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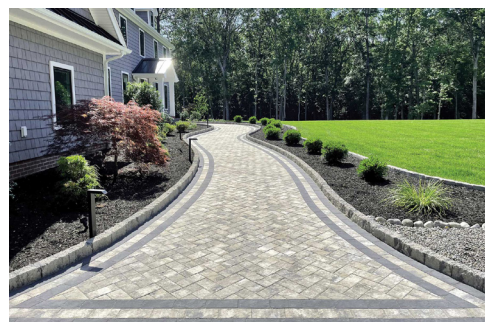
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Newly Retired Newington Women Now on Facebook!

Celebrating their special occasion, NEWLY-RETIRED NEWINGTON WOMEN and their director Jean Henry (2nd from right), are happy to announce that they have changed from a meetup group to a FACEBOOK group! Same great group, fun activities and twice-a-month daytime events! \$10 yearly dues. You don't have to be from Newington to join!



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4th-Generation Owner Celebrating 100 Years In The Concrete Business

By Gary Kleeblatt
Freelance Writer

CROMWELL - Continuity and change are both on display as Cromwell Concrete Products Inc., located at 667 Main St., celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Jason Libera, the president and owner of the business that was started by his great-grandfather in 1925, knows this best.

“Every generation in my family left their mark,” Libera said of the “baton passing” from great-grandfather to grandfather to father and, ultimately, to Libera, a 52-year-old resident of Rhode Island. “But each generation changed the company, worked hard, and got it to the next level,” he added. “Every generation did its part to get us where we are today.”

Libera said the tale of the business started in 1925 when his great-grandparents, Joseph and Anna, immigrated from northern Italy in the 1920s with their children. Their son Nello, who was 2 years old at the time, would later make major contributions to the business as it developed over the decades.

The couple bought a 10-acre plot of land where the business still stands on Main Street in the early ‘20s, and they operated it as a farm with a fruit stand. Libera said that in 1925, his great-grandfather also started making and selling concrete statues of animals, bird baths, and planters. This ornamental concrete was the beginning of their turn from farming to concrete manufacturing.

As the concrete business grew, the farming

diminished.

“The company changed significantly when my grandfather, Nello, revolutionized it in the 1940s by turning it into a large-scale manufacturing facility,” Libera said.

It was in the 1940s when Libera’s grandfather Nello oversaw the construction of the “block plant” where the concrete blocks are produced and which is still used to manufacture them today. “We’ve upgraded machinery,” Libera said. “But the original building is still there.”

Libera’s father Raymond took over the business in the 1980s, and Libera credits him with keeping the business “going and growing.” Then Libera himself became a partner in the business in 2007.

Since that time, the company began selling concrete pavers to contractors and homeowners, and it eliminated the part of the business involving pre-cast products in 2020.

“What I’m most proud of is that we navigated and grew the business through an ever-changing economy over the past 18 years,” Libera said.

His mother, Mary Ann Libera, said, “Cromwell Concrete has gone through many changes since it’s beginning 100 years ago. Jason has been instrumental in keeping the company successful and competitive now and for the future.”

In addition to contractors and homeowners, the company sells concrete block to the State of Connecticut and various municipalities. They also sell and rent tools needed for installing the pavers to both contractors and homeowners.

But he gets special satisfaction from the paver



Fourth-generation owner Jason Libera.

projects. “I really enjoy helping people create an outdoor living space that they can enjoy year round,” Libera said.

Libera works side by side with his wife Jodi, who serves as vice president and secretary. “It’s

a family affair.” Libera said. “I’m really proud of what we’ve done here. I have been working since I was 15. I’ve learned so much, and its very gratifying to be a part of a multi-generational family business.”

Traffic Accidents On The Rise On Local Stretch Of Rte. 91

By Randall Cox
Freelance Writer

ROCKY HILL - Hardly a month passes without news of another road safety incident on Interstate-91 in Rocky Hill. Last year there were several traffic deaths on the Rocky Hill stretch of I-91. And while there has yet to be a traffic death in Rocky Hill this year, crashes and incidents of dangerous driving continue with frightening regularity. And there is no end in sight.

On Sunday, April 6 at 10:21 a.m., a crash occurred on the northbound lane between Exits 23 and 24. The crash closed three lanes and snarled traffic for the rest of the morning. Fortunately, there were only minor injuries as a result of the collision.

Last month, on March 17, a crash on the southbound side of I-91 just past Exit 23 resulted in damage to the guardrail. As it occurred during the evening rush hour, there was considerable congestion and knock-on traffic jams on neighborhood streets, as drivers exited the highway in an attempt to avoid more delays.

On March 3, a man was arrested for driving approximately 115 mph on I-91 northbound near Exit 24. The incident occurred around 12:30 p.m. when the road was teeming with midday commuters. The driver was pulled over and apprehended peacefully.

On Feb. 1, several drivers sustained injuries after their car slid off the road into a drainage culvert at around 2 a.m. Police arrived on the scene, assisted the occupants out of the embankment, whereupon they were transported to area hospitals for non-life-threatening injuries.

Just two days prior, on Jan. 30, a driver suffered life-threatening injuries after a car rolled over at Exit 23, closing the exit for a time.

It’s not clear why this short, suburban stretch

of I-91 would be the sight of so many dangerous incidents. It is surely a concern for daily commuters and area residents. While the DOT has plans to erect noise barriers along stretches of I-91 in the area, there is little news about traffic safety measures or initiatives from the state. While highway noise is a concern, crashes and fatalities are much more so.

So far this year more than 50 traffic fatalities have occurred on Connecticut roads and highways. This number is down from recent years – 2022 to 2024 saw historic highs in traffic deaths – yet is still a tragically high number. And while few deaths are reported in the Rocky Hill area, it is still a stretch prone to many incidents, including crashes, speeding, and reckless and dangerous driving.

These incidents occur so often that we have become desensitized to them– we consider only how they might delay our commute, and not the potential injury and loss of life. But these crashes and deaths can be avoided.

We know what works: increased police presence and enforcement of driving infractions, public education campaigns that reach younger and at-risk drivers, lowering speed limits, continued and intensified anti-intoxicated-driving campaigns, increased use of ride-sharing/hailing services and more safe and reliable public transportation, with real incentives for people to ride.

All of these measures, when taken together, reduce traffic crashes and traffic deaths. It requires only the will from state and local officials to enact them. Until that happens, we can only wait for the next tragic incident to occur on our highways.

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EVENING INDOOR CONCERT SERIES: THE BOOMERS - Thursday, May 1, 6:00-8:00pm

Playing good time party classic Rock and Pop hits for people of all ages. Specialty Desserts will be served. Cost: Free to Rocky Hill Senior Center Members, \$5 Nonmembers. Co-Sponsor: MapleView. To register call (860)258-2786.

Local Officials Support Local Doctor Trying To Avoid Deportation Inquiry

By Liam McLoughlin
Staff Writer

CROMWELL — Town officials have taken to social media to voice their concerns over a unnerving letter received by Dr. Lisa Anderson, a U.S. citizen and Cromwell resident.

Anderson, a preventative medicine physician with more than 20 years practicing, was born in Pennsylvania. She received an email from the Department of Homeland Security, almost two weeks ago now, that said, “It is time for you to leave the United States.”

The automated Customs and Border Protection email also read, “If you do not depart the United States immediately you will be subject to potential law enforcement actions that will result in your removal from the United States — unless you have otherwise obtained a lawful basis to remain here,” according to WVIT’s report.

The CBP Home App was launched in March as part of the DHS’s attempt to encourage the use of a “self-deportation reporting feature for aliens illegally in the country,” according to the DHS Mar. 10 press release.

The release goes on to characterize this strategy as the “safest option,” while also an effective method for decreasing government costs.

“The CBP Home app gives aliens the option to leave now and self-deport, so they may still have the opportunity to return legally in the future and live the American dream,” DHS Secretary Kristi Noem said in the announcement. “If they don’t,

we will find them, we will deport them, and they will never return.”

“I really have no idea how my email ended up on that list,” Anderson told WVIT. This came just a few days following a Boston resident, and U.S. citizen, Nicole Micheroni, receiving the same email.

“She’s an American citizen who was born in Pennsylvania,” Senator Matt Lesser said on social media. “Shocking and outrageous behavior, a stunning violation of the Constitution.”

While likely a mistake, it still raises some worries for Anderson.

“It does make me concerned there’re a lot more people out there like me who probably thought this was spam, who probably didn’t realize, I have a problem,” she said to reporters.

Cromwell Mayor James Demetriades agrees that it was an “administrative error,” but believes that it requires swift action.

“I often try to avoid the specter of national politics on this page, but we can all agree that this Cromwell doctor has been incorrectly targeted and the federal government must issue an immediate rescision of their letter,” he said on Facebook.

Lasting ramifications of this development are unknown at this point, however Anderson is carrying her passport with her at all times, and is enlisting the help of an immigration attorney.

Fundraiser To Support Local Creative District

CROMWELL - Cromwell Creative District (CCD) is participating in the annual Birdies for Charity fundraiser, a collaboration between the Traveler’s Championship, Webster Bank, and local nonprofits.

Happening now through the end of the Traveler’s Championship in June 2025, Webster Bank will offer a 15% match to all donations CCD receives through the Birdies for Charity link.

With such a great incentive, CCD uses Birdies

for Charity fundraiser as its annual fundraising campaign. Donating to CCD means supporting its mission to revitalize downtown Main Street, support local business there, and enrich the lives of Cromwell’s residents.

To participate, you can donate at <https://partnerhq.com/birdies/travelerschampionship> click “donate now” and select Cromwell Creative District from the charity drop-down!

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Superintendent Addresses Concerns Over Elementary School Roof Leak

By Nicole Zappone
Staff Writer

ROCKY HILL - Earlier this month, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Zito wrote to Board of Education Chairman Steve Slattery regarding an inquiry about the roof of West Hill Elementary School.

Zito's letter referenced an anonymous Facebook post with pictures of water entering the school during rainy weather.

Zito's letter was then shared with parents in the April 10 Mustang Newsletter.

In the letter, Zito discusses the social media post that contained several allegations regarding the learning environment at West Hill Elementary School.

Zito mentions that the school has needed a new roof for a number of years.

"A review of documents from our approved Capital Improvement Plans (CIPs) indicates that the Board of Education first identified the need to replace the roof during the FY 2019-2020 bud-

get development profess with a target date of FY 2022-23 for construction," Zito wrote. "As a point of fact, the aging roof is experiencing periodic leaking following major rain events."

Zito pointed out that during the current fiscal year, five leaks occurred, requiring repairs of \$4,137.35.

Zito noted that roof leaks are addressed promptly with the district's on-call contractor to address the necessary repairs. Measurements have been implemented to prevent mold growth, which includes drying all the affected areas, conducting thorough inspections, and removing any water-soaked materials.

The most recent leak in the school occurred in late February, requiring the temporary installation of a water collection system. The source of the leak was difficult to locate and repair.

"This system remains in place as a precaution and will be removed once we are confident

that the issue has been fully resolved," Zito said. "There have been no recent signs of leak activity."

According to Zito, Jacunski Humes Architects has been contracted to provide roof design and construction administration services.

Design drawings are currently in process.

"The estimated total project cost is \$2,297,899, with the town's share amounting to \$1,591,719 after reimbursement from the State of Connecticut through the Department of Administrative Services Office of School Construction Grants and Review," Zito said.

In the letter, Zito assured Slattery that the school's doors remain closed and locked at all times, with the exception of school arrival and dismissal.

During arrival and dismissal times, staff members monitor individuals leaving and entering the school. When classes are in session, all visitors or late-arrival students come through the main entrance, which is access-controlled and monitored at all times.

Currently, the Rocky Hill Police Department provides three full-time school resource officers (SROs). The SROs rotate their assignments throughout the school day to maintain visibility

of all the district's schools during arrival and dismissal times.

"Our Integrated Pest Management vendor has not observed any unusual insect activity during their monthly inspections," Zito said. "Any reported concerns regarding insect activity are promptly addressed and treated by the vendor."

The nurse at West Hill School has no increased reports of asthma-related visits to the nurse's office.

"As you know, the Board of Education anticipates returning approximately \$1.6 million to the Town of Rocky Hill on June 30, 2025, following the close-out on the CIGNA health insurance plan, as outlined in my March 21, 2025, memo to the Town Manager," Zito said.

In Zito's memo from March, he noted that the BOE requests that this particular funding be placed into the capital non-recurring account to be used specifically for capital improvement projects.

Zito anticipates the finalization of the design for a new roof later in the month.

Zito said the earliest projected date for the beginning of construction would be July 1, 2026.

P And Z Reviewing Plans For Large Storage Facility

By Liam McLoughlin
Staff Writer

ROCKY HILL — Storing holiday decorations, childhood photos, and even classic vehicles is a pain and takes up a ton of space.

But, it looks like town residents with this issue might be getting the solution they need as Planning and Zoning officials met with lawyers representing the owner of 1610 Silas Deane Highway.

Attorney Peter Alter, of Alter, Pearson & Hope out of Glastonbury, led the discussion and introduced what the owner, Ron Lyman, hopes to do with the property.

A portion of the property in question was previously approved for a \$10 million hotel and restaurant project right before the COVID-19 pandemic erupted.

However, according to a letter submitted to the PZC from Alter, "Due to the economic conditions and issues with the State of Connecticut and the Metropolitan District, the project has not yet advanced...the owner has now considered an alternative, less impactful and more economically feasible development."

Instead of a hotel, a "state-of-the-art" storage facility would be built. According to Alter, the building would resemble an office building, and include numerous interior storage spaces. He explained that the "state-of-the-art" nature of the

project lies within its keypad security and lighting and temperature controls, which offer residents more peace of mind over their belongings.

"What we're presenting tonight is a proposal to seek a text amendment to add self-contained, self-storage facility use within the regional commercial zone, under which this property sits," Alter said. "What has become apparent, and interesting, your regulation has no provision for any self-storage facility in town at the present time and the proliferation of multifamily apartments, like the one you just approved, causes people to need other opportunities to store their personal property. There's been a great need expressed and apartment complexes just can't provide the kind of storage that people seem to require these days."

Rear portions of the site are to be included within conservation easements to prevent further development. Also discussed were possibilities for solar panels, options for colors, and integration with the current off-ramp on I-91.

Project representatives are now expected to return, at an unknown date, with a draft text amendment. Once approved, they will begin working more closely with designers, engineers, and construction experts to get started.

admire.

This event started on April 7 with the idea of everyone adding their own contribution to the LEGO village creation. This is to promote creativity and imagination in a fun and engaging setting.

Registration is required, with one slot per child attending. To register, call 860-258-7623 or go online to rhctlibrary.org

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Rocky Hill Library, who are always continuing to support creativity and enriching programs for the Rocky Hill community.

Come build, create, and be a part of something amazing.

Hospital Vocal Group To Celebrate 35 Years

temporary selections including "Moondance" and "Yacht Rock", a medley of smooth songs from the '70s and '80s. Under the accompaniment of Alan Dougherty and his ten-piece orchestra, the performance promises to be engaging, with the potential for audience toe-tapping and sing-alongs.

Proceeds from the concert fund scholarships for Middlesex County high school seniors pursuing careers in music or nursing. To date, we have awarded \$89,000, excluding the scholarships to be presented at this spring concert. We sincerely thank Middlesex Health and our loyal supporters.

Tickets are \$25. Call 860-347-2787 or 860-342-3120 for tickets, or visit www.vocalchords20.org. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

By Joyce Boncal
Freelance Writer

Public Forum To Discuss Critical Housing Problem

ROCKY HILL - It's well known there is a housing crisis in Connecticut and Rocky Hill has not escaped the problem.

In 2001 and again in 2022, when many first-time home buyers bought homes while interest rates were at 3.0% to 4.0%, those homeowners do not want to sell to upgrade or downsize and purchase a new home when interest rates are double what they were when they first purchased a home. The result is a low number of houses on the market. Economics 101 says a scarcity of a product will result in an increase in the price of that product. People who are willing to sell their home are getting their asking price and even above their price.

The rental housing situation in Connecticut is abysmal. Affordable rents are hard to find. Much of the housing stock in Connecticut is old - old three-family houses and two to three-story building apartments with many of those built just after World War II.

Some say zoning laws, restrictive policies and taxes in many towns are causing problems result-

ing in a lack of new apartment construction. It's common for renters in Connecticut to spend more than half of their income on rent when 30% is the norm.

To help educate potential home buyers and renters, the Town of Rocky Hill will be hosting a Housing Forum on April 30 at 6:30 p.m., at the Rocky Hill Town Hall, Town Council Chambers, second floor, 761 Old Main St.

Representatives from the following businesses and organizations will be present for discussion and to answer questions.

- Rocky Hill Housing Authority
- Human Services - renters rebate
- Connecticut Housing Finance Authority
- Washington Trust - Mortgage broker
- Liberty Bank - Mortgage lender

Rocky Hill does have an Affordable Housing Plan for 2022-2027. That plan can be viewed at: <https://www.rockyhillct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1251/Rocky-Hill-Affordable-Housing-Plan---Adopted-122122-PDF>

Fire District Boards Rejects Town Plan To Merge Budgets

By Liam McLoughlin
Staff Writer

CROMWELL — Mayor James Demetriades is pleading for public support in a unique situation to "streamline the voting process, reduce voter fatigue, reduce duplicative referendum costs on the taxpayers and promote higher turnout" in town elections.

Demetriades took to Facebook last week to invite support in encouraging the Cromwell Fire District to amend their bylaws and combine their budget referendum and commissioner elections.

According to Demetriades' post, "the Cromwell Fire District is a special district created by the legislature in the 1800s, which is a separate government from the town of Cromwell..."

Specifically, the district was established "by a Special Act of the Connecticut legislature on March 16, 1893, which authorized the District to 'provide a sufficient water supply of water for fire and other purposes by contract with the Cromwell Water Company,' according to their website.

He believes doing so would be for the betterment of the public, and provide a more efficient and convenient voting experience. Demetriades submitted a letter to the Board of Commissioners requesting a review and amendment on Feb. 13.

As shown in the Cromwell Fire District's meeting minutes documents, officials discussed this possibility at their last two Board of Fire Commissioners meetings, on March 18 and April 15.

At their March meeting, the topic received mixed opinions. Commissioner Charles Epstein agreed that "it will increase voter turnout and awareness and be more convenient to residents to only have to vote once."

However, other commissioners, like Robert McIntyre, were opposed to the integration. "Voters who come to vote no on the Town budget will be more likely to also vote no on the District budget," he said. "While we do have separate budgets, one can influence the voting on the other...Combining our efforts with the Town could politicize the process. The focus of the board is concern for the health and safety of our residents; and to provide them with clean, safe drinking water."

The board tabled the topic until April to wait for more information, at which point they voted 5 "yes" to 2 "no" in favor of maintaining the status quo.

In a letter responding to Demetriades dated April 16, Roger T. Hart, the executive director of the Cromwell Fire District wrote, "I sincerely appreciate the Town and District's efforts to look to the future to try and share services, but for now, the issue of a Town and District combined budget and election vote seems to be a closed matter."

Mayor Demetriades subsequently launched a petition and has encouraged residents to sign their names.



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Hartford, Local Officials Developing Plans For Added Trails Along CT River

By Joan Hunt
Staff Writer

WETHERSFIELD - New Town Planner David Elder introduced a study last week that has been going on for more than a year, in partnership with the City of Hartford, the town of Wethersfield, and Riverfront Recapture.

Mark Nichols reported that Riverfront Recapture is thrilled to be working on the project and he thinks it is a great opportunity for Hartford and Wethersfield.

"This is part of our bigger vision since 1982," said Nichols. "Riverfront has had a master plan of connecting Hartford and East Hartford residents to the Connecticut River, with an expansion both north and south to Windsor, Wethersfield, Glastonbury and South Windsor," he said. Then he handed the presentation off to senior transportation planner Daniel Anstutz of the consulting firm VHB.

"This is the Hartford to Wethersfield Multi-Modal Trail Routing Study," said Anstutz. "I want to talk a little bit about where we've gone and where we're going." He said they were looking at a trail rather than an onroad facility, but there are also some options for that through the city and the town.

"The purpose of the study was to study and recommend a trail route connection between the Charter Oak Landing in Hartford and the Putnam Bridge Trail in Wethersfield," he said. He said there are many bicycle and pedestrian infrastructures already on the maps and there are also trails within the area. Some of these in the city of Hartford include Locust Street, Meadow Street, Elliott Street, separated bike lanes up on Wethersfield Avenue and bike lanes that have been in

place for a while on Murphy Road, Reserve Road. The city is also planning to put bicycle lanes on Wawarme Avenue.

He said they also worked on bike lanes for Wolcott Hill Road and there are trails within the area of Wethersfield Cove Trail, across the river there's also the South Meadows River Trail and work that the town is doing to connect the Putnam Bridge Trail into Old Wethersfield along Marsh Road, along the reconstruction of Main Street.

Alignments that are being considered include Old Wethersfield, where the Putnam Bridge travels west along State Street and Hartford Avenue. Anstutz said that Marsh Street and Great Meadow Road are already being completed by the town in some way or another. And they are working on the Heritage Way Trail that is going to connect right into Main Street and then the Main Street reconstruction which is going to have a trail or path associated with that.

The Hartford onroad alignment is mostly about bike lanes with a discussion about ballards to protect the lanes and possibly widening streets.

A longer term goal for getting people to the river is called the Hartford Levee/River Alignment, which would be very expensive and time consuming, and may have to be studied for environmental impact.

The presentation included many handouts and diagrams, which were distributed to the people who came to the meeting. There is as yet no website for this study, but the intention is to finish it up within the next couple of months and to get a draft report out at that time.

Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum Prepares To Open For Season

By Joan Hunt
Staff Writer

WETHERSFIELD - It's that time again - a sure sign of summer to come, as Old Wethersfield comes to life, augmented by a host of wonderful activities at the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum.

Executive Director Benton Grom has sent around an informative newsletter that tells about upcoming exhibitions and activities - and, as is this way, - making them personal by telling the stories that accompany them.

For example, the longest-held item in the museum's collection is a life-sized portrait of Elizabeth Jarvis Colt, commissioned from artist Charles Noel Flagg in 1903 by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in Connecticut in America. The portrait honors this Hartford widow-turned-businesswoman as founder of the organization. It will dominate the Kuckro Gallery, calling attention to the exhibit Out of the Attic: A Century of Collecting.

The exhibit itself explores how the museum's treasured objects have been accumulated over time, as the result of many people's ideas, efforts and generosity, reflecting their private lives as

well. Some of the exhibition's pieces and personal artwork are on display for the first time in a generation.

"These stories carry a vital local impact and also emphasize the important place that the Webb, Deane, and Stevens buildings and objects occupy in national history," said Curator and Director of Preservation & Collections TR Revella-Hamilton.

A smaller exhibit called How to Build a Georgian House: Preservation in Action also opens on May 1. This one showcases architectural fragments and interpretive panels. Visitors will discover who built the Webb Deane Stevens Museum's historic houses and a great deal about their design and construction.

The WDS Member Exhibition Preview will be held for members only on Wednesday April 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Wine and light refreshments will be served. Please respond by Friday, April 25 to Renee Dumouchel.



Couple Celebrating 40th Anniversary

Wethersfield residents Jim and Mary Fields will be celebrating their 40th anniversary on May 4. They have two beautiful daughters, Ashley and her husband Matt, and Kellie and Jamie, as well as two handsome grandsons, Elliott and Garrett. Jim and Mary have lived in Wethersfield for more than 30 years.



Hospital Vocal Group To Celebrate 35 Years

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DEA Drug Take Back

On Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Wethersfield Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will host DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day at locations across the country. DEA and its partners will collect tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs.

For more than a decade, the event has helped Americans easily rid their homes of unneeded medications—those that are old, unwanted, or expired—that too often become a gateway to ad-

diction.

Wethersfield Police Department
250 Silas Deane Hwy, Wethersfield, CT, 06109
Collection sites will not accept syringes, sharps, and illicit drugs. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The cap must be tightly sealed to prevent leakage.

For more information and to find a collection site near you, visit www.DEATakeBack.com.

Men's Garden Club Plant Sale

Wethersfield Men's Garden Club (<https://www.facebook.com/Mens-Garden-Club-of-Wethersfield-165623468911>) will hold its annual plant sale from 9am to 1pm on Saturday May 10 in the Wethersfield Town Hall parking lot (515 Silas Deane Highway). The sale features heirloom and conventional flowers, shrubs and vegetables, including Webb-Deane-Stevens samples. Proceeds from the sale support multiple local garden/agricultural charities and maintenance of the Frank Weston Rose Garden next to the Wethersfield Town Hall. 10% off your purchase with a paper copy of this notice.



LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD

The Town Council of the Town of Wethersfield will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109 for the following:

RESOLUTION R25 - 003

To formally accept and record the extension of the Belcher Road public right-of-way on the town land records.

RESOLUTION R25 - 004

To name the T-Ball Field on the Broad Street Green in Honor of Judy and Richard M. Keane.

RESOLUTION R25 - 005

To Authorize the Approval of Wethersfield's Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices Municipal Plan Which Aligns with Connecticut Public Act 23-116 and the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Safety Goals and Initiatives to Improve Roadway and Pedestrian Safety. The full text of these documents is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office.

Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut this 24th day of April 2025.

Susan I. Schroeder
Town Clerk

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Town Advisory Committee Seeks Input From Seniors

By Joan Hunt
Staff Writer

WETHERSFIELD - Significantly, there are 11,000 registered voters in the town over the age of 55. This, in a town with a total population of 27,000 people. Speaking for the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee last week, Eunice Dibella said one of the group’s goals is to keep up with the needs of this august group. Problem is, they are very hard to get in touch with.

Dibella said that, in addition to the need for a safer and better-functioning senior center which the town is already working on, the committee wants to survey the senior population to find out what some of their more specific needs might be. They are in the process of developing the questions for a brief survey, but they are stumped as to how to reach the people they need to have fill it out.

“There are obvious ways that information can be disseminated; you can leave things in the library, places of worship, Town Hall,” said Dibella. But senior citizens are not attuned to digital formats, she said, and with the exception of the folks who regularly attend events at the senior center, it is going to cost money to get out the word.

“Once you collect the data, you have to collate the results and make sense out of it,” she con-

tinued. “So we would like to respectfully request a modest appropriation of \$2,000, which is way less than the whole project would take, but it is to get you thinking about it,” Dibella told the Town Council on April 7.

“We want you to consider the fact that seniors are a very large part of the population of this town, and they really deserve the consideration of this town to support them and to support the programming, and to try to figure out where their needs lie,” Dibella said.

The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee receives a small yearly stipend with which it presents a yearly educational program in May. The subject of this year’s program is personal safety, and it will be presented by the Wethersfield Police Department.

Other objectives of the committee are to review the Town Code as it applies to the committee, and it is currently working on the final draft of recommendations to be submitted to the town.

Mayor Ken Lesser, himself a member of the Wethersfield Senior Center, added that one needs only to be 55 years old to join and that there are many benefits of that membership.

Calling all Artists! 2025 Wethersfield Art League Show

Join us in displaying your art at the Keeney Memorial Cultural Center located at 200 Main Street in Old Wethersfield. We will be displaying all creative media including paintings, mixed media, sculpture, photography, pottery, fiber art, and carved wood. Awards will be given at the reception on Saturday May 31 from 1-3PM. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10AM to 4PM daily until June 26. We are proud to announce that national and international award-winning artist Shauna Shane will be our judge. Her expertise in multi-artistic mediums is the perfect fit for our eclectic art exhibition.

The drop off for the show is: Tuesday, May 27 from 1-3:30PM. Wednesday, May 28 from 10AM-noon

Entrance fees are \$15 for the first entry, \$10 for

WHS Interact Club Evening of Free Food

The Wethersfield High School Interact Club invites seniors for a fun filled evening of great food and entertainment on Saturday, May 17th from 5:00-8:00pm. Tickets may be purchased for \$10 from the Wethersfield Senior Center, 30 Greenfield Street until May 12th. To RSVP or for more information, please contact the Senior Center at 860-721-2770 or senior.center@wethersfieldct.gov OR Nella Szilagyi, Interact Club Advisor at 860-571-8284 or nszilagyi@wethersfield.me.

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Legal Notice Town Of Wethersfield Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Wethersfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday April 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Wethersfield Town Hall 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut, to hear and be heard on the following application:

Application No. 6296-25: **Variance from section 3.7 (Dimensional Requirements); to allow aggregate side yard set back of 24 feet as against 27 feet required (to facilitate addition next to the garage)**
Location: 96 Stockingmill Road. Applicant: Paul Randazzo.

Town of Wethersfield
Zoning Board of Appeals
Rita-Ann Owen, Chairman

By Charles F. Morrison, Duly Authorized

Dated at Wethersfield Connecticut, this 11th day of April, 2025.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION Town of Wethersfield PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Wethersfield Planning and Zoning Commission held a public meeting on April 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut and made the following decision:

Application 2202-25-Z Tesla c/o Scott Austin seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.3.A.13 (Accessory Uses & Structures) of the Wethersfield Zoning Regulations for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at 1267-1319 Silas Deane Highway – **DENIED.**

Application 2204-25-Z Stefano Construction LLC seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 3.6.C (Accessory Buildings & Structures) of the Wethersfield Zoning Regulations for a shed over 200 Sq. Ft. at 101 Black Birch - **APPROVED.**

Planning and Zoning Commission
David Elder, AICP, Town Planner
Duly Authorized

Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut,
this 16th day of April, 2025

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD

The 2025 Charter Revision Commission of the Town of Wethersfield will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109. In accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, Chapter IX, Sect 907 and Connecticut General Statutes §7-191(a), the Commission will receive comments and recommendations on proposed changes to the Town of Wethersfield Charter.

Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut this 24th day of April, 2025.

Susan I. Schroeder
Town Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE Town of Wethersfield PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Wethersfield Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Public Hearing 2205-25-Z Matthew Hock seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 3.6.C (Accessory Buildings & Structures) of the Wethersfield Zoning Regulations for a garage over 200 Sq. Ft. at 50 Nott Street.

Public Hearing 2206-25-Z CoffeeFix CT LLC seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.8 (Alcoholic Beverages) of the Wethersfield Zoning Regulations for a liquor permit from the State of Connecticut at 945 Silas Deane Highway.

Public Hearing 2208-25-Z Commercial Development Services Group LLC seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.2 (Permitted Principal Uses), 5.3 (Accessory Uses & Structures) and 5.8 (Alcoholic Beverages) for multi-tenant building with office, restaurant, place of assembly, outdoor dining and other similar uses at 207 Church Street.

Planning and Zoning Commission
David Elder, AICP, Town Planner
Duly Authorized

Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut,
this 18th day of April, 2025.

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Council Decides To Use Reserves To Reduce Projected Tax Increase

By Liam McLoughlin
Staff Writer

NEWINGTON — Before the final budget meeting that took place on April 22, Town Council members got together at a special meeting to discuss final changes to the proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.

During the meeting, town councillors made various reductions to proposed budget items and areas of the town, including funding for bridge inspections, Candlewyck Park, sidewalk and curb maintenance, highway and parks garage improvements, and others.

The majority of present councillors agreed to remove \$450,000 from the funds allocated from Candlewyck Park, as well as \$50,000 from both the highway and park garage improvement budget items.

Mayor Trister explained his and his colleagues' rationale for many of these decisions, saying they looked for areas "...where we felt were a little overfunded and we could take a little off the top to get a little more cut from the budget.

We looked everywhere, we looked under every stone we possibly could."

The council also made certain increases in funding in certain areas. Funding attributed to "Historic Properties" increased from \$40,000 to \$50,000, and the Economic Development Commission was also allocated an additional \$1500.

An additional \$13,000 was also given to the Newington Senior Center. This decision was made in the wake of a loss of federal funding to the organization's "Elderly Nutrition Program" and will ideally ensure everyone at the center has access to regular meals.

A major topic of the night was the decision to increase the amount of the General Fund balance by \$2,300,000, intended to be used as a "tax relief" strategy for residents amidst rising costs. This would subsequently increase the total amount used from the fund to \$5,625,000.

"I hate touching our savings account," said Councillor A.J. Tiniakos. "If you've looked at

your 401k lately, you might think it's raining outside. So just the way things are going right now, with our national economy and at the local level, I think that this time period with how our market is warrants us to dip into our rainy day funds."

This dip into funds would be used to help offset the increasing mill rate, which was said to be increasing to 40.63.

Councillor Kathy Gionzalez agreed with Tiniakos, saying "There are many, many people that are one emergency away from not being able to pay their mortgage, and not being able to pay their bills," she said in support of the increase. "Raising the taxes is just something that I don't think the residents can take on right now."

However, Councillor Tim Manke and Gail Budrejko expressed their concerns over such a withdrawal from the Town's General Fund.

"I appreciate what you're trying to do, but I like a more rainy day cushion than that," Manke said. "I think it's a bad policy. I think taking out money is good, but this would be \$5.6 million, which is pretty steep."

Budrejko added onto Manke's feelings.

"Yes, it's raining now, but that's not to say that it's going to be showering and thundering in the future, too," Budrejko said. She also explained that the upcoming revaluations are "going to hit us hard" next year, and having a healthier General Fund at that point could be the saving grace.

Budrejko also mentioned that this would take the Town's savings from 18.4% to 16%, which would affect their overall credit rating.

The final operating budget for the 2025-26 year, as well as the CIP budget, was expected to be finalized April 22.

Youth Council Seeks Tighter Control For Unregulated Substances

By Margaret Radman
Freelance Writer

NEWINGTON - Protecting teens from the persistent and growing threat of unregulated substances that are readily accessible in corner stores, gas stations, and convenience stores was the key issue of the Newington Youth Council meeting last week.

The discussion, that was led by Clinical Services Coordinator Kayla Hendrickson, focused on the need for tighter regulation on the sale of products like Delta 8 – a synthetic cannabis substance, and kratom, a tropical southeastern botanical, that are both popular among teens.

The discussion came on the heels of the town-sponsored vaping, cannabis, and kratom info session for parents in March. "We talked about the different kinds of cannabis that is being sold at the gas station," and the dangers of vaping, said Hendrickson.

As there is currently no minimum age to purchase these unregulated, non-FDA approved products, this makes them easily accessible to teenagers who may be unaware of the potentially serious health risks associated with their use, stressed Hendrickson.

Delta 8, a synthetic cannabinoid product is, unlike products from licensed cannabis dispensaries, entirely untested, with unpredictable effects, that could contain harmful contaminants and impurities. It is associated with an array of side effects including anxiety, vomiting, dizziness, cognitive issues, and psychosis.

"One of the things we're seeing in this product is early onset psychosis because of the potency," explained Hendrickson.

Kratom, also an unregulated substance that is widely available throughout the state, is purported to have certain medicinal/recreational effects

but is associated with serious health risks including liver damage, increased heart rate, and addictive potential, as well as exacerbation of existing mental problems.

In collaboration with the community and Steps - the Southington-based coalition that is dedicated to addressing the problems of underage drinking, tobacco, vaping, cannabis use and misuse among youth - the Youth Council is making a significant impact and change in the law may be on the horizon.

Hendrickson highlighted the work of Steps that advocates around the capitol for regulation to set the minimum age to 21 for the purchase of these products.

Currently there is pending legislation that was introduced in January of this year. If passed, kratom and similar unregulated substances will be treated the same as tobacco and alcohol in Connecticut, requiring a purchaser to be at least 21 years of age.

While laws prohibiting sales will be a deterrent to teens, the continued need for raising awareness on the dangers of these substances remains. The council will be accomplishing this through fund raiser events coordinated with local restaurants as well as educational events, guest speakers, and alliances with organizations such as Alateen, Interval House, and CCAR (Conn. Community for Addiction Recovery).

Consideration is also being given to establishing a dedicated panel to address the problems of underage substance abuse.

The Youth Council will continue to host hybrid events as they have in the past, Hendrickson added, giving everyone an opportunity to join in the discussion.

SPRING POPS!

Sunday, May 18 - 4:00

FREE CONCERT

Music from Wicked, Mamma Mia, Billy Joel, and more. Choirs, soloists, band, handbells, organ Peter Niedmann, Music Director.

Church of Christ, Congregational, 1075 Main St., Newington, CT newingtonuucc.org

NEWINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF DECISION

At a meeting of the Newington Conservation Commission, Newington, Connecticut, held on April 15, 2025 the following action was taken.

APPROVED WITH STANDARD CONDITIONS:

Application IW-25-2: To Construct A 40-Unit Residential Project And Associated Infrastructure Within The URA (Upland Review Area) At 220 Kitts Lane, 226 Kitts Lane, 226 Kitts Lane Rear And 244 Kitts Lane. Applicant/Contact: Patrick Snow, Owner: Kitts Lane Apartments, LLC.

Chris Zibbideo
Newington Town Engineer
Inland Wetland Agent

Legal Adv., The Rare Reminder April 24.



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temporary selections including "Moondance" and "Yacht Rock", a medley of smooth songs from the '70s and '80s. Under the accompaniment of Alan Dougherty and his ten-piece orchestra, the performance promises to be engaging, with the potential for audience toe-tapping and sing-alongs.

Proceeds from the concert fund scholarships for Middlesex County high school seniors pursuing careers in music or nursing. To date, we have awarded \$89,000, excluding the scholarships to be presented at this spring concert. We sincerely thank Middlesex Health and our loyal supporters.

Tickets are \$25. Call 860-347-2787 or 860-342-3120 for tickets, or visit www.vocalchords20.org. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Newington Dog Contest is Back! Join the Fun – Pick the Perfect Pooch – to win Tag #1

The Newington Town Clerk will be holding a "Perfect Pooch" contest prior to the start of the licensing period.

To participate, send a non-returnable photo of your dog by April 30th, to: Town Clerk, 200 Garfield St., Newington, CT 06111. The pictures will be posted in the Town Clerk's office. Anyone visiting the Town Clerk's office will be able to vote for the "Perfect Pooch" candidate of their choice.

Voting will begin on May 1st and votes will be tallied on May 30, 2025. The first, second and third place dogs will be issued license numbers 1, 2 and 3.

Dog licenses are issued beginning on the first business day of June. To obtain a license, send a spaying/neutering certificate to the Town Clerk's office. The fee is \$8 for spayed/neutered dogs, and \$19 for non-spayed/neutering dogs. Rabies vaccination information must be current for the licensing period, beginning July 1, 2025. Rabies vaccination certificates will be returned to the owner with the new licensing tags.

Licenses may also be obtained in person at the clerk's office. Licenses issued after June 30th are assessed a penalty of \$1 per month. Call 860-665-8545 with any questions.

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Wetlands Board Approves 40 Units For Kitts Lane Site

By Liam McLoughlin
Staff Writer

NEWINGTON — Despite many concerns, a 40-unit residential complex is moving forward after having its application approved by the Conservation Commission last week.

Patrick Snow, the owner of Kitts Lane Apartments LLC, has finally reached the light at the end of the tunnel as his application to develop a residential complex at 220, 226, 226 rear and 244 Kitts Lane passed with a majority vote of 5-2, with one abstention.

However, the Conservation Commission meeting didn't necessarily start out on a positive note for Snow, as many members of the commission shared their concerns about the application,

Celebrate May the German Way

The Hartford Saengerbund German American club will celebrate the arrival of spring with its annual Maifest party from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 3. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children. There will be German food and a variety of beverages for sale, including imported German beer on tap. Slices of homemade cake will also be available for purchase. The duo Scha Musi will perform popular German and Ameri-

Graduation Banners

Newington Public Schools embraces the public display of our school spirit as witnessed by the creative graduation announcement banners. The following guidelines must be observed out of respect for all community members.

- The banners are for High School Seniors Only
- The size of the banner may not to exceed 4'x8'
- Banners may ONLY be hung on the fences at Clem Lemire Recreation Complex on the fence facing Willard Avenue and Mill Pond Park exte-

despite many of the changes made over the last few months.

Chairman Jeffrey Zelek began the discussion, commenting that he still had many worries over the impact this development is to have on the surrounding environment, specifically the upland review area.

"During (my) time on the commission, I've not seen an application site plan that is quite as detrimental to the upland review area as this site plan, as it is presented," Zelek said. "I've never seen a request for the deforestation and excavation of 60% of an upland review area, and I've never seen anything that leaves such small margins for a buffer area between the development

can songs. The Hartford Saengerbund is located at 719 North Mountain Road in Newington. For more information call 860-953-8967, visit hartsfordsaengerbund.org, or look for it on Facebook. This event will be held rain or shine. For additional information call 860-953-8967, visit hartsfordsaengerbund.org, or check out its Facebook page.

rior fence facing Willard Avenue.

- Oversized banners or those put up ahead of Friday, May 30, 2025 will be taken down and discarded.

Banners may be put up beginning 12:00 noon on Friday, May 30, 2025 and must be removed by 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 29, 2025. Please note if banners are not removed by June 29th, they will be discarded. Please help us continue this wonderful tradition by observing these guidelines. Thank you for your support.

and the wetlands that are flagged on this plan."

Member Alan Paskewich agreed with some of Zelek's initial concerns, adding, "Based on the 100-year storm event that this plan has been designed to, I think it's going to be a factor that's going to possibly cause flooding. I can't predict the future, but the future is moving fast due to climate change across the country...Flooding moving down to Kitts Lane, there's no buffer to stop it. Trees are going to be taken down, deforested, and it's going to be a flood."

Other commissioners emphasized the work the applicant has done to address concerns, and mitigate any potential damage to the site and surrounding areas. In a town memorandum, town engineer Chris Zibbideo, outlined these changes, which included a reduction to 40 units, modification to the drainage system, elimination of a

3-Vehicle Crash Claims 4 Lives, Investigation Is Continuing

By Nicole Zappone
Staff Writer

NEWINGTON -- The Newington Police Department is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that took place over the weekend.

The accident happened on Saturday, April 19, on Willard Avenue at approximately 9 a.m. Police said the cause of the crash is still underdetermined.

According to police, three vehicles were involved in the crash, and four people were pronounced dead.

Police identified the four victims as 17-year-old Gabriela Difo, of Newington; 50-year-old Florinda Tineo, of Newington; 48-year-old Jeannette Tineo, of Newington; and 56-year-old Maritza Smith, of New Britain.

A fifth person who was involved in the crash suffered minor injuries.

Police said physical evidence at the scene paints a fundamental picture of the events leading up to the collision.

"It does not appear as though the surviving victim of the crash was at fault," Police said. "We can also confirm that the vehicles involved were not stolen or driven by anyone without the owner's

Catch 'Em All Reading Adventure

GFWC Newington/Wethersfield Woman's Club Education and Library Chairman, Pamela Garde, is pleased to announce our newly updated reading challenge for all elementary school students in Newington. Our sincere appreciation to Beverly Blount-Lawrence, Director of Curriculum & Instruction and to the Media Specialists who created the Pokémon Bingo Challenge from April 21 through May 19. Each school will receive \$100 toward the purchase of books to add to their Media Centers.

The squares on the bingo card offer so many

looped road, and revisions to landscape plans to minimize "potential erosion."

"In general, the applicant did a ton of work to prevent disruption to the wetland and I really appreciate that," member Gregory Ostrinsky said. "I trust that the applicant will do what they can to prevent destruction to the wetland."

The nature of this approval might well have had a different outcome if single family homes, or some other type of structure were being built, according to member John Bachand.

"I think the saving grace here is that this is going to be a private owner, so if something goes wrong — if it's causing flooding or if it's damaging their own property, that's on them...they are going to have to carry that responsibility," he said.

permission."

Investigation into the case will take several weeks or months to complete.

The reconstruction process for the investigation involves numerous investigative steps, including collecting digital information from each vehicle, canvassing for any residential or business video, interviewing witnesses, completing vehicle inspections, conducting damage analysis, and more.

During the investigation, the police will collect and evaluate all potential evidence and provide an accurate synopsis of the cause. The information will be given to those immediately impacted by the tragedy.

"Unfortunately, this process takes time, and investigators will be meticulous in this process," police said. "With that in mind, please respect the privacy of those who lost loved ones and resist the urge to speculate."

The Newington Police Department asks anyone with information about the incident to contact Officer Lambros at 860-594-6229 or glambros@newingtonct.gov.

Members of the public are invited to

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

State Project No. 0093-0251
Route 175 Sidewalk Installation
in Newington

Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
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The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community with an opportunity to learn about the proposed project and allow an open discussion of any views and comments concerning the proposed improvements. A Q&A session will immediately follow the presentation.

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Construction is anticipated to begin spring 2026. The estimated cost for this project is approximately \$2.6 million with 80% federal funds and 20% state funds.

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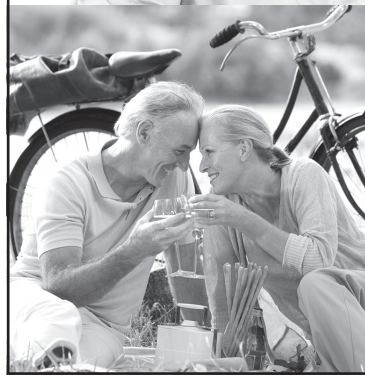
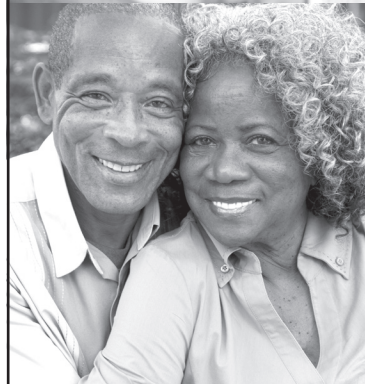
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The real estate experts at Zillow estimate that homes with backyard features such as outdoor televisions, outdoor showers and outdoor kitchens command 3.1 percent more than expected upon reaching the market. If 3.1 percent doesn't sound like a lot, it actually equates to nearly \$11,000 on a typical home. But there's more to gain than money when converting a backyard space into a relaxing respite. Such spaces can provide a welcoming escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life, all the while giving homeowners and residents

a comfortable space to soak in the great outdoors. With that in mind, homeowners can take the following steps to establish a peaceful backyard retreat.

Refresh the landscape. Even if your vision is centered on outdoor furniture and a space that accommodates movie nights under the stars, it's still best to refresh the existing landscape if it needs a little upkeep. Overgrown trees, hedges and bushes can create the same cluttered vibe that dominates interior spaces overrun with items. If necessary, work with a local tree service or landscape architect to trim, or even remove, trees and hedges that are crowding the backyard and making it feel claustrophobic or giving it an unkempt look. Aim for a landscape that affords a balance of sun and shade so the space is as comfortable as possible throughout

the day.

Set up multiple gathering spaces, if possible. Once a backyard retreat is established, everyone who calls the property home might find the space hard to resist. Keep this in mind when planning the space and aim to set up multiple gathering spaces. An outdoor kitchen with a nearby dinner table can be a great space to enjoy al fresco dining, but a separate area to read a book or watch a movie or ballgame can make the space more versatile. Some may want to relax away from the noise of the grill area, and multiple gathering spaces ensures there's always a peaceful spot to unwind out back.

Add a water feature. Running water has a way of calming the nerves, and that's good to keep in mind when planning a backyard retreat. Water features run the gamut from gar-

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Don't forget shade. Temperatures are rising in many areas of the globe, and that's worth noting when planning a backyard retreat. Even the most ardent sun worshippers likely won't want to be exposed to the sun at all times when relaxing in their backyards. Strategically chosen means of providing shade can make spaces enjoyable all day long. Consider umbrellas, gazebos, pergolas, and even retractable awnings to cover patios and decks when the sun is at its highest each afternoon. If you plan to spend ample time in the grass, make that more enjoyable by planting shade trees, which also can protect the grass from drought and make it more comfortable underfoot.

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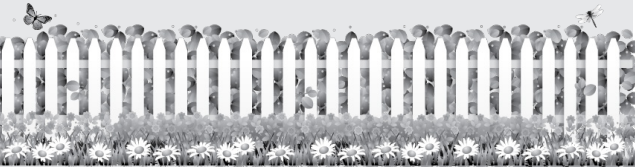


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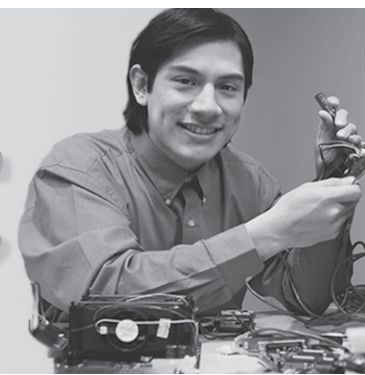
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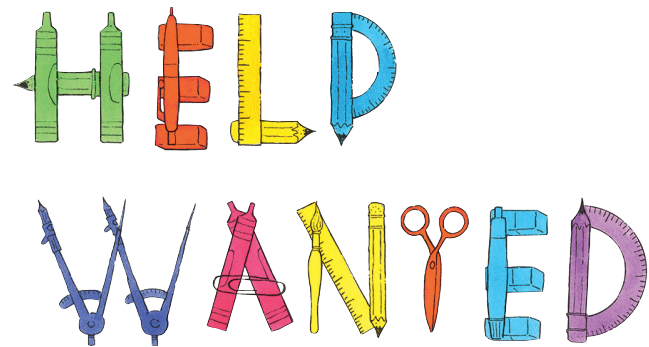
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Automotive Forum

Defensive Driving Benefits Your Vehicle

Defensive driving is a technique and set of skills that is designed to make roadways as safe as possible. Defensive driving teaches drivers how to anticipate potential hazards and respond to them accordingly. By maintaining awareness of one's surroundings, directing focus to the road and preparing to act quickly, drivers can greatly reduce their risk of being involved in accidents.

Although defensive driving is important from a personal safety perspective, it also can be good for vehicles. Here's a look at some of the advantages to driving defensively.

Decrease the number of vehicle repairs. Driving defensively could help keep a vehicle out of the repair shop. When a person stays focused on the road, he or she can steer clear of debris, potholes and other vehicles that might normally cause damage. If there are no bumps and bruises to a vehicle, a driver will make less frequent trips to a me-

chanic or auto body shop.

Reduce the frequency of maintenance. Defensive driving can mean driving more smoothly. This can help drivers extend the life expectancy of brakes and tires, saving them money along the way.

Reduce fuel consumption. Driving steadily and smoothly also can translate into greater fuel economy. This means a driver may not have to fill up at the gas pump as often.

Lower auto insurance premiums. People who drive defensively and get into fewer accidents could be rewarded with lower insurance premiums. Money saved on car insurance could be used to finance vehicle upgrades. Savings also can be repurposed for exterior and interior detailing, helping to retain the value of the vehicle for longer.

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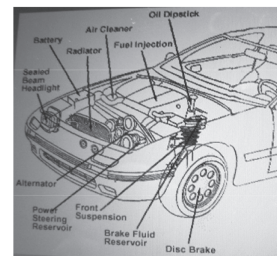


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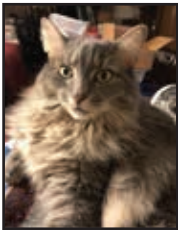
Miles is a handsome, five month old teenager. He is a striking, classic and Bengal brown tabby. Miles is in need of a nurturing home so build his confidence. He was born in a warehouse so he had to be cautious. He is blossoming in his foster home and just absolutely loves the other cats. His ideal home should have another cat. Miles is also good with dogs. Miles loves to play with water. Please fill out an application on our website at www.hucatrescue.org.



Our miniature, little cutie, Claire is ready for her forever home! She's been through a lot trying to survive. She does test positive for FIV antibodies but only 3% of cats that test positive actually get the retrovirus. Claire is not aggressive at all to other cats so she can be in a home with non positive cats. Claire is very cuddly and loves attention. Please fill out an application on our website at www.hucatrescue.org.

Whisky is a handsome, tuxedo rescued from the city streets. He is very happy and grateful to be in a home. Whisky is outgoing and friendly. He is good with other cats and good with the foster home's two dogs but not so good with a third yappy energetic dog. He would also be content being an only cat. Please fill out an application on our website at www.hucatrescue.org.

FEMALE & MALE CATS



Gender: Female/Male
Breed: DMH/DSH
Color: Grey Tabby/Grey & White
Age: 13 years old



This is a courtesy posting. This cat is not fostered by Cat Tales. Contact the owner directly for more information. We have very little information on these two beauties. Not even names were given. But this female and male cat need a new home together because their owner was brought to a memory care facility. Please keep them together as they are bonded. Please contact Laurie in Portland, CT at lauriefetzko@sbcglobal.net

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Cookie is a stunning, exotic dark gray tabby. She's been waiting for a while for her forever home. She has gained confidence and is even more ready now to make a love connection. She is around two years old. Please fill out an application on our website at www.hucatrescue.org. Thank you!

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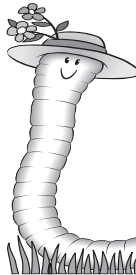
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Dog parents can practice pet etiquette

Dogs are popular pets. Forbes Advisor reports 65.1 million households in the United States have a dog, and there are roughly 89 million dogs in the country. According to Dogster, Canadians own about 7.9 million dogs as of 2022.

People have grown accustomed to treating their dogs like members of the family, and that means that dogs increasingly are being brought along on errands, traveling with their human companions, and even being brought into the workplace. It's important for pet parents to always be mindful of their dogs' behavior when out and about, or even hanging closer to home. Dog owners can follow these dog etiquette pointers to be responsible pet owners.

- Get permission from your employer before taking a dog to work. If you plan to take your pet into the workplace, whether during Take Your Dog to Work Day or Take Your Pet to Work Week, or any time of the year, it is best to check with management to find out if this is allowed. You must be mindful of people's dog

fears or allergies and be respectful of others no matter how much fun it might be to bring your dog into a public space. The warm and fuzzy feelings dog owners feel for their dogs are not necessarily shared by everyone.

- Quiet nuisance barking. Do not leave your dog outside unattended for a long time. This can cause what the American Kennel Club characterizes as boredom barking. Quiet your dog if he or she is barking, or bring the pet indoors.

- Always leash your dog. Some people are not comfortable around dogs. And even if your dog is friendly, others met on walks or outings may not be. To prevent uncomfortable situations or even dog bites, it's best to always leash your dog. Choose a leash short enough to prevent your dog from jumping on passersby.

- Ask permission first. Check to see if your dog is allowed to greet people or other dogs. If someone says, "no," respect that answer.

- Clean up after your pet. Always have waste bags at

the ready so you can clean up after your dog. This also applies indoors, should your dog have an accident inside a pet-friendly store.

- Be mindful of shopping with pets. Many stores do not allow dogs inside, but employees may be hesitant to approach pet owners about such policies. Many stores only allow trained service dogs that are Americans With Disabilities Act-compliant. Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Service animal designations are exclusive to dogs. However, a number of people have "emotional support animals," which are not recognized as service animals. As a general rule of thumb, know a store's policy on non-service animal

pets before visiting. And, when shopping at food stores, it's best to leave the dog at home.

- Train your dog. A dog that knows basic obedience training will behave better in the community. If you are having trouble training your dog alone, consider working with an experienced dog trainer.

Dogs are beloved members of the family. However, pet owners should practice proper etiquette when dogs are out and about.



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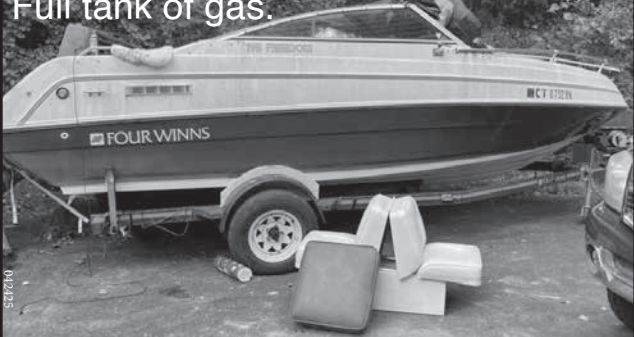
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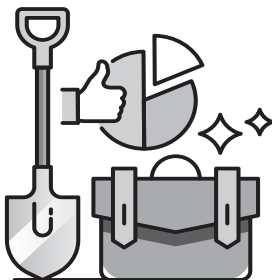
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The Friends of the Wethersfield Library are now taking donations of books, puzzles, CD's, and DVD's. The Friends of the Wethersfield Library would like to thank all who supported the very successful fall book sale. All proceeds benefit library programs such as summer reading, museum passes and interactive author interviews. Books leftover from the sale are donated to local nonprofit organizations. Watch for further details for the Jigsaw Puzzle and blowout CD sale coming in January.

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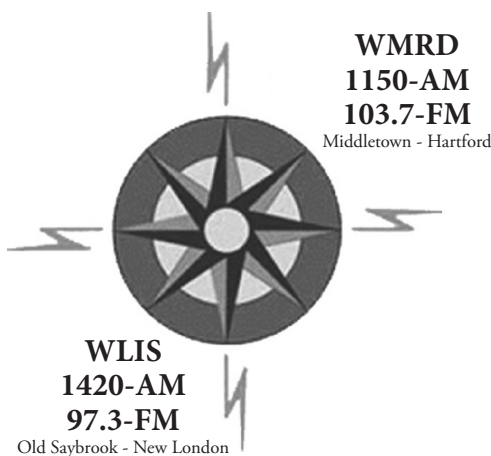
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Science Bowl Seeks Teams

Are there any middle school students in the towns of Cromwell, Middletown, Newington, Rocky Hill or Wethersfield that are well versed in things science? There is still time for any student, parent or teacher to register a team of five students to compete in our February 8th event at Smith Middle in Glastonbury. The National Science Bowl, run by the U.S. Dept. of Energy will fly our winning team (all expenses) to Washington D.C. for the Nationals April 24th to 28th. Win or place 2nd there and your school's science department wins \$5,000. Google 'National Science Bowl' - click on the 'Regional Competitions and Deadlines' link on the left; then click on 'Middle School Regionals' on the left and lastly scroll down and click on Connecticut.

Rocky Hill Memorial Day Parade

We are proud to announce the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26th at 9:30 a.m. The parade will begin at Rocky Hill High School (50 Chapin Ave). We encourage the participation of veteran associations, military organizations, schools and community groups. Organizations and individuals interested in participating or sponsoring the event are invited to contact the Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation Department at (860) 258 2772 or email rchhabra@rockyhillct.gov



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SPORTS CORNER

2025 Rare Reminder Bizarro Draft

By Josh Howard

The National Football League draft starts tonight! Since 2015, the scouts and staff at the Rare Reminder have put together the annual Bizarro Draft — where we entered The Land of Make Believe, in which NFL teams selected from the pool of talented players who starred at the five local public high schools (Cromwell High School, Middletown High School, Newington High School, Rocky Hill High School, and Wethersfield High School).

The Tennessee Titans are now on the clock...
[Draft order as on April 21]

1. Tennessee Titans - Cam Righi (QB-Wethersfield): Righi checks all the boxes — athletic, strong, smart, savvy, with a cannon for an arm. It won't be long until he unseats fellow CT native Will Levis behind center, bringing a Steve McNair-esque flair back to the franchise.

2. Cleveland Browns - Matt Gish (LB-Cromwell): Gish adds toughness and tenacity to a unit of strength in Cleveland. Exceptional athlete with explosive power and balance from his days as a state champion wrestler. Drives through ball carriers like a hot knife through butter. Loves to grind.

3. New York Giants - Joey Motes (QB-Rocky Hill): G-Men make slash by selecting franchise quarterback with all the tools and moxie. Motes possesses both a live arm and athletic skills to perfectly fit into Brian Daboll's offense. Throws accurate, catchable darts with ease and confidence. Loves a challenge.

4. New England Patriots - Heath Weeden (MLB-Newington): Weeden is the prototypical, productive player that Mike Vrable craves and will become cornerstone of Patriots defense for years to come. Heady, stout, always around ball, and delivers in big moments. The total package.

5. Jacksonville Jaguars - Zion Robinson (OL-Middletown): Versatile lineman with power to pancake defenders and wiggle to get to the next level. Robinson is both dependable and consistent. An instant upgrade to a Jaguars offensive line in flux.

6. Las Vegas Raiders - Vaughn Payne (DB - Cromwell): Long and strong with tacky hands from playing receiver. Payne attacks the ball is flight and can outmuscle receivers with rebounding skills from extensive basketball background. Pete Carroll's initial building block to the rebirth of the Legion of Boom in Sin City.

7. New York Jets - Chase Lemos (OL-Wethersfield): Workman-like and consistent road grader with high motor. Lemos gives maximum effort and has the skillset to protect the pocket and smash defenders at second level. Solid from first snap to last.

8. Carolina Panthers - Zachary Girolamo (OLB/DE-Newington): Girolamo is a productive prospect with unique versatility to play on all three levels of defense. Fluid hips allow him to attacks the ball with precision and thrive in coverage.

9. New Orleans Saints - Enzo Corvino (QB-Newington): Kellen Moore gets a franchise changing QB that throws with precision and plays with poise. Moore-Corvino Could be the second coming of Payton-Brees in the Big Easy. Corvino throws tight spiral and is an underrated athlete that is deadly accurate on run and can move chains with his legs. A gamer.

10. Chicago Bears - Edward Kocaqi (C-Rocky Hill): An anchor in the middle for Caleb Williams and new coaching staff in Windy City. Kocaqi has quick feet and uses leverage to perfection. Solid as a rock.

11. San Francisco 49ers - Luis Garcia (DB-Wethersfield): More tools than a hard-

ware store. Garcia is a blanket in coverage and could have Travis Hunter-type impact if he gets chance on offense. Dynamite in the return game.

12. Dallas Cowboys - Jess Elfreich (QB-Cromwell): Move over Dak as Jerry Jones shakes things up by banking quarterback of the future in Big D. Elfreich can make any throw in the book and brings a coach's mentality to the huddle. Too good to pass up at this point in draft

13. Miami Dolphins - Zion Smallman (DE-Middletown): Under the radar prospect with ideal size and strength. Smallman has a knack for disrupting the backfield. Sky is the limit for athletic specimen.

14. Indianapolis Colts - Erik Bellovoda (LB-Wethersfield): An absolute steal at this point in the draft. Bellovoda is a thumper, has great instincts, and possesses excellent recognition in coverage. Produces and delivers, particularly in crucial moments.

15. Atlanta Falcons - Logan Quick (T-Cromwell): Quick has the makings of a 10+ year career. Emerging star will provide protection for Penix in pocket and has brute power to push people around in run game.

16. Arizona Cardinals - Josiah Sims (LB-Newington): All-world athlete with seemingly endless potential. Sims is strong as an oak tree and can move like a seasoned dancer. A mismatch nightmare for offensive coordinators.

17. Cincinnati Bengals - Jayzair Hall (DE-Rocky Hill): Hall strikes fear in opponents and will add much needed pass rush to a Cincy defensive unit looking for identity. Rare combination of size, skill, and elite first step. Looks the part and delivers.

18. Seattle Seahawks - Rayjon Buttram (WR-Middletown): Dynamite in a bottle with wheels to make meals. Buttram is explosive off the line, a precise route runner, and dangerous in the return game. QB's best friend out of the slot.

19. Tampa Bay Buccaneers - Michael Manocchio (OL-Wethersfield): Manocchio has athletic ability to slide into either tackle spot with the physical mentality of a guard. Gets to second level with ease and plays with a strong base.

20. Denver Broncos - Tyler Cipolla (RB/WR-Cromwell): Cipolla is electric with the ball in his hands and is a home run threat in the backfield, out wide, or in return game. Reminds scouts of Eric Metcalf.

21. Pittsburgh Steelers - Evan Pigott (RB-Newington): Thrives between tackles and combination of power and breakaway speed is reminiscent of a young Eddie George. Pigott has a nose for the end zone and fights for extra yards on each carry.

22. Los Angeles Chargers - Robert Spadaro (OL-Wethersfield): A people mover that delivers a pop on contact and can play multiple positions along line. Spadaro grinds on field and in the weight room.

23. Green Bay Packers - Aiden Bengtson (S-Newington): Bengtson is superb athlete that tracks the ball like a hawk. Long strider that sees the entire field and loves contact. A gem.

24. Minnesota Vikings - Jacob Yanosy (WR-Wethersfield): Surgical route runner with large catch radius. Yanosy has deceptive speed, tracks the ball well, and finishes after catch. Will remind Vikings fans of Adam Thielen.

25. Houston Texans - A.J. Galante (OL-Newington): Galante has next-level size and strength, possessing powerful hands and exceptional base. Solid as the day is long.

26. Los Angeles Rams - Jack Nolan (WR-Cromwell): Silky smooth route runner that



Wethersfield's Cam Righi (top left), Cromwell's Matt Gish (top right), Rocky Hill's Joey Motes (bottom left), and Newington's Heath Weeden (bottom right) are the first four selections in this year's Bizarro Draft.

moves the chains. Nolan plays with swagger and brings wealth of experience and skills to a Rams team looking fill Cooper Kupp's role.

27. Baltimore Ravens - Victor Rodriguez (DE-Newington): Rodriguez might be the most intriguing prospect of the entire draft. Is already producing at a high level and is just coming into his own. Perfect hybrid fit in Baltimore.

28. Detroit Lions - Cornelius Moore (S-Middletown): Moore has the mind of QB (which he played) and the ball skills to instantly upgrade Detroit's secondary. Great in pursuit and provides a thump on impact. Dan Campbell-type player.

29. Washington Commanders - Jaden Veal (HB/WR-Rocky Hill): Fluid, natural athlete that can play in backfield, in the slot, or outside. Veal has exceptional body control and run-after-catch ability.

30. Buffalo Bills - Xavier Torres (S-Wethersfield): Torres can seamlessly slide from sideline to sideline and tracks ball like a radar. Plays downhill against the run and thrives against elite competition.

31. Kansas City Chiefs - Kelvin McKnight (CB-Newington): Confident player that truly enjoys the game. McKnight is a magnet to the ball and doesn't shy away from contact. Terrific value at this point.

32. Philadelphia Eagles - Mason Everett (C-Wethersfield): Everett has a study frame, plays with consistency, and packs a punch. A heady, powerful player that could take Tush Push to another level.

Dozen Day Two Prospects (Alphabetical order by last name)

Yamarr Bryant (RB-Middletown): Bryant's track speed will allow him to thrive in any offense. Shifty stud that can cut on a dime and turn any touch into a house call.

Tyshawn Dominique (DB/RB-Rocky Hill): A+ athletic ability makes him a fit in all

three phases. Dominique is a budding prospect that is a rocket ship in the return game.

Isaiah Edwards (RB-Wethersfield): Edwards is a savvy north-south runner that is slippery and dangerous on returns. Upside is through the roof.

Landon Mantie (LB-Rocky Hill): Mantie will find his way onto the field thanks to quick bust and ability to apply pressure. Drives through ball and has knack for dislodging ball on contact.

CaMani McDaniel (RB-Middletown): Just reaching potential and will deliver once he gets on field. McDaniel could make an Arian Foster impact at the next level.

Corey Smith (DE-Wethersfield): Smith is beaming with talent. Explodes off ball and engulfs opponents in backfield. A major theft on day two.

Kalil Stewart (LB-Newington): Stewart has a nose for ball and can contribute to any defensive system. A locker room guy who will do whatever is needed for the team.

Jaeden Torres (MLB-Rocky Hill): Plays downhill and will become the heart a defense sooner rather than later. Torres is a sure-tackler and student of the game.

Austun Visone (OL-Cromwell): Gritty worker bee that brings hockey toughness and mindset to the huddle. Visone has the makings of a perennial Pro-Bowler.

Nick Voelkl (OL/DL-Middletown): Voelkl brings a captain's mentality and can fill multiple roles. Will lead by example and make impact at next level.

Paul Wimbush (DB-Cromwell): Wimbush is a productive playmaker with track speed. Smart, finds the ball in flight, and could be a special teams ace.

Parker Wood (LB/S-Rocky Hill): Adds position versatility at linebacker and possibly in defensive backfield at next level. Wood is a sneaky athlete that is always around ball.



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VIEWING OF “THE FEATHERWEIGHT” FRIDAY, MAY 2 at 5PM

A film about Willie Pep, “The Hartford Tornado,” boxing champion from Connecticut and his 1965 comeback. Enjoy a slice of pizza before the movie. Limited seating. Please call to reserve your seat. The 1PM showing is full. Q&A: Local, Imma Aiello, who plays Mama Papaleo in the film, and Producer, Steve Loff, will join us for Q&A following the 1PM viewing of The Featherweight.

KNOWLEDGE & NIBBLES: AUTHOR TALK WITH EMILY FRANKE THURSDAY, MAY 8 at 1PM

Emily is the author of “The Ladybug Who Lived on a Four Leaf Clover” which she wrote in honor of her grandma who passed away 3 years ago. Her story shares a beautiful message to remember our loved ones are always with us. Her grandmother comes back to visit as a ladybug. Emily hopes to help those who see their loved ones in other signs too. Cookies and coffee will be provided. Talk is free, but reservation required. Please RSVP by May 5.

FUN & FASHION MONDAY, MAY 12 at 12:30PM

Not your usual fashion show! Featuring our own local models wearing styles you won’t see anywhere else. A fun filled afternoon, blending the lines of fun and fashion. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by May 7.

FREE LUNCH & LEARN: PERSONAL SAFETY PRESENTED BY THE WETHERSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT THURSDAY, MAY 15 at 1PM

Please join us for a discussion on Personal Safety for Seniors, presented by Detective Justin Hilchuk, WPD. Det. Hilchuck is back by popular demand to provide helpful hints for personal safety: home safety, situational and self-awareness, and much more. A light lunch will be provided and there will be time for questions and answers. Open to the public; all welcome. Lunch & presentation are free. Please RSVP by May 12 if you are joining us for lunch.

SENIOR NIGHT WITH THE WETHERSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB SATURDAY, MAY 17 at 5PM

Join us for a fun-filled evening of great food and entertainment. The talented WHS Interact Club members will entertain us with song & dance while we sit back and enjoy a scrumptious meal! Enjoy songs from the recently performed Hello Dolly show, and other favorite show tunes and classics! Dinner: crudités, salad, buffet dinner and decadent dessert. \$10 pp. Please RSVP by May 12.

LUNCH/ ENTERTAINMENT with TRE’ JOHNSON MONDAY, MAY 19TH; LUNCH 12PM / ENTERTAINMENT 1PM

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Pay at the door on the day of the show. Admission includes a free raffle. Additional raffle tickets for additional prizes can be purchased \$2/3 tickets Lunch menu to be determined.

CHOOSING AN ELECTRIC SUPPLIER THURSDAY, MAY 22 at 1PM

Arthur Marcelynas, retired Regulator with the CT Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) is back to discuss the electric supply market and how to switch suppliers to lower your electric bill. Arthur will return in 6 months (November 20) when rates change again and continue to guide us on how not to overpay for electricity.

VETERAN COFFEE HOUSE: TUESDAY, MAY 27TH AT 9:30AM MEET MEMBERS FROM THE WETHERSFIELD VETERAN COMMISSION

Get together once a month with fellow Veterans for coffee and donuts/pastries. Meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 9:30AM.

AFTERNOON MOVIES: MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS AT 1 PM

For more information/movie titles, visit the senior center website, or pick up a flyer at the senior center. **Check schedule for any conflicts, cancellations or late start of movies.

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SENIOR COMMUNITY CAFÉ: Lunch is served Monday and Wednesday at 12PM to persons 60 years or older and their spouses or caregivers. Suggested donation is \$3.00 for seniors/caregivers. *To reserve your lunch, please call the Cafe at 860-721-2773 by previous Wednesday for Monday meal, and previous Monday for Friday meal. View menus online or pickup copy at the Senior Center.

WETHERSFIELD TECH HELP FOR SENIORS offers individual and small group instruction to help meet all your technology needs. Schedule one-to-one assistance with iPads, iPhones, Windows 10 computers, Android tablets and phones. Classes are also offered in person and via Zoom throughout the year.

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WETHERSFIELD ELDERLY SERVICES: Daniel Rosario, social worker and Elderly Services Coordinator can assist with federal, state and local assistance programs and housing resources.

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SET BACK: FRIDAYS- 12:15PM-3PM - Join our friendly group; everyone welcome: singles, partners, beginners, experienced players. Easy to learn. Please arrive before 12pm to register/ receive scorecard. Players must be seated and ready to play by 12:15pm. \$2 members/\$3 non-members.

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