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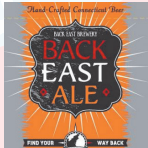
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Free Friday Breakfast for Vets And First Responders

All veterans and first responders, the first Friday of every month, you are welcome to R.H. Methodist church (623 Old Main St.) to enjoy free breakfast, just for you. It's our way of saying thank you for your service. We started with 8 and now we have 50! Please help us continue to grow!

DEMING-YOUNG FARM FALL TAG SALE

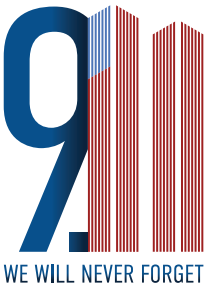
The Deming-Young Farm Foundation will be holding its annual fall tag sale on Saturday, September 12th from 9 am to 2 pm at the Thomas Deming farmhouse located at 282 Church Street in Newington. Rain date will be Saturday, September 19th. A variety of items will be available including home decor, kitchen items, knick-knacks, Vera Bradley handbags, pottery, furniture pieces, vintage items, antiques and more. Stop by and find a treasure!

GriefShare

When a loved one dies, it can feel like you are alone. Few people understand how painful and isolating your grief can be. At GriefShare, you'll find a safe, comforting place where you can talk and receive support and guidance. GriefShare will begin a new 13-week cohort to be held on Mondays beginning February 2nd from 1:00 - 2:45 PM at First Church of Christ, 250 Main St., Wethersfield, CT. Pre-registration is required; seats are limited. The fee is \$20 for the workbook. Questions or to register contact Caring Ministries at care@firstchurch.org or call 860-529-1575 ext. 117.

9/11 Commemoration Ceremony

The Richard M. Keane Foundation is planning a 25th anniversary commemoration of the candle-light ceremony that took place on the Broad Street Green in Wethersfield in the aftermath of the 9/11/2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. The tragedy claimed the lives of thousands of victims, including Wethersfield residents Dick Keane, Jeffrey Bittner, and David Winton, as well as Fred Kuo, the father of Keane Foundation board member Fred J. Kuo. It served as the inspiration for the establishment of the Richard M. Keane Foundation, the nonprofit organization that renovated the 9/11 Memorial Sports Center in the Pitkin Community Center and continues to provide an extensive array of after-school enrichment programs for Wethersfield youth. The free event on the Broad Street Green in Historic Wethersfield will take place Friday, September 11, 2026 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, and will feature presentations by dignitaries, community singers, and town officials. The winner of the September 11th Writing Contest, co-sponsored by the Wethersfield Public Library and the Richard M. Keane Foundation for Wethersfield students in grades four through six, will read the winning essay. More than five thousand people attended the original impromptu Candlelight Vigil on the Green in 2001 and held candles to commemorate the 9/11 victims. In lieu of actual candles, attendees at this year's event will be asked for safety reasons to display a representation of a candle-flame from an app on their phones. The large sheets signed by thousands in attendance at the original vigil will once again be on display, and a new canvas will be available for visitors to sign and to leave comments. Please save the date 9/11/2026 for what promises to be a memorable and moving community event for the entire family. There is no rain date.



Church Bells Play Dedications

Church of Christ, Congregational, located in the center of Newington, is requesting song dedications from the community. The church carillon, which plays a variety of music throughout the year, is a mellifluous addition to the town's ambience. The carillon has a library of over 2,000 songs--both sacred and secular. The church welcomes your song requests. For a donation of \$100, you can choose the hymn or songs you would like to hear each Sunday for a month. Some people honor their parents or spouse during their anniversary month. If you would like to request a song, or have questions, please contact Michelle Dixon at the church. (860) 666-4689 officeadmin@newingtonucc.org.

American Legion Post 117 Newington Meetings

The American Legion Post 117 at 294 Willard Ave. Newington will hold meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM. We welcome all military past and present. Dinner will be provided free at 6:30 PM. Note: the only months we do not have a meeting are July and August.

Friendship Force Seeks Members

Friendship Force Connecticut is active and traveling and accepting new members. We have resumed full travel activities, as well as monthly group social activities. For more information about our chapter and on how you can join, visit facebook.com/ffconnecticut.org, email ffconnecticut@gmail.com or go to friendshipforce.org.

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Motorcyclist Killed In Silas Deane Accident

By Liam McLoughlin, Staff Writer

ROCKY HILL — The Silas Deane Highway was shut down Sunday after a car and a motorcycle collided, resulting in the death of one individual, police said.

At around 3:50 p.m., the Rocky Hill Police Department was called out to the area near 1489 Silas Dean Highway, police said in a statement Sunday. Police, fire officials and emergency medical personnel responded to the scene. The motorcycle operator was pronounced dead at the scene. Details regarding the individual's identity or cause of the accident have not yet been released.

“Our hearts go out to the family and friends of the victim in tonight's tragic accident, and our thanks to the Rocky Hill Police Department

and first responders on scene,” Mayor Allan Smith said.

The Midstate Accident Reconstruction Team responded to the crash site, and assumed lead in the investigation. The area was closed for several hours following the crash, officials said, and the investigation remains ongoing at the time of writing.

“This has long been one of our busiest and most accident-prone areas, and one the CT Department of Transportation has identified for reorganization,” Smith added. “That can't happen soon enough. This tragedy underscores how urgently that work is needed.”

Additional information is expected to be released as it becomes available.

Officials Set Informational Meeting On Backyard Bears, Pollinators

By Joyce Boncal, Freelance Writer

ROCKY HILL - State Rep. Kerry Wood is hosting an event entitled “Our Changing Backyard: Bears and Pollinators” on Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Rocky Hill Community Center, 55 Church St.

The event will be an interactive and informative evening featuring wildlife experts from the state Department of Transportation (DOT) and state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Girl Scouts will also provide information about pollinator gardens. The event is free and open to the public.

It should come as no surprise that bears have now been sighted in all 169 Connecticut towns, with more than 50 bears entering homes. DEEP attributes much of this behavior to bears becoming “food-conditioned” - in other words, bears have learned that food can be found not only in garbage cans, but also on porches, in garages, and even inside homes.

Connecticut's estimated black bear population is between 1,000 and 1,200. Current sighting data are available through DEEP's Interactive Wildlife Sightings Public Viewer, which tracks sightings of bears, moose, and bobcats. The viewer is available online at www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html.

What About Pollinators?

Unlike counting bears, measuring the overall population of pollinators is considerably more difficult. Long-term monitoring is labor-intensive and can take many years before meaningful trends emerge. Nevertheless, there is growing evidence that some pollinator populations are declining.

Pollinators include far more than honeybees and bumblebees. They include bees, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, wasps, hummingbirds, bats, and other animals. Scientists have documented declines in several groups, including moths, flower flies, and other insects.

For example, a 15-year study in a relatively undisturbed forest in the southeastern United States

found that bee abundance declined by 62.5%, while butterfly abundance declined by 57.6%. Another U.S. study examining seven different crops at 131 locations found that five of the seven crops experienced declines associated with inadequate pollination.

Perhaps the most widely publicized example is a long-term study conducted in a German nature preserve, which found that total flying-insect biomass declined by more than 75% over 27 years.

However, these findings need to be interpreted carefully. Pollinators are not declining uniformly everywhere or in every group. Some pollinator populations appear to be stable, and some may even be increasing. For example, available evidence suggests that pollinator numbers in some tropical forests have remained relatively stable.

It is also important to remember that not all food crops require animal pollinators. Some crops are primarily pollinated by wind. It has been estimated that approximately 60% of global crop production does not depend on animal pollination. Nevertheless, fruits, nuts, and many vegetables can be highly dependent on pollinators. Crops particularly vulnerable to inadequate pollination include blueberries, apples, and coffee.

Farmers have responded to declining or unreliable pollination in several ways. Beekeepers are hired to transport honeybee colonies into orchards and fields; some crops are being hand-pollinated; and plant breeders are developing varieties that are better able to self-pollinate.

These adaptations can help maintain crop yields, but they also add costs to agricultural production. Over time, those additional costs could contribute to higher prices for fruits and vegetables and, in some circumstances, affect the quantity or quality of available produce.

And then there are the spotted lanternflies - Connecticut also has another insect problem that is not a pollinator - the spotted lanternfly. This invasive insect has become increasingly common in the state.

CT River Presentation

The USCG Auxiliary is pleased to announce a 1.5 hour presentation of the Connecticut River on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30 pm at the Cromwell Town Hall. The presentation will take place in the Council Chambers. Cost is \$25. The Power Point presentation will use charts of the Ct. River to help identify specific locations on the River, accompanied by actual photos of the specific areas as seen from a boater's point of view. These photos are supplemented by aerial shots of the same area. The presentation will explain ar-

Memory in Motion

UR Community Cares and the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter will present Memory in Motion, a free community bike and walk event on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026, from 9 a.m. to noon along the Cheney Rail Trail in Manchester. Participants of all ages and abilities are invited to enjoy a 1- to 3-mile walk or bike ride, with parking available at Center Springs Park or Cheney Hall. Cycling Without Age Manchester will offer complimentary rickshaw rides for older adults and people with cognitive or physical mobility challenges. The event will also feature communi-

ty organizations and vendors, health and wellness information, family activities, giveaways, a silent auction, live music, cultural performances, and accessible cycling experiences. The event will celebrate inclusion, healthy living, dementia-friendly recreation, and community connection, and will **highlight the opening of VAZ Coffee along the trail. For more information about participating, volunteering, sponsoring, or becoming a community partner, contact UR Community Cares at 860-430-4557 or info@urcommunity-cares.org.**

Golf Tournament For Local K of C

ROCKY HILL - St. James Council #10651 Knights of Columbus will host its Eighth Annual Golf Outing on Friday, Sept. 25 at Timberlin Golf Course, 330 Southington Rd., Berlin.

The event will begin with lunch and registration at 11 a.m., followed by a shotgun start a 12 p.m.

Entry fee is \$175 per golfer, and includes golf, driving range access, a sleeve of golf balls, putting contest to win \$100, coffee, donuts, lunch and a buffet dinner. There will be cash prizes for first and second place, contests for closest to the pin and longest drive, as well as a 50/50 cash raffle and raffle prizes.

For information, contact Mike Lombardo at 860-869-2231 or e-mail gottago1969@sbcglobal.net, or Mike DiBattisto at 860-713-9070 or mdibattisto@cox.net.

Checks should be made payable to St. James Council #10651 K of C c/o Mike Lombardo, 60 Elm Ridge Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Credit and debit cards are also accepted.

Thank you for reading
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Officials Urge Caution After West Nile Virus Detected

By Liam McLoughlin, Staff Writer

CROMWELL — As summer begins to wind down, town officials are reminding residents how to protect themselves against mosquitoes. The announcement comes following the detection of the West Nile Virus in mosquitoes located in the area.

The Cromwell Health Department said they were alerted by the state Department of Public Health that the Agricultural Experiment Station had identified the mosquitoes carrying the disease in the Cromwell Meadows area.

The town is now one of 22 municipalities that have tested positive this year. Cromwell also saw mosquitoes test positive in the area last year.

“While mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus generally prefer birds as their primary host, residents are encouraged to take precautions,

particularly during dusk and dawn hours when mosquito activity is highest,” the health department said.

The department also recommended the following precautions:

1. Use insect repellent.
2. Wear loose-fitting, long-sleeve shirts and pants when outdoors.
3. Wear clothing and gear treated with permethrin.
4. Eliminate standing water around the home, including in containers, gutters, and puddles, to reduce mosquito breeding sites.

Those interested in learning more about the discovery or prevention can contact the Cromwell Health Department, or get in touch with the state's Agricultural Experiment Station.

Arts Group Announces Annual Photo Contest

CROMWELL - Get your cameras and cell phones ready. In keeping with their commitment to encourage and support all art forms in the community, the Cromwell Arts Alliance is holding its fifth annual photography contest.

The contest's subject is “Cromwell Through the Years” in honor of Cromwell's 175th anniversary. The group is looking for submissions by Nov. 1.

The contest is open to all ages. Photographers may enter up to three photos.

Official entry forms and contest details can be found at CromwellArtsAlliance.org.

Prizes of \$50 will be awarded to the winning three photographs.

PIVOT MINISTRY CHOIR in Cromwell

PIVOT MINISTRY CHOIR of Bridgeport will be performing and giving testimonies at First Congregational Church, 355 Main Street, Cromwell on Sunday, September 27th at 9:30 a.m. A potluck luncheon will follow the service. The public is welcome to attend. Parking is available in the church lot at 361 Main Street (two houses north of the church).

Military Whist

St. John Church, 5 St. John Court, Cromwell, will be hosting a Military Whist on Thursday, September 10th. Doors open at 5:30 pm for refreshments and social hour. Game begins promptly at 6:30 pm with Kevin Welch as caller. Admission fee is \$10. Raffle prizes and a 50/50 raffle will also take place. The church hall is handicapped accessible-elevator is located at entrance near the front side parking lot. More parking in rear of church.

Arts Alliance Plans Connection Event

CROMWELL - The Cromwell Arts Alliance will present “Artists Connect”, an annual event bringing artists together. Artists of all genres are invited to join and connect with each other Saturday, Nov. 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cromwell Belden Public Library.

The group welcomes visual, performing, media, literary, decorative and craft artists and everything in between. There will be refreshments and conversation, with the opportunity to display or share your work. Photo contest winners will be announced and displayed at this event.

There will be raffles and prizes. Contact the CromwellArtsAlliance@gmail.com with any questions.

Coffee Social For Solo Agers

Solo Agers Connect will hold a coffee social for those over 50 aging alone on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Chick-Fil-A, 3240 Berlin Tpke.

The group provides an opportunity for solo agers to get together for coffee and conversation with their peers in the area.

Registration is appreciated. Register online at <https://soloagersconnect.com/events> or call 860-930-3253.

Group Collecting Used Wheelchairs

Wheels for the World will pick up for free used manual wheelchairs (in any condition), wheelchair parts, walkers, metal crutches, and canes. No motorized wheelchairs. We can make a referral for any equipment that Wheels for the World can't accept.

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Students Welcome For “Fiddler” Cast

ROCKY HILL - The Rocky Hill Youth Theatre is inviting students in grades 4 to 8 to join the cast for upcoming performances of “Fiddler on the Roof”.

Rehearsals, which begin Oct. 3, will be mostly on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rocky Hill Community Center, leading up to a performance on Friday, Dec. 11.

The fee is \$125 for residents, \$135 for non-residents.

Sign up by Sept. 14 at rockyhillparkrec.org.



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Sidewalk Improvements Planned For Several Local Communities

By Liam McLoughlin, Staff Writer

As crosswalks throughout Central Connecticut look set to receive new safety features, the state's Department of Transportation looks to gather community questions and comments.

Crosswalks up and down the region will be improved with new, or upgraded, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, sidewalk landing areas, ramps and other signage. According to the project website, "these features will meet accessibility and traffic control requirements and will enhance safety at pedestrian crossings."

The crosswalk on Route 287 at Flagler Street in Newington, as well as four others in Wethersfield are set to be worked on.

Other municipalities scheduled to receive upgrades include Bristol, Cheshire, Ellington, Enfield, Hartford, Meriden, Middletown, New Britain, South Windsor, Tolland and Windsor.

Construction is being funded using 90% federal funds and 10% state funds, and is expected to cost \$2 million. Work is anticipated to begin in 2028. The DOT will host a virtual public meeting on Oct. 1 at 6 p.m., inviting all interested residents to join and share their thoughts or ideas regarding the project.

"We encourage the public to attend this meeting to share their feedback with the CT-DOT project team to incorporate into the design," DOT Project Manager Balazs Szoke said in an announcement.

Those interested in learning more can contact Szoke by email at DOTProject0171-0522@ct.gov or by phone at (860) 594-2020.

Residents can also learn more about Project No. 0171-0522 on the state DOT's website.

Senior Center Announces Many Events & Activities

The Rocky Hill Senior Center has announced the following events and activities. Call 860-258-2786 for information and/or registration.

The Senior Center will be closed for maintenance Aug. 31 through Sept. 7.

Zumba Gold – Tuesdays, Sept. 8-Oct. 13, and Thursdays, Sept. 10-Oct. 22 (no class 9/17), both days from 9:30-10:15 a.m. with Karen Chorney (instructor). If you enjoy great music & international rhythms, you will love Zumba, a dance fitness class with no experience required. Dress in comfortable clothes & athletic sneakers. Cost: \$30M/\$35NM

Small Group Training – Tuesdays, Sept. 8-Oct. 13, from 12-12:45 p.m. with Sheryl Harle (instructor). This group training & cardio program uses resistance machines, free weights to help strengthen and tone while increasing your heart rate. Cost: \$68M/\$82NM

Great Courses – WWI & WWII – Sept. 8-Oct. 27, 1-2:30 p.m. Join educator and facilitator Mimi Theroux to watch two 30 minute videos, followed by a lively discussion. Cost: \$12M/\$15NM

Functional Fun Toning – Wednesdays, Sept. 9-Oct. 28, 9-9:45 a.m. with Karen Chorney (instructor). This class focuses on toning but also includes balance and range of motion exercises that are executed from standing & seated positions. Required: sneakers and a set of 1 or 2 pound hand weights. Cost: Free for Renew Active members/\$40M/\$48NM

Foot Care – Wednesday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m.– 2:30 p.m. Pamela Rowe, RN will provide this service by appointment. Please pay provider at time of visit. Cost: \$30 Home Visit: \$50

Total Body Workout – Wednesdays & Mondays, Sept. 9-Oct. 14, at 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m. or 3:15 p.m. with Kathryn Zizzi-Meyers, personal trainer. This circuit training programs uses resistance machines, free weights, bands, balls and cardio equipment to improve balance, functional strength, mobility and cognitive skills. Cost: \$68M/\$82NM

Notary Service - Thursday, Sept. 10, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Notary service provided by a representative of Gordon, Muir & Foley, LLC. Please register for a 10-minute appointment.

Italian Language – Thursdays, Sept. 10-Oct.15, Level 1A (True Beginner) 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., and Level 1C (Beginner-Intermediate) 10-11:15 a.m. True Beginner class starts from the very beginning – no experience needed at all. Beginner-Intermediate is for those who have taken 1A or 1B previously, or those who have some basic Italian. Cost for each session: \$75M/\$85NM

Cardio /HIIT - Thursdays, Sept. 10-Oct. 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m. With Lisa Callahan (instructor). Get your heart pumping and energy flowing with a full-body workout to music from the 50s and today! Combines HIIT (high intensity interval training) and strength training to improve cardio health. Cost: \$48M/\$58NM

Line Dancing - Thursdays, Sept. 10-Oct.15, Beginner 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and Advanced Beginner, 12:30-1:15 p.m. With Amy Perales. Learn dance to Rocket to The Sun, I Like This, Bullfrog on a Log and so much more! Cost: \$35M/\$45NM

Tap Dancing – Thursdays, Sept. 10-Oct. 15, 1:30-2:15 p.m. and Introduction, 2:15-3 p.m. With Amy Perales (instructor). Earlier class is appropriate for former tappers or those with a basic knowledge of tap dancing. Introduction class is perfect for the absolute beginner and includes various tap terminology, strengthening the ankles and working on balance. Cost for each session: \$35M/\$45NM

Parkinson's Exercise – Thursdays, Sept. 10-Oct. 22, 1-2 p.m. and Mondays, Sept. 14-Nov.

9 (no class 10/12), 2-3 p.m. With Lisa Callahan (instructor). This class is appropriate for ALL with mobility concerns and focuses on balance, strength, speech and power. Cost: \$32M/\$40NM

Hearing Screening - Thursday, Sept. 10, 1-3 p.m. Free Screening is provided by Nova Hearing. Please call for an appointment.

Indoor Evening Concert Series - Al Fenton Big Band - Thursday, Sept. 10, 6-8 p.m. Enjoy swing, jazz & blues with modern big band arrangements. Registrations include specialty dessert. Co-sponsors: Rose Hill Funeral Home & Rocky Hill Library Cost: \$5M/\$8NM

Belly Busters - Fridays, Sept. 11-Oct. 16, 9-9:30 a.m. With Kathryn Zizzi-Meyers, personal trainer. This is a class that targets your core and more. We will shape and tone your midsection, which requires some mat work on the floor. Cost: Free for Renew Active members/\$36M/\$46NM

Do You Remember the Twin Towers? Friday, Sept. 11, 10-11 a.m.] oin historian Dan MacNeil for a presentation surrounding the aftermath and lasting influences of that day, and its permanence within our lives. Cost: Free to Members/\$5NM

Chair Volleyball – Fridays, Sept. 11-Dec. 18 (no class 11/27), 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Join us for more than you can possibly stand – while seated! It is great for upper body mobility and joint flexibility, enhances muscle tone, reflexes, and hand-to-eye coordination. Open to Senior Center members. Cost: \$12M

Chess-Introduction, Saturdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 24 (no class 10/10), 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Join Aryan Jangle, Rocky Hill High School Senior, who has been playing chess since the age of 4! This class introduces students to the fundamentals of the exciting and mind-stimulating game of chess. Cost: \$5M/\$10NM

Bling Workshop, Monday, Sept. 14, 1-4 p.m. All that is required is an item or 2 to bling. We will use crystal-color rhinestones with a choice of designs. All other supplies provided. Instructor: Vivian Bachteler Fee: \$10M/\$12NM

Senior Picnic – Wednesday, Sept. 16, 12-2 p.m. Rocky Hill's finest will serve old-fashioned picnic with BBQ Grilled Chicken, Ribs and all the Fixings. Enjoy the music of the very talented singer & songwriter Nick Fradiani Sr. Cost: \$12M/\$15NM

New Massage Therapist, Caitlin Rossi, starting Sept. 22, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Join us in welcoming new massage therapist, Caitlin Rossi, LMT. Caitlin has been a massage therapist since 2011 and has worked with various populations in a variety of settings. Her schedule to start will be Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. starting Sept. 22. Call Charlene at 860-258-2701 to schedule a massage!

The Landing Gift Shop in the Rocky Hill Senior Center showcases an ever-changing array of hand-crafted items created by our seniors such as knitted items, cards, wreaths, paintings, soaps, and jewelry. It also carries local maple syrup and home-made jams, jellies, & pickles. This volunteer-led shop is usually open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Please email rhsc-giftshop@gmail.com for vendor application or if interested in volunteering. Stop by and visit us!

Cookie Decorating Class

Come and join the Central CT Community Women's Club on Friday, Sept 11 at 7 pm in Cromwell for a cookie decorating class. Meet new friends, learn about the great things our club does in the surrounding communities, and consider joining. We are open to women ages 18 and up. Cost for the class is \$25. Must register by Sept. 1st. Learn more and register by visiting our website: centralctcommunitywomensclub.com

Inspector General Issues Report On Police-Involved Shooting

By Nicole Zappone, Freelance Writer

The Office of the Inspector General released the preliminary status report regarding the use of deadly physical force by the Rocky Hill and Hartford Police Departments.

This report was made available on Aug. 21.

During the incident, the report states that Hector Perez, a 37-year-old Hispanic male, died as a result of the use of deadly physical force by law enforcement officers.

In the preliminary investigation, on Aug. 21, at approximately 11:07 p.m., officers from the Hartford Police Department's Street Crime Unit were investigating a report of an individual brandishing a small handgun and threatening to shoot someone in the area of Fales Street and Sisson Avenue in Hartford.

At 155 Sisson Avenue, Officer Alexander Diaz came across a male suspect, who was later identified as Hector Perez, who fled on foot. Diaz then pursued Perez and attempted to take him into custody. It was during a brief struggle that Diaz felt something hard in Perez's waistband.

When Perez broke free, he entered a black Honda Accord Crosstour and fled the scene. Diaz then reported on the radio that the "guy tried to drag me with his car." He then began following the Crosstour as it traveled through Hartford and continued south.

Information about the suspect's vehicle was relayed to surrounding police departments, which included the Rocky Hill Police Department and

Newington Police Department, along with officers from the jurisdictions that assisted in the pursuit of the Honda.

A female passenger in the Honda, who has yet to be identified, also fled the vehicle.

According to the report, after a short foot pursuit, there was an exchange of gunfire between Perez, Diaz, and Officer Jocelyn Andino from the Hartford Police Department and Officer Jonathan Escobar from the Rocky Hill Police Department.

Escobar and Diaz were then struck by gunfire, and both were transported to area hospitals where they were treated for their injuries.

Perez was also struck by gunfire and was pronounced dead at the scene.

A small semi-automatic pistol was recovered at the scene by Perez's body.

In the report, the body cameras for Diaz and Escobar were made available to the public. The report added that Andino's body-worn camera was not activated during the incident.

On Aug. 22, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) conducted a post-mortem examination of Perez. It was determined that the manner of death was homicide and the cause of death was 'gunshot wounds of the head, neck, torso, and extremities.'

The report shows that a toxicological analysis of biological samples from Perez is pending.

The investigation is ongoing.

Fall Fair Season In Region Offers Lots Of Fun Options

By Joyce Boncal, Freelance Writer

The fair season has begun in Connecticut and throughout New England, and it's all set to be a grand season. If you're an avid fair-goer and are fortunate enough to have many weekends off from work, the Association of Connecticut Fairs offers a Fair Season Pass. For more info, go to: <https://www.ctagfairs.org/p/news--resources/seasonpass>

The fairs also offer contests for those having a baking, photography or quilting talent. For entry applications and contest rules, go to: www.ctag-fairs.org.

The fair schedule for 2026 is:

-Woodstock Fair, Sept. 3-7; 23 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock
-Haddam Neck Fair, Sept. 4-7; 26 Quarry Hill Rd., Haddam Neck
-Goshen Fair, Sept. 5-7; 116 Old Middle St., Goshen
-Hebron Harvest Fair, Sept. 10-13; 347 Gilead St., Hebron

RHHS Class of '86 40th Reunion

The RHHS Class of '86 is hosting its 40th Reunion on Saturday, October 3rd, from Noon-5pm, at The Arch II in Rocky Hill. Friends of the Class of '86 are welcome! \$20.00 donation for pizza and soft drinks. For registration info, please contact John Tangney by email [j.tangney68@gmail.com] or for general questions call/text Eric Rodko 860-604-1928. Registration required by September 18th.

Foodshare Bi-Weekly Fridays

Families in need are eligible for free fresh food distribution at Elm Ridge Park every other Friday from 1:15-1:45 p.m. The mobile foodshare is sponsored by volunteers from Oasis of Life Christian Church. Friday Dates: Aug 28, Sept 11 & 25, Oct 8 & 23, Nov 6 & 20 and Dec 4 & 18. Please bring your own bags. For more information please call the Oasis of Life at 860-529-0701 or Foodshare at 860-286-9999.

Looking for Bridge Players!

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ROCKY HILL

Please take notice that the Town Council of the Town of Rocky Hill adopted the following ordinance on August 17, 2026:

Oversized Vehicle Street Parking Restriction (Including but not limited to oversized, commercial and recreational vehicles)

The full text of the ordinance is available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Dated at Rocky Hill, Connecticut, 3rd day of September, 2026.

Sandra Merrill Wieleba, Town Clerk



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The fair schedule for August 2026 is: **Bridge-water Country Fair**, Aug. 21-23; 100 Main St. South, Bridgewater

-**Hamburg Fair**, Aug. 21-23; 2 Sterling City Rd., Lyme, **Cheshire Grange Community Fair**, Aug. 22-23; 44 Wallingford Rd., Cheshire, **Greenfield Hills Grange Fair**, Aug. 22; 1837 Hillside Rd., Fairfield, **Brooklyn Fair**, Aug. 27-30; 15 Fairgrounds Rd., Brooklyn, **Chester Fair**, Aug. 28-30; Kirtland Terrace, Chester, **Terryville Lions Club Fair**, Aug. 28-30; 171 Town Hill Rd., Terryville, **Cannon Grange Agricultural Fair**, Aug. 30; 25 Cannon Rd., Wilton

The fair schedule for September 2026 is: **Woodstock Fair**, Sept. 3-7; 23 Roseland Park

Rd., Woodstock, **Haddam Neck Fair**, Sept. 4-7; 26 Quarry Hill Rd., Haddam Neck, **Goshen Fair**, Sept. 5-7; 116 Old Middle St., Goshen, **Hebron Harvest Fair**, Sept. 10-13; 347 Gilead St., Hebron, **North Haven Fair**, Sept. 11-13; 290 Washington Ave., North Haven, **Wapping Fair**, Sept. 10-13; 75 Brookfield St., S. Windsor, **Bethlehem Fair**, Sept. 11-13; 384 Main St. N, Bethlehem, **Granby Grange Agricultural Fair**, Sept. 12; 212 N.Granby Rd., Granby, **Hillstown Grange Fair**, Sept. 12; 617 Hills St., East Hartford, **Wallingford Grange Fair**, Sept. 12; 586 Center St., Wallingford, **Berlin Lions Agricultural Fair**, Sept. 18-20; 430 Beckeley Rd., Berlin, **Four Town Fair**, Sept. 17-19; 56 Egypt Rd., Somers, **Guilford Fair**, Sept. 18-20; Lovers Lane, Guilford, **Orange Country Fair**, Sept. 19-20; 525 Orange Center Rd., Orange, **Durham Fair**, Sept. 24-27; 24 Town House Rd., Durham, **Harwinton Fair**, Oct. 2-4; Locust Rd., Harwinton, **Portland Agricultural Fair**, Oct. 2-4; 1401 Main St., Portland, **Riverton Fair**, Oct. 9-11; 16 Riverton Rd., Riverton

No fair schedule could go without mentioning The Big E, although it's in West Springfield, MA., 1305 Memorial Ave. It is the fourth largest fair in the U.S. September 18- October 4 is its 2026 season. For more information see their website www.thebige.com.

Town League To Host Artist Journey Class

The Wethersfield Art league will host an "Artist Journey Class by Diedre" for five weeks starting Sept. 24 on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. at 193 Wells Rd.

Whether you feel you are only a beginner or have made art for years, this class welcomes you and encourages your individual artist journey. Participants will work on pieces of their choice, with technical and supportive guidance all along the way.

Need help getting a portrait just right? Making a gift for someone special? Have you always wanted to try your hand at painting, drawing, sculpture, or fiber arts? Think of it as having your

Wethersfield Art League Invites Artists To Join

Wethersfield Art League is inviting areas artists to join its organization.

Artists of all levels (and ages) are welcome. An annual individual sponsorship is just \$35, family sponsorship is \$40.

Classes, workshops, and open studios are offered and held at the Little Red Schoolhouse, 193 Wells Rd.

Wethersfield Art League Art Show

September 12 & 13, 1PM – 4PM at 193 Wells Rd, Wethersfield CT. The Plein Air Painters will be winding down a season of outdoor painting by showing their art to the public and selling at amazing prices. Join us to browse at all the wonderful places this group has painted this summer. There will be a mix of framed and unframed art. All original works of art! Checks or cash for payment.

Art League Will Host Sculpting Demonstration

The Wethersfield Art League will host a Sculpting Demonstration on Sept. 10, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Pitkin Community Center, 30 Greenfield St.

Free to the public, Diedre demonstrates sculpting a portrait in clay and shows that it is both fun and wonderfully meditative. Participants will learn how to measure and prepare a blank. Various stages will be shown from start to finish. This should help anyone, whether a beginner or experienced, to understand that it is not a stressful undertaking with a clear approach. Different tools will be discussed, and participants will be able to work on some of the demo pieces.

Coffee Social For Solo Agers

Solo Agers Connect will hold a coffee social for those over 50 aging alone on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Chick-Fil-A, 3240 Berlin Tpke.

The group provides an opportunity for solo agers to get together for coffee and conversation with their peers in the area. Registration is appreciated. Register online at <https://soloagersconnect.com/events> or call 860-930-3253.

own personal art coach to help you on your way.

Feel free to bring in whatever materials you like to work with. The instructor will also have supplies on hand if you want to try different approaches. Perfect for beginners.

Sign up for class by sending a note to Wethersfieldartleague@gmail.com and mailing in a check for \$125 to Wethersfield Art league, 193 Wells Rd, Wethersfield CT 06109. Please give us your email and phone number so we can coordinate the class with you.

The class size is limited so please respond quickly. Questions? Connie: 860-989-1873.

Stop into one of their open studios on Mondays, from 10 a.m. to noon and 12:15 to 2:15 p.m., or woodcarving on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to check out the creativity of artists.

Email questions to: WethersfieldArtLeague@gmail.com or leave a message at 860-989-1873.

Visit on Facebook or Instagram@: WethersfieldArtLeague .

Group Collecting Used Wheelchairs

Wheels for the World will pick up for free used manual wheelchairs (in any condition), wheelchair parts, walkers, metal crutches, and canes. No motorized wheelchairs. We can make a referral for any equipment that Wheels for the World can't accept.

Call Marshall at (203) 747-0543 or Ken (860) 754-7602 to arrange for collection. Wheels for the World is a charity of, Joni & Friends.

H.S. Class Of 1986 Plans 40th Reunion

WETHERSFIELD - The Wethersfield High School Class of 1986 will be hosting their 40th Class Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Elicit Brewery in Manchester from 6:30 to 10:30pm.

Tickets are \$25/pp which includes two drink tickets and food. Tickets must be purchased in advance by Sept. 10.

Please email Alana DiMarco, amdimarco18@gmail.com or join the Wethersfield High School Class of 1986 facebook page for more information.

Outdoor Paintings At Sept. Art Show

WETHERSFIELD - The Plein Air Painters will be winding down a season of outdoor painting by showing their art to the public and selling at amazing prices during the Wethersfield Art League Art Show on Sept. 12-13 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 193 Wells Rd.

Attendees can browse all the wonderful places this group has painted this summer. There will be a mix of framed and unframed art. All original works of art, they will be for sale by check or cash for payment.

Police Investigating Gas Station Theft

By Liam McLoughlin, Staff Writer

A gas station in Wethersfield was victim of a reported robbery last week, police say.

On Aug. 26, officers of the Wethersfield Police Department responded to the Valero Gas Station on 930 Silas Deane Highway after receiving a call of a robbery.

The victim, who was working as a cashier at the time, reported to police a man entered the convenience store appearing to want to make a purchase at the counter. The suspect, described as a black male wearing a ski mask, black Adi-

das sweatshirt and colored gloves, then ripped a gold chain from the cashier's neck.

After arriving, officers searched the area with assistance from a Middletown Police Department K9 unit. Tracking the suspect was unsuccessful. No injuries were reported, and the investigation remains ongoing at the time of writing.

The police department is encouraging anyone with any information to contact Detective Malinowski at (860) 721-2966.

Several Events Scheduled To Promote Healthy Aging

By Joan Hunt, Staff Writer

"The afternoon of life is just as full of meaning as the morning; only, its meaning and purpose are different," said well-known Swiss Psychiatrist Carl Jung. His thinking was that as people age, they often take the opportunity to re-imagine themselves, and that, being less ruled by ego, they find a new sense of freedom and individuality. Because people are living longer, more attention is being given to the quality of those elder years. One result of that is the celebration of Healthy Aging Month this September.

It is also the reason for Age Well Wethersfield, a new group which has two activities planned this month for residents to attend.

The first is a volunteer recruitment effort at the Wethersfield Farmer's Market on Thursday, September 10 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the historic Solomon Welles House on Hartford Avenue.. Anyone who is interested in becoming part of this vibrant group should drop by the booth and chat with the folks that are making this happen.

The general theme of Age Well Wethersfield is the importance of making connections for mind, body and spirit. This includes connecting to information about aging in place, connecting with health and history in the form of strolls in Old Wethersfield, and connecting with the community through volunteering.

AgeWellFest at the Keeney Center

Richard M. Keane Foundation 9/11 Memorial Ceremony

The Richard M. Keane Foundation is planning a 25th anniversary commemoration of the candle-light ceremony that took place on the Broad Street Green in Wethersfield in the aftermath of the 9/11/2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. The tragedy claimed the lives of thousands of victims, including Wethersfield residents Dick Keane, Jeffrey Bittner, and David Winton, as well as Fred Kuo, the father of Keane Foundation board member Fred J. Kuo. It served as the inspiration for the establishment of the Richard M. Keane Foundation, the nonprofit organization that renovated the 9/11 Memorial Sports Center in the Pitkin Community Center and continues to provide an extensive array of after-school enrichment programs for Wethersfield youth.

The free event on the Broad Street Green in Historic Wethersfield will take place Friday, September 11, 2026 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, and will feature presentations by dignitaries, community

singers, and town officials. The winner of the September 11th Writing Contest, co-sponsored by the Wethersfield Public Library and the Richard M. Keane Foundation for Wethersfield students in grades four through six, will read the winning essay.

More than five thousand people attended the original impromptu Candlelight Vigil on the Green in 2001 and held candles to commemorate the 9/11 victims. In lieu of actual candles, attendees at this year's event will be asked for safety reasons to display a representation of a candle-flame from an app on their phones. The large sheets signed by thousands in attendance at the original vigil will once again be on display, and a new canvas will be available for visitors to sign and to leave comments. Please save the date 9/11/2026 for what promises to be a memorable and moving community event for the entire family. There is no rain date.

Town Police Urge Caution As Bear Sightings Increase

By Liam McLoughlin
Staff Writer

ROCKY HILL — The Rocky Hill Police Department has seen a recent uptick in bear sightings, and encourages residents to be on the lookout.

Police released a statement last week, explaining they're aware of more bear sightings in the western part of town.

"While seeing a bear may be unexpected, black bears are common throughout Connecticut and are typically just passing through the area," the department said.

According to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, bear sightings have been on the rise in recent years. Bears have been sighted in as many as 79 towns across the state, resulting in conflicts, including bears breaking and entering homes, in 18 different municipalities, according to DEEP's most recent

"State of the Bears" report released in the spring.

Of New England, Connecticut has the highest reported conflicts with bears.

"If you encounter a bear, please keep at a safe distance and allow it to move along on its own," the statement added. "Please contact the Rocky Hill Police Department only if a bear is acting aggressive or has entered a home."

Routine sightings can be reported to DEEP's wildlife division at 860-424-3011.

Other things residents can do to discourage bears from entering the neighborhood includes:

- Cleaning grills and outdoor cooking areas after each use;
- Securing garbage cans and keeping them indoors;
- Removing bird feeders;
- Bringing pet food indoors.



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Back to School Tips Shared From The Balance Project

By Joan Hunt, Staff Writer

The Balance Project Wethersfield is a great local group affiliated with the national Balance Project. It is run by parent volunteers and has lots of information for families with children up to the age of 18.

On its Facebook page, parents can download a back-to-school resource with lots of ideas about helping families provide a healthy balance between screen time and real time activities and a whole lot more. It is called Family Life/Tech Balance Plan. What follows is a sample of what it includes:

·At nighttime, choose clothes for the next school day and lay them out the night before to avoid morning hassles and confusion.

·The first full week of school is exhausting, so keep your first Friday night and weekend back flexible to allow for downtime.

·Schedule in unstructured time during the week and encourage kids to solve their own boredom without reaching for technology.

·Build responsibility. Even the youngest students can pack their own backpack. Encourage kids to count their items before they leave for school to be sure they have everything.

·Consider if the child is ready to travel independently to and from school and after school activities. If so, practice routes and discuss pos-

sible challenges and how to handle them.

·This is a good time to reset family norms like Life/Tech Planning Guides or to pick one or two ways to improve it.

Ways to build independence in students

The following are independence-building tips by age that are also listed in the online download:

·K-Grade 2: Packing their own bags builds autonomy and healthy habits

·Upper Elementary: Create dedicated distraction-free workspace where the student is responsible for his/her own assignments throughout the week. Allow space to forget homework or make mistakes without coming to the rescue.

·Middle and High School: Prioritize time management. Encourage students to create personal checklists and schedule their own activities and assignments.

The literature stresses that all families are different and what works for one may not work for another.

These tips reflect the overall goal of The Balance Project Wethersfield, which is to increase the value of childhood for families by helping them to “find and maintain a healthy balance of real-world experiences and technology usage for their children, their schools and the community through collective action.”

Art League Hosts Sketching Workshop

The Wethersfield Art League will host guest illustrator, Nick Cusano, who will present a workshop on Urban Sketching on Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 at the Little Red Schoolhouse, 193 Wells Rd.

Cuasno will give a short talk about watercolor followed by a demonstration on pen and ink “urban sketching” techniques then will teach how to create our own fun and whimsical piece to take home.

Supplies list will be provided upon registration. Limited to the first 10 participants- \$40/ sponsors and \$50/public.

Please include phone number and email when registering.

Mail check payable to WAL to 193 Wells Road, Wethersfield.

Questions: WethersfieldArtLeague@gmail.com
Phone: 860-500-7899. Please leave a message.

Free Meditation at Elizabeth Park

Free Meditation at Elizabeth Park: Fri Evening Series, 9/11 - 10/23, 6pm. Enjoy a brief guided meditation and short talk on how to keep a peaceful mind. Bring a chair or blanket. Everyone welcome (including kids and pets!) Info at meditationinconnecticut.org.

Retiree's Group Monthly Meeting

Pratt & Whitney and UTRC Retirees are invited to the “September” meeting. It will be held at the PWA Club Inc., 200 Clement Rd (off Silver Lane) East Hartford, on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. Join us for conversation, coffee and doughnuts at 9:30 AM. Our program begins at 10:00 AM. This month's program will be Chris Marolda-“Guitar Music”

For further information contact the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Club at (860) 565-6236

Note: There will not be a monthly meeting if East Hartford Schools are closed due to inclement weather. There is a meeting if there is a school delay.

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Falling into Autumn Prizes in November

GFWC Newington/Wethersfield Woman's Club is pleased to announce that sales of our 2nd annual online calendar will begin on September 1 thru October 22. Please follow us on Facebook: GFWC-Newington/Wethersfield CT to view the calendar and raffle entry. Winner's first names and town will be announced each morning on our Fb, the winner will be called and gift cards or certificates mailed. Tickets are \$20 each for amazing prizes! Your purchase allows club to benefit our Community Service Programs both local and beyond to make positive impacts in a variety of ways.

Sidewalk Improvements Planned For Several Local Communities

By Liam McLoughlin, Staff Writer

As crosswalks throughout Central Connecticut look set to receive new safety features, the state's Department of Transportation looks to gather community questions and comments.

Crosswalks up and down the region will be improved with new, or upgraded, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, sidewalk landing areas, ramps and other signage. According to the project website, “these features will meet accessibility and traffic control requirements and will enhance safety at pedestrian crossings.”

The crosswalk on Route 287 at Flagler Street in Newington, as well as four others in Wethersfield are set to be worked on.

Other municipalities scheduled to receive upgrades include Bristol, Cheshire, Ellington, Enfield, Hartford, Meriden, Middletown, New Britain, South Windsor, Tolland and Windsor.

Wethersfield Education Foundation Awards 2026– 2027 Mini-Grants to Support Innovative Learning

The Wethersfield Education Foundation (WEF) is proud to announce the recipients of its 2026–2027 Mini-Grants Annual Fund awards, providing funding for creative and innovative projects that will enhance learning opportunities for students throughout Wethersfield Public Schools.

This year, the Foundation awarded grants supporting literacy, STEM education, sensory learning, student wellness, creativity, and hands-on problem-solving across elementary and secondary schools.

The 2026–2027 grant recipients are:

Stephanie McKenna, Wethersfield High School — Bringing History to Life

Tara Serfass, Highcrest School — Sensory Tables for Kindergarten

Kaley Tufano, Webb Elementary School — STEAM Exploration Centers

Jessica Kolakoski, Emerson-Williams School — Decodable Books

Eunice Rhee and Maureen Duffy, Charles Wright Elementary School — Charles Wright Zen Den

Erica Hsia, Charles Wright Elementary School — Rigamajig

Jessica Casey, Emerson-Williams School — Mission Space

Mindy Harrington and Lidia Morrissey, Charles Wright Elementary School — Six-Bricks Casey Henry, Webb Elementary School — Six-Bricks

The Wethersfield Education Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and enriching the goals, mission, vision, and strategic plan of the Wethersfield Public Schools. Through its annual grant program, the Foundation provides edu-

cators with resources to implement innovative ideas that might otherwise be beyond the reach of traditional school budgets.

“These projects represent the creativity, dedication, and vision of Wethersfield educators,” said the Wethersfield Education Foundation Grant Committee. “From literacy initiatives and sensory learning environments to engineering challenges and student wellness spaces, each grant will provide meaningful opportunities that inspire learning and support student success.”

Unlike many funding organizations, the Wethersfield Education Foundation is funded entirely through community donations and fundraising efforts. Every grant awarded is made possible by the generosity of local residents, businesses, and supporters who believe in investing in Wethersfield students and schools.

The Foundation looks forward to sharing updates throughout the coming school year as these projects take shape and positively impact students across the district.

For more information about the Wethersfield Education Foundation, including ways to support future grants, visit the Foundation's website or follow the organization on Facebook.

About the Wethersfield Education Foundation
The Wethersfield Education Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that supports educational excellence in the Wethersfield Public Schools by funding innovative programs, projects, and opportunities that enrich student learning. Through community partnerships and charitable giving, the Foundation helps bring creative educational ideas to life for the benefit of all Wethersfield students.

Wethersfield Chamber Upcoming Events

CORNFEST - The 42nd Annual Cornfest hosted by the Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce is on Saturday, September 12 from 10-4. Free admission, crafters, food, and entertainment. Fun for all ages.

Paint n Sip - The Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Paint n Sip Night on Thursday, September 17 For more information go to www.WethersfieldChamber.com/events/eventscalender.

An Evening with Psychic Medium Angelina Diana - The Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce is hosting an evening with Psychic Medium Angelina Diana on Friday, September 25 at 6:30. For more information, www.WethersfieldChamber.com/events/eventscalender.

Organization To Host Pocketbook, Tool Bingo

The Ella T. Grasso Lodge #2538 Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America will hold an Authentic Pocketbook and Tool Bing on Friday, Sept. 25 at the Wethersfield Community Center, 30 Greenfield St.

There will be 10 rounds of Bingo, raffles and door prizes. BYOB and snacks. Doors will open at 5 p.m., with Bingo at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members. Tables of eight will be sold for \$35 per person.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Proceeds will benefit the Tide Cancer Foundation and other Sons and Daughters of Italy causes.

Please RSVP by Sept.18 to Mary-Rene at 860-508-7419.

Christ the King Parish Women's Club Tea

The Women's Club of Christ the King Parish will host the annual Membership Tea on Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 pm for fellowship and refreshments, at 7:00 pm for brief meeting and entertainment in Father Crawford Hall at The Church of the Incarnation 544 Prospect Street, Wethersfield, CT. Welcome members, parishioners, friends and guests to an evening of musical entertainment by Taylor McCoy a talented young singer of Jazz, R&B and Soul based in New York City and originally from Hartford.

Car Show for Wethersfield Police Cadets

The Over the Hill Gang, Eastern Chapter, car club of Rocky Hill will host a car show from 10-2 on Sun., Oct 11 (rain date Sun., Oct 25), at Cove Park, 60 State St., Wethersfield. The event is open to all and spectators are free. Show car entrants donate \$10. The show will benefit the Wethersfield Police Cadet Program for individuals aged 14-21 interested in law enforcement. Cadets meet biweekly, train in practical skills and leadership, and participate in regional events. For rain date notices, go to www.facebook.com/overthehillgange/.

Unico Bocce Palooza

Bocce Lovers join us for our 20th Annual Wethersfield UNICO BOCCE PALOOZA! Sunday, September 27th from 10am-3pm. Registration at 9:30 am. Bring your Team of 4. Italian lunch, awards, prizes provided. Register in advance by contacting Michael Fortunato at Fortunatom@aol.com or 860-227-4256. Registration \$20pp for League players, \$25pp for event only players. Proceeds benefit UNICO Foundation charities. Rain date October 18th. Business and Private sponsorships of this event are available. Millwoods Park, 154 Prospect St Wethersfield.

Looking for Bridge players

Low-key duplicate bridge on Mondays 12:30-4:00 at the Rocky Hill Senior Center. Please join us. Fun, challenging, and free!

Degrees from Emmanuel College

Emmanuel College awarded more than 380 degrees to the Class of 2026 at the College's 104th Commencement on May 9. The following local students received degrees:

Olivia Dizes of Wethersfield (06109) received a Bachelor of Arts English Cum Laude

Emma Metevier of Wethersfield (06109) received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Graphic Design Magna Cum Laude

Trey Guest of Newington (06111) received a Bachelor of Science Accounting

Ava Heimgartner of Wethersfield (06109) received a Bachelor of Science Double Major: Neuroscience and Psychology - Counseling & Health Psychology Summa Cum Laude

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Fall Fair Season In Region Offers Lots Of Fun Options

By Joyce Boncal, Freelance Writer

The fair season has begun in Connecticut and throughout New England, and it's all set to be a grand season. If you're an avid fair-goer and are fortunate enough to have many weekends off from work, the Association of Connecticut Fairs offers a Fair Season Pass. For more info, go to: <https://www.ctagfairs.org/p/news--resources/seasonpass>

The fairs also offer contests for those having a baking, photography or quilting talent. For entry applications and contest rules, go to: www.ctag-fairs.org.

The fair schedule for 2026 is:
-Woodstock Fair, Sept. 3-7; 23 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock
-Haddam Neck Fair, Sept. 4-7; 26 Quarry Hill Rd., Haddam Neck
-Goshen Fair, Sept. 5-7; 116 Old Middle St., Goshen
-Hebron Harvest Fair, Sept. 10-13; 347 Gilead St., Hebron
-North Haven Fair, Sept. 11-13; 290 Washington Ave., North Haven
-Wapping Fair, Sept. 10-13; 75 Brookfield St., S. Windsor
-Bethlehem Fair, Sept. 11-13; 384 Main St. N, Bethlehem
-Granby Grange Agricultural Fair, Sept. 12;

212 N.Granby Rd., Granby
-Hillstown Grange Fair, Sept. 12; 617 Hills St., East Hartford
-Wallingford Grange Fair, Sept. 12; 586 Center St., Wallingford
-Berlin Lions Agricultural Fair, Sept. 18-20; 430 Beckeley Rd., Berlin
-Four Town Fair, Sept. 17-19; 56 Egypt Rd., Somers
-Guilford Fair, Sept. 18-20; Lovers Lane, Guilford
-Orange Country Fair, Sept. 19-20; 525 Orange Center Rd., Orange
-Durham Fair, Sept. 24-27; 24 Town House Rd., Durham
-Harwinton Fair, Oct. 2-4; Locust Rd., Harwinton
-Portland Agricultural Fair, Oct. 2-4; 1401 Main St., Portland
-Riverton Fair, Oct. 9-11; 16 Riverton Rd., Riverton

No fair schedule could go without mentioning The Big E, although it's in West Springfield, MA., 1305 Memorial Ave. It is the fourth largest fair in the U.S. September 18- October 4 is its 2026 season. For more information see their website www.thebige.com.

Newington Art League Invites New Members to Join and Celebrate the Arts

The Newington Art League, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to fostering creativity and supporting local artists, is welcoming new members to join our organization.

Founded to provide opportunities for artists of all levels, the Newington Art League offers workshops, demonstrations, exhibits, and events that enrich both members and the wider community. Membership is open to artists, students, and art lovers who wish to connect, learn, and grow together through

Memory in Motion

UR Community Cares and the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter will present Memory in Motion, a free community bike and walk event on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026, from 9 a.m. to noon along the Cheney Rail Trail in Manchester. Participants of all ages and abilities are invited to enjoy a 1- to 3-mile walk or bike ride, with parking available at Center Springs Park or Cheney Hall. Cycling Without Age Manchester will offer complimentary rickshaw rides for older adults and people with cognitive or physical mobility challenges. The event will also feature

the visual arts.

Annual membership dues help sustain programming and community outreach. All contributions are tax-deductible as the league is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Annual membership is just \$30 for an individual or \$40 for a family membership. Students aged 16 and above are always welcome at a discounted rate of \$10 per year.

How to Join: Visit www.Newingtonartleague.org.

community organizations and vendors, health and wellness information, family activities, giveaways, a silent auction, live music, cultural performances, and accessible cycling experiences. The event will celebrate inclusion, healthy living, dementia-friendly recreation, and community connection, and will highlight the opening of VAZ Coffee along the trail. For more information about participating, volunteering, sponsoring, or becoming a community partner, contact UR Community Cares at 860-430-4557 or info@urcommunitycares.org.

BINGO Benefit for American Legion

Fundraiser to benefit the American Legion Post 117 Newington to be held on Friday September 25th 5:30 PM at Raymour & Flanigan 3375 Berlin Turnpike Newington. Admission is free. Bingo cards are \$10.00 at the door for 10 games. Prizes for winners and an opportunity to purchase tickets to win prizes. Food, Fun, Prizes. Please Call 860-606-0216 to RSVP. Or email chiefzeman@gmail.com

Group Collecting Used Wheelchairs

Wheels for the World will pick up for free used manual wheelchairs (in any condition), wheelchair parts, walkers, metal crutches, and canes. No motorized wheelchairs. We can make a referral for any equipment that Wheels for the World can't accept.

Call Marshall at (203) 747-0543 or Ken (860) 754-7602 to arrange for collection. Wheels for the World is a charity of, Joni & Friends.

Church Rummage Sale

The West Hartford United Methodist Church, 1358 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, will be having a rummage sale Friday, September 18th from 7p.m.-9p.m. (\$1.00 ENTRY FEE ON FRIDAY) and Saturday, September 19th from 8 a.m. - 1p.m. (NO ENTRY FEE ON SATURDAY) Questions 860-521-7766

Tag Sale in Newington

Annunciation Parish Women's Guild will hold a Tag Sale with Free Admission on Saturday September 12, 2026 from 08:00 am to 2:00 pm, in the Holy Spirit Church Hall, at 183 Church St. Newington CT. There will be a paid Preview Day on Friday September 11th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, with a \$5.00 admission charge.

Sidewalk Improvements Planned For Several Local Communities

By Liam McLoughlin, Staff Writer

As crosswalks throughout Central Connecticut look set to receive new safety features, the state's Department of Transportation looks to gather community questions and comments.

Crosswalks up and down the region will be improved with new, or upgraded, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, sidewalk landing areas, ramps and other signage. According to the project website, "these features will meet accessibility and traffic control requirements and will enhance safety at pedestrian crossings."

The crosswalk on Route 287 at Flagler Street in Newington, as well as four others in Wethersfield are set to be worked on.

Other municipalities scheduled to receive upgrades include Bristol, Cheshire, Ellington, Enfield, Hartford, Meriden, Middletown, New Britain, South Windsor, Tolland and Windsor.

Construction is being funded using 90% federal funds and 10% state funds, and is expected to cost \$2 million. Work is anticipated to begin in 2028. The DOT will host a virtual public meeting on Oct. 1 at 6 p.m., inviting all interested residents to join and share their thoughts or ideas regarding the project.

"We encourage the public to attend this meeting to share their feedback with the CT-DOT project team to incorporate into the design," DOT Project Manager Balazs Szoke said in an announcement.

Those interested in learning more can contact Szoke by email at DOTProject0171-0522@ct.gov or by phone at (860) 594-2020.

Residents can also learn more about Project No. 0171-0522 on the state DOT's website.

Local Police Clarify Guidelines For Use Of Electronic Bicycles

By Liam McLoughlin, Staff Writer

The Newington Police Department is warning residents of the details surrounding e-bike use, encouraging riders to follow the rules this summer.

According to a recent informational document published by the department and created by School Resource Officer Timothy Buggee, an e-bike — 750 watts or less — is treated much the same as regular bikes and is therefore subject to the same rules and regulations.

As such, they do not require a registration, insurance, or a driver's license, Buggee wrote. When on the road, however, e-bikes must follow the same laws as any other vehicle.

Buggee specified that e-bikes fall into three main categories, primarily based on the motor and presence of pedal-assist:

-Class 1: These e-bikes travel a maximum of 20 m.p.h., and are assisted by a motor only when the rider is pedaling.

-Class 2: Throttle-assisted e-bikes can travel up to 20 m.p.h., and are powered by a throttle with or without pedaling.

-Class 3: These bikes use pedal-assist only, which allows these models to reach up to 28 m.p.h.

Class 1 and 2 e-bikes are generally allowed in any space, including bike paths, paved trails, and any other area where regular bikes are allowed. Class 3, however, are only allowed on open roads and riders must be at least 16 years of age.

Any vehicle possessing more than 750 watts is classified as either a moped — having between 750 and 3,700 watts — or a motorcycle — more than 3,700 watts.

"In Connecticut, e-bikes are legally classified by their motor wattage and max speed," the statement read. "Standard e-bikes follow bicycle laws but require helmets for everyone."

Fines for not riding with a helmet, road violations or illegal modifications, will result in a fine ranging between \$90 and \$300.

"Drive defensively, wear a helmet, and remember, electric bicycles are still bicycles, and bicycle rules should be followed," the statement added.

NHS Student Earns Perfect PSAT Score

NEWINGTON, CT — Newington High School sophomore Zaccai Meek has achieved a perfect score of 1440 on the College Board's PSAT 8/9, placing him at the absolute pinnacle of academic performance for his grade level nationwide.

The PSAT 8/9 establishes an early baseline for college readiness by evaluating advanced student skills in evidence-based reading, writing, and mathematics. Earning a perfect score of 1440 is an incredibly rare feat that demands flawless execution across all sections of the exam.

Zaccai, who is biracial (African American and White), is building an elite academic profile to

support his long-term goal of entering the medical field. His ultimate aspiration is to attend Cornell University, one of the nation's most competitive Ivy League institutions.

While the PSAT 8/9 serves as an initial milestone in high school, a perfect score signals exceptional potential to elite universities. Public recognition from local school districts, communities, and the College Board's National Recognition Programs is essential for providing high-achieving students from diverse and under-represented backgrounds the visibility they have earned. Zaccai's remarkable accomplishment establishes a stellar academic foundation for his path toward higher education and a future career in medicine.

Museum Tour Guides

The Newington Historical Society is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help bring history to life. No prior experience is necessary—we'll provide all the training you need.

If you love sharing stories and meeting new people, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect with visitors and make history engaging for everyone.

Check out our website at <https://newingtonhistoricalsociety.org>

Looking for Bridge players

Low-key duplicate bridge on Mondays 12:30-4:00 at the Rocky Hill Senior Center. Please join us. Fun, challenging, and free!

Make Your Own Light-Up Moon

The Newington Historical Society will host a Make Your Own Light Up Moon workshop on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Kellogg-Eddy House, 679 Willard Ave., Newington. Tickets are \$47, with a Buy 3, Get 1 Free offer for those who sign up before Sept. 1; there are no refunds. Tickets are available at newingtonhistoricalsociety.org. Note that the location is not wheelchair accessible.

Lose Weight With TOPS

Learn about losing weight and keeping it off! Join us in Newington at the Newington Senior Center 120 Cedar St. at 9 am on Tuesdays.

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Call Faith if questions at 860-997-3682.

American Legion Auxiliary Meetings

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 117 Newington. We always welcome new members! American Legion Auxiliary Unit 117 meets the third Tuesday of the month, September to June. We meet at 6:30 p.m. for a provided free dinner followed by 7 p.m. meeting at 294 Willard Ave. Newington. Email alauxctunit117@myyahoo.com or facebook "American Legion Auxiliary Unit 117 Newington CT"

New Retirees Group Plans Events, Outings

The Newly-Retired Newington Women's Group has planned the following Spring events and activities:

-Sept. 2: PedalPub ride, 11 a.m.

-Sept. 19: Oktoberfest, Masons, 6 p.m.

-Sept. 20: Firehouse breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.

-Oct. 2: Portugese Club BINGO, 6 p.m.

Check the group's Facebook page for more details.

Thank you for reading
the Rare Reminder.



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Residents Warned Of Dangers From Spotted Lanternfly Spread

By Margaret Radman, Freelance Writer

NEWINGTON - Local officials are urging residents to be on the lookout for the spotted lanternfly, an invasive insect that has spread throughout every county in Connecticut and many states, wreaking havoc with area trees, gardens, and agricultural crops.

The flamboyantly colored, red-winged pest that is plaguing area vineyards, fruit crops and hardwood trees is not in fact a fly at all, but a plant hopper belonging to the genus *Lycorma*. It may be found in Connecticut from July through November. The spotted lantern fly - SLF - is also not that new, with its presence in the U.S. estimated to go back to 2014.

"Important plants it may damage are grapes, hops, and ornamental trees, with adult SLFs feeding on more than 70 types of plants," according to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES).

Native to Asia, the SLF - *Lycorma delicatula* - is noted to have first arrived here in Pennsylvania in 2014, reportedly by accident through a contaminated shipment of cut stone. From there SLFs made their way across the states appearing in Fairfield County in 2020, according to the CEAS data.

SLFs are adept travelers, hitching rides on cars, trailers, and even clothing. Experts urge

residents to help prevent the spread of the invasive insect by checking for egg masses that may be underneath vehicles, inside wheel wells, and by keeping vehicle windows rolled up while parked.

"People can unknowingly move the inconspicuous egg masses over long distances when moving plants (e.g. nursery trade), firewood, construction and shipping materials (e.g. stone, lumber, wood crates), outdoor household articles (e.g. grills, mowers, furniture) or recreational vehicles," according to pest management experts.

CEAS urges residents to remove Chinese Sumac, or Tree-of-Heaven, a common weed that attracts SLFs and grows prolifically throughout the state. The invasive weed survives harsh weather conditions and is commonly seen growing wild along roads, fields, and parking lots.

The agency furthermore advises anyone encountering SLFs to promptly destroy them by any reasonable means, (e.g. by stomping, vacuuming, or applying EPA/state approved pesticides).

For further guidance, contact CEAS, DEEP Pesticide Management Program, or UConn Agricultural Extension.



Newington Art League to Host Free Art Demonstration

The Newington Art League (NAL) will conduct its general membership meeting on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 PM, in the Ceramics Room at the Newington Senior and Disabled Center, 120 Cedar St, Newington, CT 06111.

Following this short meeting, Jane Penfield will demonstrate her approach and the creation of a pastel landscape. She will be happy to answer questions along the way.

About The Artist

Jane Penfield is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America and the Connecticut Pastel Society, and an elected member of the American Artists Professional League, New Haven Paint & Clay Club, and Lyme Art Association. She teaches a weekly online class in pastel and is a frequent workshop instructor and demo artist for many art groups. She is a frequent juror and judge of awards for art shows throughout the region. Jane is a past president of the Connecticut Pastel So-

ciety and of the board of directors of Arts Center East in Vernon, Connecticut. Other professional associations include Academic Artists Association, Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod, Salmagundi Club of New York, and others.

You can learn more about Jane at: <https://www.janepenfield.com>.

Artist's Statement

My work evokes the constantly changing elements of the natural world as to the human influence on it. The common thread throughout all of my work is the effect of light on the subject and how it expresses emotion, even in commonplace, everyday experiences.



Jane Penfield

The Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford, Inc. Announces 2026 Scholarship Recipients

The Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford, Inc., celebrating its 50th anniversary, presented scholarships to six recipients on stage at the Little Poland Festival in New Britain, CT on June 14.

The four recipients of the Jennie Marconi-Javorski Scholarship were: Victoria Bucior of Newington, who will attend the University of CT—Storrs to study Accounting; Isabella Korzinski of Wethersfield, who will attend Bryant University in Smithfield, RI pursuing a Business major; Gabriela Maternowski of Wethersfield, who will attend the University of CT—Storrs to major in Psychology; and Julia Wlaz of Middletown, who will attend Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT with a major in Health Science and a minor in Neuroscience pursuing a dual degree in the Physician Assistant Program.

A special one-time memorial – the Krystyna Slowikowska Farley Scholarship -- was also awarded to two recipients who best exemplified Krystyna's ideals: affiliation in the Club, fluency in Polish, outstanding involvement in Polish activities, and excellent role model for Polish youth. They are: Milena Brodowicz of Wethersfield, who will attend Bryant University in Smithfield, RI to major in Health Sciences and Klaudia Beatty of Wethersfield, who will attend CT State Community College—Tunxis Campus to study Dental Hygiene.

All are exceptional young women who are high achievers – scholastically, in sports, and in volunteerism – while also embracing their Polish heritage to the fullest.

Why Wait Until October?

The Hartford Saengerbund German American club will hold an "Early Oktoberfest" party from noon to 8 p.m. Aug. 22 at its 719 North Mountain Road location in Newington.

There will be plenty of German food and imported German beer, along with other beverages. Homemade cakes and brownies will be available for dessert. The Adlers Band will provide live music. Guests can test their strength in a stein-holding contest.

Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children and this event will be held rain or shine. For additional information call 860-953-8967, visit hartsaengerbund.org, or check out its Facebook page.

The Hartford Saengerbund was established in 1858 as a singing society and social club and is the oldest German American club in New England. Its motto is "Treu dem deutschen Lied" or "True to the German Song." The public is welcome at many of its events.

Meditation Fundamentals

The Fundamentals of Buddhist Meditation: Sat, 9/12, 10am at Odiyana Center, Glastonbury. In this workshop, learn how to quiet the mind, reduce stress and anxiety, and build inner peace by engaging in simple meditation practices. All are welcome. Info at meditationinconnecticut.org.

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NEWINGTON TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF DECISION

At its Regular Meeting on **Wednesday, August 26, 2026** the Newington Town Plan and Zoning Commission met and took the following actions:

PETITION DENIED:

Petition TPZ-26-11: Zoning Map Amendment at 180 Carr Avenue for a zone change from R-20 (Residential) to I (Industrial) Zone. Applicant/Owner: Tunxis Road, LLC, Contact: Mathew J. Cholewa.

Submitted,

Erik Hinckley
Assistant Town Planner

Legal Notice: The Rare Reminder, September 03 2026

NEWINGTON TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing September 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Notice is hereby given that the Newington Town Plan and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers, Room 103 at Town Hall, 200 Garfield Street, Newington, CT on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026** to consider the following petitions:

Petition TPZ-26-17: Special Permit (Sections 6.7 & 3.4.9) for an interior lot with frontage on Maple Hill Avenue and abutting Locust Drive, currently known as 227 Maple Hill Avenue, on a split-zoned parcel in the R-12 (Residential) Zone and the I (Industrial) Zone. Applicant/Owner: Joseph Brescia, Contact: Alan Bongiovani.

Petition TPZ-26-18: Special Permit (Sec. 6.2.5) for a free standing sign in the PD (Planned Development) Zone at 69 Culver St. Applicant/Contact: Pamela Brealey, Owner: Culver Street Apartments LLC

This public hearing will be a Zoom Webinar/Hybrid Meeting. Information on how to attend will be posted on the Town website at: <https://www.newingtonct.gov/virtual-meetingschedule>

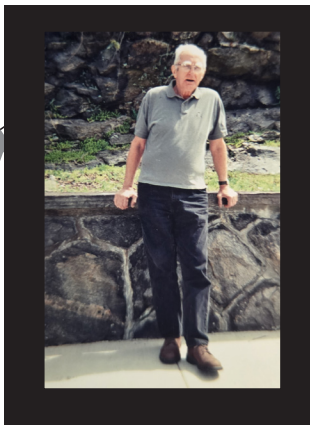
These petitions and related material are available for public inspection at the Town Planner's office, Town Hall Room 204, and through the published agenda at the Town Plan and Zoning Commission agenda center: <https://www.newingtonct.gov/AgendaCenter/Town-Planning-Zoning-Commission-27>

Persons who require an accommodation to participate in this public hearing should contact the Town Planner at 860-665-8578 or townplanner@newingtonct.gov not less than 24 hours before the public hearing.

Submitted,
Erik Hinckley
Asst. Town Planner
Legal Adv., Rare Reminder August 27 & September 3

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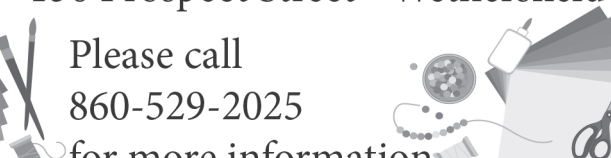
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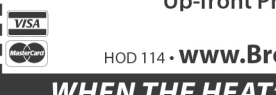
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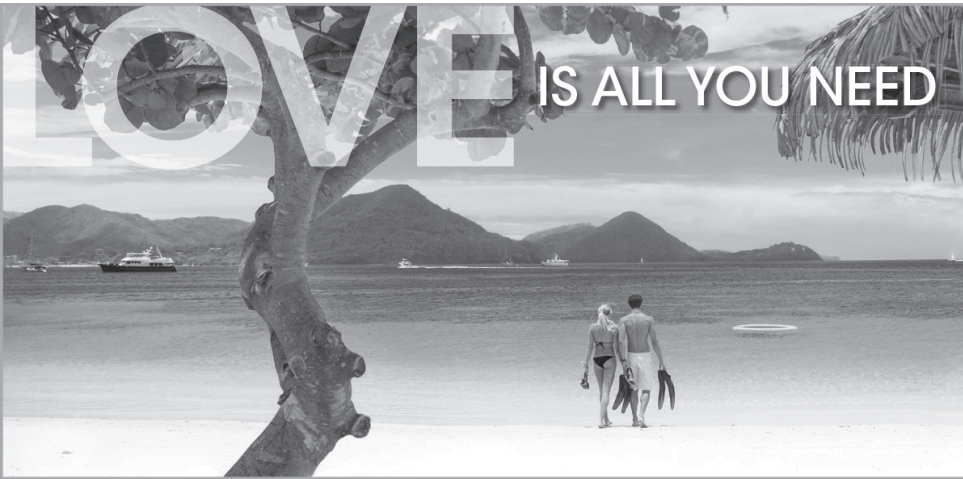
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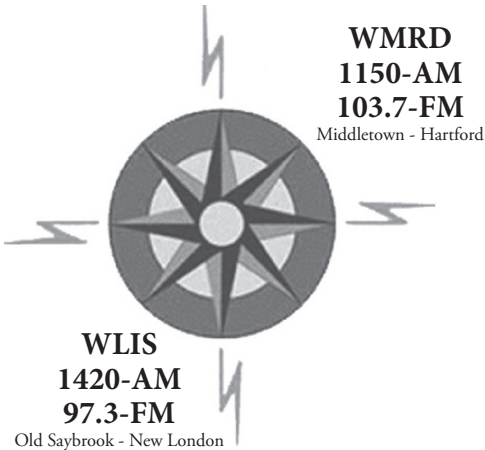
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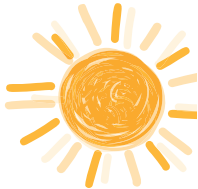
Christ the King Parish in Wethersfield will offer its faith-based New Day Bereavement Program for individuals in the early stages of grieving the loss of a loved one. The program begins with a free introductory "Good Grief Presentation" on Wednesday, Sept. 16, followed by 10 consecutive Wednesday sessions from 2 to 4 p.m. through Nov. 18. Participants will explore topics including accepting loss, the journey from grief to healing, adjusting to loss, creating cherished memories, and the spiritual journey of grief in a supportive, non-therapy group setting. Registration, which must be completed by Sept. 9, is available by calling the parish office at 860-529-2545 and asking for Audrey Saharek or Deacon Keith, the program facilitators. A suggested donation of \$10 is requested for those who are able. The program is open to all, with priority given to parishioners.

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Bocce Lovers!

The Wethersfield -UNICO Bocce League starts Thursday, June 18, 2026. League play is every Thursday, from 6 - 8pm, at Millwoods Park, 166 Prospect Street in Wethersfield. All ages and residents of any town are welcome. Registration is \$25 per person, or \$100 per Team of 4. The season culminates in our Tournament in September.. All equipment is provided. Register onsite or for more info please contact the Commissioner of Bocce, Michael Fortunato, at Fortunatom@aol.com.

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Car Show for Police Cadets

The Over the Hill Gang, Eastern Chapter, car club of Rocky Hill will host a car show from 10-2 on Sun., Oct 11 (rain date Sun., Oct 25), at Cove Park, 60 State St., Wethersfield. The event is open to all and spectators are free. Show car entrants donate \$10. The show will benefit the Wethersfield Police Cadet Program for individuals aged 14-21 interested in law enforcement. Cadets meet biweekly, train in practical skills and leadership, and participate in regional events. For rain date notices, go to www.facebook.com/overthehillgange/.

RHHS Class of '86 Reunion

The RHHS Class of '86 is hosting its 40th Reunion on Saturday, October 3rd, from Noon-5pm, at The Arch II in Rocky Hill. Friends of the Class of '86 are welcome! \$20.00 donation for pizza and soft drinks. For registration info, please contact John Tangney by email [j.tangney68@gmail.com] or for general questions call/text Eric Rodko 860-604-1928. Registration required by September 18th.

JOIN AMERICAN LEGION POST 23

We are looking for new members of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, Post 23 in Wethersfield, CT. Former Military, active duty and their spouses are welcome to join. Our meetings are open to the public, but reservations must be made in advance. We meet at the Wethersfield Community Center the first Tuesday of the months of September thru December, break for the months of January and February and resume meetings from March thru June. Meetings start at 6:30. At the beginning of our meetings, we honor our Missing in Action and Vets, followed by grace and a wonderful dinner. In the past some vets have said they didn't want to join because they don't want to talk about their wartime experiences.. We can assure you that is not the case. Each month is a night out to be with friends and make new friends. For Memorial day we replace flags at the Village Cemetery and take part in the Memorial Day parade. For Veterans day, we again replace the flags at the Village cemetery and take part in the Veteran's day ceremony. During the month of May we hold our poppy drive. If you would like to join us, contact John Ewaski, Commander of Post 23 at 860-563-3887 or Carol Lawrence, President of Ladies Auxiliary at 860-371-1676.

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EARLY HOLIDAY DEADLINES

We will have early deadlines for press releases, classifieds and display advertising the next few weeks.

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Movies at the Cromwell Senior Center

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New Day Bereavement Program

Christ the King Parish in Wethersfield will offer its faith-based New Day Bereavement Program for individuals in the early stages of grieving the loss of a loved one. The program begins with a free introductory “Good Grief Presentation” on Wednesday, Sept. 16, followed by 10 consecutive Wednesday sessions from 2 to 4 p.m. through Nov. 18. Participants will explore topics including accepting loss, the journey from grief to healing, adjusting to loss, creating cherished memories, and the spiritual journey of grief in a supportive, non-therapy group setting. Registration, which must be completed by Sept. 9, is available by calling the parish office at 860-529-2545 and asking for Audrey Saharek or Deacon Keith, the program facilitators. A suggested donation of \$10 is requested for those who are able. The program is open to all, with priority given to parishioners.

FREE Braille Classes

Manchester, CT — UR Community Cares is proud to announce the launch of its new free Braille Classes for Adults, now available in Manchester, Connecticut. This innovative program is designed to provide an engaging, supportive, and hands-on introduction to Braille for individuals of all experience levels. We are grateful to the Alvord Family Fund at the Greater Hartford Gives Foundation for the grant award to make this possible. The class features a fun, activity-centered approach that helps participants learn the Braille alphabet and numbers while building practical skills for everyday life. Attendees will gain confidence in reading labels, navigating indoor signage, and understanding elevator markings, essential tools for independence and accessibility. No prior experience is required, and all materials are provided, making it easy for anyone, from any town, interested to participate. To register or learn more, please call 860-430-4557 or visit www.urcommunitycares.org.

Mums For Sale

MUMS FOR MOM & EVERYONE ELSE! The Cromwell First Congregational Church is holding its annual mum sale on Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The sale will take place in the church parking lot at 361 Main Street, Cromwell. Stop buy and purchase those lovely fall flowers to grace your home or give as a gift.

Tag Sale in Newington

Annunciation Parish Women’s Guild will hold a Tag Sale with Free Admission on Saturday September 12,2026 from 08:00 am to 2:00 pm, in the Holy Spirit Church Hall, at 183 Church St. Newington CT. There will be a paid Preview Day on Friday September 11th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, with a \$5.00 admission charge.

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The Fall 2026 Home Improvement Guide will be inserted into the Rare Reminder and Middletown Chronicle and MAILED to almost 55,500 homes in Newington, Wethersfield, Rocky Hill, Cromwell and Middletown.

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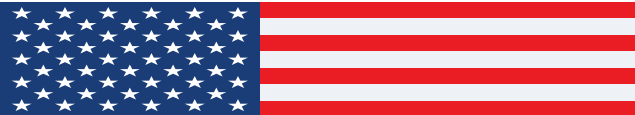


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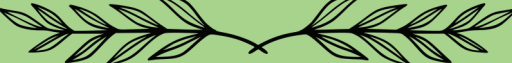


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Newly Retired Newington Women Now on Facebook!

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

RHHS Visitors Welcome

The Rocky Hill Historical Society welcomes visitors on Saturdays, 12:30-3:00 p.m. Special meetings can be arranged by calling 860-563-6704. We have over 400 years of Rocky Hill history accessible to visitors; we have docents who love a chance to share their enthusiasm over our community. We are a grateful part of the larger Rocky Hill community-come on down!

Container Gardening Lecture

September 28th - Gregory Bugbee from the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station will discuss Container Gardening Indoors and Out. Growing plants in pots requires different strategies than growing plants in the ground. Topics discussed are choosing the right potting soil and pots, selecting the proper plants, fertilizing, watering, starting plants from seeds, and cuttings. This free lecture, which is open to the public, is presented by the Wethersfield Men's Garden Club at 7 pm on Monday, September 28, at the Wethersfield Senior Center. The Wethersfield Men's Garden Club maintains a community garden that supplies produce for the Town's Food Bank.

Blessing of Pets

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, a lover of all creatures, a Blessing of Pets will be held. All are invited to bring your pets to St. John Church, located at 5 St. John's Court, Cromwell, front parking lot on Saturday, October 3 at 10:00am to receive a special blessing. You are also encouraged to bring a photo of a deceased pet for the display area on the day of the Blessing. Come and be part of this event to thank God for all the joy your furry & feathered friends give you every day!

CHARITABLE CAR CLUB

Based in Rocky Hill, the Over the Hill Gang, Eastern Chapter, invites adults who enjoy cars and car culture, combined with giving back to the community, to consider joining in the fun with like-minded folks. For more information, email Mike at duffieldmichael@aol.com or Tat at tatski2@aol.com.

Car Show for Police Cadets

The Over the Hill Gang, Eastern Chapter, car club of Rocky Hill will host a car show from 10-2 on Sun., Oct 11 (rain date Sun., Oct 25), at Cove Park, 60 State St., Wethersfield. The event is open to all and spectators are free. Show car entrants donate \$10. The show will benefit the Wethersfield Police Cadet Program for individuals aged 14-21 interested in law enforcement. Cadets meet biweekly, train in practical skills and leadership, and participate in regional events. For rain date notices, go to www.facebook.com/overthehillgange/.

New Members Welcome at CCCWC

Want to be part of a group of women who work hard to support area libraries, schools, students, veterans, and more - all while having fun? The Central Connecticut Community Women's Club meets the 2nd Wed. of the month, Sept-May at 7 pm in Cromwell Town Hall, 41 West St., Rm. 222. For more information, check us out on Facebook.

WHS Class of '86 Reunion

The Wethersfield High School Class of 1986 will be hosting their 40th Class Reunion on Saturday, September 26th at Elicit Brewery in Manchester, CT from 6:30-10:30pm. Tickets are \$25/pp which includes 2 drink tickets and food. Tickets must be purchased in advance by September 10th. Please email Alana DiMarco, amdimarco18@gmail.com or join the Wethersfield High School Class of 1986 facebook page for more information.

Rocky Hill Food Share Fridays

Families in need are eligible for free fresh food distribution at Elm Ridge Park every Friday from 1:15-1:45 p.m. The mobile food share is sponsored by volunteers from Oasis Christian Church. For more information please call the Oasis Church at 860-529-0701 or Foodshare at 860-286-9999.

CPD Food Pantry is Open

The Cromwell Police Department's free food pantry is open. The pantry is available 24/7 in the Cromwell Police Department lobby at 5 West St. Cromwell PD takes donations for non-perishable foods, hygiene products, and bottled water/juices! The Animal Control Officer also has cat/dog food available upon request!

Join TOPS

Want to make friends? Enjoy a few hours with a great group of people? Learn about eating healthy and losing weight? Join us at a TOPS meeting (Take of poundssensibly). We meet every Monday at 6pm at United Methodist Church on Tuttle Road in Middletown. Weigh in is from 5:00p-5:45pm. Email Jan any-questions. rityratcat@yahoo.com

Rocky Hill Historical Society Seeks Volunteers

The Rocky hill Historical Society is seeking volunteers to help in our mission to promote the history of Rocky Hill. Have some fun pursuing your personal interests under the guidance of our experienced RHHS members while learning about the town's history. We are looking for active members to contribute to the Society's continuing success. Contact us at info@hhistory@gmail.com or by 860-563-6704

Libraries Need Friends!

The Friends of the Wethersfield Library would like more community members to join us continuous book sales in the Library book nook, raffles, and periodic pop-up book sales to expand programs such as Summer Reading, museum passes and occasional Library improvements. Friends volunteer opportunities include: sorting book donations, book sales, technology support, marketing, publicity social media and membership.

Cars Helping the Blind

Wondering what to do with your old car or truck? Donating your vehicle to the National Federation of the Blind is convenient and may qualify you for a tax deduction. Call 1-855-659-9314 or visit www.carshelpingtheblind.org. 12/30/15

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BINGO Benefit for American Legion

Fundraiser to benefit the American Legion Post 117 Newington to be held on Friday September 25th 5:30 PM at Raymour & Flanigan 3375 Berlin Turnpike Newington. Admission is free. Bingo cards are \$10.00 at the door for 10 games. Prizes for winners and an opportunity to purchase tickets to win prizes. Food, Fun, Prizes. Please Call 860-606-0216 to RSVP. Or email chiefzeman@gmail.com

Food Pantry

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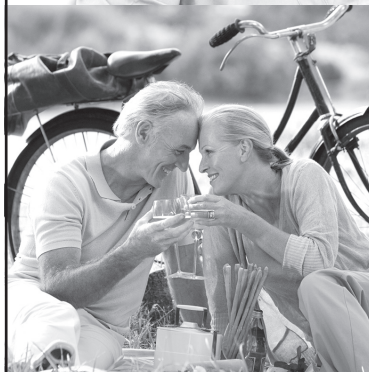
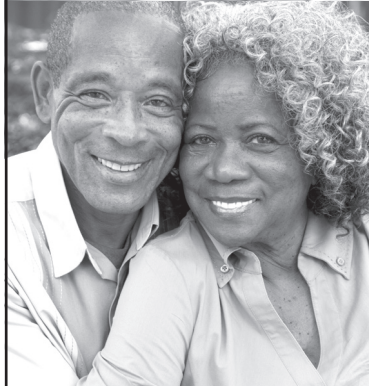
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Cracked Walkways Threaten Homes And Residents In Many Ways



The popularity of outdoor living spaces has increased dramatically over the last decade. The National Association of Home Builders notes that industry projections estimate the outdoor living market will reach \$26.8 billion by 2027. That's a testament to the popularity of spaces that are transforming how people use their properties and spend time at home.

Outdoor kitchens, living rooms and expansive patios garner the bulk of the attention directed at exterior living spaces, but walkways into these spaces are equally important. A stunning walkway can set the tone for a space, while a cracked walkway can pose a threat to a home, its residents and any guests who visit to enjoy some R&R in an outdoor living space.

Cracked walkways increase injury risk. The National Center for Biotechnology Information indicates that roughly three in four outdoor falls are attributable to environmental hazards like cracked or broken walkways. The cost of a new outdoor living space can be significant, and some homeowners might delay redoing their existing walkways so they can use those savings to fund the larger project. But homeowners planning to entertain and even those who will be using their existing walkways to access an outdoor living space are urged to include cracked walkway replacement into their out-

door living space project. Doing so can prevent falls and leave homeowners less vulnerable to accidents involving guests that can ultimately lead to higher insurance premiums.

Cracked walkways can contribute to damage to your home. Cracked walkways also can harm a home. A cracked walkway often slopes as well, and when it slopes toward the home, it can then channel water in the direction of the home's foundation. That can cause the soil around the home to erode and ultimately threaten the structural integrity of a home's foundation. Homeowners may even be able to see such damage already if a walkway running alongside a garage is cracked. If so, walked into the garage and see if the foundation area opposite where the crack is outside is showing signs of damage. If it is, fixing cracked walkways can prevent further damage. If it's not, then homeowners might have gotten lucky and identified the problem before it affected the foundation of their home.

Cracked walkways adversely affect curb appeal. According to Brown Jordan Outdoor Kitchens, 75 percent of prospective home buyers indicated they would prioritize homes with outdoor living spaces over homes that lacked this popular feature. Outdoor living spaces certainly boast the wow factor, but cracked walkways and route to these areas can take away from that appeal and create a bad first impression. Savvy homeowners recognize that every investment they make in their home is an opportunity to improve resale value. Fixing cracked walkways when redesigning exterior spaces is a great way to ensure the boost in curb appeal from an outdoor living space is not compromised by unsightly and even dangerous walking paths leading residents and guests to these popular areas.

Cracked walkways should be addressed so homeowners and their guests are safe and home values are not compromised by these unsightly yet fixable issues.



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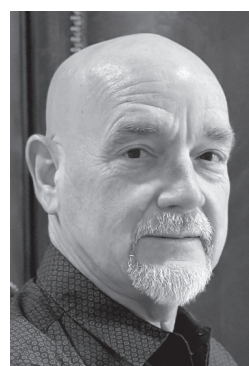
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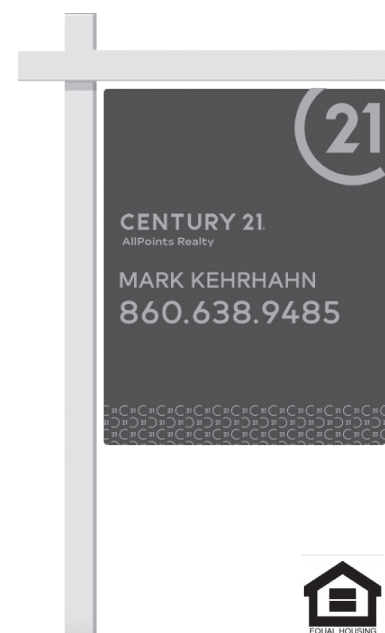
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Our Pet Page

Cat Tales ~ Bonded Brothers Seeking a Fresh Start




Luca and Tigger are 3-year-old bonded brothers searching for a quiet, loving home after the unexpected loss of their owner. Understandably sad and confused by the change in their lives, these housemate brothers are hoping to find someone willing to give them the time and patience they need to settle in. Luca, a black-and-white Domestic Short Hair, is outgoing, playful, and loves attention. His brother Tigger, a brown tabby, is a bit more reserved but enjoys gentle pets and affection once he feels comfortable. Together, they make a wonderful pair and share a strong bond that brings them comfort. Luca and Tigger are looking for a calm home without dogs or children, where they can adjust at their own pace and continue their journey together. These sweet boys have plenty of love to give and are ready to reward a caring adopter with years of companionship. For more information or to adopt Luca and Tigger, contact Cat Tales at 860-344-9043, email info@CatTalesCT.org, or visit CatTalesCT.org/Luca.



Cat Tales

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Benefiting abused, neglected and abandoned cats and kittens within our community.



Cat Tales will be holding a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, September 25 at 7PM (Doors open at 6PM) and runs until 9PM. Taking place at the Elks Club at 44 Maynard Street, Middletown. Dinner includes penne pasta, meatballs, sauce, Caesar salad, Italian bread, and dessert - catered by Lino's! Wine, beer & cocktails available at the cash bar. Raffles, Punch Box and 50/50! Cash and credit cards accepted. Bring 2 rolls of Paper Towels or 3 Cans of Friskies pate or Fancy Feast canned food for a ticket to the door prize! \$30 per person. See website below for online payment OR mail a check to CAT TALES, PO Box 901, Middletown, CT 06457. Please write "PASTA DINNER" on your check and include the names of those you are purchasing for +number of seats. You will be placed on an attendee list. No tickets or confirmation will be issued for this event. Please visit <https://CatTalesCT.org/pastadinner/> for more information. See you there!



Meet Posy!

Posy is around 8 years old and enjoys the spa treatment as you brush her silvery fur. If you're seeking a lap cat to adore and cherish, look no further than purrrfect Posy! To learn more about Posy and others available, please contact Our Companions at




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Once he trusts you, Edwin becomes a loving "shadow"—greeting you at the door, following you around, and happily cuddling. He's energetic, food-motivated, loves being talked to, and enjoys hunting bugs and showing off his silly zoomies and parkour skills. Fill out an adoption application directly at <https://www.animalfriendsofct.org/adoption-application> or call 860-232-1393.



Auggie is a gorgeous, exotic 16 week old boy. He came to us a scared kitten as the late summer kittens tend to be as rescue groups are full. Auggie is now a ham. He purrs constantly and he loves attention. Auggie loves other cats. He is also fully vetted. Please fill out an application on our website at www.hucatrescue.org. Thank you!



Evie is a quiet and sweet, striped calico. She is shy but loving and gentle. We know that she will be a princess with a nurturing person who will give her confidence. Please fill out an application for Evie on our website at www.hucatrescue.org. Thank you!



Oscar is a wonderful, sweet ham! He was actually rescued because he knocked at a door and asked to go in the house. Oscar is friendly, outgoing and easygoing. Oscar does test positive for the FIV retrovirus. He can live with other cats since he is good with them and will not fight. Only 3% of cats that test positive actually develop the virus. A wonderful, grateful boy. Please fill out an application at www.hucatrescue.org. Thank you!



Summer came in a scared kitten because she was born later in the year when rescue groups are full. She is turning into a little princess. She loves other cats so her forever home should have a nice cat for her to play with. Summer is fully vetted at only four months old. Please fill out an application on our website www.hucatrescue.org. Thank you!



Justice is one of a kind! He is very outgoing and sweet. He also nurtures the shy kittens that come in the late summer. Justice has been fully vetted this week. He has all of his shots, including boosters and is neutered. He will be at our adoption event this Sunday. Please fill out an application on our website at www.hucatrescue.org. Thank you!



Cricket is our new lovely senior cat. She was very loved but her mom sadly passed away from cancer. Cricket is 11 years young. Her values were all in the normal range on her senior panel and is in good health, just a little chunky. Cricket is so friendly and sweet. She's ok with other cats but she would love to be pampered as an only cat. Cricket loves belly rubs. A wonderful girl! Please fill out an application for her on our website www.hucatrescue.org.



Freedom is a beautiful, black, 14 weeks old Maine Coon mix. She loves other cats and is very nurturing to our scaredy-cat, sweet Larry. Freedom is a sweetheart. She is reserved at first but warms up quickly and lovingly. Please fill out an application for Freedom on our website at www.hucatrescue.org. She will be at our adoption event this Sunday. Thank you!



Layla is a stunning, Russian Blue mix with bunny soft hair. Layla is three years old. She is calm and very sweet. She is new and appears to do well with other cats. She would also do well as an only kitty. A love! Please don't keep her waiting. Please email to Hidden Treasures at info@ht-ac.org.

POA PET OF THE WEEK

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Meet Lainey! She is an 18 month old German Shepherd/Siberian Husky mix that is on the smaller size and weighs 30lbs. She actually very closely resembles a Red Fox with her beautiful red fur. She is a very sweet girl and loves attention and snuggles! She is eager to please and listens to her commands. Lainey enjoys her walks and LOVES other dogs - she adores couch cuddles with her foster siblings and follows their lead. Lainey would love a home where her humans are around most of the time and with a friendly, playful dog sibling or two. She would also do well in a home with children 10 years and older.

Visit www.POAinc.org or call 860-569-0722



Chili and Basil are bookends! They are two adorable, crazy playful brothers. Chili and Basil will definitely brighten up your home with their antics. They are fully vetted! Please email to Hidden Treasures at info@ht-ac.org.

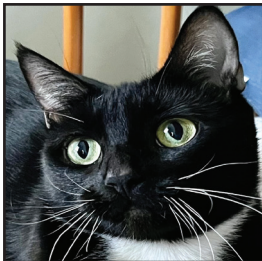



Biscuit is a handsome, buff tabby. He is a five month old teenager and very outgoing and friendly. Biscuit is also vocal. Biscuit is good with other cats, children and dogs. Please fill out an application on our website at www.hucatrescue.org. Thank you!



Munchkin is one special boy! He is super friendly and sweet. Munchy had endured a lot though being a neglected street cat in Hartford. He tests positive for both FIV and for FeLV(leukemia retrovirus). The FIV is not an issue and cats that test positive can live with non positive cats. However, the FeLV positive results means that he should not continually share plates with non positive cats. If you have a positive, FeLV cat, please consider adopting Munchkin. He is good with other cats. If you are a one-cat home, please adopt Munchkin. He is a love and we are sure that he will have a life as long as any other cat. Please email to Hidden Treasures at info@ht-ac.org. Thank you!

Adopt or foster a senior. We are overwhelmed with surrender calls for senior cats whose caregivers have gone into nursing homes or have passed. Senior cats do not do well in municipal shelters. They have strong emotions from years of being loved and become depressed at the loss of their human and home. They are also overlooked by families wanting young cats. Please consider fostering a senior kitty so we can accept them into our group. Please fill out an application at www.hucatrescue.org or email hucatrescue@gmail.com. Thank you!



Mona Lisa is a beautiful, friendly, one year old tuxedo. Mona loves attention and follows her foster parents around. She has charmed the two cats in her foster home, even the grumpy one, and it would be best for her to have a playmate in her permanent home. Mona is very affectionate. She is uncomfortable being held but she loves pets and she will always greet you at the door to welcome you home! Please fill out an application on our website at www.hucatrescue.org. Thank you!



Cookie is a stunning, exotic dark gray tabby. Our moody but loyal beauty has been waiting for a while for a permanent home. She has gained confidence and is even more ready now to make a love connection. She is around three years old. Cookie loves her foster mom and follows her around. We

know that she will do the same for you. Please fill out an application on our website at www.hucatrescue.org. Thank you!



Amaryllis is a stunning, gray tabby with emerald eyes. She is very friendly and sweet. Amaryllis will be joining the adoption event this Sunday at the Petco in Newington. Please email to Hidden Treasures at info@ht-ac.org.



Misty is a exotic blue/cream tortie. She is Sunny and Dewy's mom. Misty is very friendly, vocal and outgoing. She was abandoned when people moved out of their apartment and she endured a lot living outside and having litter after litter. Our vet believes that her ear is from a dog bite rather than frostbite. We also learned that she was a 'cat officer' in her neighborhood and would break up cat fights between the males. Thus her nickname 'Officer Misty'. Misty has a big personality and she is so grateful to be indoor only. Please fill out an application on our website at www.hucatrescue.org. Thank you!

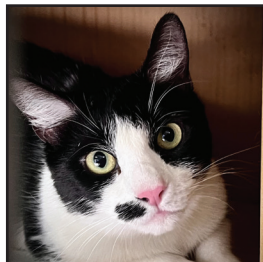


Larry is a handsome, 16 week old kitten. He is a tuxedo and he is polydactyl! Larry is quite shy. This time of year when rescues are full, kittens get left behind until there are openings. The result is that they come in scared because they are in survival mode. Larry is very shy and does not have an aggressive bone in him. He needs nurturing and patience and he will thrive. If you are a patient, loving home, please consider adopting Larry. Foster homes welcomed also so Larry can have more one-on one attention. Please fill out an application for her on our website www.hucatrescue.org.

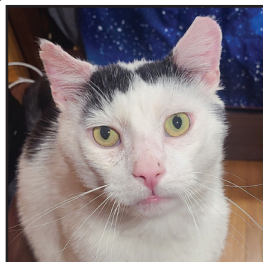
ANIMAL LOVERS: Financial help needed. Any donation is greatly appreciated and tax deductible. Out to Pasture Farm & Rescue, P.O. Box 310174, Newington, CT. 06131. www.outtopasture.org.

ANIMAL ALLIANCE WELFARE LEAGUE: Is an all volunteer animal welfare organization devoted to preventing the suffering of homeless animals in our community. Our animal welfare organization provides TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) of community cats in the central Connecticut area. Should you wish to adopt a cat or kitten; volunteer to feed community cat colonies in the City of New Britain; donate to our special needs cats and kitten, please contact Marie at 860-632-0863. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 1775, New Britain, Connecticut 06050. Thank you for your compassion for the animals.

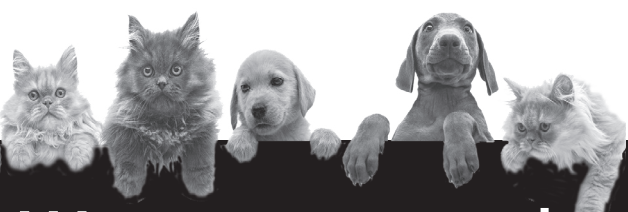
WHISKERS PET RESCUE: Is a no-kill animal welfare organization with an adoption center located in Bennet Square in Southbury. We are a nonprofit charity made up entirely of volunteers committed to caring for animals who have been abandoned, injured, abused or neglected. Should you wish to adopt a whiskered kitty or make a donation to our animal shelter to be utilized towards our spay-neuter program, please mail to Whiskers Pet Rescue, 134 Main St., South Southbury, CT 06488. Please ask our volunteer staff about our senior to senior kitty adoption program where our kitties are adopted by senior citizens and veteran. Our staff at our animal shelter can be reached at 203-586-1666. Thank you for assisting our homeless whiskered friends!



Sophie is a beautiful two year old girl. She is an extremely friendly, cuddly, playful kitty who loves attention but can be a little moody! She will jump into any available lap and purr. Sophie would love to be an only cat. Sophie would love to meet you so please send an email to Hidden Treasures at info@ht-ac.org.



Elmer is a handsome, large, sweet boy that was rescued as a stray. He is currently in a foster home in Berlin. He is an extremely friendly, affectionate lap cat who LOVES attention! He gets along well with submissive female Elmer test positive for the FIV retrovirus. We know now that most cats that test positive don't actually become immunocompromised and that they can live with other cats as long as they don't fight. Elmer does not like confrontation and will not fight. He's been waiting for a while so please email to Hidden Treasures at info@ht-ac.org.



Want your pet to be featured on our pet page as the Pet of the Week?

Email us a photo of your pet or pets, with his and/or her name AND your name (the owner) to: production@rarereminder.com

Mailing address:
P.O. Box 289, Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Although we love all of your emails, due to quantity received, there is no guarantee your pet will be put in the paper. Photos mailed in cannot be returned. Our apologies.

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You can publish a Memorial for your pet on our PET PAGE



Your announcement would include a photo, pet name and up to 50 words. Your cost, \$10.00

Make check payable to Rare Reminder, Inc. and send to: Rare Reminder, Inc., P.O. Box 289, Rocky Hill, CT 06067, ATTN: Pet Section Memorials (photo cannot be returned)

Pet of the Week



My name is Cooper

My mom is Lauren

Woodrow Wilson High Class Reunion

The class of 1961 Woodrow Wilson High School, Middletown, CT is having a 65th Class Reunion at Luce's Restaurant, Main Street, Middletown on September 26, 2026. We have lost touch with several classmates and are trying our best to make contact. Hopefully you might know where they are and can contact Bill Sheedy at wesheedy@gmail.com with the information. Names are as follows: Devra Davis Silva, Richard Bonney, Judith Cameron, Barbara Renison Reed, John Wolcott, Sandra Morell Frickett, Stanton Murphy, Susan Birdsey Byrne, Ursala Ardnt Gardner, Francis Hilsdon, Eileen Britt Wachsmann, Katherine Grockowski Keene, Lynn Hemsley Sutton. There might be others, send any info you have. Thanks for your help. This is probably our last reunion. We would love to see you all at the event! Reservation forms will be sent out in July 2026 – send back to Bill Sheedy at PO Box 1091, Middletown, CT. 06457.

Mums For Sale

MUMS FOR MOM & EVERYONE ELSE! The Cromwell First Congregational Church is holding its annual mum sale on Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The sale will take place in the church parking lot at 361 Main Street, Cromwell. Stop buy and purchase those lovely fall flowers to grace your home or give as a gift.

Celebrating Seniors

If you're a Senior, we would like to publish your photo and/or an article AT NO CHARGE! This can be pertaining to a special occasion (birthday, achievement, anniversary, retirement).

As space permits, it will appear in our Mature Living section, which is published on the third week of every month.

Please send to:
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New Members Welcome at CCCWC

Want to be part of a group of women who work hard to support area libraries, schools, students, veterans, and more – all while having fun? The Central Connecticut Community Women's Club meets the 2nd Wed. of the month, Sept-May at 7 pm in Cromwell Town Hall, 41 West St., Rm. 222. For more information, check us out on Facebook.

Rocky Hill Foodshare

Families in need are eligible for free fresh food distribution at Elm Ridge Park every other Friday from 1:15-1:45 p.m. The mobile foodshare is sponsored by volunteers from Oasis of Life Christian Church. Friday Dates: Aug 14 & 28, Sept 11 & 25, Oct 8 & 23, Nov 6 & 20 and Dec 4 & 18. Please bring your own bags. For more information please call the Oasis of Life at 860-529-0701 or Foodshare at 860-286-9999.

Help Our Concert Series!

Concerts at Church of Christ, Congregational are free admission, but we fund them through donations by the audiences and generous annual donors. You may send a check to the church (Church of Christ, Congregational, 1075 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111) or leave it in the offering plate. Please make a note on your check ("concert series"). You can also donate at newingtonucc.org.

Movies at the Cromwell Senior Center

Join us every Friday at 1 p.m. in the Library's Arch Room for a fresh showing of a new film on the big screen. Please contact the senior center for more information and to register, at 860-632-3447.



St. Jude Ads

It's easy to publish your St. Jude ad in the Rare Reminder. All you do is select the St. Jude ad you prefer, indicate the initials that you would like printed and mail the attached coupon with your payment to the Rare Reminder. Deadline for Thursday publication is Monday before 5pm.

Selection A \$39.80

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT Holy Spirit, you who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal, You, who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me, and You who are in all instances of my life with me, I in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory, Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish. After third day, wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted. _ _ _ _

Selection B \$35.40

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me that you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly seek you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (Make your request) There are none who can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee. Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then you must publish this and it will be granted to you. _ _ _ _

Selection C \$26.80

ST. JUDE NOVENA May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day, your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. My prayers have been answered. Thank you and God Bless you, St. Jude. _ _ _ _

Selection D \$14.00

ST. JUDE Thank you again for answering my prayers. Publication promised. _ _ _ _

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St. Jude ads run as Rare Reminder classified ads, in the first available issue after receipt of ad. Ads shown are slightly smaller than actual classified ads. Rates effective April 01, 2015.

Meditation and Talk Sundays

Buddhist Faith Fellowship offers Meditation & Talk Sundays twice monthly from 9:00–10:45 AM at 343 Washington Terrace, Middletown, overlooking the Shōyōan Teien Japanese Garden. Each session includes guided meditation, talk, and discussion on mindfulness and everyday life. Open to all, with free street parking available. Learn more: <https://www.bffct.org>.

Volunteers in Psychotherapy

Volunteers In Psychotherapy allows you to earn strictly private therapy [no reports to insurers of your private discussions] in exchange for volunteer work you supply, privately and independently, for the charity of your choice. VIP's local service has been granted awards and funding from the Connecticut Psychological Association. Contact Dr. Shulman at (860) 233-5115, or learn more at www.CTVIP.org.

GriefShare

When a loved one dies, it can feel like you are alone. Few people understand how painful and isolating your grief can be. At GriefShare, you'll find a safe, comforting place where you can talk and receive support and guidance. GriefShare will begin a new 13-week cohort to be held on Mondays beginning February 2nd from 1:00 - 2:45 PM at First Church of Christ, 250 Main St., Wethersfield, CT. Pre-registration is required; seats are limited. The fee is \$20 for the workbook. Questions or to register contact Caring Ministries at care@firstchurch.org or call 860-529-1575 ext. 117.

Join Wethersfield

Dollars for Scholars

Wethersfield Dollars for Scholars has been awarding scholarships to graduating seniors residing in Wethersfield, who are continuing their education at an accredited secondary school. Founded in 1975, volunteers have worked hard to help our town's students. To continue this great work, we need your assistance. We are looking for volunteers to join us in planning our annual golf outing, assist with our mailings, become a part of the scholarship selection process, plan our annual awards ceremony or assist with the long-term financial planning so Wethersfield Dollars for Scholars can continue to assist future students. If you are interested in becoming part of our organization, please call Mario Pace 860-748-0837.

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The Rare Reminder encourages readers to submit letters to the editor. Letters should not exceed 400 words. Submission deadline for the upcoming issue is Monday by 12 p.m. Anonymous letters will not be published. Please include a name and phone number for verification. The Rare Reminder reserves the right to edit all letters for length, accuracy and libel. Send letters to PO Box 289, 222 Dividend Rd., Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or email to editor@rareremider.com.

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Having trouble finishing high school? Adult Education can help. We are an education alternative that works with your school district. We offer free high school completion programs, flexible scheduling, workforce opportunities and college and career services. Day, evening and online classes are available in Middletown and Old Saybrook. Call 860-343-6044 or visit www.maect.org for details.

Join TOPS

Want to make friends? Enjoy a few hours with a great group of people? Learn about eating healthy and losing weight? Join us at a TOPS meeting (Take of pounds sensibly). We meet every Monday at 6pm at United Methodist Church on Tuttle Road in Middletown. Weigh in is from 5:00p-5:45pm. Email Jan any questions. rittyratcat@yahoo.com

JOIN AMERICAN LEGION POST 23

We are looking for new members of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, Post 23 in Wethersfield, CT. Former Military, active duty and their spouses are welcome to join. Our meetings are open to the public, but reservations must be made in advance. We meet at the Wethersfield Community Center the first Tuesday of the months of September thru December, break for the months of January and February and resume meetings from March thru June. Meetings start at 6:30. At the beginning of our meetings, we honor our Missing in Action and Vets, followed by grace and a wonderful dinner. In the past some vets have said they didn't want to join because they don't want to talk about their wartime experiences.. We can assure you that is not the case. Each month is a night out to be with friends and make new friends. For Memorial day we replace flags at the Village Cemetery and take part in the Memorial Day parade. For Veterans day, we again replace the flags at the Village cemetery and take part in the Veteran's day ceremony. During the month of May we hold our poppy drive. If you would like to join us, contact John Ewaski, Commander of Post 23 at 860-563-3887 or Carol Lawrence, President of Ladies Auxiliary at 860-371-1676.

Join Our Team of Museum Tour Guides!

The Newington Historical Society is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help bring history to life. No prior experience is necessary—we'll provide all the training you need. If you love sharing stories and meeting new people, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect with visitors and make history engaging for everyone. Check out our website at <https://newington-historicalsociety.org>

Support for the Visually Impaired

The National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut (NFB of CT). Meetings will be held on the third Saturday of each month. At chapter meetings, we gather and exchange ideas, share and discuss concerns and aspirations, raise and promote awareness of the capabilities of blind people, and make plans for outings and events. For more information, contact Melissa Thompson at 860-922-4949 or email her at lady1mnt@yahoo.com.

DEMING-YOUNG FARM FOUNDATION SEEKS TAG SALE DONATIONS

The Deming-Young Farm Foundation is seeking tag sale donations for its fall fundraising tag sale on Saturday, September 12th. We are seeking clean household items, knick-knacks, jewelry, hand tools, record albums, small furniture pieces, antiques or vintage items and more. Unfortunately, we cannot accept books, clothes, toys, Christmas decorations or large furniture pieces. Call David or Mary at 860-666-1016 for more information or to arrange for a donation. Thank you for your help.

Memory in Motion

UR Community Cares and the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter will present Memory in Motion, a free community bike and walk event on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026, from 9 a.m. to noon along the Cheney Rail Trail in Manchester. Participants of all ages and abilities are invited to enjoy a 1- to 3-mile walk or bike ride, with parking available at Center Springs Park or Cheney Hall. Cycling Without Age Manchester will offer complimentary rickshaw rides for older adults and people with cognitive or physical mobility challenges. The event will also feature community organizations and vendors, health and wellness information, family activities, giveaways, a silent auction, live music, cultural performances, and accessible cycling experiences. The event will celebrate inclusion, healthy living, dementia-friendly recreation, and community connection, and will highlight the opening of VAZ Coffee along the trail. For more information about participating, volunteering, sponsoring, or becoming a community partner, contact UR Community Cares at 860-430-4557 or info@urcommunitycares.org.

Church Rummage Sale

West Hartford United Methodist Church, 1358 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford will be having a rummage sale, Friday, from 7-9 PM, (\$1.00 entry Friday), Saturday, September 19th from 8 AM -1 PM, (no entry fee). Questions, call the church office 860-521-7766.

Help Newington Human Services

A growing number of Newington families are struggling to cover inflated costs of living, but Newington Human Services offers several ways to help them. If you want to donate, come to our offices at Town Hall (200 Garfield Street) - we are located on the side of the building facing Lucy Robbins Welles Library. You can also donate by mail - Newington Human Services, 200 Garfield Street - Newington, CT 06111 - or online at <https://www.newingtonct.gov/1343/Community-Donations>.

Dept of Veteran Affairs Coffeehouse

The Connecticut Department of Veteran Affairs in Rocky Hill will be hosting a coffee house on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. We look forward continuing serving our Veterans with coffee, baked goods and the opportunity to be with fellow Veterans. It begins at 9:30 and ends at 11:30 all Veterans are welcome! Any questions please feel free to contact Matt Bortolan: 860-616-3820 or/and Dawn Hinckley 860-616-3840. 287 West Street, Rocky Hill CT, 06067.

Woodcarving Classes

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at woodcarving? Classes will be held year-round on Thursdays from 11:30AM - 1:30PM in Wethersfield at the Little Red School House on 193 Wells Road. I will furnish tools for your introduction period and the first project to work on. If you enjoy your time, you can continue classes for free by joining the Wethersfield Art League for \$35. I will assist in acquiring the necessary tools. If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them. Warren Blessing 860-656-4587.

Bereavement Support Group

The Church of St. Mary in Portland hosts a Bereavement Support Group twice each month for individuals coping with the loss of a loved one. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and the fourth Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the church hall at 45 Freestone Ave. in Portland. Those wishing to attend are asked to pre-register by calling Susan Bongiorno at 860-685-1966.

Wheels for the World

Wheels for the World will pick up for free used manual wheelchairs (in any condition), wheelchair parts, walkers, metal crutches, and canes. No motorized wheelchairs. We can make a referral for any equipment that Wheels for the World can't accept. Call Marshall at (203) 747-0543 or Ken (860) 754-7602 to arrange for collection. Wheels for the World is a charity of, Joni & Friends, their website: <https://joniandfriends.org/wheels-for-the-world/>.

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Take a Legal Document Check-up

What legal documents should you consider for the financial and medical protection of you and your family? There are five prevalent documents that should be considered:

- Power of Attorney
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- Living Will
- Last Will & Testament
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***We Really Appreciate The Donation ,
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Mason Community Breakfast

The Newington Masons have a community breakfast the first Sunday of every month! Come join us. Price is just \$10,(\$5 for children) and includes eggs, bacon, sausage, homefries, pancakes, coffee, toast & juice and the “Surprise Special”. The Mason hall is located at 80 Walsh Ave(behind CVS) . Breakfast is held from 7:30-11a.m.

9/11 Commemoration Ceremony

The Richard M. Keane Foundation is planning a 25th anniversary commemoration of the candle-light ceremony that took place on the Broad Street Green in Wethersfield in the aftermath of the 9/11/2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. The tragedy claimed the lives of thousands of victims, including Wethersfield residents Dick Keane, Jeffrey Bittner, and David Winton, as well as Fred Kuo, the father of Keane Foundation board member Fred J. Kuo. It served as the inspiration for the establishment of the Richard M. Keane Foundation, the nonprofit organization that renovated the 9/11 Memorial Sports Center in the Pitkin Community Center and continues to provide an extensive array of after-school enrichment programs for Wethersfield youth. The free event on the Broad Street Green in Historic Wethersfield will take place Friday, September 11, 2026 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, and will feature presentations by dignitaries, community singers, and town officials. The winner of the September 11th Writing Contest, co-sponsored by the Wethersfield Public Library and the Richard M. Keane Foundation for Wethersfield students in grades four through six, will read the winning essay. More than five thousand people attended the original impromptu Candlelight Vigil on the Green in 2001 and held candles to commemorate the 9/11 victims. In lieu of actual candles, attendees at this year’s event will be asked for safety reasons to display a representation of a candle-flame from an app on their phones. The large sheets signed by thousands in attendance at the original vigil will once again be on display, and a new canvas will be available for visitors to sign and to leave comments. Please save the date 9/11/2026 for what promises to be a memorable and moving community event for the entire family. There is no rain date.

Friendship Force Seeks Members

Friendship Force Connecticut is active and traveling and accepting new members. We have resumed full travel activities, as well as monthly group social activities. For more information about our chapter and on how you can join, visit facebook.com/ffconnecticut.org, email ffconnecticut@gmail.com or go to friendshipforce.org.

American Legion Post 117 Newington Meetings

The American Legion Post 117 at 294 Willard Ave. Newington will hold meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM. We welcome all military past and present. Dinner will be provided free at 6:30 PM. Note: the only months we do not have a meeting are July and August.

Free Friday Breakfast for Vets And First Responders

All veterans and first responders, the first Friday of every month, you are welcome to R.H. Methodist church (623 Old Main St.) to enjoy free breakfast, just for you. It’s our way of saying thank you for your service. We started with 8 and now we have 50! Please help us continue to grow!

Church Bells Play Dedications

Church of Christ, Congregational, located in the center of Newington, is requesting song dedications from the community. The church carillon, which plays a variety of music throughout the year, is a mellifluous addition to the town’s ambience. The carillon has a library of over 2,000 songs--both sacred and secular. The church welcomes your song requests. For a donation of \$100, you can choose the hymn or songs you would like to hear each Sunday for a month. Some people honor their parents or spouse during their anniversary month. If you would like to request a song, or have questions, please contact Michelle Dixon at the church. (860) 666-4689 officeadmin@newingtonucc.org.

DEMING-YOUNG FARM FALL TAG SALE

The Deming-Young Farm Foundation will be holding its annual fall tag sale on Saturday, September 12th from 9 am to 2 pm at the Thomas Deming farmhouse located at 282 Church Street in Newington. Rain date will be Saturday, September 19th. A variety of items will be available including home decor, kitchen items, knick-knacks, Vera Bradley handbags, pottery, furniture pieces, vintage items, antiques and more. Stop by and find a treasure!

American Legion Auxiliary Meetings

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 117 Newington. We always welcome new members! American Legion Auxiliary Unit 117 meets the third Tuesday of the month, September to June. We meet at 6:30 p.m. for a provided free dinner followed by 7 p.m. meeting at 294 Willard Ave. Newington. Email alauxctunit117@myyahoo.com or facebook “American Legion Auxiliary Unit 117 Newington CT”

Rocky Hill Food Share Fridays

Families in need are eligible for free fresh food distribution at Elm Ridge Park every Friday from 1:15-1:45 p.m. The mobile food share is sponsored by volunteers from Oasis Christian Church. For more information please call the Oasis Church at 860-529-0701 or Foodshare at 860-286-9999.

CPD Food Pantry is Open

The Cromwell Police Department’s free food pantry is open. The pantry is available 24/7 in the Cromwell Police Department lobby at 5 West St. Cromwell PD takes donations for non-perishable foods, hygiene products, and bottled water/juices! The Animal Control Officer also has cat/dog food available upon request!

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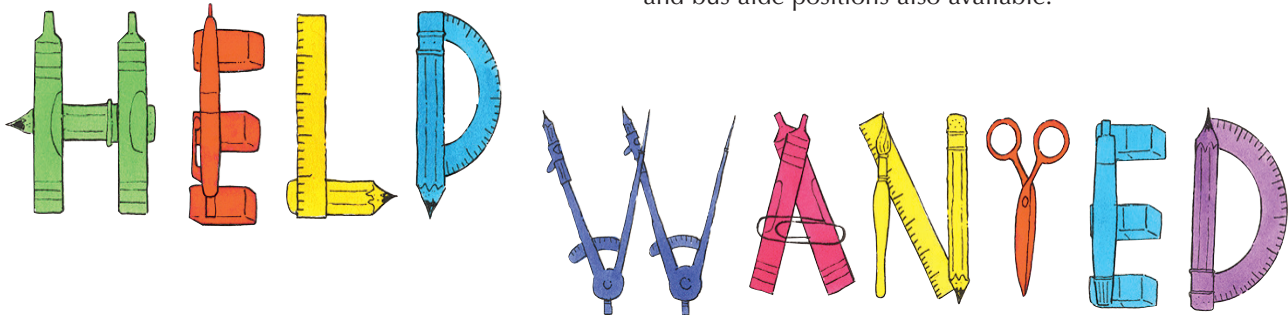
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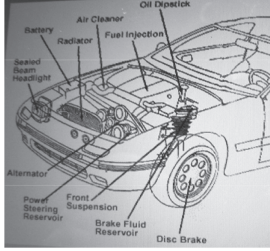
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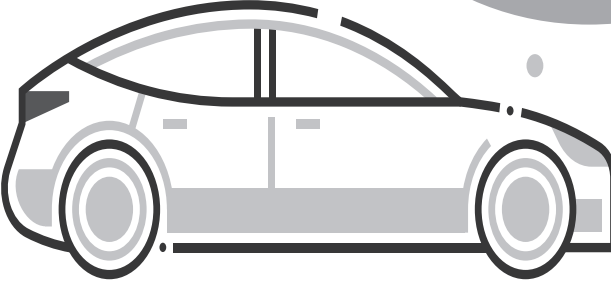
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Sadie Ruiz, a 2024 graduate of Wethersfield High School, played with the Puerto Rico Senior National Field Hockey team this summer.



Ruiz scored a shootout goal in a win over Bermuda as Team Puerto Rico had their best finish ever, securing an automatic qualification for the 2030 games.

Wethersfield's Ruiz Goes National

By Josh Howard

Following a record-breaking career at Wethersfield High School, Sadie Ruiz has continued to flourish in field hockey — both at the college ranks and beyond.

Ruiz, a 2024 graduate of Wethersfield High School, is entering her third collegiate season and most recently competed with the Puerto Rico National Field Hockey Team at the Central American and Caribbean (CAC) Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Ruiz called the out-of-country athletic adventure an “amazing opportunity.”

“It was definitely a crazy experience to play against the top talent,” added Ruiz, “I was able to improve my conditioning and make my skills better.”

During nationals, Ruiz scored a shootout goal to help her squad defeat Bermuda as Team Puerto Rico achieved its highest-ever finish at the CAC Games, securing an automatic qualification for the 2030 games.

It was the latest in what is turning out to be a wild ride for Ruiz since she graduated locally.

While at WHS, Ruiz was a two-sport standout — also excelling at lacrosse — and became the all-time leader in scoring for the Eagles field hockey program, finishing with 166 points (65 goals, 36 assists).

She was a three-time All-Central Connecticut Conference (CCC) selection and was named Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA) All-State first-team during her final two high school seasons. As a senior, she was named Nation-

al Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) All-Southern New England Region.

During her four years with the field hockey program, the Eagles advanced to the state championship game for the first time in over four decades and made the state semifinals twice.

Colleen Budaj, who coached Ruiz all four of her field hockey season at WHS, commended her team captain’s “work ethic.”

“What made Sadie special as a player is her true desire to grow and be the best she can be. She works all year round to grow her skills,” added Budaj. “She does shy away from the hard work and dedication that it takes to become better and is never complacent.”

It was a similar story on the lacrosse fields, where Ruiz finished as the school’s all-time leader in goals (175) and points (235) and was a three-time All-CCC selection. She also set the single-season records for goals (70) and points (90) – both achieved as a sophomore.

She was just as impressive off the field, where she was a three-time CCC All-Academic and was CHSCA Academic All-State as a senior.

Following graduation, Ruiz spent a red-shirt season playing field hockey at Fairfield University before entering the transfer portal and shifting to Ithaca College where she made an immediate impact, appearing in all 19 games and scoring what turned out to be the decisive goal in only her fourth game as the Bombers beat St. John Fisher.

Ruiz was also a 2025 NFHCA National



Ruiz is entering her second season at Ithaca College in New York.

Academic Squad selection and earned a 2025 NFHCA Scholar of Distinction during her first year at the school.

Ithaca field hockey coach Kaitlyn Wahila stated, “Sadie fits into our program incredibly well.”

“She has a unique ability to be a consistent threat inside the attacking circle, using her quick release to get shots off and create opportunities for deflections. Her instincts around the goal and ability to find scoring opportunities make her a dangerous offensive player,” added Wahila. “It has been a joy to watch Sadie grow into her role as an up-perclassman and see her leadership emerge both on and off the field. She brings confidence, energy, and a genuine investment in her teammates, making her an important part of our team.”

Ruiz called her new home away from home in New York, “my favorite place”, adding, “My best friends are here — I wouldn’t trade it for anything in the world.”

It was prior to her first season at Ithaca that Ruiz came across an Instagram account looking for players to train for the Puerto Rican National Team and once she reached out, she was invited to train with other potential prospects at the College of William & Mary in Virginia. She ultimately joined the squad at the California Cup this past spring and made the team that would compete in the Dominican Republic.

Ruiz said competing in the national event

was eye-opening, noting the physical nature of the best players from around the world.

“They told us in training camp that it would be more physical, so we trained a lot for that physicality and speed of the game and felt pretty prepared,” recalled Ruiz, who traveled outside the United States for only the second time in her life. “I felt really lucky to be there and train and play against some of the best competition.”

During the trip, Ruiz and her teammates stayed in villas with athletes from a variety of sports from across the world. The team played every other day and spent off days scouting their next opponent, watching their fellow competitors, and participating in team bonding activities such as yoga.

Entering her second season at Ithaca, Ruiz hopes to help send the Class of 2027 players off with some additional hardware.

“There are 12 of them and we want to help them finish out with a bang,” noted Ruiz. “It’s a really special group and the main goal is to always win a Liberty League championship.”

A year ago, the team posted a 12-5 record, losing in the conference semifinals. The season prior, the Bombers posted a 15-win season and won the Liberty League title in 2024.

Ruiz, a psychology major, plans to put all of her attention and efforts into her second collegiate season at Ithaca, but is open to the idea of playing more with her national team in the future.

High School Golf Season Opens

By Josh Howard

With most high school sports starting their regular season schedules next week, boys’ fall golf has already began to compete on the courses. Here is a look at how the local team fared through the first few weeks.

Wethersfield and Rocky Hill High played a nailbiter on Aug. 24, with the Eagles edging the Terriers (160-161) at Wethersfield Country Club.

Rocky Hill’s Tyson Asadourian was the medalist, shooting a (+2) 37 to finish one stroke ahead of Wethersfield’s Jackson Sundquist (38). WHS junior Ryan Ribeiro (39) placed third, while Nolan Mattatall (WHS) and Kevin Whelan (RHHS) tied for fourth after each shooting a 40.

Rocky Hill’s Ryan Carlstrom (41) placed 6th. Gavin Struk (WHS) and Brady Gavin (RHHS) each carded a 43 to tie for 7th place, while Wethersfield’s Tyler Giangrave and William Cardany each shot a 44 to round out the top ten.

It was the season opener for Rocky Hill and the second official contest of the year for Wethersfield, who defeated Windsor

(150-171) at Keney Golf Course on Aug. 20. The Eagles occupied the top three spots on the leaderboard with Struk shooting an even-round (35) to finish as the medalist. Ribeiro (37) and Mattatall (38) placed second and third.

Newington started the season with a pair of impressive victories, knocking off Berlin and Glastonbury.

On Aug. 20, the Nor’easters beat the Redcoats of Berlin (165-167) at Timberlin Golf Course as Newington filled three of the top six spots on the leaderboard.

Sam Lewandowski shot a (+2) 38 to finish second, Dylan Dindinger (39) tied for third, and Brayden Karanian (43) tied for fifth.

Four days later, Newington hosted and downed the Guardians of Glastonbury (164-168) at Indian Hill Country Club on Aug. 24.

Dindinger shot an even-round (36) to win the event individually. Brayden Karanian (38) placed third, while Lewandowski and Mitchell Kriedel each shot a 45 to tie for fifth.



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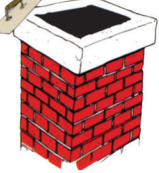
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