



## *From the First Selectman*

It seems like forever, and not just a few months since our last Town Topics. So much has changed.

As I write this article, our Town Hall is closed to the public, except for appointments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff are limited to one person per room, with some working from home. Our library has been closed to the public as well, although we have been able to use our book-drop in reverse for telephone or internet book requests. Library staff has also been limited to one person in the Library at a time.

My concerns about our budget and what the Legislature might do regarding Town Grants has changed to a concern about our economy, having so many businesses shut down over the last two months. Many of our neighbors have been furloughed or laid off. Unemployment is heading towards 20% in the State. Our budget process has changed as well. By "Executive Order" from the Governor, the Board of Finance has adopted the budget without a Town Meeting and set a mill rate at 19.6.

To achieve holding the mill rate, several things needed to happen. First, Region 6 BOE and Superintendent, Chris Leone adjusted their budget to eliminate \$500,000 of capital expenditures, thus saving Goshen residents \$248,125 on our otherwise increase due to our student enrollment increase (\$553,521). Second, it was decided that we would not appropriate funds to the capital budget for savings \$800,000. To be sure, we will need capital appropriation in the long run, but we can wait until our town's people can vote at a Town Meeting on the expenses.

Despite all of this going on, we still have some bright spots in Goshen. Many people are doing everything they can to help friends and neighbors - either to get groceries or medications. When I put out a call for volunteers to help, in no time at all, we had a long list that stepped up. That was so gratifying.

The Board of Selectmen decided we needed a long-term recovery committee - "Go Recovery". This committee will help us navigate recovery from the economic, social, and business affects of this pandemic. In true Goshen spirit, we have several volunteers willing to take on the task. Selectman, Mark Harris is heading up this committee. As an essential part of their work, they would very much like to receive comments from all of you. To help facilitate this, we have created a new email for people to use: [gorecovery@goshenct.gov](mailto:gorecovery@goshenct.gov). Please take a minute to let them know your thoughts and ideas.

As our state-wide situation hopefully continues to improve, we will be opening up more at Town Hall and the Library. I will be sending out messages, as in the past, to let people know what is happening, and we will continue to post notices on our website.

All of our meetings are now being held via [zoom.us](https://zoom.us). If you are signed up for the notices, you will receive the agenda for the meeting and most of the documents that will be discussed. If not, go to [goshenct.gov](http://goshenct.gov) and subscribe to E-Alerts for any meeting that may interest you or just for our news and announcements.

No one really knows where we are headed in this journey none of us asked for, but one thing is certain, in Goshen, we will work together to help one another get through it.

Stay safe and as always, please contact me if you have questions. Email: [1stselectman@goshenct.gov](mailto:1stselectman@goshenct.gov) or Phone: (860) 491-2308 ext. 221.

Bob

## Notice to pay Taxes and COVID-19 Tax Relief Program

**Taxes Due: July 1, 2020**

**Last day to pay without penalty: Monday, August 3, 2020**

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut statutes, the undersigned Tax Collector of the Town of Goshen gives notice that she will be ready to receive Motor Vehicle taxes and the first installment of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes due July 1, 2020 at the Tax Collector's office located in the Goshen Town Hall, 42A North St, Goshen, CT.

**Office Hours: Due to COVID 19, hours & office access may vary. Please check the town website for up to date information.**

**If the office is NOT open to the public, there will be a drop-off box available.**

Normal office Hours: Tuesdays from 9:00 – Noon and Wednesdays 1:00 – 4:00. The Tax Collector's Office will be open on Monday, August 3, 2020 1pm-4pm.

Payments must be **received or postmarked by August 3, 2020 to avoid interest.**

### **COVID-19 Property Tax Relief Program**

For those that are struggling to pay their July installment in full, any amount due after July 1, 2020 will be charged a temporary reduced rate of interest at 0.25% per month from July – September 2020. This gives taxpayers the ability to make their July payment in 3 months with a reduced interest.

HOWEVER, any balance that **remains unpaid** as of **October 1, 2020**, interest will revert back to the statutory 1.5% per month from original due date of July 1<sup>st</sup>.  
**(this means on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> retroactive interest will be 6%).**

**The LAST DAY to take advantage of this .25% interest is September 30<sup>th</sup> 2020.**

On Oct. 1, 2020 interest will be charged from July 1, 2020 at the rate of 1.5% for each month elapsing from the due date of the delinquent tax to the date of payment, with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. Sec. 12-146

Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of his/her responsibility for the payment of taxes or delinquent charges. Sec. 12-130.

Dated at Goshen, Connecticut this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020. Rebecca Juchert-Derungs,  
Tax Collector, CCMC

**Tax bills will be mailed the last week of June 2020.**

Payments for new fiscal year will be accepted 7/1/2020

You may also pay online after July 1, 2020 at <http://www.goshenct.gov>

There are convenience fees

- Credit Cards: Point & Pay charges a 2.5% convenience fee, \$2.00 min.
- Debit Cards: Point & Pay charges flat fee of \$3.95 for payment processing.
- E-checks/ACH payments: Point & Pay charges fee of \$2.00 if the payment is less than or equal to \$10,000.00 and \$10.00 for each payment that is greater than \$10,000.00.

**Tax Collector Email Reminders**

Sign up for Tax Collector notices – you will receive reminder notices in December & June of upcoming due dates for taxes.

Never forget that January installment again.

[www.goshenct.gov](http://www.goshenct.gov) & subscribe for e-alerts on home page,  
select Tax Collector's Office & any other desired news/alerts

**Did you pay OFF your mortgage??**

**Are you paying off your mortgage before the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment is due??**  
**Contact the Tax Office to notify us. The banks do NOT notify the Tax Office**

If you have any questions, please contact us at (860) 491-3275 ext. 226 or  
[taxcollector@goshenct.gov](mailto:taxcollector@goshenct.gov)

## ASSESSOR'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE

For any questions regarding programs administered by the Assessor's Office, please call 860-491-2115 x 230 or email [taxassessor@goshenct.gov](mailto:taxassessor@goshenct.gov)

The office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00.

### **Property Tax Exemptions available in Goshen**

**Veterans Exemption:** To be eligible for this exemption, the veteran must have served during a period of war as specified in State Statute 27-103, have an honorable discharge and must file with the Town Clerk in the town of residence by September 30<sup>th</sup> a *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty* (DD-214). It is only necessary to file once for this exemption. Active duty military personnel are also eligible for this exemption and must file a letter stating active duty status by September 30<sup>th</sup> each year.

Goshen residents meeting the Basic Veteran's Exemption in accordance with State Statute 12-81(19) may be eligible for an additional assessment exemption if they meet certain income limits. Applications are available from the Assessor's Office and must be filed by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Once a veteran has been approved for this additional exemption, an application must be submitted every other year.

**Active Duty Vehicle Exemption:** A Goshen resident who is a member of the armed forces of the United States (including the reserves or Connecticut National Guard) on the October 1 assessment date may be eligible for the total exemption of one motor vehicle which is registered to or leased by the service person. Application is to be filed no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> following the property tax due date. Annual filing is required.

**Disabled Veterans Exemption:** To be eligible for this exemption, submit a copy of your Veteran's Disability Rating statement from the Veteran's Administration. Disabled veterans that have established their eligibility for this exemption are no longer required to file annually unless there is a change in the percentage of disability.

**Handicapped Equipped Motor Vehicles:** A local-option exemption is available for a specially equipped motor vehicle owned by a person with disabilities or owned by the parent or guardian of a person with disabilities.

**Exemption for Blindness:** To receive a \$3,000 assessment exemption, certification of blindness must be obtained from the State of Connecticut, Board of Education and Services for the Blind. This certificate must be dated and filed with the Assessor by October 1<sup>st</sup>. It is only necessary to file once for this exemption.

**Exemption for Totally Disabled:** To receive a \$1,000 assessment exemption, proof of permanent total disability from the Social Security Administration and a signed Form D-1 Application must be submitted to the Assessor by October 1<sup>st</sup>. It is only necessary to file once for this exemption.

Any qualifying exemptions will be applied to the following July tax bill.

### **Relief Program Available to Elderly and Totally Disabled Renters**

Applications for elderly or totally disabled renters who wish to apply for the Renters Relief Program are available at the Goshen Assessor's Office. The filing period is April 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020.

To qualify, a renter must meet the following criteria:

The renter must have reached the age of 65 by December 31, 2019 or be 100% Social Security Disabled.

The renter must be a permanent resident of the Town of Goshen and have lived in Connecticut for one year.

Total 2019 gross income, including Social Security, must not exceed \$37,000 if single and \$45,100 if married.

Applicants must submit documentation of ALL income received in 2019 and receipts for ALL rent and utilities paid in 2019. If applicant has filed a 2019 Income Tax Return and/or received a 2019 SSA-1099 from Social Security, a copy must be included with the application.

### **GOSHEN SPECIAL USE ASSESSMENTS**

**Farm, Forest and Open Space:** Owners wishing to classify land as farm, forest or open space should contact the Assessor's Office for details and applications. All applications must be filed with the Assessor's Office between September 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>.



# **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**NEW VOTING LOCATION FOR**

**AUGUST 11, 2020 PRIMARY AND**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION**

**LOCATION:**

**GOSHEN CENTER SCHOOL, GYM**

**If you have any questions, please contact the town registrar's office at  
860-491-2308 ext. 236**

**Thank you,  
Nanci Howard  
Lori Clinton**

## **Presidential Preference Primary & State Office Primary**

The Presidential Preference Primary will now be held on August 11, 2020 in conjunction with the Primary for State and District Offices.

Please remember that to be eligible to vote you must be registered with a party, and you may only vote in that party's primary. To check to see which party you are registered with you may go to: [www.goshenct.gov](http://www.goshenct.gov). Once you are there please go to the Government tab, and click on the Registrar of Voters which will be found under Departments. Once there you may use the link titled Voter Registration Look-up. Please check to make sure that you are registered with a party and registered in Goshen.

If you will be out of Town, are not able to be at the polls due to illness, will be out of Town or incapacitated you may apply for an Absentee Ballot. **If you have already filled out an absentee ballot application for Presidential Preference Primary you do not need to send out another, but if you are going to vote in person please call so we do not send you a ballot.**

To apply for an absentee you may go to the Town Clerk's page and go to the link that says "Absentee Ballots" or you may call the office, 860-491-3647, and we will snail mail you one. Once you receive the application please fill out and return to the Town Clerk at: Goshen Town Clerk, 42C North Street, Goshen, CT 06756. Ballots will be available starting July 21, 2020. You may get the applications in early so that we may send you the ballots on July 21.



## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

parkandrec@goshenct.gov

Colleen Kinkade, Recreation Director

860-601-6089 (cell)

# SENIOR PICNIC

**DRIVE THROUGH!**

**LIVE MUSIC WHILE YOU DRIVE THROUGH!**

When: To Be Determined...mid June  
 Time: 12:00-1:30pm  
 Where: Camp Cochipianee  
 Cost: Free for Goshen Senior Citizens  
 Drive Through or Enjoy in your car/lawn chair  
 RSVP: Goshen Rec 860-491-2249

# WMG CYCLING CONTEST

Warren, Morris and Goshen Rec Depts

## FREE SUMMER CONCERTS 2020

JUNE 21, 2020	JULY 12, 2020	AUGUST 2, 2020
ELDERLY BROTHERS	COUNTRY STEEL	KERRY BOYS
ROCK AND OLDIES	COUNTRY	IRISH MUSIC

**\*\*DEPENDENT ON CT STATE EXECUTIVE ORDERS\*\***  
 SUNDAYS | 5:00-7:00 PM | CAMP COCHIPIANEE  
 291 BEACH STREET, GOSHEN, CT  
 WWW.GOSHENREC.COM FOR UP TO DATE INFO

# CAMP COCH

## SUMMER DAY CAMP UPDATE

The Town of Goshen and the Recreation Commission has NOT made a decision about the fate our summer camp for summer 2020 due to COVID-19 and the State of CT executive orders and OEC (Office of Early Childhood) guidelines.

Please understand it is NOT an easy decision to make.  
 Check the website for up-to-date information and announcements.

**[www.goshenrec.com](http://www.goshenrec.com)**



## LOOKING FOR REC EVENTS & PROGRAMS?

## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

Don't wait for the Town Topics to come out every season...go right online to our website and see all the events and programs the Rec Department has to offer!!

**WWW.GOSHENREC.COM**



## Recreation Department Office Hours:

- Monday: 11:00am-4:00pm
- Tuesday: 9:00am-12:00pm
- Wednesday: 11:00am-4:00pm
- Thursday: 2:00pm-6:00pm
- Friday: 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

## Goshen is Great/Town Above All Others

**Shirts are available for \$7**

In kids and adult sizes!

**GSN Bumper stickers are also available for \$1.**

**Goshen and Big A\*\* Bears!**



## Goshen LONG TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE

### Aka Go Recovery Committee

We are here to help but we need your help. The Board of Selectman has created a committee to ***guide the Goshen community with our recovery from this pandemic.*** To address your needs, we need your assistance in determining what those needs are. We have established an email account at [gorecovery@goshenct.gov](mailto:gorecovery@goshenct.gov) for any and all concerns. If you prefer contact anyone on the community listed: Mark Harris, Peter Bernard, Anne Green, Greg Brick, Clint Thorn, Pastor Sara Krhla, Colleen Kinkade, Jeremiah Sattazahn, Janet Hooper and Bob Valentine.





# CAMP COCH 2.0

Get all the details at:  
**[www.goshenrec.com](http://www.goshenrec.com)**

Under Register and then Programs and  
Camp Coch 2.0 to see what we are doing this summer.

## Dates:

- Session 1: June 29-July 3
- Session 2: July 6-10
- Session 3: July 13-17
- Session 4: July 20-24
- Session 5: July 27-31
- Session 6: Aug 3-7





### Dog Season is Here.

Dog season is upon us. All dogs six month of age or over must be registered. Licensing starts June 1 – June 30. If you are registering your dog for the first time in Goshen please remember to bring in a current rabies certificate and papers showing that your dog is spayed or neutered. You may also submit this by mail as well. The cost is as follows:

\$8.00 for a spayed or neutered dog  
\$19.00 for an unaltered dog  
\$51.00 for a kennel license  
\$1.00 per month late fee

The mailing address is:

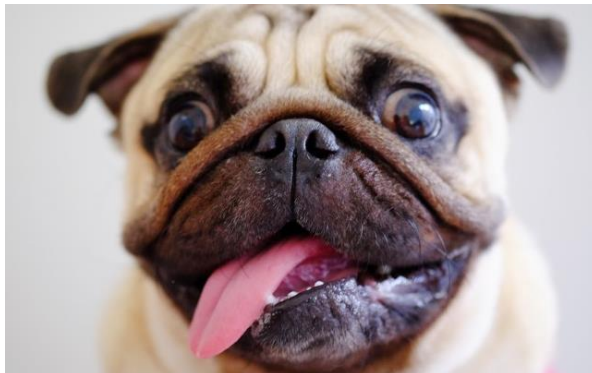
Goshen Town Clerk  
42C North Street Goshen  
Goshen, CT 06756

Please make checks payable to the Goshen Town Clerk and provide the following information:

- Owners Name and Address
- Proof of Rabies
- Proof of Spaying/Neutering if not gender of dog
- Age of Dog
- Phone Number
- Breed of Dog
- Color of Dog
- Dogs Name

**OPTIONAL:** Chip number  
e-mail address

We have a new licensing system. We can now put in a chip number and an e-mail address so that in the future to save on postage we will be able to e-mail you a renewal reminder.



## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

The Public Works Department strives to maintain and improve the appearance of Town roadways and property. This could not be accomplished without the hard work of the Public Works full and part-time employees.

### **CAPITAL & ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Due to the COVID 19 uncertainty currently gripping the area, all planned capital projects are currently on hold. The Public Works Department will be undertaking a limited chip sealing program of roads focused in the western area of Town. Roads slated for chip sealing have been crack sealed and targeted areas of asphalt in poor condition have been shimmed over with a new layer of asphalt. This work is a part of the 10-Year Pavement Management Plan instituted by the Town in 2014. Certain capital projects can be looked at later in the year. The Department was planning drainage projects on School Hill Road, Brush Hill Road, Sucker Brook Rd., and Tamarack Lane, prior to the reclaiming and paving of the roads in late summer. Additional small drainage improvement projects will be taking place on sections of roads throughout Town.

### **2020 Replacement for a 2004 Plow Truck**



### **\*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 obtained prior to performing any work, relocation, or removal of a highway boundary wall lining the Town or State roadways within the limits of Goshen. Permit applications are available at the Public Works Department office or can be downloaded on the Public Works page of the Town website. For permit questions, please contact the Public Works office by phone at 860-491-6029 or via email at [publicworks@goshen.gov](mailto:publicworks@goshen.gov).

**DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE AND PIPE MAINTENANCE**

Town Ordinance Title 18, Town of Goshen Driveway Ordinance, is concerning the construction of driveways including temporary access driveways on Town roadways as well as maintenance of existing driveways. A permit must be obtained prior to the start of construction of a new driveway, repaving, regrading, or drainage improvements 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 and is based upon the probable cost of the work to be performed in the right-of-way. There is no fee for a driveway permit application. Permit applications are available at the Public Works Department office or can be downloaded on the Public Works page of the Town website. For permit questions, please contact the Public Works office by phone at 860-491-6029 or via email at [publicworks@goshen.gov](mailto:publicworks@goshen.gov).

**BASKETBALL HOOPS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT**

As summer approaches please be reminded roadways and right-of-ways are not playgrounds. Recreational equipment left in the roads and right-of-ways creates a safety hazard for all. The Town cannot be responsible for any damage to this property, and you may be held liable in the case of an accident caused by such items.

**LITTER ALONG THE TOWN ROADS**

If anyone is aware of, or suspects any illegal dumping along Town Roads, call the State Police, Public Works Department, or the Town Offices to report any suspicious activity.

**WORK ZONE SAFETY**

The entire Public Works crew would very much appreciate your giving them as much room as possible while they are working. Any job site the Public Works Department is working at is considered a **WORK ZONE** and fines will be **DOUBLED** per state law. Please drive carefully and slowly through all work zones. Additionally, visibility to the rear is very poor in the large trucks. **PLEASE STAY BACK AND ASSUME THAT THE DRIVER DOES NOT SEE YOU.** If possible, please find an alternate route until road work is completed.

**MOWING TOWN ROADS**

The Public Works Department will be mowing all Town roadsides in the months of June, July, and August. Obey the posted speed limits and be cognizant of these slow moving tractors that may be coming around the next corner and in your travel lane. Please note that the operator must be focused on the many obstacles in his mowing path as well as the surrounding traffic. Please be alert and courteous, allowing ample room for the tractor.

**CATCH BASIN CLEANING**

The Public Works Department will be cleaning out the silt and litter that collects over time in the catch basins and silt traps at the beginning of July. The majority of this work is performed with a Vac-truck rented from the Northwest Hills Council of Government's Public Works Equipment Cooperative. This catch basin cleaning operation keeps debris from obstructing and degrading our Town's beautiful waterways and maintains their recreational and wildlife habitat value. Again we ask that you please be careful when driving through the area where the Public Works crews are working hard to make your Town a better place to live and play.

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

Finally summer is on its way and many residents are planning summer projects. Please be advised that 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](http://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.

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



# SENIOR PICNIC

A stylized illustration of a round grill with horizontal stripes. On the grill are four items: two slices of tomato, two square patties, and two hot dogs. The grill is positioned in the center of the page, behind the main title.

**DRIVE  
THROUGH!**

**LIVE MUSIC  
WHILE YOU  
DRIVE  
THROUGH!**

**When: June 24, 2020**

**Time: 12:00-1:30pm**

**Where: Camp Cochipianee**

**Cost: Free for Goshen Senior Citizens**

**Drive Through or**

**Enjoy in your car/lawn chair**

**RSVP: Goshen Rec 860-491-2249**

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC) UPDATES

The Board of Selectmen's Long Term Recovery Committee, a/k/a "Go Recovery", held its first meeting on May 20. Chaired by Selectman Mark Harris, the subcommittee has nine appointees, including EDC Chair Anne Green. Go Recovery seeks to ascertain problems and concerns among residents in order to create opportunities and assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, YOUR participation is crucial. An e-mail has been set up for public participation at [gorecovery@goshenct.gov](mailto:gorecovery@goshenct.gov).

Meanwhile, the EDC approved funding of premium listings for AJ's Steak & Pizza and The New Goshenette on [www.discoverlitchfieldhills.com](http://www.discoverlitchfieldhills.com) in order to promote the two restaurants during the COVID-19 crisis and further leverage the Goshen Business Circle's (GBC) website that is now partnering with Civic Lift at [www.civiclif.com](http://www.civiclif.com). The GBC/Civic Lift partnership creates a cohesive online sharing platform for Goshen and the twenty-one other Northwest Corner communities to highlight their unique attributes.

We thank the generous members of the GBC for providing the funds to underwrite the premium listings of our two restaurants on the Discover Litchfield Hills website.

On May 5, the EDC also recommended to the Board of Selectmen that it pass a resolution for Goshen to join Sustainable CT at [www.sustainablect.org](http://www.sustainablect.org). The recommendation was met with an enthusiastic response. A preliminary list of prospective Sustainability Team members has been generated. The Goshen Business Circle will hold a virtual Sustainable CT event on June 24<sup>th</sup> to educate the business community and all other interested residents about Sustainable CT. We hope you will participate in this virtual event.

Please contact us with your comments and input at <https://www.goshenct.gov/economic-development-commission>.

*The Mission of the Goshen Economic Development Commission is to advance sustainable, economic growth that attracts, retains, and expands business development while maintaining the town's heritage.*

Chair Anne Green  
Vice Chair Amy Tobin  
Regular Member Darlene Demetri, Article Author  
Alternate Member, Scott Fraher

# FREE SUMMER CONCERTS 2020

**JUNE 21, 2020**  
**ELDERLY BROTHERS**  
**ROCK AND OLDIES**



**JULY 12, 2020**  
**COUNTRY STEEL**  
**COUNTRY**



**AUGUST 2, 2020**  
**KERRY BOYS**  
**IRISH MUSIC**



**\* DEPENDENT ON CT STATE EXECUTIVE ORDERS \***  
**SUNDAYS | 5:00-7:00 PM | CAMP COCHIPIANEE**  
**291 BEACH STREET, GOSHEN, CT**

**WWW.GOSHENREC.COM**  
**FOR UP TO DATE INFO**





Our community, state, and country hopefully are slowly coming out of a truly unprecedented situation. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all our families, our businesses, our communities, and our way of life.

Firstly, our hearts go out to anyone who has been impacted by the virus, either directly or indirectly. Our thoughts are especially with those who are sick, and surely, the selfless healthcare and EMS workers who are on the front lines working tirelessly to care for people in need.

While a bit at a time some of us have ventured out and kept our businesses open, still many continue to work from and stay at home as much as possible. We have seen numerous communications from Governor Ned Lamont and our First Selectman, Bob Valentine, and we have heard wonderful stories of neighbors helping neighbors.

Have you looked at the Goshen Business Circle website lately? Wondering how you can support local businesses during this difficult time AND get the services you need? The GBC website (<https://www.goshenbusinesscircle.com/>) has partnered with [www.DiscoverLitchfieldHills.com](http://www.DiscoverLitchfieldHills.com) to showcase the local business and events that are happening here, and our neighboring towns. The site has been updated to be a Covid-19 resource for the Region so that residents and businesses can navigate through these difficult times. It shows who is open for curb-side pick-up, online shopping, gift certificates, or virtual services.

Also- The Northwest Connecticut Regional Food Hub, connected with farmers all over the northwest is launching a new curb-side pick-up “farm share” service in partnership with local restaurants and chefs around the region. For more information on this service, go to: [www.nwctfoodhub.org](http://www.nwctfoodhub.org).

The Northwest Hills Council of Governments is collaborating with the 21 towns in the NW corner on an initiative to move our communities into the future with updated fiber optic networks. For more information go to: <https://northwest-connect.org/initiatives/>.

Goshen is considering joining Sustainable CT. an organization that helps to be thriving, resilient, collaborative, and forward-looking, while building community and local economy. On June 24<sup>th</sup> we will conduct a virtual meeting event with Jessica LeClair of Sustainable CT, so you can all learn about it.

While this is uncharted territory for all of us, the GBC Board of Directors will stay in touch with you and pass along, as we see appropriate, important communications, guidelines and offers of support from reliable sources.

We understand that your health and safety, and that of your family is your first priority. GBC social or public activities might be on hold for some time; however, we will stay in touch electronically and our network, friendship, and strong sense of community is ever present. Together we will get through this and our Goshen business community will be stronger for it.

## The Goshen Garden Club

February was the month of the annual Connecticut Flower and Garden Show at the Convention center in Hartford. Laura Dunn, Anne Gustavson, Mary Ellen Kennavane, Johanna Kimball, Janice Martin, Brigitte Michaud, Robert and Catherine Mosey, Josephine Radacchio. Colleen Roller and Martha Soliday from the garden club attended this spectacular event, filled with exquisite, ingenious exhibits representing the beauty of a Connecticut spring. Opportunities to learn, seminars, demonstrations, were available to all interested.

Martha Soliday and Brigitte Michaud entered their favorite indoor plants in the horticultural competition. Martha walked away with 11 ribbons! She earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place for her gorgeous double bloom white Amaryllis and Brigitte's moth orchid also received a second place!



We left full of anticipations for the season to come. Then nature sent us all to our rooms to quarantine. The Corona virus necessitated cancellation of our meetings, luncheons and field trips. It was not the spring we expected. With deep sadness, we had to cancel our annual contribution to our community, the Goshen Garden Club plant sale. We thank all the great volunteers that were ready to pitch in and help: all the loyal people that traveled for miles to support our effort every year. We will see you all next year!

Carefully practicing social distancing, the club continues to actively serve our Goshen community. Our members, under the leadership of Shirley Pedone, are happily maintaining the beauty of our many town gardens. There are seven of them. We plant, mulch, water, weed and feed them.

To both honor and thank all those essential people going to work during the time of quarantine, putting their own lives at risk, two members of the Goshen Garden Club, Joe and Shirley Pedone, crafted and installed the heart on the red barn on Rt 4. We hope all of you are enjoying your gardens, indoors and out and the time we had to work in them.



## **GOSHEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Goshen Historical Society is located at 21 Old Middle Street. Various programs are held over the summer months. The building is open on **Tuesday's** from 10:00 A.M. to noon from **April to October** and by appointments. Due to virus the building is closed until further notice.

The **officers for the 2019-2020** year are:

President - Henrietta C. Horvay, Vice President Marcia Barker, Secretary Theresa Walla Kelly, Treasurer Cynthia Harmon, Curator Henrietta C. Horvay, Assistant Curator Walter M. Horvay, Directors: James P. O'Leary, Edward Bloes, George Schuster, Suzette Barker and John Burek.

The Historical Society is a volunteer organization, but needs the support of the citizens of Goshen and other people with an interest in Goshen to keep this organization active for the community.

### **Program for 2020**

**TO BE ANNOUNCED  
DUE TO VIRUS**

**OPEN HOUSE  
1:00 TO 3:00 P.M.  
AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Our events are posted on our **SIGN BOARD**. It is placed in front of the building before each event. If you have a subject of interest you would like presented, please inform one of the officers or directors about the subject.

We wish to **THANK** the members and friends that contributed to the **GIVE LOCAL 2020 Campaign**.

We will be sending out the annual membership letter and dues notice in early June 2020.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF MEMBERS:**  
**PLEASE JOIN OUR ORGANIZATION TO CONTINUE THE**  
**PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORY OF GOSHEN.**  
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# The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc.

**P.O. Box 492 Goshen, CT 06756**

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## *Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. Board of Directors:*

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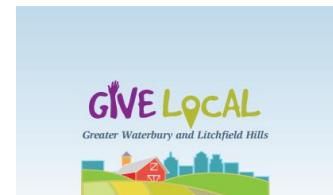
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## **GGNF Annual Calendar Contest Cancelled**

The Board of Directors, with a heavy heart, has decided that the annual Calendar Contest and publication of a 2021 calendar are just not logistically viable undertakings right now.... our organization has other priorities to focus on at this time in supporting our neighbors. GGNF, Inc. has sponsored this community event since 2010...and we **WILL** resume this annual celebration of the Town of Goshen in the future... so keep those cameras clicking!!

Our sincerest appreciation for your wonderful support for GGNF, Inc. during April's *GIVE LOCAL!* online fundraising event sponsored by The Connecticut Community Foundation! We are overwhelmed by your generosity amidst surreal days...over \$7,100.00 was pledged during the two-day event to our organization.



Thank you to the following:

*Anonymous Donation; Nancy Kane Amoroso; Helene and Howard Andrews; Marcia and Haworth Barker; Rebecca Burcroff; Cate and Doug Corwin; Betty and Chris Cosgrove; Chris and Joyce Craig; Darlene Demetri; Barry Donaldson; Bill and Linda Duquette; Maria Garcia Otero; David Geiger and Carol Murphy; Mark and Marty Harris; Janet Hooper; Erin Hubbard; Jeff and Diane Johnson; Darlene and John Krukar; Janice and Jerry LaPlaca; Andrea and Tim Loomis; Jack and Vicki Lynch; Kerwin Mayers; Judy and George Motel; Donald and Marilyn Nardoizzi; Godwin and Nancy Noell; Cathy and Andy Nygren; Lynn Perlotto; The Poirier Family; Sharon and Bill Porpiglia; Diana Savory; Mary and Jay Steinberg; Lynn Steinmayer; Laurie and Matt Sweet; Joseph Welsh; Dawn Wilkes; Tim and Kit Wright*

# Goshen Green Garden

Gardeners are planting and we expect to bring fresh vegetables to food banks in Torrington and to our Goshen seniors.

The pollinator garden at the Goshen Green Garden is ready to bloom. The plants in the pollinator garden were donated by John Markelon from his Litchfield HS class and from the Northwest Conservation District (NCD).



The NCD is working with our garden and others to create a Pollinator Pathway. For more information see: [www.pollinator-pathway.org](http://www.pollinator-pathway.org).

Friends and Neighbors,

During these unusual times I hope you are all safe and well.

Despite the fact that everything is shut down, Goshen Community Care and Hospice has been busy. We are delivering meals, running errands, grocery shopping and lending out medical equipment. We have been helping those who are in need during this time. It's times like this that keep reminding us of what a wonderful community we really are.

Neighbors helping neighbors!

Suzan Kircher, President, GCC&H

## Follow the Forest

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The forests of the eastern United States cover 926,000 square miles: an area far greater than those of the American West. In the middle of this world-renown resource, **Follow the Forest** seeks to protect and connect core forests, the largest intact woodland areas in a region of increasing development. Core forests filter air and water while also providing important habitat for wildlife, linking Connecticut's Litchfield Hills to the Green Mountains of Vermont. From a habitat perspective, the larger and more intact the forest the better. Features such as roads, power lines, farmland and developed areas break up the forested landscape into smaller patches. This fragmentation creates smaller patches of forest and perforations in forest canopy, and creates more forest edges. While edge habitat can be quite valuable for some species, it creates opportunities for invasive plants and brood parasites like brown headed cowbirds to penetrate the forest interior and displace species that rely on the deep woods.

The Housatonic Valley Association calls the effort to conserve this wildlife corridor **Follow the Forest**. It's a big idea - that it can reconnect and secure the linkages between the woodlands, fields and wetlands of the Hudson Highlands, the Litchfield Hills, the Berkshires, the Taconic's, the Greens and the Adirondacks. It brings together conservation partners in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Vermont at an unprecedented scale. Together, they pursue a shared vision that connects all to both the places we love and the wildlife that depend on the conserved forest landscape.

For more information on how **Follow the Forest** brings together communities, organizations, agencies and donors at levels from local to international to protect and maintain this resilient landscape and essential wildlife corridor, please check out <https://hvatoday.org>.

~ The Goshen Conservation Commission

**Black Board Myconnect Emergency Notification System**

Dear Residence,

The Town of Goshen is pleased to announce the launch of our blackboard MyConnect Emergency Notifications site.

During an emergency or general notification such as road closures, authorized Town Officials have the ability to send recorded, text or email announcements to residents using the Blackboard Connect systems.

This site will enable you to manage your contact information either by contacting you via landline, cell phone, email or all for general notifications during an emergency.

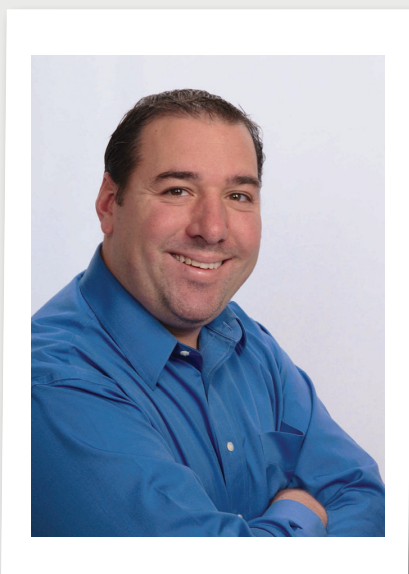
To sign up go to [goshenct.gov](http://goshenct.gov), click on How Do I? Hover over Online Services, click on Emergency Notification, click on sign me up and follow the prompts to register, or type in your email and password to access your profile for updating.

**Goshen Fire Company**

The Goshen Fire Company would like to offer “drive by” birthdays to the children of Goshen for the duration of the Covid19 school shut down. We would like to include children who had birthdays beginning March 13 to present. Families can make banners and drop off balloons to be displayed on the apparatus on the drive through town. This is a volunteer run event so exact times cannot be set up for each drive by. We will be running the event one day a week between 5pm – 7pm. This invitation is for any GOSHEN children, turning 18 and under, who would enjoy a birthday recognition. This will be on a first come first served basis per week, meaning, your child’s birthday drive by may not occur during their birthday week. We think this is a terrific opportunity to celebrate the children of Goshen during this time of separation from friends and family. Please email [erin.reilly@goshenctfire.com](mailto:erin.reilly@goshenctfire.com) with your child’s birthday and address. Thank you!

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Best Wishes- Greg Brick Jr

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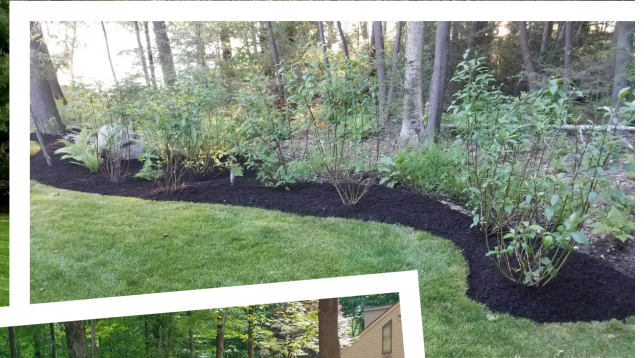


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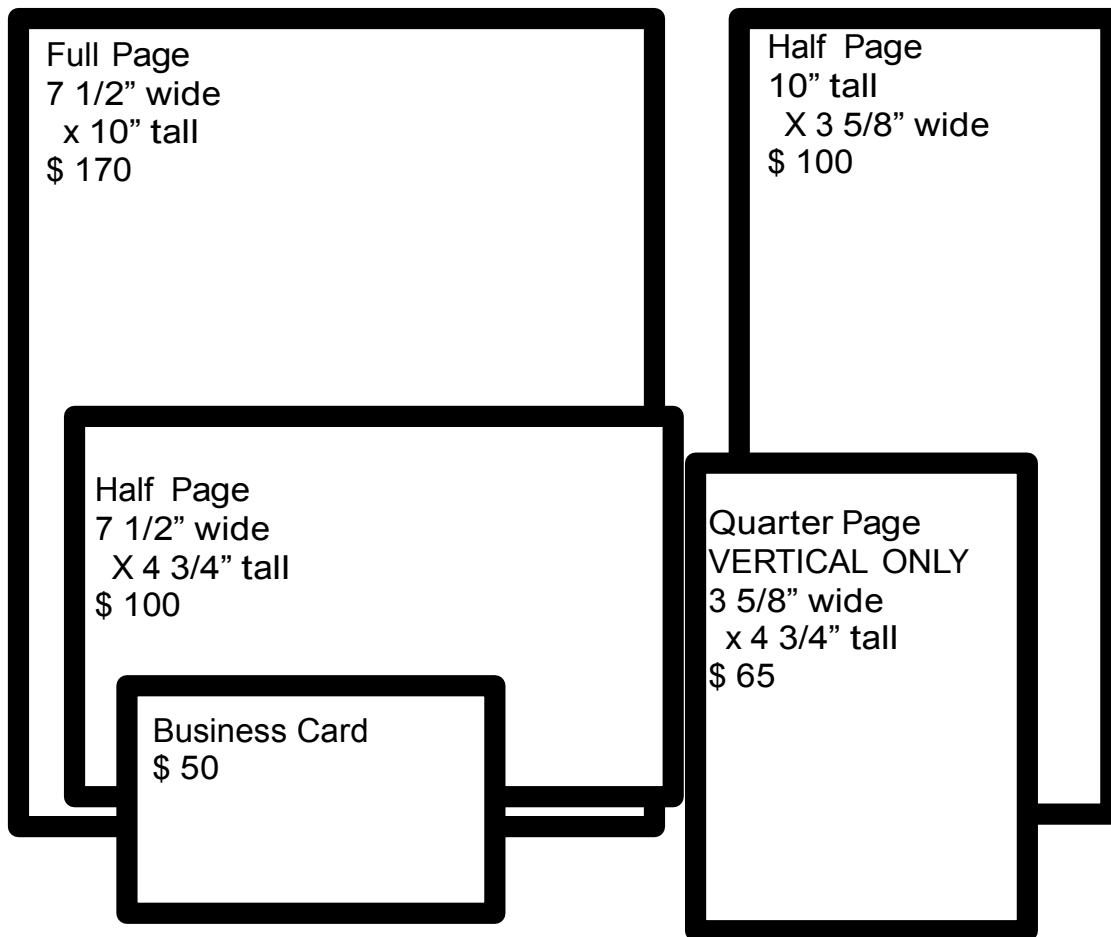
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Clinton, Lori	Registrar of Voters	(860) 491-2308	236	1st & 3rd Tues 9-noon
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Doherty, Nadine	Children's Coordinator	(860) 491-3234		Library Phone Number
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Hall, Barry	Fire Chief	(860) 491-2526		
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Kinkade, Colleen	Recreation Director	(860) 491-2249		Mon-Thurs 8:30-4 & Fri 9-12
Kinsella, Dexter	Selectman	(860) 491-3364		Home number
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Malanca, Kate	Data Entry Clerk	(860) 491-2308	223	Mon & Wed 8:30-4
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