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## Kycia Farm Listening Session

The Kycia Farm Committee (KFC) invites you to participate in the third and final virtual listening session for this phase on Tuesday, June 29, at 7 pm. The visioning sessions are intended to give residents an opportunity to express and share their opinions regarding the use of the Kycia property. The minutes of the KFC are on the town website and a discussion that took place at the May 3, meeting of the earlier listening sessions can be viewed on YouTube.

Please register at:

[https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJEpdGorDsuE9H2Tcloa-ZuyjUahqXF\\_TIGT](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJEpdGorDsuE9H2Tcloa-ZuyjUahqXF_TIGT) 6/24/21

## RH Youth Football & Cheer

Rocky Hill Youth Football and Cheer is now accepting applications for players and cheerleaders for their upcoming season. The program is open to you ages six to 13. For more details, visit [rhyfc.com](http://rhyfc.com). Please contact Joe Morfea at 860-819-7291, or [gmorfea@inlandbank.com](mailto:gmorfea@inlandbank.com). 6/3/21

## Rocky Hill Lions Club

Do you have one hour to spare a month? Are you looking to give back to the community? If so, then the Rocky Hill Lions Club needs you! The Lions Club is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization that has served the community for over 70 years. We offer scholarships to high school students, donated a buddy bench to Moser school and the town green, on-going glasses donation to help people with sight impairments, and was recently a gold sponsor for Santa Express 2020. There is so much more we do. Please contact Phil or Mimi Theroux at (860) 559-8746 or (860) 529-2460 for more information. 3/18/21

## NSAF Scholarships Awarded

Newington Student Assistance Fund awards Scholarships and Cammy O'Connor Book Awards. Scholarships are awarded annually by the Newington Student Assistance Fund to one male and one female student from the graduating class who have demonstrated reliable and active participation in school and community activities. Jade Kennedy and Zachary Geisler June graduates of Newington High, were the scholarship recipients. In addition, Cammy O'Connor Book Awards were presented to Izaylin Smith, James Vendetti, Daniel Whitman, and Alexi Gallicchio. These memorial awards are given annually to a member of each grade who exemplifies O'Connor's personal qualities of service, generosity, responsibility and commitment.

## Thomas Deming Farmhouse

Join us on Saturday, July 10 from 10am - 3pm at the Thomas Deming Farmhouse, 282 Church Street, Newington. House and garden tours will be conducted from 10am - 1pm and 2-3pm and will include a special presentation by Revolutionary War reenactor George Crede. Tours are \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for seniors, children 12 and under free. At 1pm, there will be a special celebration of the 150th anniversary of Newington with refreshments, readings, displays, and "Newington History Bingo." All proceeds aid in the restoration and preservation of the farmhouse. 6/24/21

## Mx Hospital Vocal Chords

The Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords will present a 20th Anniversary 9/11 Patriotic Tribute at The Bushnell Mortenson Hall Stage on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 2p.m.

We are preparing for a spectacular patriotic musical journey along with our special guests: Todd Allen Herendeen, triple platinum country and gospel star, Middletown and Portland High School Advanced Choirs under the direction of Stephanie Zac, Middletown High School Choral Director and Samuel Tucker, Portland Secondary Schools Choral Director respectively and the Middletown Police Benefit Association Pipes and Drums. The event will begin with our Firefighter's and State Police Honor Guards leading our Firefighters/EMS, Police Departments, Armed Forces and Veterans in procession. LT Governor Susan Bysiewicz along with many state and local dignitaries will be in attendance.

Proceeds from this tribute will be given to the Middlesex Health COVID19 Emergency Relief Fund and the CT Firefighters/EMS and Police Benevolent Fund. Tickets for the Mortensen (\$30 plus handling fee) will be available on June 28th and can be obtained by contacting The Bushnell. Please order your tickets early as it is expected to be a sell-out.

The Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords, a 90 member chorus, recently celebrated their 30th anniversary of relieving stress, lifting spirits and healing souls with music. Let us all reflect and honor those brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice and show our appreciation and gratitude to those who serve us every day. They are our true heroes!

[www.vocalchords20.org](http://www.vocalchords20.org)

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Cromwell Arts Alliance and Guitar Squad present a fun day of learning, picnicking and enjoying an outdoor classical guitar concert! The concert is open to the public. There is an optional workshop prior to the concert for ages 5yrs through adults. Visit our website at [www.CromwellArtsAlliance.org](http://www.CromwellArtsAlliance.org) for the registration form. No registration necessary for the concert or picnic. Sunday, July 11.

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## East Berlin UMC Tag Sale

Saturday, June 26, from 9 am-1pm Rain or shine. Furniture and Misc items. East Berlin United Methodist Church, 139 Main St., East Berlin. 6/24/21

## Wethersfield Art League Reopens

We are thrilled to announce the reopening of the Wethersfield Art League. Welcome back members and we welcome new members! All classes, Workshops and Open Studios are at The Little Red Schoolhouse, 193 Wells Road, Wethersfield.

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Note: we are almost at our goal of raising funds for the artwork hanging system and new bookcases. Thanks to all who helped! Anyone else who would like to contribute, please contact Pat Yagmin at the email below.

For further details and to sign up for these events, please email Pat Yagmin at [patriciayagmin@gmail.com](mailto:patriciayagmin@gmail.com). 5/13/21

## Got Lunch Newington

June 20 - August 15. Got Lunch Newington is a collaboration of community partners coming together to feed the children of Newington during the summer months. Working together are religious institutions, The HAT team (Hunger Action team) businesses, non-profits, and individuals throughout Newington, all helping to feed the children in this community. A week's worth of healthy lunch groceries will be packed and delivered to your home each Sunday in the early afternoon. To see if you qualify register online at [gotlunch.org](http://gotlunch.org). If no computer or internet call Church of Christ @ 860-666-4689 and ask to speak to someone about registering for Got Lunch. 5/6/21

## Community Clothing Collection

Looking to clean out those closets after the holidays? The Central Connecticut Community Women's Club (CCCWC) is sponsoring a Community Clothing Collection from January through August. They will be collecting any size and style of gently used clothing for men, women, and children (no undergarments or bathing suits). The donations will be used to benefit a town-wide Clothing Sale planned for the Fall. Donation bins are located at The Cage, 14 Alcap Ridge and FOUND Apparel, Willowbrook Plaza, both in Cromwell. CCCWC is a charitable non-profit organization, dedicated to community service and to promote common interests in education, philanthropy, public health, civic and fine arts. For more information, visit Upcoming Events at [centralctcommunitywomensclub.com](http://centralctcommunitywomensclub.com) 4/22/21

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Let's have some fun and enjoy some delicious food. No experience required or special equipment. Tutorials include container gardening for apartment dwellers. Members will answer your questions, just email at [info@rhctgardenclub.org](mailto:info@rhctgardenclub.org). We are also adding a share page as we go through the gardening year together. Send your garden pictures and we will publish them. We want to hear from you! 4/1/21

## Community Breakfast/Newington

The Newington Masons have a community breakfast the first Sunday of every month! Come join us. Next one is Sunday, July 4! Price is \$10 and includes eggs, toast, bacon sausage, pancakes, homefries, coffee, juice and the Surprise Special. Come eat breakfast with your neighbors! The Mason hall is located at 80 Walsh Ave. Breakfast is held from 7:30-11am. 6/24/21

## Friendship Force Connecticut

Friendship Force Connecticut (a chapter of FF-International) sponsors outbound visits to other states and nations and hosts inbound visits from reciprocal clubs. Our chapter remains active despite a temporary suspension of visits. We have monthly group social activities (properly distanced) and are looking forward to a resumption of travel. Our next tentative inbound visit is from Cornwall, UK (June 2021), where we plan to host their ambassadors in our own homes and show them the glories of Connecticut. Our next outbound visit is to Milwaukee, WI, August 2021, where our ambassadors will stay in the homes of the host club members and partake in activities and meals of the local residents. If you would like to join Friendship Force and travel with our club and host members from other clubs, subject to your own availability, please contact Ginger ([ginger43@cox.net](mailto:ginger43@cox.net)) for more information. 10/15/20



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## Superintendent Updates School Board on Fall Opening

by Mark DiPaola

While school reopening will be a little less daunting this fall, educators are still awaiting word on what kind of COVID safety measures they'll have to implement as districts return to full in-person attendance.

Cromwell Public Schools (CPS) Superintendent Dr. Enza Macri told her Board of Education (BOE) that she expects that to be an extended discussion throughout the summer.

"We're being told a lot of it will be predicated on whether the vaccination rate will go up," Macri said at the BOE's June 8 regular meeting.

Connecticut, which in May became the first state to fully vaccinate 50 percent of adults, currently boasts a 59 percent immunization rate.

The Pfizer vaccine became available for youth ages 12 to 17 in May, with Moderna's application FDA approval announced last week. State officials hope to see doses for Connecticut's youngest residents get the go-ahead by sometime in August.

"The higher we get with vaccination rates in the 12+ groups, the better chance we'll have at being able to come back with

no masks," Macri said. "But will we have to quarantine? Socially distance? There are no answers to any of that right now."

The district has until October to submit a report to the U.S. Treasury Department delineating how it's using the \$1.3 million allocated to it under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

School districts can utilize the funding for a myriad of COVID relief measures including sanitation and PPE. CPS has already earmarked a portion of that fund for academic intervention and social emotional learning (SEL) support – such as the Summer Learning Institute for those that fell behind this past year.

"We've done a great job in Cromwell. We've stayed strong," Macri said. "We know it's been a pain in the neck, but it's been a huge reason why our kids got to do as much as they got to do before the end of the year."

But BOE member Kathryn Russ says she senses some fatigue – she asked whether the district knows if those that have been vaccinated will be exempt from certain protocols, such as mask-wearing, if it makes a return.

Governor Lamont has already lifted mask requirements – in all settings – for

vaccinated individuals, but school environments have adhered to a stricter set of rules.

"This entire year, the schools have been held to a higher standard than the rest of the public and our students have bore the brunt of it," Russ said. "I strongly disagree with making vaccinated children wear masks."

Macri said she had a conference call with other area superintendents earlier that day – and that participants voiced the same concern.

"We wanted our kids to have as normal of a year end as possible, but there should be a differentiation, and legally, what does that

look like?" she said. "That was a heated debate, and I think it will continue."

Another question is quarantine procedures – while it makes sense to allow those that have been vaccinated an opt-out, it will be impossible to differentiate, since staff and students are not required to notify the district if they've been immunized, Macri said.

"As of now, not allowed to ask students or staff if they've been vaccinated, but if they are about to go into quarantine, they can get out by showing their vaccination card," she said.

## Town of Cromwell: June is Dog Licensing Month

Every dog, except dogs under a kennel license as provided in C.G.S. 22-342, must be licensed when it becomes six months old, and then annually in June.

A valid rabies certificate must be presented if it is not up to date in the system. Dog licenses are \$8 for neutered or spayed, \$19 for non-altered dogs. All dog licenses after the month of June will be charged a \$1 late fee per month. Dog licenses are issued by the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, 41 West Street, Cromwell, or through the mail by providing a copy of the valid rabies certificate, a check payable to Cromwell Town Clerk, and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

## Cromwell High School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

### Grade 12 Honors with Distinction:

Buccheri, Daniella Janina; Chanda, Likhita; Dave, Aakash Prashant; Dewey, Erica Anne; Dewey, Monica Marie; Dzurka, Sydney Lauck; Emond, Nicole Helen; Gostkowski, Sarah Elizabeth; Graf, Caroline Nicole; Gromowski, David; Grover, Ryan Kumar; Hurt, Makenzie Jeanne; Jones, Kailey Rose; Jordan, Christopher Richard; Kaczmarczyk, Anne Genowefa; Lin, Joe; McCarroll, Colin Robert; Misinski, Evan Francis; Patinha, Felipe; Queiroz, Amanda Marie; Randazzo, Zachary Matus; Ranger, Kilian; Rodriguez, Mark Edward; Rossberg, Donald Wesley; Samarawickrama, Denise Nicole; Santos, Taylor Danielle; Sbriglio, Anna Mae; Sherman, Kensey Taylor; Thompson, Adrienne Rose; Trinh, Steven; Vachhani, Niyati Jitesh; Vooyo, Hunter Nicholas; Wolak, Lauren Brooke; Zocco, Michael Santo.

### Grade 12 High Honors:

Bevacqua, Jessica Cecilia; Blanks, Sole' Davi; Bulmer, Jenna Marion; Colandrea, Julie Ann; Cordone, Gina Marie; Daly, Connor William; Dworak, Lily Barbara; Favereaux, Gavin David; Ferrarese, Rino Elias; Gamalo, Gavinth Piers; Garofalo, Nicholas Sebastian; Goyette, Avery Lavonn; Jacobs, Alexa Chary; Jones, Lena Rose; Kaminski, Andrew James; Keane, Lyndsey Emma; LaDuke, Brooke Macaire; Licht, Christopher Shawn; Lusitani, Alexander Joseph; Pinero, Alanis; Pramuka, Sophie Elizabeth; Savinelli, Patrick Liam; Semper, Breanna Emily; Soto Beauchamp, Ana Mariela; Stermer, Lillian Elizabeth; Sylvester, Jennifer Mary; Torres, Michael Jose; Treglia, Marc Louis; Uccello, Antonino Sebastian; Umelo, Alexandra Kosisochukwu; Valentin, Justin Matthew; Wolfe, Logan Cole.

### Grade 12 Honor Roll:

Chu, Victoria Tran; Fritz, Jake William; Gagliardi, Anthony; Germain, Jean-Luc Louis; Glass, Michael Ryan; Grodzicki, James Joseph; Kahn, Payton Elizabeth; Santello, Benjamin Thomas; Snyder, Aiden Robert; Statorci, Driona; Sullivan, Sadie Adele.

### Grade 11 Honors with Distinction:

Abdelghany, Amira Madison; Anderson, Jaime Lane; Barber, Isabella Rose; Barrett, Ryan James; Bhatt, Anchal; Carta, Megan Dorothy; Chapman, Alyssa Rose; Chu, Val-

erie Tran; David, Lillian Grace; DeLeon, Elias Edwin; DiClemente, Jacob; Enoch, John Herbert; Gradzki, Anna Karolina; Green, Emily Helene; Ibne Kamal, Mohammad Rafi; Iozzo, Antonio Luigi; Lodhi, Akib Tipam; Ma, Alysia; Marquard, Katelyn Nancy; McMillan, Connor Andrew; McMillan, Ian Cole; Midgley, Jack Roberts; Oryell, Faith Autumn; Pereira, Krysta May; Peters, Karsten Elliot; Raganit, Ella Denise; Reilly, Carly; Schneider, Peyton Maya; Smith, Samantha Dior; Sokolowski, Erin McAllister; Tatro, Luke John; Tessmer, Madison Cecile; Thiesen, Adam Paul; Voccio, Gabriella Juline; Zawadzki, Audrey Elizabeth.

### Grade 11 High Honors:

Albert, Gianluca Joseph; Antonaras, Austin Thomas; Beck, Nicholas; Belyea, Chelsea Lorraine; Billings, Tysen Gerald; Blake-Singleton, Jihad; Burgess, Emma Grace; Camilleri, Jessica Lynn; Cyr, Carter Salvatore; Daly, Timothy John; Daniele, Zachary Michael; DeRoy, Riley Hils; Dunn, Mackenzie Kathleen; Esposito, Stefanie; Fortenbach, Abigail Grace; Friend, Louis David; Gonzalez, Maxwell Franklin Charles; Green, Ana Elizabeth; Hassan, Dylan Michael; Hermann, Donald David; Jafri, Ammar; Jafri, Raza; Jones, Jasmine Ann; Juergens, Matthew Michael; Kaniowska, Oliwia Maria; Khentigan, Ethan Ryan; Krampitz, Zoe; Kuchynskaya, Vera; Loesel, Luke; Lubogo, Emily Christina; Michaud, Grace Catharine; Penn, Riley; Riggio, Devon Amanda; Sciucco, Julia Rose; Stackpole, Samuel James; Zysk, Jonathan Lucien.

### Grade 11 Honor Roll:

Acampora, Nicholas Richard; Allen, Kenneth Chester; Amara, Jadeyn Patricia-Kay; Barnat, Alex; Bernetska, Olena; Blake, Paul Matthew; Cirikovic, Hamza; Drazak, Michael James; Fox, Logan Michael; Hampton, Jasmine Lynn; Kang, Joseph; Kennedy, Angela Iris; Lewis, Rebecca Anne; Morales, Kylie; Rogozinski, Caroline Ann; Vazquez, Homar.

### Grade 10 Honors with Distinction:

Balagtas, Conrado Tumale; Barochia, Tej Sanjay; Berndt, Brooke Lyndsey; Bonelli, Alyssa Lynn; Brisson, Cole Daniel; Burke, Keira Cecelia; Cela, Henry; Clark, Nevaeh Skie; Coite, Isabella Marie; Drew, Julia Rose; Dudziuk, Konrad Stanislaw; Ferrarese,

Chloe Lorraine; Flick, Mackenna Rose; Grover, Raiya; Kenney, Lily Cynthia Rose; Khan, Laiba; King, Kathryn Rose; Kostich, Alexander; Kovacs, Brynn Madison; La Fontaine, Soleil Anais; Lusitani, Olivia Brooke; Ma, Charley; Mason, Olivia Ann; McTeague, Kelly; Mikan, Grace Li; Polkowski, Olivia; Quirk, Thomas Joseph; Raila, Morgan Marie; Reilly, Lenna Christel; Ribera, Michael; Rozich, Ryan David; Russ, Bridget Marie; Sakoulas, Mary; Shorter, Quentin Nasir; Slifer, Mason Alexander; Sousa, Emily; Stergos, Hannah Lynn; Sullivan, Emily Jean; Sullivan, Mary Katherine; Testa, Cameron Roland; Walsh, Emmet Reamonn; Wilson, Bailey Christine; Wise, Jack Thomas.

### Grade 10 High Honors:

Allen, Emily Frances; Barnat, Victoria; Bartolotta, Juliana; Berean, Brandon Darrell; Black, Kathryn Grace; Brodeur, Alyssa; Burgess, Sean Cassidy; Caserta, Molly Adriana; Curry, Aidan William; Curry, Sean Patrick; Daniele, Tyler Daniel; Dufresne, David; Dunn, Layla Sky; Elty, Nathan Robert; Eze, Donzel Ebubechukwu; Fagan, Benjamin David; Garofalo, Kaitlyn Valentina; Gollareny, Aisling Shea; Goodfellow, Evan David; Grodzicki, Jessica Ann; Haglund, Paul George; Hills, Cole Thomas; Jurzyk, Mikolaj Daniel; Kaczmarczyk, Cody Mark; Krampitz, Zachary; Krampitz, Zaidan; Lalli, Aishwarya; LeBlanc, Leila Mei; Lipka, Paul; MacEachern, Sara Ashley; McAdams, Daniel Patrick; McKiernan, Lucien Mills; Mure, Logan Victory; Patrick, Timothy; Pier, Thomas John; Pierson, Ethan Wayne; Poff, Alaena; Pramuka, Madison Leigh; Ranger, Harrison; Raynis, Abigail Lynn; Salafia, Jacob John; Sandadi, Rishi Chandra; Santiago, Micaela Chase; Santos, Matthew Antonio; Sawicki, Alexander; Semper, Jared Dane; Slayton, Max Joseph; Stahl, Spencer Lewis; Stergos, Savannah; Sykes, Samuel Nii Odoi; Theobald, Corbin Lareau; Tuminski, Daniel Adrian; Ucol, Ethan Emmanuel; Veneziano, Amanda Grace; Zeedyk, Dylan Jeremy.

### Grade 10 Honor Roll:

Anderson, Michael Thomas; Arsenault, Riley Elizabeth; Belmonte, Michael; Blanks, Milan Cheyenne; Brown, Skyler Ann; Corona, Jack Thomas-Dobruck; Demers, Anahya Ellen; Ford, Taliah Ann; Greaves, Hope Catherine; Johnson, Caiman Vijay; Kostich,

Madeline; McFarlin, Grace Louise; Mihalopoulos, Ian George; Patinha, Jacinta; Rodriguez, James Ryan; Shenoy, Sathya Balkunje; Storey, Dasani Aaliyah; Treglia, Eric Matthew.

### Grade 9 Honors with Distinction:

Barber, Katrina Grace; Baymuradova, Julia; Belton, Ayjia; Bishop, Arianna Carolyn; Bishop, Karissa Elizabeth; Burgess, Abigail Elise; Burgess, Kyla Rose; Cela, Alexia; Cordone, Nicholas Paul; Efci, Elyssa Maria; Gardner, Kenzie Reese; Hickey, Cameryn Elizabeth; Kasthuber, Kayla Marie; Kulpa, Aubrey Elizabeth; McCarroll, Lauren Jeanne; McKiernan, Alexander Mills; Millette, Nathan Philip; Mure, Lucia Jean; Petrella, Zachary James; Raj, Varsha; Rodbourn, Nathanael; Saehrig, Michael Francesco; Sakoulas, Kathryn; Santangelo, Sophia Gizelle; Shehata, Emily Hani; Slifer, Connor Christopher; Terrio, Brooke Mackenna; Tkachuk-Kyrychenko, Julia Maria; Vaughan, Jay James; Voccio, Caroline Linda.

### Grade 9 High Honors:

Baranski, Nicholas Alexander; Bomenegen, Evan Ronald; Botelho, Mitchell Jay; Cantwell, Benjamin; Cecunjanin, Hava; Delucia, Aaron Au; Delucia, Jeremy Minh; Favereaux, Brandon David; Fortenbach, Olivia Kahlen; Gould, Ollah Lu; Hussey, Jack Charles; Kelleher, Owen Patrick; Kenney, McCabe Gary; Kowalski, Emily Margaret; Lambert, Alexander Paul; Marrero, Nikolas Ramon; McNeil, Darragh; Messina, Paolo; Pepe, Leah Elisabeth; Polkowski, Ethan Jan; Raymond, Aidan; Salmon, Marco; Shah, Basim Abbas; Szrejna, Connor Joseph; Trimani, Lily Isabel; Wosczyzna, Brandon Matthew; Yearwood, Emeka Asim; Zimmerman, Aubrey Ryan; Zocco, Daniel Salvatore.

### Grade 9 Honor Roll:

Baronich, Yuri Gagarin; Burr, Nolan Thomas; Campbell, Machi; Chapman, Ryan Patrick; Cruz, Yaled Gabriel; Hollis, Sander Paul; Iozzo, Aiddah Patricia; Itterly, Octavia Karolina; Lee, William Henry Russell; Lovelace, Daevyon Roynel; Mudge, Cheyenne Jordan; Nappi, Kayla Ivette; Santello, Ryan Thomas; Savoir, Haley Marie; Sriramalinga, Gowrish; Wiley, Daniel Willis.



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## Schools Partner with Organization for Summer Learning Program

by Mark DiPaola

A veteran-run team building program is partnering with Cromwell Public Schools (CPS) for its Summer Learning Institute – an academic support program for kids that fell behind during the pandemic.

Joe DeRing is a special forces Army veteran who served in Iraq. Now he gives motivational speeches at Connecticut high schools, while running Empower Leadership Sports and Adventure Center in Middletown. The Center features ziplining, obstacle courses, and other activities for kids.

CPS Superintendent Dr. Enza Macri says the district's collaboration with DeRing is just one component of the summer Learning Institute – a six-week program for students in Grades 6-12.

"We had many who struggled with remote and hybrid

learning, and just the pandemic like the rest of us did," Macri told the Board of Education (BOE) at its June regular meeting. "Our goal is to catch them up academically, but there's a huge social emotional component."

The free summer school program runs on a half day, Monday through Thursday schedule from June 21 to July 29, courtesy of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Cromwell Schools received \$1.3 million in total federal relief through the legislation.

"We're really excited," said CPS Curriculum Director Dr. Keri MacLean. "We think it will be a great experience for our students, with help and support that's needed after the year they've had."

At the time of MacLean's update to the Board, 87 students had signed up for the program – 50 at Cromwell Middle School and 37 at Cromwell High.

She said the district was waiting on 22 undecided CHS students.

"We have a pretty strict attendance policy because they're getting credit, so it's making sure they can commit," MacLean said.

The program will focus on academic support, improving executive function, and developing organizational skills, she said.

"It's also about creating a community for those kids, especially in the transition years for kids going from 5 to 6 grade and those from 8th to 9th," MacLean said.

That's where Center comes in – DeRing and his team will be leading team-building activities both in-district, and onsite at their Middletown headquarters.

The district will provide bus transportation to the Center.

## Upcoming Programs at the Cora J. Belden Library

One on One Tech Help - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in June at 2:00 PM

Sign up for a 1 hour time slot on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to go over any tech questions you may have with Mike Murphy. These sessions will be conducted on Zoom or via phone.

Virtual Story Time via Zoom – Mondays and Wednesdays in June at 11:00 AM

Join us online as we foster early literacy by exploring words through books, rhymes and songs. This Zoom program is recommended for children birth to 5 years and their caregiver. Please register.

Downloading E-books – Mondays in June at 2:30 PM

Join this virtual class to learn how to download thousands of e-books, audio books, magazines and more free with your Cora J. Belden Library card. This class will be held via Zoom. Registration is required to receive the Zoom meeting ID.

Getting Started with Zoom – Thursdays in June at 2:30 PM

Join this virtual class to learn how to use Zoom to chat online with your friends and family! We will go over Zoom basics such as how to mute yourself, turn your video feed on and off, and more. Registration is required to receive the Zoom Meeting ID for the class.

Music and Movement: In Person, Outside – Mondays in June at 6:30 PM

The whole family is invited to join us for this fun full body movement activity. Recommended for children ages 2-6. Please register.

Buying a New Smartphone 101 – Thursday, June 24 at 6:30 PM

Come to this introductory session via Zoom and walk away with a sense of confidence. We will cover topics such as selecting a wireless carrier, buying an actual smartphone,

and compare and contrast the many options available to you. Registration is required.

Summer Zoom Travel Series: Around the World in 80 Gardens – Tuesday, June 29 at 6:30 PM

From the lush floral kingdoms of the Pacific to the arid gardens of Australia, Dr. Richard Benfield introduces 80 unique gardens of the world in this interactive presentation. The program caps off with the beautiful English country gardens of Benfield's home country. Registration required to receive the Zoom meeting ID.

Rocky Hill: Historic Disasters on Zoom – Tuesday, July 6 at 6:30 PM

We've lived through a year of COVID-19, now come learn about other major incidents and disasters in Rocky Hill's past with Rocky Hill Historian Bob Herron. Bob will dive into natural disasters that shaped how and what Rocky Hill is today, including historic floods of the Connecticut River, major hur-

ricanes, and more. This talk will be held via Zoom. Registration is required to receive the Zoom ID.

Mystery Book Discussion: Outside, In Person – Wednesday, July 7 at 6:30 PM

Welcome! Come join our Mystery Book Discussion, now Outside, In Person. This month, we will be reading *Woman with a Gun* by Phillip Margolin. Extra copies of the book will be available to checkout from the library. Please bring your own chair or blanket to sit on. Registration requested.

Family Story Time: Outside, In Person – Saturday, July 10 at 11:00 AM

Join us live and in person for an animal-themed family story time! We'll hear stories, sing songs, and have some fun. This is a drop-in program. No registration is necessary.

## July Events at the Cromwell Belden Public Library

### All Ages Events:

Family Read-Aloud: *The Trouble with Chickens* by Doreen Cronin. Monday, July 12th at 7:00 PM, via Zoom. All ages, registration required. Join Mrs. Ashley as she reads the first chapters of our family read-aloud book, giving you and your family a great jumpstart into reading this hilarious book together. Follow along with your own copy (available to pick-up at the library) or just relax and listen to the story.

### Adult Events:

Virtual Baking Classes: Blackberry White Chocolate Scones. Thursday, July 15th at 6:00 PM, via Zoom. All adults, registration required. Join Katie Shepherd, registered dietitian, and learn how to make delicious treats! This program is virtual - an ingredient list will be provided, so you can bake and follow along from the comfort of your own kitchen.

A Passeggiata (Stroll) Through Italy: Past, Present, and Future. Monday, July 19th at 6:30 PM, in the Library's New Space. Adults, registration required. Presenter Mariann Millard, certified tour director and dual US/Italian citizen, will weave together historical and modern events, facts, and stories. Humorous and engaging, the presentation will also give future travelers a better understanding of how to fully enjoy the experience.

Virtual Paint Night. Wednesday, July 21st at 6:30 PM, via Zoom. Adults, registration required. Join us online for a virtual paint night, hosted by Picasso Parties! Kits with painting supplies will be available to pick up in the days leading up to the Paint Night - register now to reserve your spot and get more info.

B.Y.O. Craft Night at the Library. Thursday, July 22nd at 6:00 PM, in the Library's New Space. Adults, registration required. Want to craft in-person, instead of at home? Bring your own current craft, or Take & Make Kit from the library, and socialize while you craft.

Learn to Play Ukulele (For Adults). Tuesday, July 27th at 6:00 PM, in the Library's New Space. Adults, registration required. Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? Join Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. You'll learn how to tune, strum and read chords. After a short lesson, you'll be able to play songs! No experience necessary. Bring your own ukulele or borrow one provided by Julie.

Thursday Night Book Club: *Miracle Creek* by Angie Kim. Thursday, July 29th at 6:30 PM, in the Library's New Space. Adults, registration required, books available for pick-up at the library.

July Take & Make Kits for Adults: Painted Stone Mandalas, Fairy Light Mason Jars, and "Magic Dust" seasoning spice kit. Adults, registration required. Sign-up July 1st-11th, pick-up July 12th-16th.

Travel Films at the Library. Wednesdays, at 2:00 PM, in the Library's Arch Room. Adults, registration required. July destinations include Ethiopia, Bali, India, and Quebec.

Virtual Knitting Club. Fridays at 6:30 PM, via Zoom. Adults, registration required. Join fellow fiber-enthusiasts and work on your current project! All are welcome - so don't be afraid to bring your latest crochet or quilting

project, too.

### Teen Events:

Dungeons & Dragons. Thursdays, July 1st, 8th, 22nd, and August 5th and 19th at 4:00 PM, in the Library's New Space. Grades 7-12, registration required. Interested in trying out Dungeons & Dragons but don't know where to start? Love playing but need a group to join? Join Dungeon Master Jill for an epic campaign this summer. Session 1 will be all about learning the game and character creation. From there you'll play through a legendary adventure with your new characters!

"So Bad It's Good" Movie Night: *The Master of Disguise*. Tuesday, July 13th at 6:00 PM, in the Library's New Space. Grades 7-12, registration required. Join us at the library to watch a movie that's so bad, you can't help but love it. Sarcasm and heckling are encouraged!

Fiction Addiction Book Club. Wednesday, July 28th at 6:30 PM, in the Library's New Space. Grades 7-12, registration required. Join us for our pick-your-own book club for teens! Read any young adult book and get ready to chat about it. Teen volunteers are eligible to receive volunteer hours for attending!

July Take & Make Kits for Teens: Mini Paintings and DIY Bubble Tea kit. Grades 7-12, registration required. Sign-up July 1st-11th, pick-up July 12th-16th.

### Children's Events:

Music and Movement. Thursday, July 1st, 15th, and 29th at 11:15 AM, via Zoom. Ages 0-5, registration required. Come wiggle, sing, dance, and get silly during our virtual Music & Movement sessions.

Summer Storytimes at the Park. Friday, July 9th and 23rd at 10:30 AM, at Pierson Park. Ages 0-5, registration required. Grab a blanket and enjoy storytime outside this summer. Each family will get books to allow them to follow along and we will do a fun craft at the end!

JackBox Jams. Wednesday, July 7th at 6:30 PM, in the Library's New Space. Grades 4-6, registration required. Come play fun party games like *Fibbage*, *Break the Internet* and more! No phone? No problem! Borrow a laptop from the library to participate.

Reptile Storytime. Tuesday, July 13th at 10:30 AM, in the Library's New Space. Grades k-2, registration required. Read stories, sing songs, and learn about the library's Reptile Visitor of the Month with Mrs. Ashley!

Kids in the Kitchen: *Mozzarella Sticks*. Saturday, July 17th at 11:00 AM, via Zoom. Ages 7-12, registration required. Kids can join Registered Dietitians from Food Explorers to learn how to make delicious treats for themselves or to share with those they love. This program gives kids the chance to learn how to use basic kitchen equipment with the supervision of their parents. Ingredients will be listed with event registration

All About Art. Tuesday, July 20th at 4:00 pm, at Pierson Park. Grades 1-3, registration required. Dress for a mess because this hands-on program allows you to explore art in a new way! Learn about an artist and their art style and then give it a try for yourself. There will be fun and unique techniques to try.

STEAM Build-Alongs: *Paddle Boat*. Wednesday, July 21st at 4:00 PM, in the Library's New Space. Ages 7-12, registration required. Join us for a STEAM build-along club where we will meet in person, have fun, and build an exciting monthly project together.

Literacy Gardeners. Monday, July 26th at 6:30 PM, in the Library's New Space. Grades PK-1, registration required. Our literacy program is back and this time it's all about gardening. Sign your child up to enjoy some fun springtime literacy activities that will enhance their learning.

Learn to Play Ukulele. Tuesday, July 27th at 4:00 PM, in the Library's New Space. Registration required. Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? Julie Stepanek will teach you how to tune, strum, and read chords. After a short lesson, you'll be able to play songs. No experience necessary. Bring your own ukulele or borrow one of ours!

Virtual Paint Night. Monday, August 2nd at 6:30 PM, via Zoom. Ages 7-12, registration required. Join a talented artist from Picasso Parties for an interactive paint night from the comfort of your own home. Pick up all the supplies and show up on Zoom for the demonstration with all the instructions you will need to create your own masterpiece. Pick-up your supplies between July 26th-30th.

July Take & Make Kits for Kids: *Birth-PreK: Cow Milking and Pom-Pom Turtles*. Grades K-3: *Frog & Fly Game* and *Animal Tracks*. Grades 4-6: *Woven Llamas and Bead Buddies*. *Kindness Kids (Ages 0-12): Bee Hotel*. Registration required. Sign-up July 1st-11th, pick-up July 12th-16th.



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## Council Seeks to Form Charter Review Commission

by Mark DiPaola

The Town Council is looking to form a Charter Review Commission, but just when to start the process is still subject to some deliberation.

The Council, which kicked the topic around at its May 11 and May 25 meetings, is expected to resume discussions sometime in July.

By State Statute, Commissions can hold anywhere between 5 and 15 members – elected officials may make up a maximum of one-third of those appointed. Commission representation by any single political party is limited to “a bare majority”.

The Council is treading carefully on the timing because once they vote to “initiate” the review, they have 30 days to actually form the Commission itself, according to Town Clerk James Krupienski. And, if the Commission solicits public input be-

fore going to work – as is standard practice – a summer hearing will be less than ideal, Councilors said.

“I think we should wait for the fall, when people aren't on vacation and people are paying attention,” said Councilor Carol Anest. “I think we need to give them an opportunity to chime in.”

Town residents will have at least two, as mandated by State statute, Krupienski said.

“There's typically one at the committee's first meeting, and the second one would be them presenting their proposals to the electorate, prior to sending report to Council,” he said. “That's not to say they couldn't have two or three other public hearings throughout. Two is minimal.”

Newington last revised its Charter back in 2012. While some municipalities require themselves – by Charter – to reexamine it after a certain number of years, Newington's master document contains no such require-

ment.

State statute gives a commission a maximum of 16 months to issue a report of recommended changes – to be either be rejected or moved to a town wide referendum by the Council that appointed them.

“It doesn't have to be 16 months. It can take 9 or 10,” Krupienski told the Council.

And then the Council has a choice: to either place the question on a November election ballot, or at some other point within the year – as early as three weeks after the Commission's presentation.

As for the ballot contents, the Council can either present the revised Charter as a single referendum item or break the proposed changes out into separate questions.

“The history has always been, they put forward a complete charter,” Krupienski said. “The downside is, if you like 99 percent and the 1 percent is what people come out for, your charter fails, whereas if you place

different questions, you can have the pieces they like approved and the pieces they don't like not approved, and still make changes to your charter.”

Majority Leader Tim Manke said that he could see the potential value in taking the latter approach – he suggested examining how other towns do their charter referendums.

But which way Newington goes will probably depend more on what questions come up, said Deputy Mayor Gail Budrejk.

“It's a Newington specific decision, so I'm not sure how valuable polling other towns would be,” she said.

While the Council typically tells the Commission what aspects they'd like examined, those appointed can also look at anything and everything.

“I think this is a very weighty item and certainly worth some extra time and effort on our part,” said Mayor Beth DelBuono.

## Two-Story High Water Slide at Life. Be in it. Extravaganza

The Newington Parks and Recreation team is actively recruiting a community minded business, club, church, or organization to sponsor the popular Tiki Falls Waterslide during the 2021 Life. Be in it. Extravaganza to be held on Wednesday, July 14, Thursday, July 15, Friday, July 16, and Saturday, July 17 at Mill Pond Park. “Can you imagine your entire family climbing up a two-story high inflatable and sliding down a slippery slide into a pool of cooling water on a hot summer day?” said Bill DeMaio, Superintendent of the Newington Parks and Recreation Department. That is exactly what the Newington Parks and Rec-

reation Team wants to offer this year. We are looking to develop a public/private partnership with a group or company that is looking for lots of advertising and attention. If a business wishes to sponsor the Tiki Falls Water Slide, the Department will have it up on Thursday, July 15 before the Life. Be in it. Extravaganza from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the park. The slide will also be available on Friday, July 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as well as on Saturday, July 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These days will all feature a live concert, a fun-filled carnival, train rides in the park, a beer and wine garden, as well as a cornhole tourna-

ment on Thursday evening and a craft beer event on Friday evening. The Life. Be in it. Extravaganza will conclude with fireworks on Saturday, July 17. The slide will be free for anyone interested in using it on these days. The sponsor would receive a free Life. Be in it. Extravaganza Corporate Row booth valued at \$155.00. Just imagine the public traffic visits that this will drive to your booth on that busy day. If a sponsor comes to us now, the Department will initiate a full-blown advertising campaign for them using direct mailings to 13,500 households, brochures, PA announcements, Facebook boosts, email blasts, google blasts and more. The sponsor will receive thousands of dollars' worth of advertising and create great community spirit. The sponsorship investment cost is only \$1,400 in return for extraordinary advertising both locally and statewide. This is a win-win situation for everyone.

Attached is a photo of the Tiki Falls Water Slide.

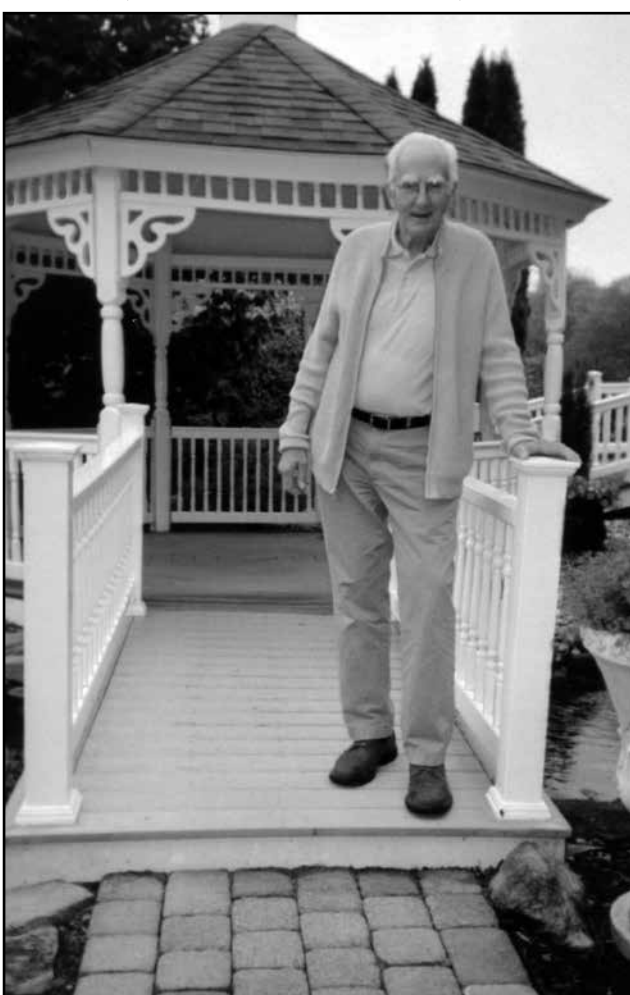


Any interested company, group or organization should contact the Newington Parks and Recreation Department ASAP. This offer is on a first come, first served basis. It promises to bring lots of attention and

business to your organiza-

tion. For more information, please call the Newington Parks and Recreation Department at 860-665-8666 or check us out on Facebook and/or website [\[ingtonct.gov/parksandrec.\]\(http://www.newingtonct.gov/parksandrec\) Remember, with Newington Parks and Recreation Department we are building a strong community!](http://www.new-</a></p>
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## Happy 90th Birthday, Dick!



Happy 90th Birthday, July 6, 2021. Big win on the horizon.  
The Family

## Town of Newington Tax Notice

Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle tax bills for the 2020 Grand List are mailed at the end of June. Real Estate and Motor Vehicle bills may be placed in the same envelope. The bills are dated July 1st, and taxpayers do have the entire month of July to pay. The last day to pay without penalty is August 2nd. On August 3rd interest will be charged according to CT State Statute Sec. 12-146. Also, any payments must be applied to the oldest tax first according to CT State Statute Sec. 12-144b.

Do not pay online if a Motor Vehicle release is needed. Call Revenue Office for more information 860 665-8540. If you received a tax bill for a vehicle you no longer own and have questions, contact the Assessor's office at [assessor@newingtonct.gov](mailto:assessor@newingtonct.gov) or 860 665-8530.

Parking is available in the new parking lot near the Community Center. The Town Hall entrance is at the far end. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are no evening or weekend hours.

Payments may be made by check, money order or cash. Make checks payable to Newington Revenue Collector. One check may be made out for multiple tax bills. Postdated checks will not be accepted. Credit/debit card payments can only be made online [www.newingtonct.gov/tax](http://www.newingtonct.gov/tax), and cannot be accepted in the Tax Office or by telephone. Online electronic check payments are also accepted. A tax payment drop box is located in the Police Dept. parking lot.

When paying at the Tax Office, bring the entire tax bill to have a paid receipt. If you are mailing your payment, include your entire bill with a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive a receipt.

Note: Taxpayers are responsible to make sure their taxes are paid when due. Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax, interest or fees.





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## Connecticut Passes Legislation to Legalize Cannabis

by Mark DiPaola

Legislation legalizing and regulating recreational cannabis use for adults cleared the State House and Senate – after over 10 hours of special session deliberations between the two chambers.

Governor Lamont signed Senate Bill 1201 Tuesday morning.

The Bill:

- Allows adults ages 21 and over to carry up to 1.5 ounces of marijuana
  - Allows adults ages 21 and over to store – in a locked container – up to 5 ounces of marijuana
  - Erases past marijuana criminal convictions – some automatically, and some by petition
  - Sets a sales tax rate by the ounce
  - Creates a pathway for distribution licensing – while establishing a Social Equity Council to prioritize communities hit hardest by drug enforcement policies
  - Sets aside 50 percent of licenses for those in highly impacted communities (at 50 percent of licensing fees)
  - Modifies driving and boating under the influence laws to include marijuana enforcement
  - Mandates that municipalities, upon petition by at least 10 percent of their resident population, hold a referendum on whether to allow recreational cannabis sales
  - Expands state's ban on public smoking and vaping to include products containing cannabis and hemp
- “We’ve moved into the realm of Groundhog Day with this bill,” said Senate President Pro Tempore Martin Looney, a Democrat who has been advocating for marijuana legalization for 7 years. “Cannabis has been

available for so long. It’s already here. That’s a reality people didn’t face during prohibition. People still drank and the money went to expand organized crime.”

For lawmakers, Groundhog Day was the third debate on the legislation – prompted by a House amendment removing those with marijuana-related convictions from those given preference for distribution licensing.

So last Wednesday – 50 years after former President Richard Nixon declared the War on Drugs – New Haven Senator and Judiciary Committee Co-Chair Gary Winfield led one last debate on the sprawling legislation, before it passed the Senate on a 16-11 party line vote.

Democrats have hailed the legislation as a long overdue walk-back of War on Drug policies that have disproportionately impacted communities of color. Republicans described the Bill as rushed, accusing their Democratic colleagues of rolling the dice on public health impacts in exchange for projected revenue.

“I don’t know about you, but 7 years is not a rush,” Winfield told Republicans. “We have operated for 50 years with unjust laws that targeted certain communities. We’ve damaged the lives of certain individuals of a certain hue because of politics. We don’t have the science [on cannabis] because of politics.”

President Nixon made his War on Drugs declaration in June of 1971, ramping up enforcement, creating mandatory minimum sentencing, and, against recommendations from his own commission, refusing to remove marijuana from the federal government’s list of Schedule One drugs – a decision that created additional hurdles for mar-

ijuana research, which currently requires DEA approval.

In 2020, the ACLU found that black individuals, relative to their white peers, were more than 3 times more likely to be arrested for marijuana possession – despite usage rates between the two groups being similar.

As states like Connecticut reckon with the long-term impacts of mass incarceration – particularly on urban communities of color – a hard look at drug policy is imperative, Democratic lawmakers said.

“Equity drives his legislation,” wrote Democratic State Rep Gary Turco on social media, after the legislation cleared the House. “The bill aims to right the wrong of our past and help those most disproportionately harmed by the War on Drugs.”

But the potential harm of increased recreational cannabis use, Republicans warned, is still unmeasured – and the Connecticut State Medical Society, along with medical associations in 7 other states, has echoed the concern.

“These are medical professionals telling us to study this issue,” said Senate GOP Leader Kevin Kelly. “Take the time to do this right.”

The State Medical Society says that while the racial justice component is critical, lawmakers can pursue equity measures without rushing the cannabis legalization piece.

“One of our chief concerns is the lack of sufficient research and clinical study upon which legislators and voters are approaching this issue,” Connecticut State Medical Society President Dr. Claudia Gruss in a prepared statement. “A major contributing factor is that marijuana continues to have a Schedule I classification by the federal gov-

ernment, which significantly limits the comprehensive research that can be performed to inform physician and consumer decision-making.”

Senator Matt Lesser, a 9th District Democrat who voted for the legislation, doesn’t disagree with the Medical Society’s sentiments regarding the unknowns – but he says criminalization hasn’t been the deterrent policymakers were perhaps hoping for.

“Marijuana criminalization has been a failed experiment that has caused all sorts of other problems,” Lesser wrote in a Facebook thread with constituents following the Senate’s vote. “Marijuana, while illegal, is widely available today and widely consumed - but as a result of criminalization, is completely unregulated. And the criminal justice impact falls disproportionately on some communities rather than on everybody. We should shift gears to have a different conversation, one centering public health and responsible use rather than trying and failing to ban it.”

But during debates, GOP Senator Dan Champagne was skeptical as to how regulated the market would truly be under the legislation.

“This bill is a drug dealer’s dream. It allows you to carry marijuana and cash in ways that as long as you don’t exceed a certain amount, you can go back and keep replenishing,” Champagne said. “The black market will undercut the taxes, so that won’t go away. These are people making money dealing drugs, and originally we were talking about giving them preference on these licenses.”

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## Council Votes for Dismissal of Police Chief

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The Town Council has voted to dismiss Police Chief James Cetran – about 6 months after his return from paid administrative leave and less than 3 months before his anticipated retirement date.

Town Manager Gary Evans said it was the latter piece that prompted his dismissal recommendation to the Council – which heard arguments from both Cetran's and Evans' legal counsel over the course of a -5-hour hearing last Monday night, before emerging from closed door deliberations to part ways with the Chief on a 6-1 vote.

Evans and labor attorney Ken Plumb say that Cetran was allowed to return January 18 under the condition that he set – and abide by – a retirement date. The January 13 retirement agreement, town attorneys say, left latitude for Cetran to vacate his post before or, if mutually agreed upon, after the deadline.

So Cetran, a 47-year Department veteran, marked August 31 for his departure, making the announcement in a February 8 letter.

Evans and the Council, meanwhile, had already initiated the search for his replacement – hiring the executive search firm Strategic Government Resources (SGR) to facilitate the process. They even held an SGR-led public forum on May 18.

But on May 14, Evans received an email from Cetran – he was walking back his plans to retire. Indefinitely.

"I was shocked. Frustrated. We reached a mutual agreement," Evans said during sworn testimony given during the hearing. "It's created a lot of confusion - if I was an individual applying for this job, I'm not sure if I'd continue with the application."

The Town paid \$8,500 to cover the negotiating fees of Raymond Hassett, Cetran's attorney at the time.

"It was real taxpayer money paid for the Chief, and frankly we didn't get the terms of that deal," Plumb told the Council. "The Chief had no rights to just unilaterally decide not to comply with those terms."

Sitting beside Cetran throughout the hearing was Attorney Rachel Baird of Goldstein Law Partners. She argued that the Chief couldn't have run afoul of his terms with the Town, because Evans had already violated the agreement by, according to Cetran's allegations, micromanaging the Department on the handling of disciplinary matters.

The hearing itself, Baird contended, violated the agreement because the language directs the parties to settle any dispute regarding the terms in court.

"Why does he have to leave? Is it because he's old? I don't understand," Baird said. "Why do we have to have a retirement date for Chief Cetran?"

### Cetran: discord began long before administrative leave

Cetran was placed on administrative leave last November after Evans, according to the Hartford Courant, accused him of interfering with an internal investigation regarding time reporting discrepancies for Sergeants Oscar Rivera and Jennie Rivera.

By his account, it's not the first time he's clashed with the Town Manager.

In very few words, Evans confirmed that much.

"We've had our ups and downs," Evans said during Plumb's cross examination.

Evans took over at Town Hall in 2018. Cetran said that they got along well at first, but that "things changed" on August 6 of 2019 – that was when he says he received a letter from the Town Manager citing a litany of perceived performance issues.

"[It was] a draft letter of like eight different things I had supposedly done wrong. Several of [them] were from before he even came here," Cetran said. "He's getting information obviously, and a lot of it is inaccurate. "I took that draft letter as a threat."

On April 20 that year, 18-year-old town resident Anthony Vega Cruz was gunned down by a Wethersfield officer

in a traffic stop gone wrong. The incident sparked a wave of local protests that drew police reform activists from Hartford and around the state.

Cetran said that at the time, Evans prohibited him from engaging with protestors.

"Once he told me not to, I didn't," Cetran says.

Then came the evening a hundred or so activists marched to the home of then-Mayor Amy Morrin Bello – now Wethersfield's 28th District House Rep – to demand a town-level investigation into Cruz's killing. At the time, the community was still awaiting Hardy's ruling, which came a year later.

WPD had officers stand between the protestors and Bello's property. In the Facebook video from that night, Cetran is seen stationed on the former Mayor's front porch – a move the Chief said he was admonished for in the August 6 letter.

"I said, 'if my officers are going to be in harm's way, I was going to be,'" Cetran said.

Cetran and his attorneys also claim that the Chief and Town Manager clashed over the Department's body camera roll out – a piece Baird says would have helped paint a quicker and clearer picture of what had transpired when former WPD Officer Layou Eulizier Jr. opened fire at Cruz's windshield as the teen's vehicle drove toward him.

Cetran described feeling as though he was being nudged toward the door.

Evans denied having any "direct" conversations with Cetran about his future employment with the town – at least before late last November, when the two sides reportedly began a 7-week retirement negotiation process.

Whatever Evans' intentions were before then, witnesses said last Monday night that he didn't want it to end like this.

In her testimony, Jenny Rivera described a conversation with Evans – post-Cetran retirement rescission letter – in which the Town Manager allegedly lamented the situation.

"[He said] what was he thinking with regard to rescinding his resignation? Why would he do that?" Rivera says Evans told her at Town Hall, as she waited to meet with consultants from SGR. "[He was saying how] it's forcing him to now take other steps to do things he didn't want to do to him because of his 47 years with the town, which he did respect."

Cetran said that it was Evans' decision to 'go around him' on a recent disciplinary issue – allegedly a common point of contention between the two – that ultimately forced his hand.

By Cetran's account, he had recommended the suspension of a firearms instructor for gestures that could constitute sexual harassment – Evans, according to Cetran, wanted to have the offending party instead undergo training through "verbal counseling", before later reversing course and aligning with the Chief's recommendation.

Meanwhile, an open lieutenant slot – which Cetran and his attorneys claim he was promised full authority to fill, under agreement language delineating his responsibility over labor, disciplinary, and department management issues – remained vacant.

Cetran says Evans cited a lack of HR personnel to conduct an adequate search process.

"I just threw my hands up. What good was the agreement if he wouldn't let me run my department?" Cetran said. "I can't hold anyone accountable for their actions because everyone thinks they can just go around me."

### Baird full court presses for a paper trail

Of course, the details surrounding Cetran's claims are more than a bit murky, and on Monday night Baird acknowledged that much.

"I can give you a lot of examples, but I need documents to prove it," she told the Council.

So, she launched a litany of document requests that included:

- Cetran's personnel files
- Evans' correspondences with Gonzalez
- Evans' correspondences with former WPD Lieutenant and former Acting Chief Donald Crabtree
- Evans' correspondences with CGR
- Evans' correspondences with Cetran regarding the body camera rollout
- Town work-from-home policies amid the COVID pandemic

She implied that the documents are pieces of a coordinated campaign to undermine Cetran through his subordinates.

Each one of her requests were denied – on the basis of scope, given that the Council's deliberations were on whether the Council had just cause for dismissal, based on the rescission of Cetran's retirement plans, stated Town Attorney

Ken Slater of Halloran & Sage.

"I'm sure the Chief has an exemplary record, but I don't think that has any bearing on the chief's intent to retire," said Mayor Michael Rell.

"To know whether he breached his agreement, you have to know why," Baird said. "How can the Town Council have possibly denied Chief Cetran his personnel records? That is beyond a denial of due process."

### Plumb: Town Manager never bound by agreement

Baird's attempts to inquire about the aforementioned records through witnesses – Gonzalez, Crabtree, and Rivera were each called to the stand – were met with the same objection, leaving the two sides to argue on the obligations spelled out under the retirement agreement.

"No interference from the Town Manager," Cetran said. "That's what I was told by my attorney, that that's what that agreement involved."

Plumb disputed claims regarding any management autonomy obligation. The contents of the contested Paragraph Two, he said, are simply a declaration of Cetran's responsibilities as Chief – not a directive for Evans or the Town.

"Where is the Town Manager's name in that agreement?" Plumb asked Cetran during cross examination.

"It doesn't say his name, but who else are we talking about?" Cetran said.

"The Town Manager is the director of public safety – are you saying your boss can't tell you what to do?" Plumb pressed.

"If I do something wrong, I have no problem," Cetran responded. "When he jumps the chain and talks to officers behind his back, that's when we have a problem."

### In closing statements, Cetran cites 'unfinished business'

During the home stretch of cross examination, Baird asked Cetran what he hoped to accomplish, if he were allowed to remain in his post a bit longer.

Plumb objected on relevance grounds.

Rell hesitated, for just a moment.

And then Cetran chimed in.

"Overruled," he said. "I have a number of things I want to accomplish. I want to get the department back to where they're a cohesive group. I want to do the street cameras. The lieutenant promotion. Just let me do my job and I'll ride off into the sunset."

That was left to the Council, which went into a closed-door dual caucus to begin deliberations just after midnight.

They reemerged at around 1 a.m. to cast the deciding vote in favor of Cetran's dismissal.

Councilor Kevin Hill was absent, and Councilor Pat Pentalow recused himself, citing personal ties to Cetran and the Wethersfield Police Department (WPD) – Pentalow's father is a retired Wethersfield officer.

Councilor Dan O'Connor was the lone dissenter.

The meeting adjourned just after 1:20 a.m.

### 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, June 28, 2021** at 7:00 p.m. (**Because of Covid-19 concerns, this will be by virtual and/or phone conferencing**). Please check the Town of Wethersfield website for the live stream link prior to the meeting, to hear and be heard on the following applications:

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## WHS Class of 2021 Enjoys Traditional Graduation Ceremony

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The Wethersfield Town Council has approved a \$109 million budget that dips the Mill Rate – just slightly – for the second year in a row.

The combined town government and school board appropriation leaves the Mill Rate at 40.67 – a 0.02 of a mill drop over last year.

To get there, Council Republicans cut around \$2.3 million from the budget proposed by Town Manager Gary Evans back in March, but after American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money is factored in, the actual reductions come to \$316,000 on the town side and \$73,000 for the Board of Education (BOE).

The federal funding will covering the town's share of COVID expense reimbursement to the Central Connecticut Health District (CCHD), portable classroom renovations at Charles Wright, \$157,000 in Parks and Recreation wages, and \$123,000 for dial-a-ride programs.

The BOE is covering \$805,000 medical self-insurance costs with unspent funds from the current year, with actuarial adjustments to pension and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) driving another \$100,000 in savings.

Another \$150,000 in Board health insurance costs came off, due to the Town and school district carrier switch.

Over \$773,000 in additional state aid revenue – mainly in Education Cost Sharing (ECS) and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) reimbursement – provided additional buffering, according to Mayor Michael Rell.

“That helped us craft the finer points of our budget. This budget, like the state bud-

get, does not increase taxes,” Rell said last Monday night before the start of final deliberations. “I’m hoping we’ll get, like the state budget, bipartisan support.”

Democratic Councilor Matt Forrest expressed that he did too, but he also voiced concerns – Forrest spent the better portion of the two-hour meeting grilling Republicans on capital projects, public safety, and economic development-related appropriations.

Then he made his counterproposal – a 1 percent budget increase to enable the town to:

- Hire a full-time economic development director and grant writer
- Establish youth explorer programs to boost police and fire recruitment
- Replace trees around town
- Revitalize various sports fields
- Enhance existing efforts to keep Cove Park trash-free
- Invest further in the town's road maintenance fund

“There’s like 80 percent we agree on,” Forrest said. “[But] we can’t be afraid to lead. The small increase in taxes would do a tremendous amount to change this town for the better.”

But with many Wethersfield residents still recovering financially from the pandemic, no increase is small enough, Republicans contended.

“I’d love to do all those things, but the reality is we don’t have the money,” said GOP Councilor Dan ‘Connor. “I wish we did, but we don’t, and to think about increasing costs now turns a tone-deaf ear. I didn’t get any comments saying, ‘love the Town Manager’s budget, do you think we can increase it a

little more?”

Evans’ recommendation to the Council – a 3.1 percent spending increase over last year’s budget – was driven by the costs of returning Town Hall operations to normalcy following a year of building closures and hybrid work arrangements.

While the return of part time Parks and Recreation staff – and the associated costs – was one escalation factor, the bulk of the budget, as is usually the case, was fixed by contractually-set salary and benefit hikes.

Town officials were also waiting on guidance as to how they could utilize the ARPA funds, while assuming flat state aid revenue, based on Governor Lamont’s initial state budget recommendation.

At the time Evans was also steering clear of the Town’s reserves – which the Council leveraged last year to avert a tax increase – but the final budget directs \$1.5 million from the fund balance.

The double-edged sword in Monday’s discussions was the ARPA funds – \$7 million, between town government and BOE.

Republicans argued that the influx of two-year federal relief makes raising taxes unthinkable. Democrats contend that it presents an opportunity to make smart investments while combining it with the grant money to minimize the cost to town residents.

The sports fields and environmental initiatives present a quality-of-life proposition – among many considerations when one assesses a community’s economic viability – Democrats argued.

“In order to get something positive in our town, we’re going to need to invest in those things,” said Democratic Councilor Ryan Biggs. “If we don’t have money coming

into Wethersfield, how are we ever going to keep these budgets low?”

And perhaps the biggest investment in that regard would be the \$70,000 Forrest proposed for the full-time economic development director. While current Town Planner Peter Gillispie wears that title, it’s one of many duties shouldered by his office.

“Our residential [tax base] is gigantic compared to our commercial base, which is why we find our Mill Rate so high. It’s imperative that we get our commercial state to a place where we can balance that,” Forrest said. “I’m envisioning a Wethersfield that doesn’t just dip their toes in the water on economic development – we need a full-time [economic development director].”

GOP Deputy Mayor Tom Mazzarella didn’t disagree, but he says he took his direction from the town’s Economic Development Commission (EDIC), which recommended starting out with the part time role Republicans budgeted.

“I thought there was plenty of work for a full-time position, but we went by what we were given by the Committee,” he said.

The final budget passed on a 6-2 party line vote with Democratic Councilor Kevin Hill absent.

Two Forrest motions – for the Town-side line items and a last-ditch proposal to increase the school budget by \$60,000 to pad against unexpected special education outplacement costs – failed by the same margin.

“If we really want to grow the Grand List, we have to show businesses we’re being as fiscally responsible as possible,” said GOP Councilor Tyler Flanigan. “I agree that we want to lead, but reducing the Mill Rate is not status quo.”

## Upcoming at Wethersfield Academy for the Arts

Wethersfield Academy for the Arts has reopened for in studio Youth and Adult Programs.

Summer Youth Art Program - June 21st – July 23rd - In studio

Registrations still available for five weeks of fun and creative art projects for ages 6 and up. For complete listing go to <https://www.wethersfieldarts.org/files/pdfs/SYA-Program-2021.pdf>

Adult Workshops

Portrait Drawing Workshops – In studio

Instructor: Kathryn Engberg

One Day Workshops, June 27th, July 25th, or August 22nd, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Work with a live male & female models hold-

ing a single pose. Students will strengthen their figure drawing skills through instructor led lecture and demonstration. All skill levels welcome.

Figure Drawing in Graphite - In studio

Instructor: Chelsea Bard

July 26th, 28th; Aug. 2nd, 4th - 5:30 - 8:30 pm

This is one long pose with a female model. Instructor guides the students through the drawing process with demonstrations and individual critiques. Includes Comparative measurement, structural anatomy, materials, light and form. Artists of all skill levels are encouraged to join. Model fee included.

Figure Drawing Workshop - In studio

Instructor: Tyler Berry

4-day workshop, August 26th - August 29th - 9:30am - 4:30pm

Working with a model holding a single pose, students will strengthen their drawing skills and anatomical knowledge through drawing the figure from life. Artists of all skill levels are encouraged to join. Model fee included.

Still Life Workshop in Oils - In studio

Instructor: Carlo Russo

4-day workshop, September 9th - 12th - 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Workshop will focus on still life painting fundamentals. Start with a simple line drawing then transfer it to a pre-primed panel. Develop the painting using a multi-step process giving the objects a strong sense of

form, color and depth. The instructor will offer daily demonstrations, individual help and critique of work.

Adult Classes - Ongoing - Jump in anytime

Oil Painting - Mondays - Students select their own 2 or 3 hour session during 3:00 - 8:00 pm - In studio

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**Mikey's Place Golf Classic**

The 19th/20th annual charity golf tournament will be held on Saturday, June 26, at Goodwin Golf Course in Hartford to benefit Mikey's Place, a wheelchair accessible playground and for research of Spinal Muscular Atrophy. The shotgun start will take place at 1 p.m. with a scramble format. Registration fee of \$140.00 per golfer also includes a light lunch from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and dinner after the tournament. Attending the dinner only: \$35. Singles welcome or sign up a foursome! There will be prizes, contests & raffles! It's a great day!

Mikey's Place was the vision of Mary and Dan Daversa and their daughter, Danielle, and was a way to memorialize their three-year-old son, Michael, who passed away in 1998 from Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Together with the Daversa's, the Wethersfield community and its surrounding community neighbors helped to raise the funds necessary to construct the park in the Fall of 2000. Hundreds of volunteers came together and installed and completed the 25,000 square foot playground located in Old Wethersfield along Garden Street. The number of children and families that have enjoyed and benefited from Mikey's Place is countless.

Proceeds from this special event will benefit both the Mikey's Place Preservation Fund and Cure SMA. Cure SMA is a national, volunteer, not-for-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for research of Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

For further information and registration forms, please visit [facebook.com/MikeysPlacePlayground](https://facebook.com/MikeysPlacePlayground) or contact Paul Huffman at 860-965-8551 or the Daversa's at 860-966-1376 or email the Daversa family at: [mikeysplaceplayground@gmail.com](mailto:mikeysplaceplayground@gmail.com). 6/3/21

**Al-Anon Family Groups**

Do you wish the drinking would stop? Al-Anon Family Groups can help. Phone and electronic meetings available. For information visit [www.alanon.org](http://www.alanon.org) or call 1-888-8AL-ANON (1-888-825-2666) 11/12/20

**Notre Dame Church Tag Sale**

Saturday, July 3, at 272 Main St., Durham from 8 AM to 1 PM, rain or shine! Outside you will find furniture, records, tapes, CD's, books, pictures and frames, baskets, stuffed animals, electronics, sporting equipment, religious items and a full range of miscellaneous tag sale items. Inside our Church Hall we will have a huge assortment of clothing, toys, jewelry, china, a variety of linens, kitchen supplies, craft supplies, and more. A few minor changes: We will not be having outside vendors, masks are required, coffee and donuts will be available for sale in the Church Hall. Future Saturday Tag Sales: August 7, September 4. 6/24/21

**Coaches Wanted**

Rocky Hill Youth Football & Cheer is looking for coaches for football and cheer. Please contact Joe Morfea for info: 819-7291 or [gmorfea@inlandbank.com](mailto:gmorfea@inlandbank.com). 6/3/21

**Cromwell Democrats Open House**

Democrats in town are invited to join the Cromwell Democrats for an ice cream social! This event will be held at the Watrous Park pavilion (near the playground and splash pad) on Wed., June 30, 6-8pm. Meet fellow Democrats, including elected officials, and learn how to serve the community in elected/appointed roles. Free; RSVPs encouraged. For more info, or to RSVP, please contact Scott Lamberson at 860-704-9740 (call/text) or [cromwelldtc@gmail.com](mailto:cromwelldtc@gmail.com), or visit [facebook.com/CromwellDemocrats](https://facebook.com/CromwellDemocrats). 6/17/21

**Food Pantry**

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 371 Wolcott Hill Rd., Wethersfield, food pantry is open every Thursday from 10am-1pm. 5/6/21

**CCD's Swing into Action with PGA Championship Tour**

You might say that CCD is on the first tee in joining the PGA Travelers Championship in Cromwell. While concession stands will have to wait until next year, CCD has partnered with Birdies for Charity, a program sponsored by Travelers and Webster Bank, and offered to all non-profits during the Travelers Championship Tournament. Want to make your donations grow by 15%? From now until June 27, any amount you donate through Birdies for Charity to your favorite "listed" charity will be increased 15% by Webster Bank. CCD provides a direct link through our Facebook site: [facebook.com/CromwellCreativeDistrict](https://facebook.com/CromwellCreativeDistrict). Or, Google Birdies for Charity Travelers and scroll to find your preferred charity.

**Wethersfield Farmers' Market**

The Wethersfield Farmers' Market is offering a free chance to win a set of 4 Market wine glasses. One winner will be chosen every week through July. Come to the Market to enter. All we need is a name. No other personal data. Winners will be announced on Facebook, through our website and at the Market. July 1, Connie Drake will be visiting and offering Thai mat massage. This will be free although we ask for a small donation (not mandatory) to one of the 3 non-profits at our Market. Visit Connie at:

<https://m.facebook.com/cupOkind/>  
<https://conniedrake.amtamembers.com/>

Our non-profits:

The Kitchen at Futures

Great Meadows Conservation Trust.

The Market will run a series of mini-events all season which will be announced on Facebook and our website throughout the season.

[www.facebook.com/wethersfieldfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/wethersfieldfarmersmarket)

[www.wfmarket.org](http://www.wfmarket.org)

Also. We are in the process of offering advanced ordering for our customers where we will feature links directly to some of our vendors. Customers can prepay and pre-order and be assured that their favorite items won't be sold out when they arrive. We are preparing a vendor list now and will feature this on our social media platforms. 5/13/21

**Re-employment Support Group**

The Rocky Hill Re-employment Support Group, whose main focus is on networking to find employment, will now meet by appointment only. To schedule an appointment at Saint James Church, please call Marty Carlson at 860-529-3630. 1/4/18

**Free Meditation in the Park**

Saturday, June 26, 10 – 10:30am at Elizabeth Park, Hartford (look for Odiyana lawn signs to direct you once you enter the park). Everyone is welcome to join in on this live outdoor meditation being held at beautiful Elizabeth Park. Odiyana Buddhist Center's Resident Teacher Gen Khyenwang will guide a simple, brief meditation to cultivate a peaceful mind. Everyone is welcome (including kids and pets!). No cost. Check the Odiyana website for live streaming and on demand weekly meditation classes and events: [meditationinconnecticut.org](https://meditationinconnecticut.org) 6/24/21

**Bolton Church Fair**

St. George's Episcopal Church is inviting crafters to rent a booth at the church's 45th Annual Craft and Harvest Fair. The event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on the church lawn at 1150 Boston Turnpike, Route 44, Bolton, CT. Registration deadline is September 1. For further information, please email [bkalina333@gmail.com](mailto:bkalina333@gmail.com) or call 860.643.9203. 5/6/21

**Covenant Village Tag Sale**

101 West Street, Cromwell. Saturday June 26. Look for a full house of special summer time things. Visit our garages full of furniture that has been gently used. Come in through our new entrance at 101 West Street and follow the signs. 6/24/21

**Odiyana Buddhist Center**

Virtual meditations and retreats, live-streaming and on demand, from Odiyana Buddhist Center. Experience peace and lasting happiness by learning to control your mind through the practice of meditation. Improve your mental and physical well-being, both in and out of meditation sessions. Classes include guided meditations and practical advice to carry into daily life. Everyone welcome. Weekly class schedule: Wednesday 7pm and Sunday 10:30am. For info and online registration, visit our website at: [meditationinconnecticut.org](https://meditationinconnecticut.org) 6/3/21

**Free Braille Calendars**

The National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut has 2021 Braille calendars free of charge. For more information, please call (860) 289-1971 or email [info@nfbc.org](mailto:info@nfbc.org). 11/19/20

**Taste of Middlesex County**

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce announced that the sixth annual Taste of Middlesex County is here! Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the chamber is reinventing the Taste of Middlesex County in order to meet Connecticut Safety Guidelines and to help support our local restaurants by offering two tasty weeks in 2021: February 15-21 and June 21-27!

Like past years, this celebration of local food will allow residents to discover Middlesex County's award-winning food scene! While the flavors are sure to still impress, this year will look a little different as the chamber is leaving it up to the restaurants on what they would like to offer.

These restaurant weeks are designed to highlight the numerous and diverse dining experiences within the greater Middlesex region. Participating restaurants have come up with ideas such as a fixed price menu (\$20.21 or \$30.21), meals for two, family meals, or dine-in/carry-out options.

Participating restaurants so far include: 1741 Pub & Grill in Middlefield, Eli Cannons Tap Room in Middletown, Fire at the Ridge & Ridgeside Tavern in Middlefield, Scotch Plains Tavern in Essex, and Water's Edge Resort & Spa in Westbrook.

If you love gourmet meals and scoring a bargain, the Middlesex Chamber encourages community members to save your appetite for these particular weeks!

To learn more or to register your restaurant to participate, please visit <https://www.middlesexchamber.com/pages/taste-of-middlesex-county>. You can also follow updates on social media by searching the hashtag #TasteOfMiddlesex. 2/4/21

**RH Historical Society Thursday Zooms**

Have you ever wanted to research your own family's history, but don't know how to start? Join us for RHHS Third Thursday on July 15 at 7 PM with "Tracing your Family History." This presentation, by member Tim Honan, will give you information to help get you started on understanding your own history. The topics will include: where to find information; how to store information; and hints that will help the process go smoother. Register at [infoRHhistory@gmail.com](mailto:infoRHhistory@gmail.com), [www.RHhistory.org](http://www.RHhistory.org) or by calling 860-563-6704. You will receive a ZOOM link the day of the event. Please join us for an informative and fun evening.

**Call-in Caregivers Support Group**

Caregivers support groups provide emotional, educational and social support in a positive and uplifting atmosphere for those who care for an older loved one, particularly those with dementia. For many years, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging has offered monthly in-person support groups at numerous senior living communities and senior centers to focus on stages of the disease, communication, strategies and family dynamics.

To observe safe social practices, Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging is hosting two call-in caregivers support groups each week led by dementia specialists and resource coordinators. The call-in groups are held Mondays, 10 a.m., and Fridays, 2 p.m. At the meeting time, participants can call 860.972.6338 and enter access code 19623#.

Participants do not need to have attended a caregivers support group in the past. Confidential discussion and telephonic assessments can also be had one-on-one with a dementia professional outside of the online group. 7/30/20

**Rocky Hill Farmers Market**

The Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation Department is now accepting vendor applications for the 2021 season! Market dates are: 6/23, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15 from 4-7 p.m. at Ferry Park. Please call (860) 258-2772 for more information. 2/25/21

**Ice Cream Pie Fundraiser**

GFWC Newington/Wethersfield Woman's Club is pleased to once again offer an opportunity to purchase delicious ice cream pies at Main Street Creamery & Café while supporting this volunteer community service nonprofit organization.

Choose your pies from the FB link below, then either go to the direct ordering link below or call in your order to 860-529-0509. Pies can be picked up on Saturday, July 10 or Sunday, July 11, from 11 am – 10 pm at 271 Main Street, Old Wethersfield. There will be a selection of premade pies available if you do not reserve ahead of time. Pies listed on the link are \$20 (including tax); for custom pies, please call the Creamery to order. Cash or Venmo is accepted at pick-up.

Link to FB event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/347075827028907/>

Direct link to order form:

<https://forms.gle/thFLezSNHeKBR8gZ6>

Funds raised will go toward purchasing prizes for Lucy Robbins Welles Library summer reading program and toward fall programming for Wethersfield Library. As always, your support is greatly appreciated! 6/24/21

**Newington Adult Education**

Interested in Attaining a High School Diploma?

The Newington Credit Diploma Program will be registering students aged 17 years old and older, on Sept. 8 and 9.

Registration will take place in Room 124 at Newington High School from 5 – 7:30 pm. Please bring a copy of your transcript from the last school you attended, as well as a current photo ID. For further information, please call the Newington Adult Education office at (860) 667 – 5850. 6/24/21

## Cromwell Farmers Market

We are looking for farms, local artisans, food makers. We are 100% made in Connecticut market, Nothing we showcase is mass-produced. If you would like to be a vendor, please head over to our website [www.cromwellfarmersmarket.org](http://www.cromwellfarmersmarket.org) Fridays June 11-Sept 4, 4-7 pm. 3/18/21

## Irish Road Bowling Tournament

Registration is now open for the 2021 Hartford Irish Road Bowling Tournament, which will take place on July 17, at 1 p.m. at Riverside Park in Hartford.

The event marks the return of Irish Road Bowling to the Hartford area for the first time in five years. The event is presented by the AOH Hartford Division 2 in conjunction with Riverfront Recapture.

The Road Bowling Tournament will be part of a fun day at Riverside Park, which will also include Irish entertainment and food trucks.

The registration fee is \$50 for a team of four or \$15 for an individual. Everyone who participates will receive a free tournament T-Shirt. To register as a team or individual, please visit [HartfordAOH.com](http://HartfordAOH.com).

Irish Road Bowling is played with a ball made of iron and steel that is heavy enough to pick up speed, yet small enough for any person to handle. Besides the basic rules, all a participant does is hurl the 28 ounce-sized bowl with an underhand motion over a one to two mile course.

Scored like golf, the fewest number of shots from the start to the finish line wins. 4/15/21

## Mobility Equipment Collection

Wheels for the World a ministry of Joni and Friends, IDC in CA, collects mobility equipment, sends them for refurbishing and then distributes them to people who need them and can't afford them all around the world. Each delivery also includes the gospel of Jesus Christ in their language.

We've taken the non-contact approach. Anyone wishing to donate equipment can call 203-235-4686 or 203-747-0542 and ask for Cindy or Marshall Dunbar. 10/29/20

## K of C Memorial Family Gatherings

Memorial Family Gatherings at Newington Knights of Columbus, 171 Pascone Place, Newington, CT

The Newington Knights of Columbus has decided to reduce the public rental cost of our hall for families that want to hold memorial gatherings for their family to honor any deceased members of their family.

After being closed due to State COVID-19 restriction, the Newington Knights of Columbus will be open starting May 1st for rentals. Please note that they will still be following state COVID-19 guidelines for all rentals.

The Newington Knights of Columbus Hall is now available now for family memorial gatherings bookings.

Special hall rental rates are available and have to be booked through Bob Gervais at 860-874-2728. Rental for 3 hours is \$200 plus \$50 for each additional hour, a refundable \$50 cleaning is also required. Rental rate includes a bartender. Renters do not have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. 4/22/21

## Virtual Friday Night Lecture

Letting Go of Who You Were, live-streaming June 25, at 7:00pm, from Odiyana Meditation Center. How often do you find yourself getting stuck in the past? We can get caught in a mindset thinking that there are just some things we can't change. When we relate to ourselves as fixed and unchangeable, thinking "This is how I am", we lose touch with our actual potential for limitless growth, freedom, and inner peace. Learn the truth of impermanence and the wisdom that understands reality. Everyone welcome. Info and registration at [meditation-inconnecticut.org](http://meditation-inconnecticut.org). 6/17/21

## Carillon Concert

Carillon Concert (free), Ice Cream, and Silent Auction - Saturday, July 3. Silent auction starts at 5:30 and ice cream social (\$2 donation). Concert starts at 6:30 p.. This annual town event is held on the lawn of Church of Christ, Congregational, 1075 Main Street, Newington. Patriotic and summer songs and requests played on the church bells. Bring a lawn chair and refreshments. [newingtonucc.org](http://newingtonucc.org) (860) 666-4689. 6/10/21

## Wethersfield UMC Clothing Donations

Cleaning out your closets? You can bring your used clothing donations to Wethersfield United Methodist Church at 150 Prospect St. in Wethersfield. The church is now partnering with St. Pauly Textile Inc. to provide a wood-frame clothing drop-off shed for community use (see pictures).

This shed is designed to give community members a uniquely clean, convenient, and well-cared-for option to donate their used clothing to. St. Pauly Textile Inc. partners with businesses and various organizations to distribute donated items both here in the U.S. and worldwide, where they're ultimately re-worn by people who need them. Wethersfield United Methodist Church receives funding for donated clothing, and additionally has the option to use donations to serve community needs.

With over 1,300 clothing drop-off sheds in place, St. Pauly Textile Inc. collects over 90,000 pounds of clothing every day and estimates that this clothing ends up in 44 different countries (including the U.S.) yearly. In 2019, the company was able to help keep over 20 million articles of clothing out of landfills, which clothed an estimated 2.5 million people worldwide. The company was founded in 1996 and is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau.

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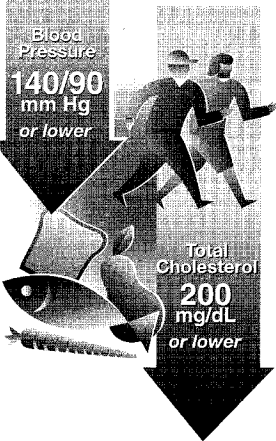
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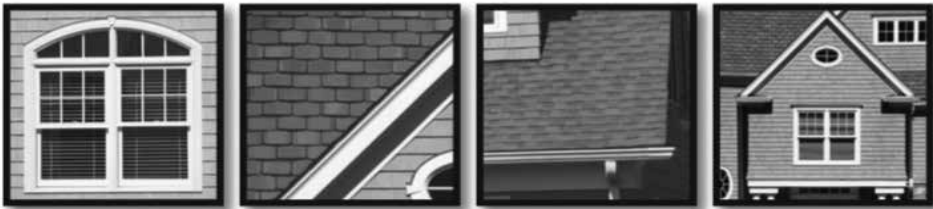


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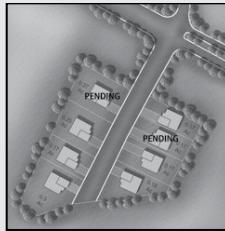


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Cromwell					
06/03/2021	10 Chelsea Dr	06/03/2021	201 College St #B	06/01/2021	97 Pheasant Dr
Cheshire, Jennifer Y; Cheshire, Kenneth O		Dougherty, Jodi		Lirlacher, Carl; Eriacher, Kristie A	
Czarnecki, Amanda; Gregory, Marc	\$330,000	To Garven, Kathryn A	\$125,000	To Masih, Anita; Vitartas, Daintus	\$570,000
06/01/2021	124 Coles Rd	06/03/2021	124 Crystal Lake Rd	06/04/2021	211 Prospect St
Burke, Cheryl A; Doyle, Nancy M		Pettross Cudgma FT; Cudgma, Daniel R		Kerr, Alan R	
To Campbell, Briana; Campbell, Vincent C	\$205,000	To Mazzotta, Michelle M	\$100,000	To Dashai-Grant, Rodric	\$202,000
06/03/2021	2 Evensen Pl	06/03/2021	124 Crystal Lake Rd	06/04/2021	1136 Randolph Rd
Alvin H Dralle T; Tobias, Evelyn		Wonsek, Paul F		Lamadeleine, Kelly A	
To Doko, Jadna	\$29,250	To Mazzotta, Michelle M	\$100,000	To Corvo, Robert	\$197,000
06/03/2021	2 Evensen Pl	06/02/2021	92 Cynthia Ln #A3	06/03/2021	415 Ridge Rd
Dralle, Kurt; Dralle, William		Davino, Jeremy M		Blancaflor, Siobhan M	
To Doko, Jadna	\$90,000	To Davino, Francine	\$122,000	To Lang, Patrick	\$300,000
06/03/2021	2 Evensen Pl	06/03/2021	153 E Ridge Rd	06/04/2021	1 Russell St #7
Dralle Alvin H Est; Tobias, Evelyn		Fedler, Shawn A		Kilian, Katarzyna	
To Doko, Jadna	\$60,750	To Tiedemann, Nate; Tiedemann, Eric	\$275,000	To Guo, Cheng X; Wang, Yinghua	\$81,000
06/02/2021	3 Lion Gardiner #3	06/04/2021	44 Farm Hill Rd	06/02/2021	53 Schuyler Ave
Hutton, Thomas; Hutton, Thomas C		Stuckey, Melaida		Eddge Fund 1 LLC	
To Skolnick, Jeffrey E	\$764,900	To Jeffrey, Monique	\$280,000	To Cariddi, Kylie M; Cariddi, James T	\$242,000
06/03/2021	2 Northbridge	06/02/2021	15 Frazier Ave	06/04/2021	152 Trolley Crossing Ln
Douglas S Smith LT; Smith, Douglas S		Eddinger, Zachariah		TCD Rental LLC	
To Warren, Jane	\$650,000	To Blauvelt, Christopher C	\$285,700	Morgan, Oral	\$65,000
06/01/2021	147 Shunpike Rd	06/04/2021	163 Frisbie St	06/03/2021	33 Villa St
Copeland, Julie C		Sqaure 1 Management LLC		Curtis, Emily; Curtis, Justin	
To Pertz, Margaret A; Pertz, Scott E	\$285,000	To Young, Shanae	\$202,000	To Pirruccio, Nicholas; Raczkowski, Erin	\$280,000
06/02/2021	15 Wooded Heights Dr	06/03/2021	116 Heritage Blvd	06/03/2021	3 W Meadow Ln #1
Gamalo, Saharat J; Gamalo, Stacey V		Goltsman, Danilo; Goltsman, Jessica		Morrone, Donald S; Morrone, Lisa C	
To Shah, Digish R	\$217,500	To Idiong, Maria	\$295,000	To Copeland, Ari	\$170,000
06/04/2021	149 Woodland Dr	06/04/2021	44 Jefferson Ave	06/04/2021	455 West St
Korzukov, Arkadiy		Greco Frank J Est		Coilombe, Alexander	
To Hamidovic, Merissa	\$124,000	To Harnois, Sarah N	\$175,000	To Scaniiffe, Bryan; Neilson, Sara	\$265,000
<b>Middletown</b>		06/01/2021	34 Little River Ln	06/01/2021	92 Westfield Ter
06/01/2021	109 Bridge St	Le, Nghi C; Le, Nguyen D		Boyer, Patricia; Johnson, Elizabeth	
Jimenez, Bugenio		To Dahib, Mustapha	\$206,000	To A; Kendall, Timothy J	\$200,000
To Green, Heyward	\$155,000	06/02/2021	153 Pearl St	<b>Newington</b>	
06/03/2021	280 Carriage Crossing Ln	Napolitano Invs LLC		06/03/2021	28 7th St
Lauber, James R		To Elder, Jasil	\$170,000	Soriano, Arlene	
To Pendl, Paige	\$133,000	06/01/2021	38 Pheasant Dr	To Atiro, Exequiel D; Cueva-Valenzuela, Noemi S	\$152,500
		Giampapa, Anthony S; Giampapa, Patricia			
		To Bouchard, Renee L; Gray, Sean A	\$575,000		

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Michael W Repoli Sr RET; Repoli, Michael W		739-743 North Mtn Rd LLC		Chmielecki, Sarah R	
To Yopp, Anastasia	\$194,000	To Gabelldan Properties LLC	\$300,000	To 1303 Harbor View LLC	\$96,000
06/01/2021	20 Brick Walk Ln	06/03/2021	18 Surrey Dr	06/03/2021	682 Old Main St
Adams, Shirley M		Baranski, Joanne E		Warner, George E; Warner, Diana J	
To Szumska, Anna	\$236,000	To Chen, Jeffrey C	\$102,000	To Beaulieu, Pierre J; Beaulieu, Pamela	\$410,000
06/01/2021	3 Brick Walk Ln	06/02/2021	23 Whiteside St	06/04/2021	376 Orchard St
Patz, Alice D; Patz, Raymond S		Scollo, David		376 Orchard Street LLC	
Alazzam, Rami	\$240,000	To Castro, Adam	\$249,900	To Ohanian, Devin J; Ohanian, Albertina M	\$275,000
06/02/2021	120 Camp Ave	<b>Rocky Hill</b>		06/03/2021	364 Parsonage St
Carlone, Cosmo M; Carlone, Saverio		05/28/2021	21 Autumn Cir	Torneo, Nick A; Torneo, Sharon A	
To Duran, Yocasta	\$170,000	Schmitz, Lawrence E; Schmitz, Patricia M		To Carone, Karlee A	\$300,000
06/01/2021	2 Churchill Brg	To Delmastro, Joanne E	\$702,500	05/28/2021	7 Summit Rd
Urban John H Er Est; Giveans, Annmarie		06/02/2021	32 Beecher Ln	Vassal, Alwyn; Gnatek, Justyna	
To Hamm Homes LLC	\$182,000	Nadimpalli, Ramesh; Nadimpalli, Tanuja		To Amaral, Monika; Amaral, Jensey	\$295,000
06/01/2021	38 Cobblestone Ct	To Govindarajan, A R; Rajagopal, Iswaryia	\$240,000	06/02/2021	4 Winesap Cir
Paquette, Joan		06/01/2021	77 Brookwood Dr #B	Das, Jennifer S	
To Mishra, Manishkumar	\$321,000	Peterson, Charles		To Dipietro, Loretta G	\$195,000
05/28/2021	170 E Robbins Ave	To Bagirov, Feyzi	\$131,000	<b>Wethersfield</b>	
Strole, Jo E		06/04/2021	73 Carillon Dr #A	06/04/2021	39 Ancient Hwy
To Polanco, Taina M	\$295,100	Cannata, Dianne		Homar, Howard J; Homar, Jo A	
06/02/2021	304 Foxboro Ave.	Zaniewski, Marian; Zaniewska, Marianna	\$140,000	To Geleta, Albina	\$418,000
Nigro, Brandt T		06/03/2021	203 Cedar Hollow Dr	06/04/2021	42 Angela Dr
To Tendulkar, Suchit	\$220,000	Demallie, Kirsten C		Grenet, Silvia	
06/02/2021	44 Homecrest St	To Nkonoki, Taylor L	\$140,000	To Pereira, Regino; Pereira, Elsa	\$325,000
Jarvis Dorian B Est; Capra, Liana L;		06/01/2021	204 Cedar Hollow Dr	05/28/2021	122 Boulter Rd
To Costa, Adrian; Simoes-Costa, Andrea	\$250,000	Leslie, Rory		Hodsen, Wanda M	
06/01/2021	414 Main St	To Fischer, Morgan	\$180,000	To Mcgarry, Matthew T; Mcgarry, Rebecca K	\$435,000
Duchesneau, Wesley; Duchesneau, Kiberlie		06/01/2021	58 Concord Dr	06/04/2021	330 Brimfield Rd
To Thomas, Brittany L; Thomas, Dylan	\$290,000	Stephen, Andrea		Lafrancis, Michele	
06/03/2021	587 Maple Hill Ave	To Real Pure 3 LLC	\$150,000	To Jakubowski, John R; Jakubowski, Megan C	\$285,000
Sala, Peter J; Sala, Susan F		05/28/2021	581 Cromwell Ave	06/02/2021	10 Broad St
To Garcia, Carlos	\$210,000	Route 3 Investments LLC		Ayres, Thomas M	
06/01/2021	739-743 N Mountain Rd	To K&L Investment Prop LLC	\$620,000	To Lugo-Gines, Sandra I	\$320,000
739-743 North Mtn Rd LLC		06/01/2021	40 Glastonbury Ave	05/24/2021	37 Chesterfield Rd
To Gabelldan Properties LLC	\$300,000	Masih, Anita S		Feller, Erin; Persing, John S	
		To Amado, Kevin; Amado, Kaysee	\$324,900	To Diane M Diccico LT; Diccico, Diane M	\$415,000

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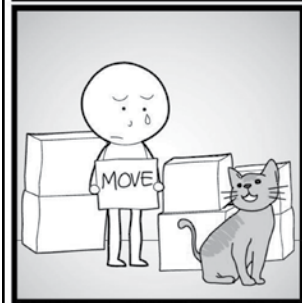


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207 Church St  
\$975,000

**05/24/2021**  
Miller, Lilly E; Miller, Nancy H  
To Mowles, David M  
15 Clayton Dr  
\$300,000

**05/28/2021**  
Poerio, Deborah J  
To Aaron, Samuel W; Rodenstein, Marissa S  
245 Coppermill Rd  
\$379,000

**05/25/2021**  
Ohea, Kristin M  
To Teevan, Bridget  
33 Crest St  
\$321,000

**05/27/2021**  
Tirinzonie, Janice M  
To Silvester, Rachel; London, Colin  
57 Dale Rd  
\$352,000

**05/24/2021**  
Angelillo Cons LLC  
To Jin, Changji  
18 Dogwood Rd  
\$300,000

**05/26/2021**  
Delmonaco, Lidia  
To Zame, Zachery  
64 Dogwood Rd  
\$260,000

**06/03/2021**  
Calciano, Margaret A; Goupil, Stephen A  
To Wethersfield Folly Brook  
123 Folly Brook Blvd  
\$305,000

**06/03/2021**  
128 Folly Brook LLC  
To Wethersfield Folly Brook  
128 Folly Brook Blvd  
\$305,000

**06/03/2021**  
Calciano, Dominick  
To Wethersfield Folly Brook  
137 Folly Brook Blvd  
\$305,000

**06/03/2021**  
Folly Brook Props  
Wethersfield Folly Brook  
26 Folly Brook Blvd  
\$2,247,000

**06/03/2021**  
Sitler, Brian T; Sitler, Elizabeth B  
To Wethersfield Folly Brook  
34 Folly Brook Blvd  
\$321,000

**06/03/2021**  
Equity T Co  
To Wethersfield Folly Brook  
50 Folly Brook Blvd  
\$315,000

**06/02/2021**  
Prokipchak, John M  
To Casasanta, Kevin  
9 Hartwell Rd  
\$325,000

**06/04/2021**  
Joanis, Steven J  
To Figueroa, Elizabeth  
46 Kenwood Rd  
\$236,500

**05/24/2021**  
Kusiak, Ann C  
To Elwell, Ryan T; Ezzedine, Lori  
21 Lewis St  
\$195,000

**05/25/2021**  
Fazio, Angela  
To Johnson-Debaufre, Eric K; Johnson-Debaufre, M J  
26 Longvue Dr  
\$294,000

**05/28/2021**  
Velic, Hasib; Velic, Indira  
To Rawat, Kesar S  
985 Maple St  
\$350,000

**05/28/2021**  
Xhania, Alicia A; Xhania, Lorenc  
To Hadzic, Alma  
241-243 Middletown Ave  
\$325,000

**05/26/2021**  
Guglielmi, Anthony P  
To Codino, Carla  
139 Morgan Cir  
\$380,000

**06/03/2021**  
Szewczyk, Emil  
To Mirzoian, Garen  
26 Mountain Laurel Dr  
\$85,000

**06/01/2021**  
Lugo-Gines, Sandra I  
To Ferreira, Jennifer S  
30 Northbrick Ln  
\$261,000

**05/26/2021**  
Tarrillo, Segundo  
To Torres, Edwin; Pagan, Xiomara  
646 Nott St  
\$248,300

**06/03/2021**  
Vargas, Jonathan  
To Guillen, Claudeth  
82 Oakdale St  
\$199,999

**05/25/2021**  
Consonni, Kimberly A  
Galatie, Joseph A; Galatie, Sarah E  
25 Oldham Rd  
\$315,000

**06/01/2021**  
Pena, Jose; Pena, Marliena  
To Todeschini, Jason  
111 Ridge Rd  
\$269,900

**06/01/2021**  
Pawlowski, Mitchell L  
To Grant, Brianna  
55 Ridge Rd #55  
\$190,000

**06/01/2021**  
Checko, Krysten S  
To Luiz, Casey  
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Seabeck Louise M Est; Ussery, Helen M  
To Grayeb, Edward G; Grayeb, Madeline G  
20 Stillman Walk  
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Depergola, Dominick; Depergola, Victoria  
To Jordan, Michele M  
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**05/26/2021**  
Sciarra, Temo; Sciarra, Silvio  
To Jordan, Michele M  
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**05/24/2021**  
Weakliem, David L; Milardo, Judith M  
To Tyrol, Jeffrey A; Tyrol, Erin G  
146 Wells Rd  
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Matteau, Guy P  
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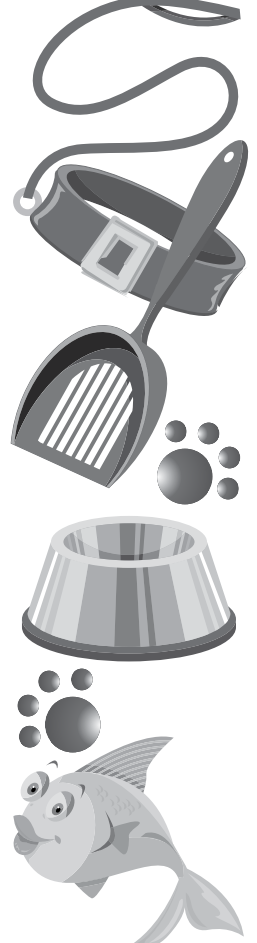
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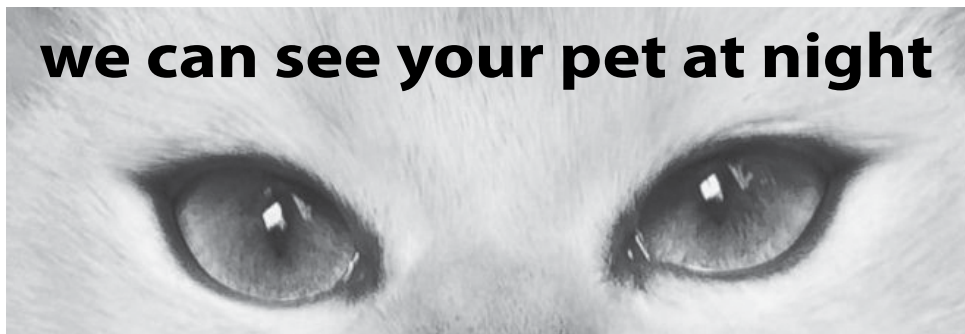
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Warm weather brings many changes. Warm weather can make travel more enjoyable and affords people more time to comfortably enjoy the great outdoors.



It's best to keep safety in mind when soaking up the sun. That's important for all members of the family, including pets. Cats and dogs are as susceptible to heat-related illnesses as their human companions.

**Recognize heat stroke**

Pets can suffer from heat stroke, according to the American Red Cross. Certain breeds of dogs are highly susceptible, particularly those with short snouts, such as pugs and bulldogs. Excessive exercise in hot weather, lack of appropriate shelter outdoors and leaving a dog in a hot car may precipitate an episode of heat stroke. It's important to get the pet out of direct heat right away and check for signs of shock, which include seizures, a body temperature of 104 F or higher, stupor, increased heart rate, or excessive panting. Placing water-soaked towels on the pet's feet, head, neck, and abdomen can bring down its temperature.

**Be cautious of hot surfaces**

Humans wear shoes on their feet for protection, but pets do not have that luxury. Think about how hot your feet can feel when you scurry barefoot across hot sand en route to the shoreline or to cross a deck to get to the pool. When the sun beats down on surfaces, those

surface temperatures rise quickly. According to a 2010 study by Liberty Home and Pet Services, at peak afternoon sun and an ambient temperature of 95 F in southern Florida, the temperature of cement was measured at 125 F, red brick at 135 F, blacktop at 140 F, and grass at 102 F. Individuals who think a car is safer for their dog or cat may be surprised the informal study measured 152 F on seat surfaces.

**Provide extra water**

It's likely you will need to fill your pets' water bowls more frequently in warm weather than during other times of the year. Be sure to provide constant access to fresh water, even for young puppies who may be learning to house train.

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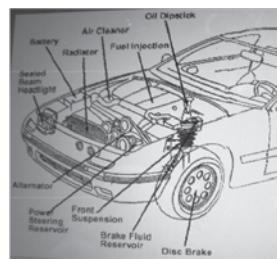
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# SPORTS CORNER

## Local Football Players Graduate, Tackle Next Challenges

by Josh Howard

This year was unfair to the local high school football players, particularly the seniors. Not only did they face the same issues that every student-athlete battled, but they also had their final football seasons squashed as most other high school sports were played without incident.

Rocky Hill head coach Rich Dance and Wethersfield head coach Matt McKinnon are two local coaches that helped their seniors navigate through the disappointment of an unfulfilled final high school season.

Here are the two coaches, in their own words, reflecting on the senior players.

### Coach Dance on his Rocky Hill seniors.

Omar Ahmed (Captain): "Omar is a leader on and off of the field. He sets a great example for what a student-athlete is supposed to be and has a great mix of intelligence and athleticism. He is no doubt going to be successful in anything he puts his mind to."

Christopher Cruz: "Football has meant so much to Chris and his family and even though the season did not turn out the way anyone wanted, he can leave with many positive and rewarding memories. He has a great work ethic that will certainly help him as he moves forward."

Maxwell DiMatteo (Captain): "Maxx is such a coachable and hard-working young man. Anything the coaches asked of Maxx he was able to do without hesitation and do it well. His presence and ability will surely be missed next season."

Matthew Gwara- "Even though Matt only came out to play in his senior year, he was always positive and enjoyed his time on the field. The players and coaches were fortunate to have Matt on the team, if only for one season."

Michael Hamann- "Mike did anything the coaches asked of him and was ready to do anything to get himself on the field. His positive attitude and contributions did not go unnoticed among the coaches. That attitude will benefit him as he



Rocky Hill seniors Maxwell DiMatteo and Sufwan Shahid were the recipients of the 2021 Rocky Hill Football Booster Foundation scholarships.

continues in his goal of becoming a firefighter."

Ryan LeVie- "The team was really looking forward to seeing Ryan's progress at free safety this season. He was constantly asking for feedback on his performance and what he could do to be a better player, which the team greatly appreciated and made Ryan a pleasure to coach."

Ethan Meister - Ethan was new to Rocky Hill in his junior year but he embraced his role on the team and came to practice every day giving his maximum effort. He was ready to go at all times, even as the team's practice punter.

Ethan Moreno- "Ethan was not only one of the toughest players on the team but also one of the funniest. He could put his head down, play downhill, and make a big tackle. He could also spontaneously have his teammates and coaches laughing uncontrollably."

Arber Ndoni- "Arber is such a naturally gifted athlete who has ability that cannot be taught. His size and speed had opponents constantly worried about where he was on the field. Those talents, along with his coachable and competitive personality will be difficult to replace."

Admin Nukic- "Admin is another young man

that worked very hard to make himself a better football player. He was poised to be a big contributor on the field this year but unfortunately the season was cut short. Despite that, he should be very proud of his contributions and dedication."

R.J. Onyina (Captain)- "R.J.'s commitment to making himself a better football player has been a joy to watch. He is one of the most athletically gifted players the coaches have had the pleasure of coaching and we look forward to seeing him continue to excel at Southern Connecticut."

Alijah Ruocco-Smith: "Alijah transferred to Rocky Hill at the beginning of his senior year. Despite being the new guy on the team, he was immediately embraced by his teammates and coaches. He is a competitor that was always looking for an opportunity to contribute on the field."

Sufwan Shahid: "As a player and student, Sufwan is an incredibly polite and personable young man on the field and in the classroom. He is a reason why coaches enjoy coming to practice every day. The team is sure that Sufwan is destined for great success in life."

Gabriel Wilkowski: "Gabe worked hard day in and day out at practice on



Wethersfield football senior Sam Marchio, pictured with former WHS football coach John Campanello, won the Campanello Award.

the offensive line and ended up working his way onto the field on defensive line as well. His size and speed would have certainly made him a force in his senior year. Gabe and his family have a long history with Rocky Hill football, and the team is thankful for all of their contributions."

Sunkee Wong: "While undersized, Sunkee was a dedicated and hardworking member of the team that was ready to contribute at tailback in his senior year. Despite not having a true season, he was able to make his presence felt in 7v7 and would have certainly been a big part of our offense if circumstances were different."

Joshua Young: "Josh did not hesitate to volunteer or contribute to anything that was needed of him on the field. Even a job like being the placekicking holder was embraced by Josh, and he was ready to go at all times."

### Coach McKinnon in his Wethersfield seniors:

Connor Gray: "Connor is an overall terrific kid, who was part of our program. His work ethic and commitment to the program was tremendous. He would have been our Special Teams Phenom this season."

Dylan Knapp: "Dylan stepped up big time for us on the defensive line in his junior season. He would have had a monstrous season for us this fall at defensive end.

He was always willing to be coached and get better. He led by example in practice for his teammates to follow."

Sam Marchio: "Sam was a leader on our offensive line, holding everyone accountable for their play. He led with toughness and dedication to get better every rep in practice. He had all of his teammates backs and left his mark on the program."

Marcus Nieves: "Marcus will be one of the best players to ever come through the Wethersfield football program. He is a dynamite player, who had a very good chance in making the All-CT Team for all-state if we played. He is a fearless leader who the program will miss dearly. He leaves behind the MLB position to guys who learned from him all during fall practice the past 2 years. Marcus left some big shoes for his younger brother Mathyas to fill the next two years. It upsets me they won't share the varsity field together, as it was taken away from them this fall. Nieves left his mark on the program and will be someone in film cut-ups we use to teach the position at its finest to our players."

Gustavo Reyes-Alvarez: "Gus was well respected from the coaches and his teammates. He was an outstanding running back and helped us on defense at the middle linebacker position. He led by example in the weight room for his peers to follow."

Julius Sanchez: "Julius led by example in the weight room. He transformed his strength throughout the 4 years in our program. He would have been our center this season and was very smart reading the defensive box. His fundamentals were one of the best on our offensive line."

Nick Thompson: "Nick is a fierce warrior. He wanted to go against the best every play. He loved the challenge and let his teammates know he was going to war for them. His sense of humor and dedication to greatness made him so enjoyable to be around. He will be a player who the program will never forget. All defensive players learned from him these past seasons with how hard he executed in practice and showing the determination to win. He broke his entire hand, wrapped it up and played lights out the last 3 games of the season, including the playoffs. Nick is a great person who we enjoy so much."

Vasilios Tsipouras: "Vas would have been our starting QB this season. His leadership role of the offense set the tone for future QBs in the program. He understood the game and knew how to read a defense. Vas has a strong arm and continued to show growth throughout the fall."

Hakeem Williams: "Hakeem was a player who was competing for time at wide receiver. He was learning the position and would have helped us this season on offense."

Alessandro Zabalza: "AZ was one of the strongest players in our program. His strength and quickness would have made him a force this season on the offensive and defensive lines. He was determined to get better every rep in practice."

Zak Zurzola: "Zak was one of our fastest players in the program. He played defensive back and wide receiver for us. He also contributed on special teams with kick and punt returning for those units."

Questions or comments? Email [josh@rarereminder.com](mailto:josh@rarereminder.com) or follow on Twitter @RareReminderJH

## College-Bound Athlete Spotlight: Tino Gagliardi

by Josh Howard

Tino Gagliardi, a 2021 graduate from Cromwell High School, will continue his athletic and academic journey at Curry College in Milton, Massachusetts.

Gagliardi was rock at first base and stud at the plate for Panthers baseball, making All-State last season after leading the team in hits, RBIs, doubles, and home runs. He was also a first-team All-Conference selection and was selected All-Academic, making the honor roll in each quarter.

"There is no doubt that Tino is ready to make an immediate impact in a college lineup. The presence he has at the plate, along with his approach and mental makeup is something that I have only seen at the collegiate level," said CHS head coach Christian Budzik, "Tino is a player and person that you build a program around. There are not enough positive things I can say about Tino as a person and a player, as he is the type of kid who makes every coach look like a genius. Our program will miss Tino greatly next season but the impact that he had on our returning players will be the

reason we continue to be successful."

At Curry College, Gagliardi will study finance as he joins a baseball team that is on the rise.

"I chose Curry because it seemed like the best fit for me. I loved the campus and I loved everything I heard about the coach, and the sports and baseball program," said Gagliardi, "I'm excited to learn more and become an even better player at the next level."

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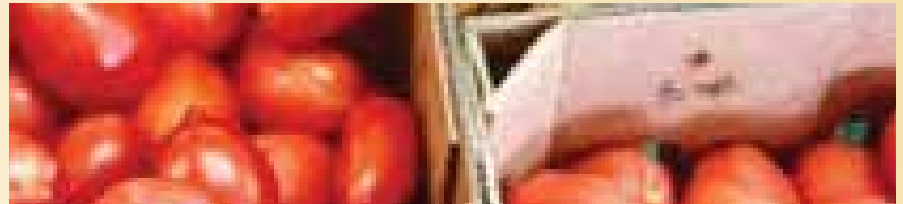
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PRIME Porter House or T-Bone Steak	<b>\$16.99 lb.</b>
Beef Cube Steaks	<b>\$5.99 lb.</b>
Beef on a Stick	<b>\$11.99 lb.</b>
Maple Leaf Hot Dogs Natural Casing	<b>\$5.99 lb.</b>
Bone-In Pork Chops	<b>\$2.99 lb.</b>
Pork Belly	<b>\$4.99 lb.</b>
Bell & Evans Bone-In Chicken Thighs	<b>\$2.49 lb.</b>
Bell & Evans Bone-In Chicken Breasts	<b>\$3.49 lb.</b>
Bell & Evans Frozen Products	<b>\$6.99 ea.</b>
Blue Ridge Farms American Rabbit	<b>\$10.99 lb.</b>



### FEATURED PRODUCE

Strawberries (1lb clamshell)	<b>\$1.99 ea.</b>
Cauliflower (jumbo, cello head)	<b>\$2.29 ea.</b>
Peaches	<b>\$1.49 lb.</b>
Long Hot Peppers	<b>\$1.49 lb.</b>
Nectarines	<b>\$1.99 lb.</b>
Cubanel Peppers	<b>.99¢ lb.</b>
Jumbo 9 Row Cherries	<b>\$3.99 lb.</b>
California Fresh Black Figs (1/2 box)	<b>\$12.99 ea.</b>



### FEATURED GROCERY

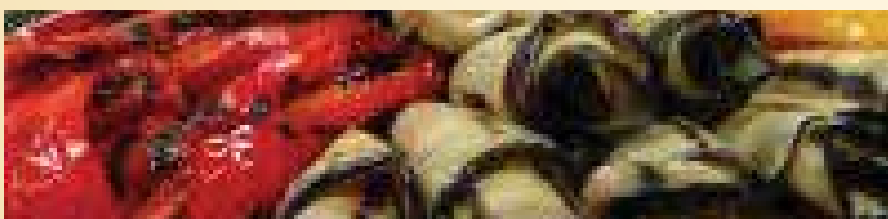
Filippo Berio Pesto Sauces (6.7oz) Classic, Tomato & Vegetable	<b>\$1.99</b>
Sclafani Imported White Balsamic Vinegar (16.9oz)	<b>\$2.99</b>
Alessi Farro (7oz) All Varieties	<b>\$2.99</b>
Sclafani Italian Style Beans (15.5oz) Red, White, Chic	<b>.79¢</b>
Lavazza Imported Cream Gusto Espresso (8.75oz)	<b>\$4.99</b>



### FEATURED DELI

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Come In & Compare  
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Our Own Baked Country Ham	<b>\$5.99 lb.</b>
Land O' Lakes American Cheese	<b>\$4.99 lb.</b>
Carando Hard Salami	<b>\$5.99 lb.</b>
Land O' Lakes Muenster Cheese	<b>\$5.99 lb.</b>



### FEATURED PREPARED FOODS

**\*LET US HELP YOU FOR YOUR SUMMER PARTIES\***

Fusilli Fresco	<b>\$6.99 lb.</b>
Our Grilled Sweet Sausage & Peppers	<b>\$5.99 lb.</b>
D&D's Italian Meatballs in Sauce	<b>\$6.99 lb.</b>
D&D Market's Store Made All Purpose San Marzano Sauce (quart)	<b>\$7.99 qt.</b>

### YOUR HEALTH IS IMPORTANT TO US!

*We sanitize throughout the day!  
Fresh products arrive daily.  
We are here for you  
and we will get through this together.  
Stay Healthy, Danny*

Welcome to an amazing experience of quality and service, a place where the Customer matters. D&D Market is built on the same principles that it was founded on in 1932 with quality Cheeses, Meats, Deli, Olives and Groceries, many imported from Italy. Catering is also available. Come in and have our knowledgeable staff serve you.

-Danny D'Aprile



Sale Dates: June 24 - June 30, 2021