

Jim joined the department in 1974 as a Junior Firefighter. In 1976, he became a Senior member. Over the years, Jim has held the following positions: Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief, Chief 5-0, back to Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief again. At one point there were 3 generations of Budney's in the department at the same time; Vic Budney, (Jim's Dad) Jim and son, Steven. Jim has had extensive training in all aspects of firefighting over the years. Last year, he took a specialized hazmat class for propane in New Hampshire.

#### **Assistant Chief: Steven Budney**

Steven joined the department as a Junior member for 4 years before becoming a Senior member for an ad-

ditional 14 years. This will be the 4th year that Steven has held the position of Assistant Chief. He has taken special training in Fire Instructor 1, EMR, Fire Officer training and Rescue Core. He also has specialized training in RIT, Heavy Vehicle Extrication and Hazmat responses for Propane. Aside from his volunteer work, Steven runs his own Electric business and is the father of two sons.

#### **Assistant Chief: Adam Kerop**

Adam has spent the last 30 years as a volunteer Firefighter. Previous to coming to Deep River he belonged to the Guilford Fire Department and the Old Lyme Fire Department. Adam has served as a Fire Marshal for 20 years, 4 of those years as Deep River's Fire Marshal. He has been a member of DRFD for the past 3 years. This is Adam's second term as Assistant Chief. His training and expertise to the fire service is vast and impressive. Aside from his volunteer work, he is a father to three children.

#### **Secretary: Tim Ballantyne**

Tim spent 5 years in the Scarsdale Fire Co.# 2 before moving to CT. He has now been a member of DRFD for 30 years. Tim was Chief 5-0 for 6 years, held the position of Assistant Chief and has held the position of Secretary for the last 4 years. He has had training in Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, Fire Instructor 1, Essentials of Firefighting and Initial Fire Attack. In addition to Tim's volunteer work, he is a high school math teacher and father of two children.

#### **Treasurer: John Kollmer Sr.**

John joined the department as a Junior member in 1984 and became a Senior member in 1990. He has held the positions of Captain of the Rescue Truck, Public Relations Officer, Captain of the Marine Division and served as Secretary from 2009-2014. John will be taking the reins from Jim Dee as our newly elected Treasurer. Aside from his extensive training in all aspects of the fire service and an EMT, he is also our expert photographer and graphics designer. John is the father of two sons and his oldest is currently serving in the USAF as a Paramedic.

## Deep River Fire Department, cont.

### Chief Engineer: Tom Lee

As a fourth generation Firefighter, Tom joined the department in 1985 as a junior firefighter. He has taken specialized classes including State Certified Firefighter 2, Pump Operator, Aerial Operator, Hazmat Operations and numerous others, over the years. Tom became Assistant Engineer in late 2000 under then Chief Engineer Jack White. He is going into his third year as Chief Engineer. Tom has the daunting task of keeping all trucks and equipment in working order. Aside from his extensive volunteer work, Tom is also the father of two children.

The Department honorably accepted a resignation letter from firefighter Jim Dee and he was placed on our Veteran's List.

Jim has served the Department and the Town of Deep River for 38 years, holding numerous positions over those years. Most importantly, serving as department Treasurer for the past 27 years.

Jim's dedication, sense of humor, due diligence and frugality will be missed by all. The department wishes Jim and Teresa the best on their new adventure as they head south and look forward to seeing them when they visit CT.

### Adams Hometown Market Fundrasier

The Deep River Fire Department would like to thank Adams Hometown Market and patrons for their continued support. Funds were raised through generous donations at the register during checkout. The fund raiser netted \$2,999.00 for the department. Your heart-felt donations are truly appreciated.



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## Deep River Parks and Recreation

Winter was a quiet time for Deep River Parks and Recreation as we had to cancel many of our annual events and programs. We so missed offering the holiday stroll and light parade and of course the winter youth basketball program which usually has close to 150 enrolled.

We did, however, bring back our gingerbread house contest with a twist; no in person voting but rather photos of the creations were submitted, and our judges did their work behind the scenes. We want to thank all who participated. The gingerbread house entries were quite clever; the judges had a tough time!

Check out the winning entries, some are included here but all are shown on the town web site. Congratulations to the following:

### Adult Division:

- Most Creative: Kate Swope (and granddaughter)
- Most Unique: Crystal Bianco
- Best Use of Candy: Luisa Wilson

### Youth Division:

- Most Creative: Tyler Bianco
- Best Use of Candy: Eloise and Evelyn Desrosiers
- Most Unique: Andrew Bianco

Two honorable mentions go to Adult entry- Joseph Bianco and Youth entry- Madeline Morrissey

We also want to thank all of the young people who helped decorate our holiday trees located outside of the Tri-Town Youth/Parks and Recreation building on High Street. We offered free ornament kits and asked all of the elementary and middle school students to



make a kit and help us add some love and sparkle to our trees. As part of the 'Light Up Deep River' event, we were able to offer a beautiful display thanks to all of the handmade ornaments.

To entice everyone to get outside and explore our town, Parks and Recreation is working on some fun outdoor activities that will be launching soon.

We are so lucky that we have such an extensive network of sidewalks in town making it very safe to go for a stroll. We are planning to begin "Walkable Deep River" where we will offer walking routes of varying lengths with an 'I spy' element. Photographs of things that you will see along the route will be published to make a family walk along these routes a little more fun. We are planning to also ask the merchants to place a special something (a small stuffed elephant) in their windows so that the 'I spy' game along Main Street can include a keen eye for hide and seek!

P & R will be starting a walking club utilizing the fitness trail at Plattwood as well as around town, a women's hiking club and will be publishing some fun activity sheets of things to find at each of the parks.

We also will be kicking off a fun program called "Mystery Spot Mondays" where we will publish a weekly picture of our new baby elephant "Queenie" placed at locations around town and residents will have to guess where exactly she is. We will have you submit your answer or a photo taken at the spot via a text message to



the P & R phone number (860-526-6036) for a chance to enter a weekly drawing. Prizes will be modest, but it will be great fun! So get your 'deer stalker' hat (Sherlock Holmes type of wool cap) ready so that you can find Queenie.



## Deep River Parks and Recreation, cont.

Looking ahead, we anticipate not being able to offer our Annual Spring Egg Hunt at Devitt but rather will offer bags with a dozen candy stuffed plastic eggs to residents (while supplies last) to enable you to hold your own egg hunt in your house or yard. We will, however, have the 'Decorate Deep River' spring coloring page contest again as that was well received last year.

We are setting up a Jeopardy type game and will be publishing that information soon. It will be open to Deep River families to compete against one another or form teams for competition. Details to follow.

Parks and Recreation has also assembled some craft/activity kits which have easy art projects, easy food crafts as well as puzzles and word searches. The bags are geared towards children ages 5-8. The price per bag depends on its contents but has been averaging about \$12.00. If there is an interest, please see the P & R page to order.

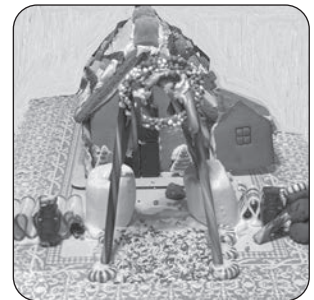
Our Annual Fishing Derby will again be offered as a week long event where anglers, ages 5-15 can try their luck at catching a rainbow trout. Fishing is done at the fishing pond at Plattwood Park (pond located to the left of the entrance). The dates of the derby will be May 8-16th. Look for more information as we get closer to fishing season.

Parks and Recreation needs you! We all love Deep River for its small-town charm and warmth of its residents. We need volunteers to help run our events and programs. Please consider joining the Commission. Get involved to ensure that the programs and events that you love keep running! Get involved to launch something new! Please reach out to the P & R office to find out how you can help.

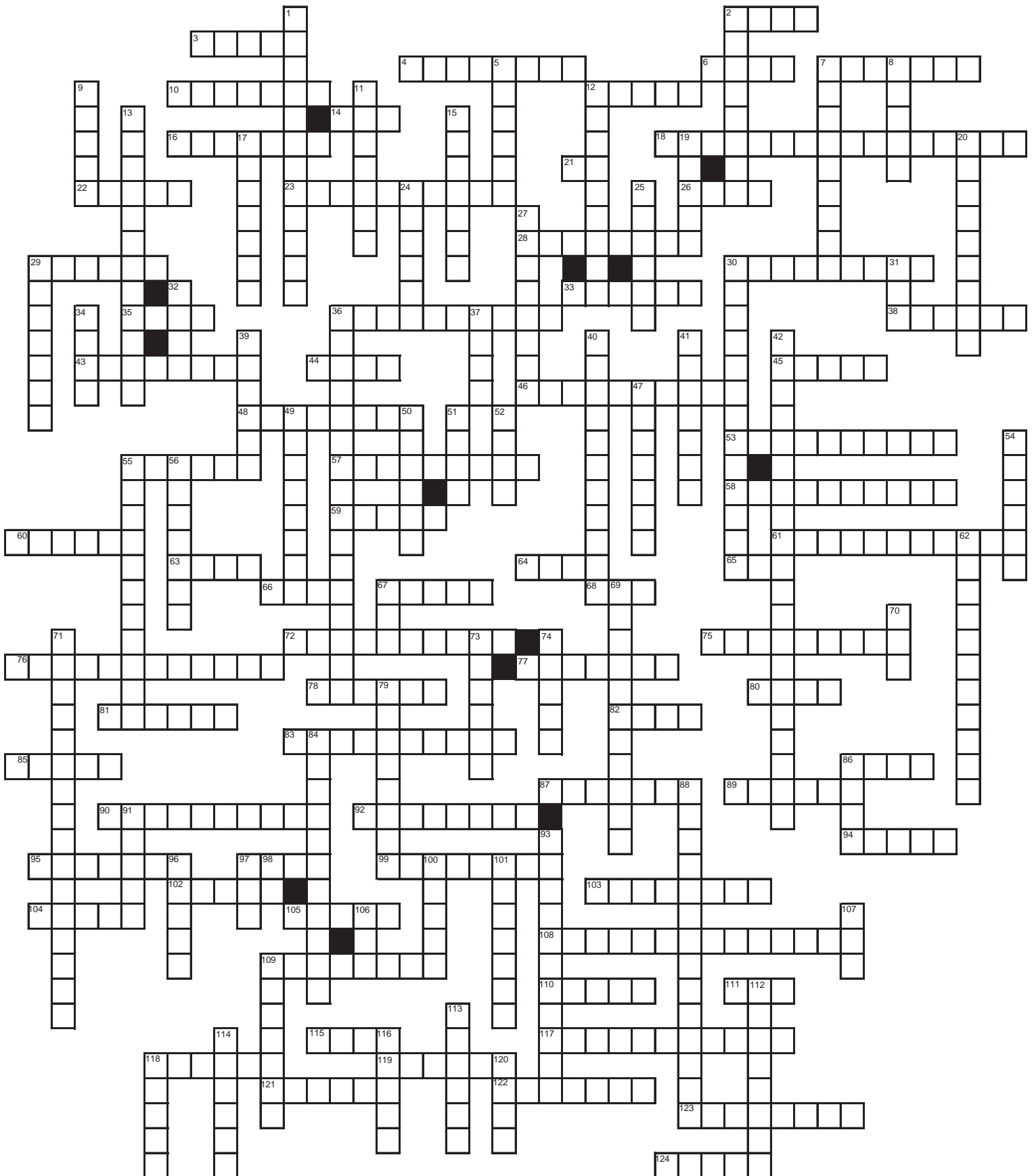
### Snowmen



### Gingerbread Houses



# Out and About in Deep River Crossword Puzzle





## Out and About in Deep River Crossword Puzzle

### Across

2. 1000's gather for the annual muster to hear this instrument
3. When mentioning insurance this word comes before 'farm'
4. World War I statue located at DRES
6. Your beauty is their passion
7. Bakery located on South Main. Man's name
10. Name of town located to the north
12. Books are made of these. Also, local printing company
14. Very social insects and they give us honey
16. During WWII these were manufactured at Pratt Read & Co.
18. Local spa located in building 6 of the South Main St. industrial park
21. Abbreviation for the State of Connecticut
22. Art studio that shares its name with a Bee
23. People who hang out and BBQ prior to a sporting event
26. The number of towns that are 'visited' by the local transit buses
28. Local auto parts store
29. Popular chain restaurant that sells coffee to keep us runnin'
30. G's \_\_\_\_\_; quality collectibles
33. Investment broker last name Jones
35. Abbreviation for Deep River Elementary School
36. Established in 1948, the place to buy hammers and nails (abbrev.)
38. Rock is located here in Deep River that is part of what other continent?
43. Last name of former Governor and of the middle school
44. A fun summer program offered to local youth by P&R
45. Common greeting
46. Deep River's marina
48. Name of the school mascot at Valley Regional
53. You can 'see' them on the corner of High and Main Streets
55. Partial name of the shop for guys with great clothes & cool stuff; keeps you tethered
57. Local full-service florist\_ -flowers from her Garden
58. The year in the 1600's that Deep River was established
59. The past tense of hike
60. Local automotive garage-Fred's partner
61. The river that flows south through 4 states for some 406 miles
63. With wonderful plants and other great items, not to mention their expert advice, people visit this top-notch Winthrop garden shop.
64. A place to learn, play and inspire with music. A body part.
65. Abbreviation for the Parent Teacher Organization
66. First word of the name of the market near Kelsey Hill Rd
67. Deep River is located at exit five off of this roadway number 9
68. A "Polished" place to pamper yourself; Comes after "Med-"
72. Pet store in town
75. Name of factory that made ivory products
76. Name of the cemetery near the elementary school
77. Clothes go in dirty and come out clean. It's a "Family" place.
78. Local sanitation company providing us with pump outs and a place 'to go'
80. Deep River is a '\_\_\_\_\_ place to live'

## Out and About in Deep River Crossword Puzzle

81. Home field for the DR Little league ball players
82. Bakery along Kirtland St. not in a 'Meadow' and not 'eight' of these from town
83. Although you can get eggs here, it is not a Farm at all.
85. Used in the manufacture of piano keys, combs and billiard balls
86. These talented athletes don't usually 'Flop' after one of these
87. Home of the chubby chicken grinder (abbrev.)
89. Main Street \_\_\_\_\_ hair artist
90. Home to the Deep River Historical Society
92. A corner café
94. An annual P & R event where anglers compete
95. These are 'Nautical'-useful for sewing
97. Doctor's for your latest automobile dent
99. Electrical company located in the Plattwood Industrial Park. A cut above the rest
102. First Selectman name
103. George's favorite instrument
104. This is a great place to get a new look. Finish its name...located on Route 154
105. You find many of these at the marina
108. Historic industrial factory utilized now for special events like weddings
109. Great secondhand book shop
110. This majestic bird, a symbol of our country, can be seen from the Town Landing
111. Law office at corner of High Street
115. Fun water activity
117. Our lovely park along the bank of the Connecticut River
118. Type of tree you can find on the 'Ledge' at this new tree farm. Great concerts too!
119. Need a new hairstyle? Come see Roseann
121. Mark and family helping with your real estate needs since 1969
122. Along with Eagan, painting company since 1910
123. Private social club founded in 1912 near Warsaw Street
124. Nickname for the 'Club' of the Scandinavian United Society

## Down

1. A Main Street staple for all special occasions
2. Deep River's distinctive Town Hall was built in 1893 in this three-sided shape to conform to its location.
5. A great source of stones and inspiration you may need for a home project
7. Artist with studio on Main Street
8. Town located to our south
9. Superfood store
11. Head to Deep River Design to get beautiful pieces of this favorite accessory.
12. A lovely town park with swimming, basketball and skateboarding
13. Guests love the large wrap around porch
15. Local bank on Main Street
17. Farm stand and so much more-coffee, food, pumpkins and mums. (abbrev.)
19. Knife sharpening business
20. Family run bar opened in 1933
24. A 'grand' delicious pizza in the Winthrop section of town
25. Plastics manufacturing plant that is located in former Pratt Read building
27. Community pharmacy and 'go to' for everything else (-e)



### Out and About in Deep River Crossword Puzzle

- 29. Thin pizza is their thing! Great salads and grinders too!
- 30. Dog training center
- 31. Part of the name of a former local newspaper. A period in time
- 32. Owner of the local salon 'Bella Vita'
- 34. Large bird of prey seen commonly seen in the area
- 36. Devoted to the health and welfare of your pet. Located on Route 80 (abbrev.)
- 37. This restaurant has a 'Great' one
- 39. Great place to work out and find your inner strength
- 40. The Nature Conservancy calls the lower CT River Valley "one of the last \_\_\_\_\_"
- 41. Where you go to check out awesome books and participate in awesome programs
- 42. Celebrating something? Stop in and check out their great selection of fine spirits
- 47. Full-service body shop
- 49. Restaurant with a great record collection; la maison rouge
- 50. Island where locals love to go camping
- 51. Landing and \_\_\_\_\_, new restaurant where the Ivory once was
- 52. Warriors live here
- 54. Quaint day spa in the heart of Deep river. Its "Blissful"
- 55. Formerly Beauty Barn
- 56. Navigate using this to the lovely shop for women's clothes. Comes before the flower.
- 62. Name of local state forest land
- 67. Abbreviation for recreation
- 69. Thrift shop to help fund the rescue and rehabilitation of exotic animals
- 70. Company specializing in generators and service
- 71. Former nickname of Deep River
- 73. Restoration and roofing specialists
- 74. Abercrombie & Fitch sell clothes, she sells insurance; their first, her last
- 79. This African variety was killed for its ivory tusks
- 84. Other railroad that 'ran' through our town
- 86. This man loves comics
- 88. Workout day or night
- 91. Claws of a bird of prey
- 93. A local, family-owned restaurant run by the grandchildren of the original owners!
- 96. First name of a beloved paraprofessional and a talented dance instructor
- 97. Past tense of dig
- 98. Small pronoun
- 100. Wonderful outdoor areas to enjoy recreation
- 101. A warm, inviting place to gather and embrace our differences while enjoying great coffee
- 106. Common three letter word
- 107. Mysterious bank robber's initials
- 109. Great local 'suds' at High-Nine
- 112. Kitchens and Hearth store not on the oceanside
- 113. Nickname of former first selectman for 26 years in office
- 114. Local dentist
- 116. A wetland dominated by herbaceous plant species. Also, a town attorney
- 118. Goes before '\_\_\_\_\_' & Digital GraphX'
- 120. Cute snowman from Disney's "Frozen"

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### Deep River Public Library



The library is currently open M-F from 10:00am-5:00pm. Curbside pickup is available Monday - Saturday. Check out our website for up-to-date information.

[www.deepriverct.us/library](http://www.deepriverct.us/library)

#### Everybody Learns Grant

At a time when many of our libraries are returning to curbside service, Deep River Public Library has been able to expand our hours, thanks to Governor Ned Lamont's 'Everybody Learns Grant'. We've purchased new computers, updated our 3M window coatings, and shall soon have new lighting in several areas. We've purchased industrial air scrubbers that have significantly improved air quality throughout the library.

#### Let's Talk Books

Join us on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:15 pm to discuss the book of the month. Occasionally we'll watch a critically acclaimed film in lieu of a book discussion. Please bring your mask. Space is limited, registration is required. Call the library at 860-526-6039.

#### Digital Media Services:

**OverDrive** – enjoy ebooks and audio books for free.

Hoopla is a digital streaming service for library users to instantly download digital movies and more with your library card.

**Acorn TV** - offers the best in British broadcasting.

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

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

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

#### Programs:

We continue to host great programs for children and adults using Zoom. Check out our monthly online calendar to see what's on offer and to register for programs.

All of our programs are free unless noted, and open to the public. Check out our monthly calendar to see what's on offer. View our calendar online: <http://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/d/drpl/ek.cfm>.

#### What's New in the Children's Department:

Deep River Library has weekly literacy and learning programs. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have introduced a variety of virtual learning opportunities for children and families. We have reinstated in-person story times, following all the required social distancing practices to keep our youngest learners and their families safe. In addition to continuing to offer virtual after school and family programming that feature STEM and food fun, we have introduced the online Deep River Chess Club, as well as "take and make" science kits with video tutorials for families to explore at their leisure.

#### Did you know...

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

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

Want to join our email list? Send your request to Miss Elaine: [drplchildrensdept@gmail.com](mailto:drplchildrensdept@gmail.com)

#### Upcoming Programs:

##### Story Times:

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

## Deep River Public Library, cont.

formation and Zoom links. To access pre-recorded story times, visit our LinkTree or request to be on the weekly email.

### Upcoming March Programs:

#### Deep River Chess Club

**March 10 & March 24; 4:00pm via Zoom**

Join Coach Matthew Shirvell for an online chess club to hone your skills, practice puzzles and play this classic game! Beginners and budding grand masters are all welcome, from kindergarten through grade 12. Registration is required for the Zoom meeting link. Participants must sign up for a free account on <https://www.chess.com> prior to the program.

#### Food Explorers: Calzone Cook Class

**March 24, 6:30 pm via Zoom**

Join Megan, a Registered Dietitian with Food Explorers for an hour of guided instruction as we learn how to make a calzone! We will be making both the crust and the filling from scratch! This class is open to adults, teens/tweens and families that love to cook together. Registration is required to receive the list of ingredients and Zoom meeting link. Visit our calendar to register.

#### STEM Time: Instant Snow Take & Make

**Video Tutorial:** <https://youtu.be/dx4CTMW1uTk>

Grab a sample of instant snow and watch our tutorial to learn how to make it on your own. Find out why instant snow powder works and watch an alternative recipe to try out and compare!



## Friends of the Deep River Library

The Deep River Public Library is a staple to our community, especially in turbulent times. With the onset of the Covid pandemic in the Spring of 2020, we realized just how much our citizens rely on our local library and the services it provides. It is a haven for those in need of normalcy, stability, safety, and information. These invaluable services were not always provided physically. Our library hosts a number of virtual children and family programs as well as educational programs online. Throughout this past year, our library has also provided access to digital books, audiobooks, as well as curbside pick-up. With the addition of our launch pads in 2019, support for digital learning for children is easy and accessible. The year 2020 required stretching and ingenuity and our local library answered the call.

Our library and the Friends need your support now more than ever. Due to pandemic restrictions limiting fundraisers and gatherings, our more profitable events were unable to happen during 2020 and will likely be unable to occur in the next several months. We are looking forward to socially-distanced fundraising this year such as our membership appeal letter in early 2021, fall book and bake sale, and hopefully a few pop up socially distant events in between. We are also working on hosting a socially distant psychic event. You can still purchase our 2020 Christmas ornament (and past years!) at a discounted rate of \$10.00 through our online page or during library hours. All money raised goes to support our incredible public library.

If you love our local library, please consider becoming a friend. Join our facebook group: Friends of the Deep River Public Library or request to be added to our email list at [friendsofthedeepriverlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthedeepriverlibrary@gmail.com) to be a part of our incredible organization and help support a pillar of our local community.

Thank you always for your support!

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## Deep River Congregational Church

Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to have regular in-person worship. However, everyone is invited to worship with us at our live-stream service every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Go to our church website: <http://www.deeprivercc.org>. Look for the "Live Stream (New!)" in the menu bar on the left side of the Home Page. You can also view the archived Sunday services by clicking on the "Playlist" button in the upper right hand corner.

Rev. Tim Haut has been a true inspiration throughout this pandemic with his messages of love and hope, both at the live-stream services and with his daily messages on Facebook.

We were able to hold our annual 'Ye Olde English Christmas Faire' in December. The Committee was able to have a "Virtual Faire" and items were pictured online, pre-ordered, and picked up in a safe way. It was truly amazing. Many thanks to those in the community who supported our efforts.

Sadly, we could not have our traditional Festival of Music Sunday, Christmas Eve Pageant or Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service. We did have some opportunities for community at the weekly lighting of the outdoor Advent Wreath, while social distancing. The Deacons did a beautiful job of decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas season. Our Christian Service Board and youth delivered cookies to our "Treasured Members," and our Deacons brought them poinsettias after our live-stream service on December 20th.

Sunday School has been conducted via virtual online lessons and Zoom meetings. All are welcome to be part of our Sunday School, near or afar. If you wish to join our Sunday School program, contact Christian Education Director, Sybil Higgins at [ChristianEd@deeprivercc.org](mailto:ChristianEd@deeprivercc.org)

Our Youth and Family Coordinator, Chelsea Chiappa Ehmke usually schedules a Homeless Sleepout on the last Saturday in January. This year's event was a Homeless Awareness night and via Zoom, we heard stories from people who have experienced homelessness first hand.

The Youth have participated in an Annual Midnight Run to New York City in February for a number of years. This year, due to COVID-19 the collection was limited to personal needs and prepared bag lunches and Chelsea and her husband made the run on their own to deliver our items.

The Soup Kitchen continues to provide meals here every Thursday, with curbside pick-up from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. The numbers of meals prepared has increased significantly.

We are uncertain at this time about plans for opening up our Sanctuary for worship, scheduling Lenten and Easter services, the summer Flea Market and Rummage Sale, etc. Please check our website <http://www.deeprivercc.org> or contact the Church Office (860)526-5045 or [office.drcc@snet.net](mailto:office.drcc@snet.net) ) for updated information.




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## Tri-Town Social Services



**Remember that 211**

is your primary resource line.

Call 2-1-1 with any question you may have, and trained personnel will direct you.



## Important Resources During Coronavirus, and beyond

### TROUBLE PAYING BILLS OR PURCHASING FOOD?



Visit [uwc.211ct.org/covid19resources](http://uwc.211ct.org/covid19resources) for guidance on Financial Assistance, Unemployment, Healthcare and Basic Needs (Housing, Food, Utilities, Transportation). Contact your local Social Services Department for assistance. A complete list of emergency food resources in the tri-town is provided on the back of this flyer.

### ARE YOU A SENIOR CITIZEN FEELING ISOLATED?



- ★ Contact your Town Hall to be added to a call list for regular check-ins
- ★ Estuary Council Grab & Go Meals (**Information on back**)
- ★ AARP Community Connections - Older adults can request a phone call from an AARP volunteer, Monday – Friday, 9AM to 5PM EDT by leaving their information at 1-888-281-0145
- ★ River Valley Services - Lower County Clinical Team (teletherapy & home visits at a safe distance) 860-262-5200
- ★ Middlesex County 24 hour mental health crisis line: 860-344-2100

### IN A CRISIS?



- ★ Youth Mental Health Crisis: Dial 211, Select 1
- ★ Adult Mental Health Crisis: River Valley Services, 860-344-2100
- ★ Domestic Violence Hotline 1-888-774-2900 (English); 1-844-831-9200 (Spanish)
- ★ Suicide Lifeline 800-273-TALK
- ★ Trevor Project (LGBTQ Support) 866-488-7386
- ★ 911- Ask for Crisis Intervention Trained Officer

### Substance Abuse Prevention

**Rushford - Middletown, CT** 1-877-577-3233

- ★ Adolescents and Adults

**Project Courage Old Saybrook, CT** 1-860-744-9815

- ★ Adolescents and Young Adults

**TriCircle Hope & Support** To find an online meeting: [aa-intergroup.org/directory.php](http://aa-intergroup.org/directory.php)

**Quitting Nicotine for Teens** - Text "DITCHJUUL" to 88709

- ★ For adults contact your primary care office for cessation opportunities

### ARE YOU A PARENT FEELING FRUSTRATED & STRESSED?

#### CIRCLE OF SECURITY SUPPORT GROUP ON ZOOM

40-60 minute weekly calls to learn how to support your child's need and take care of yourself. For more information and exact zoom times, or to register call Brittney West at 860-358-4825 or email [Brittney.west@midhosp.org](mailto:Brittney.west@midhosp.org).

#### DCF TALK IT OUT HOTLINE

Any parent who needs support, encouragement and fresh ideas is invited to call 833-258-5011 and engage with trained professionals who will listen and speak with them about their concerns. The "Talk It Out Line" is available Monday through Friday from 8 am to 8 pm and on weekends from 1 pm to 8 pm and has both English and Spanish capacity.

#### CO-PARENTING SOLUTIONS, LLC

Free support via phone call 860-304-0325  
Christine A. Nucci, MS, LCSW [custodymediation1@gmail.com](mailto:custodymediation1@gmail.com)  
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#### CO-PARENTING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AFCC

<https://www.afccnet.org>

*Are you a Young Adult in Need of Support?*

**CT's Young Adult/Peer Support Warm Line**  
1-855-6-HOPENOW (12pm – 9pm every day)

**NAMI Young Adult Connection**  
Community Check in Daily 3:30-4:30  
Contact Val at [vlepoutre@namict.org](mailto:vlepoutre@namict.org)

*Local Agencies Ready to Support Your Wellness*

**Tri-Town Youth Services** is offering low-or-no cost telehealth options, call 203-533-1937

**Child and Family Agency** is accepting new clients, 860-442-2797 x 1262

**Care Coordination** for children with behavioral health needs, requiring multiple services. Call 860-406-2296 for more information

Youth Service Bureaus in neighboring towns are offering telehealth and have openings

Many private therapists are accepting new telehealth clients. Visit [psychologytoday.com](http://psychologytoday.com) and search by town or zip code

**Smart Recovery Video Conferences** [smartrecoveryct.org](http://smartrecoveryct.org)

- ★ Daily meetings accessible by calling +1 929 436 2866 (New York) and enter the appropriate meeting PIN
- ★ Special meetings available for family/ friends and teens

## Tri-Town Social Services



### Tri-Town Winter Food Resources



Town Social Services Departments  
Buildings are closed, so please call ahead.

Chester Food Pantry  
Chester Town Hall  
Mon, Wed, Thur 9-noon  
Call Rosie: 860-526-0013 x 213  
Receive: Pre-bagged food available for residents  
Gift cards, emergency financial assistance.  
To give: Send donation to Chester Cares Fund  
c/o Chester Town Hall  
203 Middlesex Avenue  
Chester, CT 06412



Deep River Food Pantry  
Pre-bagged food available for residents  
56 High Street  
Tue 9- noon; Thur 1-4  
Call Rosie: 860-526-6033

Receive: Pre-bagged food available for residents  
Gift cards, emergency financial assistance.

To give: Send donation to Deep River Community Fund  
c/o Deep River Town Hall  
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Essex Social Services  
29 West Ave, Essex  
By appointment only.  
Call Mary Ellen: 860-767-4340 x 201

Receive: Grocery gift cards, emergency financial assistance.  
To give: Send donation to Essex Community Fund  
c/o Essex Town Hall  
29 West Avenue  
Essex, CT 06426

SSKP Food Pantries: Curb Side Pick Up

St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church  
222 McVeagh Road, Westbrook  
Tuesdays 11:30 - 2:15 pm



First Church of Christ in Saybrook  
366 Main Street, Old Saybrook  
Tuesdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm

First Church of Christ, Congregational  
55 Church Road, Clinton  
Wednesdays 3:30- 6:00 pm

St. John's Episcopal Church  
400 Main Street, Niantic  
Thursdays 2:30 - 4:30 pm

First Congregational Church of Old Lyme  
2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme  
Saturdays 9:00 - 11:00 am

SSKP Meal Sites: Curb Side Pick Up

Sundays 5:00-6:00  
United Church of Chester, 29 West Main Street

Thursdays 5:00-6:00  
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Fridays 12:00-1:00  
Trinity Lutheran Church, 109 Main St., Centerbrook



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12 River Street, Deep River  
Free Lunch for Any Student

Essex Elementary School  
83-87 State Hwy 602,  
Centerbrook  
Free Lunch for Any Student

JW Middle School  
1 Winthrop Road, Deep River  
Free Lunch for Any Student

Valley High School  
256 Kelsey Hill Rd, Deep River  
Free Lunch for Any Student  
"Backpack Program" weekend  
food/snacks available on Fridays.  
Contact tfrey@reg4.k12.ct.us





### Deep River Elementary School PTO

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

This year, the PTO intends to support the school by purchasing art supplies for individual students due to COVID-19, offering teachers' reimbursements for classroom spending, replacing old classroom air conditioners with new ones, providing teacher luncheons, and purchasing JW backpacks for 6th graders – just to name a few!

During the 2020/2021 school year, our in-person fundraising events are on hold and we need your support more than ever. 2020-2021 PTO fundraising will rely more heavily on parent donations (also known as the Unfundraiser), Virtual Book Fairs, and other creative ways to fundraise that will also allow us to support the community that has supported us for so many years. As always, all proceeds go directly to student initiatives. There are many ways you can support the DRES PTO that cost you nothing! Spread the word!:

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PTO membership is open to all parents and guardians of DRES students and to the DRES staff. All are welcome to attend PTO meetings to find out more about our activities. If you are interested in volunteering, or if you have any suggestions for new activities, please email us at [drespto@gmail.com](mailto:drespto@gmail.com) or drop a note in the PTO mailbox in the DRES teachers' lounge. We will be updating the DRES PTO Facebook page regularly. Please check there for more information about DRES PTO activities in the future. Thank you for your support!

*The mission of the Deep River Elementary School (DRES PTO) is to support excellence in education by promoting closer ties and communication among parents, faculty, administration, and the Board of Education. Our goal is to provide curriculum and social enrichment activities for all DRES students as well as support to the administration, faculty, and staff throughout the academic year.*

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## Deep River Historical Society

### Happy New Year!

The Deep River Historical Society has been busy over the last few months preparing for a time when we can open our doors again.

In November we launched a series of three YouTube videos highlighting notable women from the past 100+ years in the tri-town area. With names and photos submitted from area residents, this video series features hundreds of women's contributions to our local community. The project was launched as a collaboration of the Chester, Deep River and Essex Historical Societies as part of the Women's Suffrage Centennial in 2020. Thanks to an outpouring of support, it will stretch into 2021, capturing the strengths and struggles of area women through images, captions, music and narration. You can find the videos through Deep River Historical Society's web site, [www.deepriverhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.deepriverhistoricalsociety.org). Click on News and scroll down to Celebrating Women. Part 1 was posted in November and Part 2 in January. Part 3 will be available in the spring. So, keep checking the website. Thank you to all who contributed. If, after watching the videos, you remember someone else who you would like to nominate, please call Rhonda Forristall at 860-526-5086. You will need to submit a short text and a photo.

The Festival of Trees took on a new look this year due to COVID restrictions. Area non-profits, again, created beautiful trees that were set up around town for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to our Merchants who welcomed these trees into their businesses. CT River Valley Artists added some pieces of art in storefront windows to add to the festivities and many friends and neighbors decorated their homes as well. Photos of the trees can be found on our web site. Thank you to all who participated. We are looking forward to getting back to normal in 2021.

The Historical Bleach House was damaged in the fall of 2019. Repair and restoration is very expensive but we fortunately qualified for a grant. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our volunteers were not able to start on the Bleach House repairs this summer. However, we are hoping that our grant allotment of \$9,000 will be allowed to be extended to 2021 so that the project will be started this spring. The first step will be to remove the glass on the south side of the structure. This will need to be performed by a professional commercial glass company. Then, the muntins will need to be taken down and replicated so that the glass can be replaced. This should extend the life of the structure. Since the entire project will cost over \$25,000, a fund raiser will be needed to cover the expense.

This year your membership donations will be even more critical as our annual fundraisers may again need to be canceled. Our operating expenses continue even though the Stone House and Carriage House are closed to the public.

As COVID-19 related restrictions are lifted, DRHS will again offer the Carriage House for rentals. It was a difficult decision to suspend rentals because they supply a significant portion of our yearly operating expenses. However, the safety of our community is more important than income.



The curatorial committee has been working behind closed doors to complete and polish several new exhibits in anticipation of opening our doors in the summer of 2021. This year marks the 75th anniversary of Ada Southworth Munson donating her family home to the Society. We would like to make this a special year, remembering Ada and her family and their contributions to Deep River. The suffragette exhibit highlighting 100 + years of Women's Achievements is awaiting its first visitors. For two years we have been rearranging and organizing the Munson Gallery with a permanent exhibit we call "Wharf to Waterfall" which highlights the mills and factories of the Deep River Stream. This has been funded in part by Connecticut Humanities. We continue to be grateful to CT Humanities for the \$2,500 CARES grant to help DRHS cover some of our utility costs during 2020.

The DRHS Trustees met outside during the summer months wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. This winter, we will begin to meet via Zoom. One of the major issues that will be discussed is the Society's annual meeting which is usually held in March. Last year, the meeting was canceled, but DRHS is reluctant to cancel it again. However, the meeting may need to be held "remotely." Check the DRHS web site for notice.

So, watch the web site for news and dates. Stay well and we hope to see many of you when we are once again allowed to open our doors.

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## Fountain Hill Cemetery

The crew at the Fountain Hill Cemetery has spent the winter doing grounds maintenance and caring for our aging trees. We do need the help of the community for a few issues:

1. When we place barriers at the entrance, we ask that you not drive around them as they are placed there for your safety. As Spring approaches, we ask that you do not park or drive on the grass. The ground is too soft this time of year.
2. We enjoy seeing all of the people walking in the cemetery and enjoying the beautiful grounds. However, we do need everyone to keep their dogs on a leash and to pick up after them.
3. Christmas decorations will be removed from grave sites beginning on March 1st. Thank you.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Preservation Society has not met. However, we are still looking for people who are interested in preserving the beauty of this historic cemetery and welcome ideas for future projects. As the weather warms up, we are hoping to host a meeting outside.

A huge thank you to Ellen Estabrook for designing our new web site; check it out at [fountainhillcemetery.godaddy.com](http://fountainhillcemetery.godaddy.com).

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## Deep River 60 Club



The Deep River 60 Club was pleased to participate in Deep River's Festival of Light, Hope and Art. The Club's tree, 'Home For The Holidays,' was positioned in a front window at the Deep River Public Library during the month of December 2020. The tree, provided by Gladys and Wayne



Grabner, was trimmed with white lights, hand crocheted silk balls, snowflakes, silver ornaments and three dozen Deep River Library medallions. The medallions featured special

Deep River buildings, symbols and monuments. All of the tree decorations were donated for the occasion by members of the Deep River 60 Club and friends. The Committee members included Gladys Grabner, Calice Sterling, Richard Nagot and Sally Carlson-Crowell.



The Deep River 60 Club celebrated its 45th anniversary in 2020! Membership is open to all senior citizens 60 years of age or older and whom live in the Deep



River area. The Club will resume its regular meeting schedule on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm in the Community Room

at the Deep River Library as soon as it is safe to do so. Programs will include music entertainment, guest speakers, games, crafts and line dance exercises followed by refreshments.

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### Kirtland Commons

Life at Kirtland Commons has been full of holiday cheer the past few months. Knowing this holiday season was going to be an unusual one due to COVID-19, staff and residents worked hard to ensure that everyone still felt the holiday spirit. We can surely say that we “decked the halls!” as the inside and outside of the building were completely decorated. A handful of residents had a wonderful time playing our own rendition of “Elf on the Shelf” with Kurt the elf hiding all over the building throughout the month of December. Residents enjoyed a delicious authentic Hannukah meal made by Deep River’s own Andrea Isaacs. Residents also enjoyed a delightful Christmas dinner. Our weekly meal program has helped to keep the morale boosted at KC. Since the beginning of the pandemic, residents have been offered a weekly meal to be delivered to their apartment. They’ve received a wide variety of options whether it be takeout from Pasta Vita, pizza delivery, or a home cooked meal; everyone looks forward to Wednesday afternoons! The weekly meal program has been funded by a grant from CHFA. This program will continue as we were just awarded a second grant from CHFA for this purpose. Over the holidays, the hardware store was helping us to sell our homemade cranberry jam to help raise money for the meal program as well. We still have several Deep River mugs for sale in which all proceeds will go to the senior meal program. We will also be continuing with the “Buy a Brick” campaign. All the previously purchased bricks will be installed this spring now that our patio is complete. If you are interested in purchasing a brick, a single is \$50 and a double is \$100. Please reach out to Liza by email (lthayer19@yahoo.com) or by calling the Housing Authority 860-526-5119 if you are interested in making any donations or purchases.

We are elated to announce that Kirtland residents have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine! We were the first Community Health Center mobile vaccination site where 66 individuals were able to receive their first shot. With Kirtland Commons being a high-risk community, vaccinating our residents has felt like a major weight has been lifted; we are so thrilled that we are moving towards a safer and healthier future.

As we look forward into the New Year, we have a few new projects underway such as an elevator modernization and the creation of a billiards room for the residents. We would like to thank Southern Gas as the Deep River Housing Authority received \$4,930.33, as well as Essex Savings Bank which contributed \$3,945.05. Contributions were

made available under Connecticut’s Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program. This has been an ongoing project and funding has been received from Eversource, Jensens Communities, and the Connecticut Water Company as well as from CHFA.

We are continuing to brainstorm ways to keep the residents happy and healthy throughout the winter months. We have seen a peaked interest in learning about technology and electronics from many of our residents and are seeking donations to purchase tablets. We are able to purchase new tablets for \$96 each if anyone is interested in purchasing a tablet for a senior or contributing toward the purchase of one, please contact Liza. The residents have been utilizing this technology throughout these socially distant times as it is a great way for everyone to stay in touch with friends and family. Our bible study group loves their monthly ZOOM meetings with Reverend Aaron Miller! This summer we are looking forward to hosting a stand at the Farmer’s Market in Deep River. One of our very own residents has coordinated the entire market and will be hosting it at the Swede Club. We are going to sell some homemade Kirtland Commons products such as jam and crackers. We will also be marketing some lovely crafts made by our residents.

2020 was certainly a challenging year, however the support of this amazing community made it much easier and is greatly appreciated by the seniors and staff at Kirtland Commons.

#### **Carroll Gilson turns 105!**

Carroll Gilson WWII veteran will turn 105 on February 2nd. Gil has lived at Kirtland Commons for 28 years. He lives with his best friend Coco. He enjoys taking Coco out and going on adventures with his friend, Anna, driving around the back roads of the tri-town and shoreline area.



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## Dry Pants Model Yacht Club

### Optimism Reigns at Plattwood Pond



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

Our current plan is to have our routine club sailing from 10:30AM-Noon on Sundays and 2-4:30PM on Wednesday afternoons. In addition, we are planning on hosting two regattas in 2021. The first is an AMYA (American Model Yachting Association) Region I event scheduled for May, 2021. The second is our traditional New England Spring Regatta which will be held in June 2021, a popular annual event for 16 years...If, however, COVID-19 precludes regattas before mid-summer, we will hold these two events in the Fall.

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

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

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

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

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## Planning & Zoning

### An Update from the Planning & Zoning Department: Can I Do That on My Property?

After a few months of getting our feet wet and playing catch up on permits, notices of violation, and inquiries, the Town's new Zoning Officers – Mike D'Amato and John Guskowski – are attempting to find some rhythm and routine in our work. Permits continue to come in – focused largely on property expansions such as pools, decks, additions, and a few accessory apartments.

The most common question we get is from realtors and interested property buyers looking at a piece of land or a house and wondering “what can I do with this?” or “is my great idea for a business or an activity allowed here?” We thought it would be useful to give folks a head start on answering these questions. If you are looking to do something new with a piece of property, the first two key things to know are: 1) What zoning district is the property in; and 2) What uses are allowed in that zoning district.

To answer the first question, we recommend checking the property card on the Town's online appraisal records, hosted by Vision Government Solutions: <http://gis.vgsi.com/deepriverct/Search.aspx>. On this page, you can search for your property by address, account number, or property identification (map/block/lot). Once you've found the right property, you can review all sorts of details like sales history, property size, building details, and zoning district, which can be found in the “Land” section of the page, near the bottom. The Zone will be listed as some alphanumeric abbreviation like “R60” or “VCD,” which indicates whether it is in a residential or commercial district and what general density is allowed.

You would then take this information and go to the Deep River Zoning Regulations, which are hosted on the Town's website: [https://www.deepriverct.us/sites/g/files/vyhlf2996/f/uploads/zoning\\_regulations.pdf](https://www.deepriverct.us/sites/g/files/vyhlf2996/f/uploads/zoning_regulations.pdf). This document contains the allowed uses and all of the associated regulations for allowing development and other land use issues. Starting on page 25 of these Regulations, you will find Section 4.10, the “Schedule of Uses,” which is a long list of allowable uses of property in the Town of Deep River and the zoning districts where that use is allowed or prohibited. For instance, if the potential use in question is a Day Care Center, you would look down to Section 4.10.9, which is “Day Care Facilities.” The R-80 district does not have any listing in that box, which means the use is not allowed in the R-80 district. R-60 and R-30 districts list it as “SxP,” which means that the Day Care Facilities may be permitted, but require a Special Exception Permit, which involves an application to Planning & Zoning and a public hearing. If a use is listed as “X” or is blank, it is not allowed. If it has a “SPA,” that means a Site Plan Application to Planning & Zoning is required, but no public hearing will be needed. An “AZP” means that the Town staff (ZEO) may review and approve the permit administratively.

In all cases, there are additional pieces of information that are needed – including maps, specific mapping plans, health department details, etc. – but this should be a first step on whether a certain use might be possible on a certain property. As always, we are here to answer questions – please reach out at [zoning@deepriverct.us](mailto:zoning@deepriverct.us).



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The Deep River Merchants & Business Association is comprised of highly motivated entrepreneurs in the town. The group volunteers many personal hours to promote and participate in civic causes. The association managed to meet and plan in 2020 despite the pandemic. Our well-timed events provided a brief respite for all town residents from the everyday struggles of the year. These events included a 'Fair to Remember,' the Scarecrow Contest and the annual Christmas wreath decorations. Due to the generosity of its members, the DRMA raised funds to cover the cost of the Christmas wreathes generally funded by our much beloved but canceled Family Day. In true Deep River small town fashion, new friendships and successful collaborations were formed. The merchants joined with the Deep River Historical Society and the River Valley Artists Association to present the Festival of Light, Hope and Art. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of all these events.

The association recognizes that businesses need to continue to adapt their services as restrictions and orders change. Some local businesses saw tremendous growth while others experienced devastating loss. As such, the association recognizes that it needs to adapt and evolve as well. Future focus for 2021 will be on advocacy, education, introductions, networking and marketing. A true value in the Deep River Merchants & Business Association is its 40+ members. Businesses benefit from joining the association and investing in the community. If you are a member, why not help with an event or come to a meeting or two? New ideas are encouraged and welcome. If you are in business in Deep River, are you a member? What do you have to lose? Let us work together to make 2021 a year of growth for all.

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1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the  
Firehouse  
Chairperson: Scott Bowden

### Board of Selectmen

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

### Community Health Committee

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

### Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission

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

### Deep River Elementary School Board of Education

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

### Deep River Town Hall Auditorium Management Committee

3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
Chairperson: Carol Jones

### Economic Development Commission

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

### Design Advisory Board

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

### Library Board of Trustees

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

### Planning & Zoning Commission

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

### Parks & Recreation Commission

2nd Wednesday of each month  
(except February, June, July & December) at 7:00 p.m.  
Acting Chairperson: Sara Ficca

### 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 Sandmann

### Veterans Green Monument Committee

2nd Tuesday of even numbered months, 1:00 p.m.  
Chairperson: Rich Nagot

### Water Pollution Control Authority

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

### Zoning Board of Appeals

3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.  
(only when there is a case to be heard.)  
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174 Main Street  
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Fri. 9am-12pm, Closed every day 12pm-1pm

**Building Department**

174 Main Street  
860-526-6025  
buildingdept@deepriverct.us  
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**Connecticut River Area Health District**

445 Boston Post Road, Suite 7  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475  
860-661-3300  
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info@deepriverfd.com

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**Registrars of Voters**

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**Town Historian**

Richard Kalapos  
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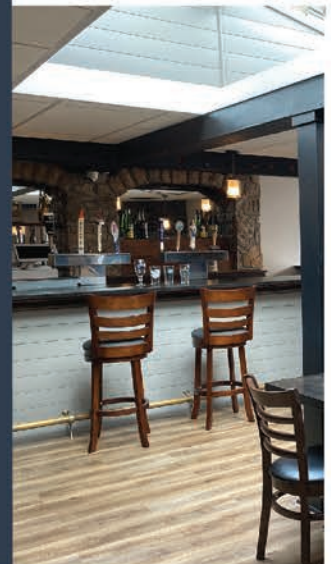
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