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From the First Selectman

With the annual audit having been completed, we again are given a clean bill of health concerning the management of Goshen's business. In the final audited numbers, \$157,950 was added to our fund balance (rainy day fund). In addition, after year end, \$42,420 dollars were returned as Goshen's share of unexpended funds from Region 6 School District.

I never tire of saying "Thank you" to everyone in town government who contributed to another successful year and to our Board of Education members and Superintendent for managing their finances such that they finished under budget and were able to return funds to the town.

At year end, our fund balance (rainy days funds) was \$2,283,046. Having a healthy fund balance allowed the Board of Finance to hold our current mill rate at 19.6.

On the State level, the recently concluded elections produced much change in the Capital with a new Governor and several constitutional officers as well as a change in the make-up of the legislature. For Goshen, Craig Miner will continue to represent us in the Senate; Jay Case and Maria Horn will be our Representatives. Congratulations to all of them. I would also like to thank Brian Ohler for his hard work and dedication as our Representative in Hartford for the past two years.

The legislative session begins in January 2019 with an anticipated \$1.8 billion to \$2.4 billion deficit, depending on who one listens to. This anticipated short fall is staggering considering the fact that the current budget is \$20.86 billion dollars. Needless to say, incoming Governor Lamont and the legislature have their work cut out for them to achieve to balance the budget for the next two years.

One idea put forward during the most recent campaign is to have a uniform car tax across the entire state, based on an average mill rate from throughout the state. Although initially that may sound good to residents of Hartford whose mill rate is 74.5 with a car tax mill of 45.0, for Goshen it can very well mean a 56% increase in car taxes if the average is 35 mills. Currently we collectively pay \$624,764 in car taxes at 35 mills the number would be \$1,115,648 an increase of \$409,884 all of which, as suggested by the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate, would be collected and sent to the state, then distributed to the municipalities "based on need".

I always cringe when hearing the words like that, especially given the fact Goshen's state grants have diminished substantially over the past several years based on our median income, mill rate and perceived need. If such a proposal were to be enacted, Goshen residents would see two likely scenarios. One, would be we receive back from the state the original amount previously paid by residents and the difference would be distributed to other municipalities to lower their tax burden. The second would be, we see very little, *if any* of our car tax dollars returning to Goshen. This loss in car tax revenue would result in a 1.2 mil increase to offset the lost revenue in order for us to balance our budget. Neither of these scenarios would be good for Goshen's residents.

It is imperative that we all stay tuned to what eventually will be proposed in Hartford come January. If the proposal above is seriously considered, we all should contact our legislators, leadership in the House, Senate and the Governor. They must be told, Goshen doesn't need Hartford raising our taxes to balance *other municipalities*' budgets.

More on the local front, if the recent amount of precipitation and early snow is any indication of the weather to come, we may be in for a long and snowy winter. Bundle up, stay warm and happy holidays to everyone.

Best Regards,

Bob Valentine

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TOWN OF GOSHEN BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Taxpayers wishing to appeal assessments on the October 1, 2018 Real Estate and/or Personal Property List, or the recently billed 2017 Supplemental Motor Vehicle List, must make a written request to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a hearing. This written request must be submitted on the prescribed form and received by the Board of Assessment Appeals, Goshen Town Hall, 42A North Street, Goshen, CT, 06756 no later than **February 20, 2019**.

Forms to be used for filing appeals can be found on the Town of Goshen website www.goshenct.gov or can be picked up at the Goshen Town Hall. Taxpayers wishing to obtain a form by mail may call 860-491-2115. A separate form is required for each property being appealed.

The Board of Assessment Appeals will notify taxpayers in writing of the date, time, and place of their hearing. Hearings will be held in mid-March at the Goshen Town Hall.

When completing the required form, taxpayers are strongly urged to name an agent to act on their behalf in the event they cannot keep the scheduled appointment.

An appeal cannot be heard unless the required written request is received by the Board of Assessment Appeals on or before **February 20, 2019**.



Probate Potpourri

Judge Michael F. Magistrali Torrington Area Probate Court

The Torrington Probate Court was first constituted June 16, 1847, from the Litchfield Probate District, and began processing matters for the Town of Goshen in May 1895. On January 5, 2011 the Torrington Probate District merged with the New Hartford and Winchester Probate Districts to create the Torrington Area Probate Districts which serves the municipalities of Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Goshen, Hartland, New Hartford, Torrington and Winchester. The Court is located on the first floor of Torrington City Hall, 140 Main Street, Torrington, with hours on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Probate Court is most known for the administration of decedent's estates, but in fact handles a wide range of matters, including removal of parents as guardians of minor children, termination of parental rights, adoptions, conservatorships for adults incapable of managing their own financial or personal affairs, including medical decisions, commitments of mentally ill individuals, and guardians for adults with an intellectual disability.

Whether or not an estate needs to be opened depends on the nature and extent of assets an individual owns in his or her own name alone on the date of death. In cases where a decedent did not own real property in her own name alone and the personal property she owned was no more than \$40,000, a full estate is not required, and a short procedure, called an Affidavit In Lieu of Administration, is all that is required to transfer that property.

In cases where an individual only owns property jointly with another with a right of survivorship, only a Connecticut Estate Tax Return is required. Even then, unless the value of the property transferring as the result of the decedent's death exceeds \$2,000,000, no tax will be due, but there will be a probate fee that must be paid.

Generally, when someone passes away, his/her family should contact the Court and speak to one of the clerks, who will ask some questions and direct the family to the proper procedure. In many cases, an attorney is not required, unless there are complicated legal issues involved. The clerks can be reached by telephone at 860-489-2215 during the hours noted, above.

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Re: Sequence of Events for Construction of Dwelling, Addition, Pool or Accessory Building in the Town of Goshen

With winter many people are planning building projects for the spring and summer. Dwellings, additions, barns, garages, decks and EVEN "COVER-IT TYPE SHEDS" ALL REQUIRE ZONING PERMITS. The Zoning Regulations, Town Ordinances AND Land Use applications are all available online at www.goshenct.gov. For your convenience, the Town of Goshen has adopted online permitting for the submittal of land use permit applications. Paper applications will no longer be accepted. To use the PermitLink online permitting program, you must first create a login account. Once your login account is created, you can use it for all land use and building permit-related applications you may wish to submit.

If you need assistance using a computer, there is one available at the Goshen Town Hall.

Here is a summary of the various steps involved for obtaining the required approvals:

- 1. For a new house have a soil scientist flag any wetlands on the lot and have an engineer/surveyor develop a site plan that shows the proposed house, driveway, sewer line or septic system, well location and any wetlands or watercourses located by the soil scientist. Contact Torrington Area Health District at (860) 489-0436 for a list of soil scientists.
- 2. For a new house obtain approval from the Torrington Area Health District for the proposed septic system and well location. Lots inside the Woodridge Lake Sewer District and RA-1 Zone, require approval from the Torrington Area Health District for the proposed well and a Sewer Connection Permit from the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Administrator, (860) 491-3474. If there is a septic system on your lot, the Health District must approve all additions, decks, and accessory buildings. The Health District has a separate pool application permit that must be obtained for all new swimming pools. Contact Richard Rossi, Sanitarian, at Torrington Area Health District at (860) 489-0436.
- 3. Obtain an Inland Wetlands Permit from the Goshen Inland Wetlands Commission for any work proposed within 100' of a wetlands or watercourse (the regulated inland wetlands areas.) The Commission regulates construction, filling, and removal of materials within the regulated wetlands and watercourse area. Contact Martin Connor, Town Planner, Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer on Tuesday or Thursday mornings between 7:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. at 491-2308 ext. 232. The Inland Wetlands Commission meets the first Thursday each month at 7:15 pm, Goshen Town Hall. Applications should be submitted one week prior to a meeting.
- 4. Obtain a driveway permit from the Highway Supervisor, Garrett Harlow at (860) 491-6029 for all new driveways and repairs to driveways. The Town's driveway regulations are contained in the Town's driveway ordinance that was recently revised. Mr. Harlow also assigns addresses on new houses.
- 5. Obtain a Zoning Permit from Martin Connor, Town Planner/Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer, for proposed houses, additions, decks and accessory buildings including "cover-it" garages. The required zoning setbacks for the WL Woodridge Lake Zone are 20' front and rear and 20' on the sides (75' from the lake.) Lots in the RA-2 and RA 5 Zones are 50' front and rear, 30' setback on the sides (75' from Tyler Lake, Dog Pond and Westside Pond.) The RA-1 Zone requires a 50' front and rear yard setback and 20' on the sides. Pools, decks and accessory buildings all require Zoning and Building permits and must meet the minimum zoning setback requirements. Maintenance sheds under 150 square feet can be built in all zones no closer than 10' from side and rear property lines (Woodridge Lake Deed Restrictions require a minimum of 20'.)
- 6. Obtain a Building Permit from Chris Zibell, Building Official. (860) 491-2308 ext. 231. Please use the Town's new on-line building permit application system. Mr. Zibell is available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Martin J. Connor, AICP, Goshen Town Planner/Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer



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The Goshen Business Circle is growing oriented businesses, from arborists,

and we welcome any Goshenartisans, B&B hosts and

blacksmiths, through the alphabet...to farmers, financial advisors, home builders, insurance professionals, landscapers, mechanics, realtors, restauranteurs, retailers, salon & wellness personnel - everyone! If your area of expertise or trade was not listed, we hope you will join our network soon!

Most meetings include a light breakfast, are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month, at variable locations, with stimulating speakers, and energetic discussion. Up next is our annual holiday party scheduled at The Goshen Players' Old Town Hall. The evening is more celebration than meeting and it's always a fun event, Wednesday, December 12, 2018 from 5:30-7:30pm, RSVP by December 5, 2018 to robertlayeragency@gmail.com. Light fare by Ciesco Catering sponsored by Safran Wealth Advisors, LLC and wines by Sunset Meadows Vineyards, with gratitude to all. Monetary donations are suggested to Goshen Players in support of their **new roof** project, and non-perishable pantry items will be collected for our local community. For more info: www.goshenplayers.org.

As we turn the calendar, our meetings are set as follows:
January 9, 2019, 8:30am at Goshen Town Hall
February 13, 2019, 8:30am at Camp Cochipianee
March 13, 2019, 8:30am at Woodridge Lake Clubhouse
Interested in supporting our breakfast meetings, contact Dawn Wicks: wilkesau@optonline.net.

Our teams have several campaign ideas for 2019 and our discovery committee is working on leadership guidelines for formal organization. We will keep you posted! **Happy & healthy new year, GBC**





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Interested in becoming a *Firefighter*, **EMT** or be part of a **Dive** Rescue Team? ... The **Goshen Fire Company** is **looking** for dedicated individuals to join the ranks.

Stop by Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m.

We're located at 181 Sharon Turnpike 860-491-2526

NEW TOWN RESIDENTS PAMPHLET

New resident can find an informative pamphlet prepared by the Selectmen; which can be found in the publications rack in the entrance to the Town Hall.

This publication has information on emergency telephone numbers, recycling, rubbish removal, dog licensing, animal control, public health, Town meetings, tax collection, winter parking bans, winter sand, mail delivery and Town Hall department telephone numbers.

In addition to the above, you will find information concerning churches in the area, the Goshen Public Library, Visiting Nurses, Hospice and other services available to you as a resident of Goshen.

We hope you will stop in the Town Hall, introduce yourself, and take a copy of the informational newsletter.

THE GOSHEN GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND, INC.

Mission

The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. was formally established as a nonprofit 501c (3) corporation in 1977 by a group of Goshen Connecticut residents who came together to raise funds for a Goshen family that was experiencing a financial emergency. Through this small group's efforts, fundraising initiatives, and desire to have funds on hand to assist other residents of Goshen who might find themselves in similar financial emergency circumstances, **The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. (GGNF)** has been perpetuated since that time.

Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. comprised of Goshen board members, all volunteers, who operate within the established statement of purpose and the by-laws of the organization. When a request is received and upon approval of a consensus, funds are distributed on a per case basis as needs become known, and are handled expeditiously and with the utmost respect for confidentiality and dignity.

Repayment is never requested or sought from the recipient.

The assistance provided directly to our neighbors in need has been significant. In the past ten years alone, over \$180,000 has been disbursed to help offset financial burdens on behalf of more than 104 individuals and families experiencing emergency financial circumstances.

This holiday season, The Board of Directors wishes to acknowledge with gratitude the donations small and large made throughout the years by residents and individuals, local businesses, our church communities, grant monies received from local agencies, matching corporate gift programs, regional and state charitable organizations, and special event fundraising events sponsored by local proprietors and civic councils. Goshen is an incredibly special place. We are humbled by your ongoing generosity to help ensure perpetuation of our mission and support of our neighbors.

In gratitude,

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The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. P.O. Box 492 Goshen, CT 06756

Please note: Gifts to The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund are tax deductible based on the Fund's 501 c 3 Public charity status. No exchange of goods, services or property is provided by The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. in relation to charitable gifts.

The Caroline T. Brooks Fund

The Caroline T. Brooks Fund was established under the Will of Alice L. Carlisle, who was a resident of the Town of Goshen. The purpose of the Fund is to provide medical care for the children of the Town of Goshen (particularly for their eyes, ears, noses, throats and teeth), whose parents or guardians are unable to afford such care and treatment.

Parents or guardians who have been residents of the Town of Goshen for at least twelve months may complete an application for any child under age 18 or under who is a Goshen resident.

Applications are available at the First Selectman's office, Town of Goshen, and at The Goshen Congregational Church and are accepted on a rolling basis.

Applications will be considered by a committee consisting of the First Selectman of the Town of Goshen, the minister of The Goshen Congregational Church and a Trust Officer of Bank of America as provided under the terms of the Will. The committee reviews applications approximately every other month (or as needed).

Decisions are based on the financial need of the family and any personal or extenuating circumstances (such as an unemployed parent). The committee considers monthly net cash flow, adjusted gross income from the tax return and liquid assets, when evaluating the financial need of an applicant.



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The Goshen Green Garden



- a community garden -

The air is frosty, no leaves on trees and the community garden was put to bed weeks ago. The vegetable beds are covered with a blanket of second cutting hay and soon, a blanket of snow. But we remember – a summer of lush growing vegetables, the raspberry bushes loaded with berries, and the first year with easy access to water from the new well.

Healthy organic produce was delivered weekly to our Goshen seniors, Friendly Hands, Fish and the Torrington Soup Kitchen. This summer the garden had a soft scent of flowers and the beauty of color. Lynn Fulkerson was the inspiration to have us think of our pollinators, many gardeners mixed a few bright colored annual with their vegetable plantings, sunflowers, cosmos, calendulas, nasturtiums, zinnias and asters.

One out of every three bites of the foods we eat depends on a pollinator. A female blossom needs to be fertilized with pollen to produce food. These vectors, mostly bees and other pollinating insects, are under stress from habitat loss, chemicals and invasive species. Our food supply is threatened. With Lynn's encouragement, the Goshen Community Garden converted the old squash patch into a pollinator garden. Students of Litchfield High School under the direction of John Markelon got things started, donating a variety of flowering perennials. Lovely scents and colors of flowers attracted insects and hummingbirds to the garden and the vegetable blossoms were fertilized and produced food in abundance.

The Goshen Green Garden is sponsored by the Church of Christ Congregational and maintained by volunteers on land donated by the Goshen Agricultural Society.

Anyone interested in leasing a plot for personal gardening or is interested in volunteering in the community plots, please call 660-491-2793.

Goshen Public Library



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Great Decisions 2019

This foreign policy discussion group will start in January and run through 8 classes based on a book assembled by the Foreign Policy Association: Refugees and Global Migration; The Middle East: Regional Disorder; Nuclear negotiations: Back to the Future?; The Rise of Populism in Europe; Decoding U.S.-China Trade; Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics; The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested; and State of the State Department and Diplomacy. This is a group that meets at 4PM on alternate weeks from January to April. Dates can be found on the Town calendar.

Alternate Mondays starting January 21. http://www.fpa.org if you would like to be a part of a discussion group but cannot come at 4PM on Mondays, please email director@goshenpublib.org and we will see about a second group.

***** **Outreach**

Unable to visit the library? We'll come to you if you are ill or unable to drive. Call 860-491-3234 to arrange outreach services.

We have a weekly email newsletter that comes out on Thursday mornings - please go to our web site and fill in the box asking to be added to the e-newsletter list or contact

frontdesk@goshenpublib.org to get signed up for it!

**** Have you checked out any eBooks recently?

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Come in for some 1-on-1 help. Please call ahead to make sure we have someone available to help 860-491-3234

> ***** Children's Programs:

The children's department at the Goshen Public Library is busy, busy, busy! Many new and wonderful books have come in and we are continuing our Pre-K and K-6 programs throughout the New Year.

Pre-school Story Hour will resume in January and run for nine consecutive Wednesdays at 10:30-11:15 and Thursdays at 11:45AM (immediately after morning preschool).

**** Friends of the Goshen Public Library

We are so lucky to have a group like the Friends of Goshen Public Library and right now they could use your support. If you can help by giving time to our book sale effort or if you have any ideas that you may have to make us a better library, please come to the Friends meeting the first Tuesday of the month at 5PM or drop some change in the Friends Jar on the circulation desk!

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Goshen Recreation Department



Colleen Kinkade, Recreation Director

860-491-2249 (office)

860-601-6089 (cell call or text)

parkandrec@goshenct.gov

Winter has graced us with its snow already! And with winter, comes lots of fun activities inside and out! After school programs for the kids, Senior events and trips, and fun family activities... the website is always updated with need-to-know information of programs for kids, adults, seniors and more.

The Goshen Recreation Department is looking forward to a great year of fun and growing activities. We continue to offer and provide a variety of programs and special events that are well suited for the residents and community. Suggestions for additional activities are always welcome. **Much appreciation to all our volunteers and instructors**. We couldn't offer these events without your support and commitment to the Town of Goshen.

For up-to-date information on Programs and Events, check the website for more info: www.goshenct.gov/recreation-department

Upcoming Senior Trips:

• Upcoming trips to be planned! Contact Colleen with questions or suggestions.

Adult Programs and Events available:

- Yoga: Level 2
 - O With Jan Troy Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Camp Coch
- HIIT with Ann
 - Ann Barrante teaches almost every Saturday morning at GCS gym 8 am-9 am. \$10 drop in
- Adult Basketball
 - Tuesdays at GCS Gym from 6:30-9:00pm \$40/session

Kid's Programs available:

- <u>First Annual Christmas Party:</u> Saturday, December 8 from 6pm-9pm
- <u>Ho Ho Hotline:</u> December 19th/20th
 Forms will be online.
- Kid's Basketball: Will start in January!
- After school programs:
 - Tumbling
 - Gymnastics and Dance
 - Karate



"Sew It's Thursday" Group:

• Thursdays at 10:00 am throughout the year at Camp Coch





Go online to the Recreation Website to fill out a short questionnaire about some important aspects of the Recreation Department. Such as...capital projects, programs, events, etc.

Goshen is Great/Town Above All Others

Shirts are still available for \$7

in kids and adult sizes!

GSN Bumper stickers are also available for \$1.





Rent out Kobylenski Lodge at Camp Cochipianee

Looking for a place to have a graduation, birthday party, a celebration or just a gathering??

Look no further than Goshen!!

Kobylenski Lodge has a main large room where you can fit all your relatives and friends or the smaller West Wing room is great for a small gathering. There's also a kitchen with commercial stove and fridge for your every need. Bathrooms are included with these two rooms. Check out pictures and pricing online at: www.goshenct.gov and see what works for you! Alcohol is prohibited.

Recreation Department Office Hours:

• <u>Monday</u>: 11:00am-4:00pm

• <u>Tuesday</u>: 9:00am-12:00pm

• <u>Wednesday</u>: 11:00am-4:00pm

• <u>Thursday</u>: 2:00pm-6:00pm

• <u>Friday</u>: 9:00am-12:00pm

These are the Recreation Director's Office Hours. If the she is not at a program outside of these office hours or otherwise noted, she will be in the office.

We are able to offer such a wide variety of activities in Goshen for all ages because of our dedicated volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to start a program please do not hesitate to call the Goshen Recreation office at 860-491-2249

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GOSHEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



PURPOSE

To discover, procure, and preserve whatever may relate to civil military, literary and ecclesiastical history and biography in general, and especially with reference to the TOWN OF GOSHEN; to investigate and preserve such traditions as now exist only in memory of aged persons, to procure and maintain collections in archaeology, art and the natural history of GOSHEN and the surrounding country, and in general, to encourage study, research, particularly that relating to local history, biography, antiquities and natural history and to disseminate information relative thereto

Permanent exhibits include, furniture, glass, china, pewter, paintings quilts, Indian artifacts minerals, shells, Lucas ledgers, and items pertaining to Goshen's early industries.

Programs which are open to the public cover a wide variety of topics of historical interest and are planned each season from June throughout August. The museum in open April to October.

Our events this year will help paint the building. See how beautiful the front of the building looks, with the donation from one of our members. Help, you can help in a little way, by joining our organization or by giving to the <u>GIVE</u> LOCAL CAMPAIGN in APRIL.

MAIL TO:

GOSHEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY P.O. BOX 457 GOSHEN, CT 06756

\$20K CHALLENGE GRANT ISSUED TO THE GOSHEN LAND TRUST

I have some very exciting news to share with you. You may have read in our summer newsletter that the Goshen Land Trust was planning to create a stewardship endowment fund with the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation with an initial investment of \$25K. Well, on October 9 the endowment fund was established and a very generous donor has offered to match every additional donation, dollar for dollar, to this newly established fund up to a grand total of \$20,000! With your support, this will be a great opportunity to give a substantial boost to this vital new fund.



GLT President Barry Donaldson presenting a check for \$25,000 to Guy Rovezzi with the NW CT Community Foundation

WHY ANOTHER STEWARDSHIP FUND?

You may wonder why we need another stewardship fund since we already have one at the Connecticut Community Foundation (CCF). The CCF fund is reserved for legal defense and it is not an endowment fund. The main purpose for this endowment fund is to address the issue of "perpetuity". Paragraph 5 of our Connecticut Certificate of Incorporation states: "The corporation shall have a perpetual existence". Likewise, properties we acquire are to be

preserved in perpetuity. Properties we acquire today will require stewardship and maintenance for hundreds of years into the future.

WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT FUND?

An endowment fund is nothing more than a permanent savings plan. Endowments are intended to retain their principal in perpetuity while the income generated is used for programs and mission-related projects. Our intention is for the GLT to be able to use this future income to help it meet its mission obligations far into the future. Unfortunately, an endowment strategy is often overlooked by many land trusts and yet it is a critical component towards attaining the organizational sustainability that will be required in order to endure in "perpetuity".

HELP US MEET THIS CHALLENGE!!

Therefore, if you feel the same as we do and would like to see the GLT fulfill its mission in perpetuity, please help us take advantage of this wonderful opportunity by making a generous contribution to the stewardship endowment fund now. Every dollar you donate will be matched up to a total of \$20,000! For us to get credit, please be sure to write "endowment fund" on your check.

Thank you for your support, Barry Donaldson Page 18 Goshen Town Topics

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department strives to help improve the appearance and maintenance of roads and town property. This could not be done without the hard work of the public works department staff.

PARKING BAN

There is a <u>parking ban on town roads</u> during winter events between <u>November 1st</u> and <u>April 1st</u>. (Town Ordinance Title 17, <u>www.goshenct.gov</u>). Vehicles and trailers left on the roads during these times <u>may be towed</u> at the owner's expense.

NEW STONE WALL ORDINANCE

Town ordinance Title 73, Ordinance Concerning Highway Boundary Stone Walls has been enacted. The ordinance is posted on the Town website ordinance page for review. A permit must be applied for at the Public Works Department (permit is also available for download on the public works page of the Town website) prior to performing any work on, the relocation of, or the removal of a highway boundary wall lining Town or State roadways within the limits of Goshen. If you have any questions, or would like to apply for a permit please contact the Public Works Department at 860-491-6029 or by e-mail at publicworks@goshenct.gov.

CAPITAL AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The past construction season was again a busy one for the public works department. In addition to working on many road projects the emergency back-up generator at the public works facility was replaced and a late fall drainage improvement project on Town Hill Road was completed, unfortunately the very wet weather kept us from completing more projects. Public works will continue the process of planning for next year's improvement projects through the winter months for the coming summer season.



New Emergency Generator DPW



Town Hill Road – First Snow Nov. 8th

WINTER SEASON SAFETY

<u>Please make every effort to keep your trash and recycling totes off of the edge of the roadways for the safety of roadway users and to allow for the plowing of roads during storms.</u>

Although the Public Works Department is careful about their surroundings while plowing and treating the roads, please be aware when you are in proximity of these working vehicles, especially due to their limited rearview vision. Rear view blind spots can extend back 100'on a truck, please give us sufficient room to work and assume the driver does not see you! We all thank you for your cooperation on this important matter of safety.

Any job site the Public Works Department is working at is considered a **WORK ZONE** and **FINES** will be **DOUBLED.** This includes crews cutting vegetation along the roadsides. Please drive slowly and cautiously by these areas. If possible, please find an alternate route until work is completed.

WINTER SAND FOR RESIDENTS

Winter sand is available after November 1st to Goshen residents in small quantities at the Public Works facility. Sand is located in the bin next to the red barn at 38 Torrington Road. Be warned the area is under monitor.

MAILBOX DAMAGE

The Public Works Department is not responsible for damage to one's mailbox unless one of our vehicles directly inflicts damage to the mailbox. Should snow or debris damage the mailbox as a result of plowing, the Public Works Department is not responsible for replacement or repair.

DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE AND PIPE MAINTENANCE

Title 18, the Town of Goshen Driveway Ordinance concerning the construction of driveways including temporary access driveways on Town roadways. The ordinance also covers the maintenance of driveways. A permit must be applied for at the office of Public Works prior to the start of construction of a new driveway, or the repaving, re-grading or drainage improvements being performed to an existing driveway if any of the proposed work is to take place in the Town right-of-way. A cash bond will need to be posted by the property owner or contractor performing the work, the bond amount will be calculated at the time of application based upon the probable cost of the work to be performed in the right-of-way. There is no permit fee for a driveway application. Please see Ordinance Title 18 for more information or contact Public Works at 860-491-6029 or by email at publicworks@goshenct.gov with questions or to apply for a permit.

Additionally the ordinance requires that property owners with a cross pipe under their driveway or other drainage system maintain it in a functional condition. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.



Coffee-Tea-Etc.

Goshen, CT

Since 2002 we have been locally roasting only the highest quality certified organic and fair-trade Arabica coffees and blending only the highest quality certified organic and fair-trade teas, hot chocolate and chai masala. After retiring from running their hydraulic business with his wife Gun, Naren went to Guatemala as a Peace Corps volunteer in 2000, worked with coffee and tea farmers and learned firsthand the plight of the farmers. After returning home Naren and Gun started the coffee roasting business to help the farmers get a fair price so they can provide for their families and communities and live with dignity. By purchasing our products, you have cast your vote for the highest quality products, conservation of the environment, preservation of biodiversity and dignity for the farmers through fair compensation.

www.coffee-tea-etc.com 860-491-9920



It's easy to make a difference in someone's life... **Goshen Community Care** and Hospice is a non-profit group of Neighbors Helping Neighbors. There are many easy things you can do to that will make a difference in someone's life as well as your own: Prepare a meal or two *Be a Friendly Visitor Help out once a month at the Senior Social Drive a neighbor to an appointment Bring your talent to the table and share it! We would love to meet you and welcome you to our team Contact our Coordinator, Debbie DiPietro 860-491-4673 or gohospasbcglobal.net PosterMy Wall, com



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Assisting Seniors in the Litchfield Hills

The Litchfield Hills Chore Service has been assisting many elderly residents with needed services that allow them to continue living in their own homes. Besides stopping by on a regular basis, our Chore Workers are able to assist with housekeeping, preparing meals, driving to and from medical appointments, the library and the grocery store. Many of our clients are isolated from family and friends, and the Chore Workers bring in the outside world through normal conversational exchanges with their clients.

With our very local emphasis, Litchfield Hills Chore Service assures that the Chore Workers visit their clients within their own community, or at least within a short drive. We provide services to the 6 area towns of: Goshen, Litchfield, Warren, Morris, Washington and Roxbury. The success of the Litchfield Hills Chore Service reflects our communities' concerns for all our residents, but especially the elderly, allowing them to remain in their homes for as long as possible.

For more information about becoming a client, interest in becoming a Chore Worker or to donate to keep us helping more residents, please contact Sally Irwin at 860-567-6121 or check our website: ChoreServiceLH.org.





NOTICE:

Litchfield Hills Chore Service is looking for part time workers

Are you looking for part time work in your area?
Then becoming a "Chore Worker" for the
Litchfield Hills Chore Service
might just be right for you!

Becoming a Chore Worker includes:

- -Performing house keeping chores for seniors in their own homes
- -Setting your own schedule for between 2 and 4 clients a week
- -Assisting each client for between 2 and 3 hours each visit
- -Chore Workers and clients are usually within the same (or close by) town.
- -Chore Workers assist clients in Goshen, Litchfield, Morris, Roxbury, Warren and Washington

Does this sound interesting to you? Are you interested in learning more?

Call our LHCS Coordinator, Sally Irwin, today!

860 567-6121 or 860 806-0954

Litchfield Hills Chore Service
P. O. Box 294, Litchfield, CT 06759
Web Site – ChoreServiceLH.org
A 501(c)(3) tax deductible charitable organization

New Regionally Coordinated Events Calendar and Jobs Hub DiscoverLitchfieldHills.com

The Town of Goshen is participating in a regional initiative to launch a new events, destinations, and jobs website: DiscoverLitchfieldHills.com. The new website, launched in mid-November, will be a resource for both residents and visitors to see what events are happening this weekend in Goshen and neighboring towns, learn about job opportunities, local food, and hiking trails. We invite everyone to check out the new website and discover something new!

This website is also designed to support local businesses and destinations that want to be found by regional residents and visitors. For more information on that visit: DiscoverLitchfieldHills.com/be-included to see a 6-minute video describing how to "submit your place".

This new site was created by CivicLift in partnership with the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG), Northwest Connecticut Arts Council, and Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce. The Jobs Hub initiative is supported by a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

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SENIOR SOCIAL



EVERY TUESDAY 1-3PM

Come join us each week at the Goshen Church of Christ Congregational Fellowship Hall at the Goshen Rotary. You can count on fun games, good conversation, laughter and refreshments. So come on by and stay for a while! For more information please call Debbie DiPietro at 860-491-4673

Connecticut
Community
Foundation

Pathways for Older Adults

Come join us for Cards, Mahjong, Dominoes, Scrabble and more!

Light refreshments provided

the first Tuesday
of each month,
generously
sponsored by the
Connecticut
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Complimentary transportation is provided if needed

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors





BUS RESERVATIONS:

Please call the Fiscal Office at (860) 294-7878 for rides in and out of Town (Dial-A-Ride).

Reservations for rides must be made 24 hours in advance of the desired ride date, by 4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 12:00 Friday. Reservations for rides may not be made more than two months in advance.

Reservations will only be taken on Monday through Thursday during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and 9:00am to 12:00 noon Friday. Voicemails made outside of this time frame can not be used to schedule and will not be addressed until the next scheduled business day. Drivers will make every effort to pick up and drop off in a timely fashion.

Appointments for rides in and out of Town must conclude by 5:00 p.m. Requests for exemptions may be considered for doctors' appointments on a limited basis by contacting the First Selectmen's office.

Cancellations: Seniors must contact the Fiscal Office at (860) 294-7878 as soon as they become aware of a cancellation. Changes to a ride in progress may not be made.

BASIC TRANSPORTATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

For the well-being of all passengers and drivers, we ask for courteous behavior and compliance with all guidelines for Dial-A-Ride, Fixed Route and Recreational Trips.

- Riders must be 60 years of age or a disabled resident of Goshen or Cornwall
- Passengers may enter the bus via stairs or the wheel chair lift. Passengers who cannot navigate the stairs but are not wheel
 chair bound may enter the bus via the lift by use of our onboard wheel chair. Passengers needing assistance onto and off the
 bus are required to have a caregiver accompany them.
- All passengers are required to be seated and have seat belts fastened at all times. A passenger may have an aide accompany
 them.
- Drivers cannot accept tips.
- No food or drink is permitted on the bus other than water.
- Drivers are not allowed to assist passengers with their groceries/packages nor accompany riders into their residence. Curb to
 Curb service or very limited door to door (driving up a difficult driveway) will only be provided. The driver should stay with the
 bus at all times unless the bus is parked, empty and turned off (This is a liability issue).
- · Transportation from a skilled nursing facility is prohibited. (I.e. the bus cannot take the place of an ambulance.)
- A ride can be provided to a surgical procedure, however a ride cannot be provided from a surgical procedure in which
 anesthesia (other than a local) is administered.
- Only certified service animals are allowed on the bus.
- A senior or an individual with a disability may travel on the bus with a portable oxygen supply, consistent with applicable DOT
 rules on the transportation of hazardous material. The unit or canister must be secured firmly to the wheel chair, or
 strapped/tied down where it will not to be a projectile in case of sudden stop or accident.
- A senior or an individual with a disability may travel on the bus with a respirator.

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RECYCLING AND TRASH COMMITTEE (RAT)

DID YOU KNOW?

In recycling and managing our waste, we can make a difference in our quality of life. With less waste, our water, air and land are cleaner and we are healthier. The things we buy and use also have an impact, so we should ask ourselves: Do they help us, the environment?

In the course of the RAT Committee's factfinding endeavors, we will share with you the ways you can help and ideas that can help you.

Let's talk about **Laundry**... and specifically---FABRIC SOFTENERS. According to the Scientific American

(www.scientificamerican.com/article/green er-laundry) - fabric softeners have many toxic ingredients: benzyl acetate (linked to pancreatic cancer), benzyl alcohol (upper respiratory tract irritant), ethanol (linked to central nervous system disorders).... and the list goes on. These chemicals are also released into our air and water and remain in your clothes for long periods of time. As they seep out of your clothing they can be inhaled or absorbed through the skin.

What's the alternative? Add a quarter cup of baking soda or quarter cup of distilled white vinegar to the wash cycle (it can be placed in the dispenser cup for the fabric softener).

Either one will soften clothes, while the vinegar will also deal with static cling. **Note: Do not combine with bleach** as the mix could cause noxious fumes.

Let's go shopping:

In our consumer conscious world, it is difficult to avoid the "pressure" of over-buying. We can cut down on waste by buying wisely. This picture is from Mira's recycling center.



REMEMBER: Use your canvas totes and other reuseable bags instead of plastic.

Return your bottles to the grocery store. It will go to a manufacturer who will reuse them.

Happy Holidays from RATs!

Mission Statement

To encourage and expand proper recycling & trash management for the purpose of minimizing MSW cost and to promote the protection of our environment. Through the implementation of recycling activities, education and communication, we hope to encourage public awareness and participation in these endeavors for the betterment of our town, our environment and our way of life.

You must call to schedule Refer to the Town of Goshen Call the recycling contractor: website for dates & details RESIDENTIAL 1st Friday of the Month USA Hauling & Recycling rree pickup of Tires and Household Hazardous USA Hauling & Recycling **FOWN OF GOSHEN** Electronic Recycling Day SCHEDULE Waste Days:TBD **QUESTIONS?** TUESDAY PICKUP MONDAY PICKUP Shred- it Day **Tentative** 860-379-1662 860-379-1662 RECYCLIN **PICKUP** a pickup 21 28 S S S ∞ S S Έ H ∞ September December March June M > > \geq Η Z Z M \mathbf{z} S a S S S \Im S ∞ S ∞ S S S S ∞ ∞ November rebruary. Augus May> > > ⋛ ∞ ע \mathbf{Z} Z Z \mathbf{z} S S S \Im S c: S S ı October January April > > M M \Im \vdash S ∞ M Z Z ∞ Z S S S S



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