



# Goshen Town Topics

## Summer 2023

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### *From the First Selectman*

Finally, spring is upon us here in Goshen, we made it through a late season storm which left 98% of our residents without power. We had heavy tree damage across the town, the monies saved on salt and overtime this winter, we spent on tree cleanup. The Emergency Management Team opened up the EOC to manage power outages. The Team worked very close with Eversource and their out of state contractors. I worked very close with our Public Works Department which worked very hard plowing and clearing trees and branches from the roads for safe travel. Special thanks goes out to the staff of Region 5 and our partners of the mutual agreement within our region for the help they provided. We had crews from Burlington, Morris, Wolcott & New Milford in the cleanup efforts around Town.

It's budget season, I worked side by side with the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen in the efforts to reduce spending. I made a recommendation to the Board of Finance to lower the mill rate from our current rate of 19.8 to a much lower rate will be imminent. Hopefully keeping our taxes to an affordable level. After the Special Town meeting to adopt the Board of Finance's budget the town's FY 23-24 budget, the BOF lower the mill rate to 15.6 mills. That would be twice since being elected, that under my administration you will see a decrease. I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance for all their hard work.

The Board of Selectmen with the approvals from Board of Finance and the residents of Goshen, just purchased 13.84 acres of land on Sharon Turnpike owned by Ed Wright and Peter Fay. The property is located across the street from the Goshen Fire Company. This property will serve when a storage building is built as a facility for the Goshen Fire Company and Public Works equipment storage. We have to protect our investments when it comes to equipment purchased, they have to be undercover not exposed to the elements of nature. This facility will house our new John Deere Tractor w/roadside mower, excavator, bulldozer, new Kubota tractor w/ loader, the Grader, the Air boat, Brush truck, trailers w/ search & rescue equipment giving the Fire Company more room to save lives. And hopes of a Solar field to serve the facility and to the power grid to generate revenue to offset our electric bills saving tax dollars.

Please continue to recycle, compost & scrap your metal products. We must reduce the solid waste to reduce our tipping fees. Saving on tipping fees will reduce our taxes for all residents. The Recycling Commission with the approvals of the Board of Finance are offering compost bins at half price, from \$ 72.50 to \$ 36.25 hopefully this action will reduce the weight and reduce spending of tax dollars on tipping fees.

Don't forget the Black Bears are out, be vigilant to your surroundings. Especially if you have children or grandchildren. Don't feed the Bears and put your garbage containers out the morning of pickup. Report any nuisance bears to my office and report them too DEEP.

With the recent break-ins in town, don't forget to lock your doors to your house and vehicles. Report any suspicious activities to the State Police and to my office, so I can inform our residents.

Best Regards,

Todd M. Carusillo

**Town Meetings at a Glance**  
**Public is encouraged to attend meetings**  
**Unless otherwise noted all meetings are in the Town Hall Conference Room**

<b>July-23</b>					
4	Board of Selectman	5:00PM	TH	19	Goshen Public Library
5	Conservation Commission	6:30PM	TH	20	Broadband Adv. Committee
5	Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM	FH	20	Zoning Board of Appeals
6	Inland Wetlands	7:15 PM	TH	24	Economic Dev. Commission
11	Board of Selectman	5:00PM	TH	25	Board of Selectman
11	Water Pollution Control	6:30 PM	TH	25	Lakewood Committee
12	Recycling & Trash Committee	7:00PM	TH	25	P&Z Commission
17	Recreation	7:00 PM	TH	26	Board of Finance
18	Board of Selectman	5:00PM	TH		

<b>August-23</b>					
1	Board Selectman	5:00PM	TH	17	Zoning Board of Appeals
2	Conservation Commission	6:30PM	TH	21	Recreation
2	Fire Commissioners	7:00PM	FH	22	Board of Selectman
3	Inland Wetlands	7:15PM	TH	22	p&Z Commission
8	Board Selectman	5:00PM	TH	23	Board of Finance
9	Recycling & Trash Committee	7:00 PM	TH	28	Economic Dev. Commission
15	Board of Selectman	5:00PM	TH	29	Board of Selectman
16	Goshen Public Library	4:00PM	TH	25	Lake Weed Committee
17	Broadband Adv. Committee	5:00 PM	TH		

<b>September-23</b>					
5	Board Selectman	5:00PM	TH	20	Board of Assessors
6	Conservation Commission	6:30PM	TH	21	Broadband Advisory
6	Fire Commissioners	7:00PM	FH	21	Zoning Board of Appeals
7	Inland Wetlands	7:15PM	TH	25	Economic Dev. Commission
12	Board Selectman	5:00PM	TH	26	Board of Selectman
13	Recycling & Trash Committee	6:30PM	TH	26	Lake Weed Committee
18	Recreation Commission	7:00PM	TH	26	P&Z Commission
19	Board of Selectman	5:00PM	TH	27	Board of Finance
20	Goshen Public Library	4:00PM	TH		

<b>October-23</b>					
3	Board of Selectman	5:00PM	TH	18	Goshen Public Library
4	Conservation Commission	6:30PM	TH	19	Broadband Advisory
4	Fire Commissioners	7:00PM	FH	19	Zoning Board of Appeals
5	Inland Wetlands	7:15PM	TH	23	Economic Dev. Commission
10	Board of Selectman	5:00 PM	TH	24	Board of Selectman
10	Water Pollution Control	6:30 PM	TH	24	p&Z Commission
11	Recycling & Trash Committee	7:00PM	TH	25	Board of Finance
16	Recreation	7:00PM	TH	31	Board of Selectman
17	Board of Selectman	5:00 PM	TH	31	Lake Weed Committee

**Location Legend:**

Fire house	FH
Town Hall	TH

To access Boards & Commissions public zoom meeting links go to:

[Goshenct.gov](https://goshenct.gov), under News click on Public access for Virtual Town Meetings

To access Board of Educations meeting go to:



To All Dog Owners:

June is dog licensing month. There is a penalty for late registration of \$1.00 per month.

Fees are:

- \$8.00 for a spayed or neutered dog
- \$19.00 for a female or male dog
- \$51.00 for a kennel license

Proof of rabies is required. If registering a dog for the first time, or if the dog has recently been altered, proof of spaying/neutering is also required.

Please do not wait till the last day to register. You may register dogs through the mail by providing a self-addressed stamped envelope and the following information:

- Owner's Name
- Street Address
- Home Phone Number
- Name of the Dog
- Sex of the Dog
- Breed(s) of the Dog
- Age of the Dog
- Color(s) of the Dog
- Proof of Rabies
- If First Time Registering Proof of Spay/Neuter

Please mail the above information to the Town Clerk at:

Goshen Town Clerk  
42C North Street  
Goshen, CT 06756

With the appropriate fee made out to: Goshen Town Clerk

## LEGAL NOTICE TO PAY TAXES

**Taxes Due: July 1, 2023**

**Last day to pay without penalty: Tuesday, August 1, 2023**

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, 2023 at the Tax Collector's office located in the Goshen Town Hall, 42A North St, Goshen, CT on Tuesdays from 9:00 – Noon and Wednesdays 1:00 – 4:00.

Payments must be received or postmarked by August 1, 2023 to avoid interest.

All taxes remaining unpaid after August 1, 2023 will be charged interest from July 1, 2023 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

Rebecca Juchert-Derungs, Tax Collector, CCMC

**Tax bills will be mailed June 29, 2023.**

**Payments for new fiscal year will be accepted after July 1, 2023**

You may also pay online after July 1, 2023 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.

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

### **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??**

**The banks do NOT notify the Tax Office.**

**You can obtain a copy of you bill at [www.goshenct.gov](http://www.goshenct.gov)**

**Or contact our office [taxcollector@goshenct.gov](mailto:taxcollector@goshenct.gov) or (860) 491-3275 to  
obtain a copy of your bill.**



**Wednesday, June 21, 2023**



## 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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, 2023 to October 1, 2023.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- 65 years of age or older by December 31, 2022 or 100% disabled
- 2022 **qualifying** income, including all Social Security benefits, must not exceed **\$40,300 for a single individual** or **\$49,100 for a married couple**.

### **Required Income Documentation**

(all for calendar year 2022)

- Social Security Income – 2022 Form SSA-1099 & SSI if applicable
- Copy of 2022 Federal Income Tax Return & all schedules, if filed
- 1099 forms for pensions, dividends, interest, stocks & bonds, etc.
- 2022 W-2 Wage & Tax Statements from employment
- 2022 Veterans Disability, Veterans Pension or Railroad Retirement statement
- **100% Disabled:** Benefit Verification letter from Social Security **stating date disability began** along with other forms listed above if applicable.

### **Required Expense Documentation**

- Rent receipts for 2022 (all 12 months)
- Utility bills you paid in 2022 (oil, gas, electric & water only). **NO** telephone, cable, garbage removal or medical bills

### **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>.

## **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**

During the 2023 Summer Season, the Public Works Department will be chip sealing approximately 8 miles of road in the central area of Town. Roads slated for chip sealing have been crack sealed and 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. Public works will also be working on drainage projects on West Hyerdale Drive, Sutton Ct, and Crossman Rd. prior to the reclaiming and paving of the roads later this year. Additional smaller drainage improvement projects will be taking place on sections of roads throughout Town.



Performing Drainage Swale Maintenance on East Hyerdale Dr.

## **\*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 for damage 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 Public Works staff 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 of the large trucks is very poor. **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 its summer 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, CZEO  
Goshen Town Planner/Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer

## *Some Friendly Summer Reminders from the Fire Marshal's Office*

*As summer gets into full swing, many of you will be having fun in the sun, as well as enjoying camping trips, grilled food, and the use of fire pits on those chillier summer nights.*

*For the safety of yourselves and your family and friends, please remember that the use of fire in any form, whether, wood, gas or propane, can be dangerous if not controlled.*

Toasting marshmallows over a campfire is great fun, especially for the younger set, but remember to have your fire contained properly, with the flames banked low. Be mindful of extra dry conditions and the presence of wind! Make sure there are no hazardous materials in the fire itself; i.e. pressure-treated wood, garbage, and also excess paper such as plates or napkins. Long hair needs to be pulled back to avoid accidental contact with flames. Best to have a hose at the ready, or at least a bucket of water, and also an ABC extinguisher ready for accidents.

Gas grills are perfect for outdoor cooking, but be mindful of the material underneath your grill. Wooden porches or decks are particularly susceptible to flying embers and the possibility of a tank catching on fire. Consider a fire retardant sheet under the grill to minimize that danger. Keep an ABC extinguisher close by for easy access, and remember to turn your propane tank off when finished grilling.

Deep fryers, another popular form of summer cooking, should never be used on a porch or deck! The middle of your driveway is the preferred choice. While a bucket of water nearby is always a good choice, remember that hot oil needs to be smothered with a chemical extinguisher, and an ABC or commercial grade chemical extinguisher should be easily accessible.

Have fun; be safe; and remember your local fire departments are always there to help in an emergency. Never hesitate to dial 911!

## Broadband Advisory Committee Update

Loads of new-build fiber construction activity taking place in the Goshen and the surrounding area. This serves as one of the most significant capital investments in the region in many years but not one but two companies. As we are sure you've noticed this spring, communications construction crews have been actively stringing new fiber optic cabling across telephone poles and pulling new orange conduit pipe throughout much of Woodridge Lake. Although a solid 6-9 months late due to various weather and DOT issue, Altice USA (Optimum) has deployed multiple authorized contractors to complete its build with an intent to start marketing Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) broadband internet and TV service sometime later this year. And not far on their coattails, the new Frontier (fiber version) is even more aggressively also building out an entirely new fiber optic network across the more densely populated sections of its existing, former copper customer network (formerly SNET/ATT DSL phone service). So, by early next year many Goshen residents who live along state roads or in more densely populated areas will soon be fortunate enough to have not just one fiber optic broadband solution but two! While in other towns, ARPA funds have been used to incentive construction, in Goshen and its surrounding neighbors, this race to secure the future fiber customer is being done with no government support. **Service quality will be greatly improved while prices should be similar. Customer Wins!**

**New Camp Coch Wi-Fi coming soon!** After much work, new Optimum connection was secured to the Camp building on Beach Street and shortly thereafter, the Board Selectman supported a recommendation put forward by the Broadband committee to purchase new wireless equipment to provide a strong Wi-Fi signal across the Camp building, nursing station and the new pavilion. The new system will broadcast a strong signal across the property which has nutritiously had a terrible cell signal. This will allow future meeting participants at the camp to gain more functionality and connectivity as well as offering camp parents, counselors, staff and children with improved internet access if it's needed to make phone calls, access signups, etc. It will also help improve the functionality of the existing

camera systems which have struggled to broadcast images, lacking bandwidth. Committee members have donated their time to handle the installation to keep costs down.

**What's so good about fiber anyway?** Today, Optimum customers receive their signal over the legacy hybrid fiber coaxial (HFC) network which has been upgraded over the years but at its core retains substantial bottlenecks in bandwidth, forces bandwidth to be shared across users and therefore slows during peak periods of data/video consumption and was designed for downloading information, not uploading (i.e. receiving streamed video content from users - Zoom). FTTH is an entirely new physical network with massive bandwidth scale improvements, symmetrical speeds (i.e. same upload speed as download) and no sharing of capacity. Suffice it to say, it is on a different playing field. Normally such a service would come at a premium, but threats of inroads from 5G wireless offerings combined with aggressive new entrants (Frontier, GoNetSpeed, etc.) are benefitting the customer as these services are being offered basically at the same price. Don't be fooled by aggressive marketing, pricing is at or the same of current services. Call customer retention at **877-936-4778** in order to make sure you are receiving the best rates for service. Pricing has started to go up as 12 months of Showtime is no longer offered, and gift cards have been trimmed but 300 Mbps at \$40/mo., 500 Mbps now at \$60/mo., 1Gbps now at \$70/mo. still with free installation. Rising interest rates and inflation are forcing their hand on pricing. Both Altice and Fronter have removed their 2 & 3 year price caps on offers.

**How will I know when service is available at my address?** Keep an eye on your mailbox as you should start to receive marketing materials introducing Optimum Fiber soon. Alternatively, you can check to see if the service is available here - <https://order.optimum.com/Buyflow/Storefront>. Various addresses in Torrington and Litchfield are

already live. You will be required to have a new installation wherein they will bring a new fiber connection to your home either aerially or direct buried depending on your current connection. They will then remove your current modem and replace it with an Optical

Network Terminal (ONT) or Fiber Gateway and provide you with a new wireless router utilizing Smart WiFi 6 which is probably more powerful than your current equipment (you are free to use your own router if you prefer). Traditional video set-top boxes will be returned (no more rentals) and replaced with their Altice One Mini TV Box and video will now be distributed via WiFi in the home. Alternatively, you can use some Apple TV units. No word yet on Roku, Chromecast or other Smart TV devices. TV packages will be similar and can be reviewed on the website.

**I hate Optimum, Frontier is even worse, both have terrible customer service - What options do I have?** Soon, many residents will have an option for the same superior fiber service – a true head-to-head, lowest price wins competition. We've never had this with no contracts, etc. Frontier had a legacy of terrible service built on an old copper network but after bankruptcy, great internal strides have taken place with a new management team with one of the most aggressive construction programs in the industry, with nearly 400 crews actively adding nearly 40,000 new fiber customers per month. They are aggressively piercing AlticeUSA's 8 town territory and folks should not be reluctant to giving them a try based entirely on their past experience. May the best price/offer win!

Take note, the cable companies are also looking over their shoulder as the likes of T-Mobile, Verizon or AT&T have rolled out mobile hotspot (WiFi) offerings often with no data caps, making for an even cheaper solution for folks who do not need symmetrical speeds fiber will offer.

**How to know you've gotten the best rate from Optimum?** Call customer retention at **877-936-4778** to make sure you are receiving the best rates for service. Please pass this number along to friends and neighbors. A call should allow existing customers to receive the new customer offering.

**We expect Frontier Fiber to pass 500-600 homes in 2023 and another 600-700 homes in 2024-** Much like other towns in Northwest CT, Frontier is taking an economic approach to its build, concentrating on more dense areas of town, identifying parts of Woodridge Lake, Tyler Lake and homes along key state roads for its deployment. Residents in nearby towns have seen substantial mailings detailing comparably priced fiber offerings to what Optimum is offering and presumably most everyone will be a new fiber customer, eligible to receive the best rates.

**Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)** - Finally, all Goshen residents should be aware of the this federal assistance program for lower-income households to help reduce the cost of broadband and mobile services in some cases to zero. Many are eligible to receive free wireless and free broadband service with the program. Some of the paperwork may seem cumbersome but more information regarding the program is on the website and materials are available at town hall.

The TV business is changing FAST – folks that have cut the cord, please reach out to others to teach them how. Reach out to any committee member for ideas. Folks should NOT be paying high cable bills today. Should anyone have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of the BAC committee members or attend one of the monthly committee meetings.





# HELLO SUMMER



Summer in the Recreation Department is busy!  
While most of program time is dedicated to Camp Coch Day Camp,  
there are plenty of things to do!

Our summer concert line-up is exciting!! We have a concert at Camp Coch the 2nd and 4th Monday's in June, July, and August! Here is the line-up:

June 12 - Tradesmen sponsored by Fay and Wright

June 26 - Southern Voice sponsored by Ron's Automotive

July 10 - Steve Dunn Band

July 24 - Lone Wolf Duo sponsored by Goshen Star Quilters

August 14 - Country Steel sponsored by LaPlaca Oil  
and Goshen Star Quilters

August 28 - Kerry Boys sponsored by USA Waste and Recycling  
Goshen Pizza sold by the slice by local non-profit organizations  
at each performance, along with popcorn, and Goshen merchandise.  
Looking for one more business sponsor for our July 10 concert

The Annual Goshen Senior Picnic will be held  
Wednesday, June 7 from 11:30am-2pm. Bring a dish to share!  
Door prizes and BINGO!! Main meal provided by local businesses.  
This tradition is a collaboration with Goshen Community Care!

Third Thursday 60+ bus trips will go to Elizabeth Park on June 15.  
Bus leaves at 9:30am. Bring a bagged lunch to picnic in the park- Free trip  
July 20 Donna Molon from Goshen Community Care will host the trip.  
Join her on a boat tour around Bantam Lake with a cook out lunch on the beautiful  
pontoon boat of our local guide Fishing Quiet Waters - \$50 per person  
The August 17 trip takes us to Glebe House Museum and Gertrude Jekyll Garden  
in Woodbury. Lunch at San Remo at your own expense - \$12 per person



For information on all of these programs contact  
Erin at 860-491-2249 | 860-601-6089  
[parkandrec@goshenct.gov](mailto:parkandrec@goshenct.gov) | [goshenrec.com](http://goshenrec.com)





Community Brunch offered with the help of Goshen Community Care will be held Saturday, June 10th from 10am - 12 noon in the Parish Hall of the UCC Church. Pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, English muffins, fruit salad, coffee and juices. \$5 per person

A second summer brunch will be Saturday, August 12.  
Same time, place, menu, and cost

Camp Registration for Pre K - 6th grade is still open. Camp runs for 6 weeks, Monday - Friday, June 26 - August. Regular hours are 9am - 3pm.  
Extended camp offered 8:30am - 9am and 3pm - 4pm.

CAS Soccer Camp is offering a great skills camp for the week of August 7-11. Times vary by age. Follow the link at [Goshenrec.com](http://Goshenrec.com) to register with CAS. Can you host a coach? Find information on hosting on the CAS website.

On going programs include:

Chair yoga on Wednesdays from 10:30am - 11:30am in the Parish Hall at UCC Church. 8 week sessions run consecutively for \$25 per session.

Evening yoga on Thursdays from 5pm - 6pm in the Kobylenski Lodge at Camp Coch. 8 week sessions run consecutively for \$30 per session

Traditional Yoga on Fridays from 10:30am - 11:30am in the Parish Hall at UCC Church. 8 week sessions run consecutively for \$25 per session

\$5 drop in option for all yoga classes

A Pickleball league is in the works with the help of David Mwanza

Drop in Bocce at Camp Coch is in the works thanks to volunteers!

Stay tuned for fall programs including;  
Town Wide Tag Sale, soccer, community picnic, community brunches, bocce, pickleball and more!



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**Goshen Public Library**  
**42B North Street**  
**Goshen, CT 06756**  
**860-491-3234**  
**Summer 2023**  
[www.goshenpublib.org](http://www.goshenpublib.org)

**artwork by Candace Breakell Fujii**

### **Library Hours**

Monday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
 Tuesday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
 Wednesday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
 Thursday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
 Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
 Sat (Sept to June) 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
 Sat (July to Labor Day) 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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### **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.

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### **Do you get our email newsletter?**

**Just go to our website and enter your address in the sign up form found on the right hand side bar!**

We send it out every Wednesday. It has all of our programs and some new books as well. We do our best to keep you informed of what is happening at the library.

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### **Save the Date!**

Summer Reading Kick-Off  
 Find Your Voice  
 Registration, Stories, and Ice Cream  
 Wednesday June 21 at 5PM

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### **Museum Passes**

The Goshen Public Library is delighted to offer an exciting variety of museum passes. Many patrons don't realize that one of the benefits of library membership is the ability to access museum passes. Savings range from discounted admission

to free admission, depending upon the venue. Passes are checked out in the same way as other library materials and are returned on a due-date so other patrons can enjoy them.

These passes are available courtesy of the Friends of the Goshen Public Library and generous donations made during Give Local Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills. We're so grateful to have these valuable passes and so proud to be able to offer them to our patrons. Please consider them one more great reason to visit the library!

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Mark Albertson – Historian

Monday, July 3, 4:00 PM, Zoom,  
**the Revolutionary Committees of Correspondence.**

Monday, August 7, 4:00 PM, Zoom  
**70th Anniversary of: Ceasefire: Korea.**

Please look to our calendar for more information regarding topics.

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If you need help getting onto our streaming services, please reach out to the staff and we can set up a time for a 1 on 1 session. We have Libby (through OverDrive), Hoopla, Kanopy, and the Palace App through the CT State Library.

[frontdesk@goshenpublib.org](mailto:frontdesk@goshenpublib.org)

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### **Freedom to Read**

Co-sponsored with the  
 Church of Christ Congregational

Every Third Thursday at 7PM  
 Meeting at the Church

Contact the Library to find what we are reading next!

# RECYCLE RIGHT. EVERY TIME.

Use this guide to learn **What's IN** and **What's OUT** of your bin.

## What's IN?

Follow these steps before placing acceptable items into your recycling bin.

**DO: empty, clean, rinse, and repeat for each item.** | **DON'T: shred, box, or bag items.**



**PAPER & CARDBOARD**



Newspapers & magazines, food and beverage cartons, mixed paper and flattened boxes



**GLASS**



Bottles and jars



**METAL**



Food and beverage cans, aluminum foil and foil containers



**PLASTIC**



Jugs, tubs and lids

## What's OUT?



**No plastic bags or plastic wrap**  
(Return to retailer)



**No styrofoam or black plastic containers**  
(Throw them in the trash)



**No clothing or linens**  
(Use donation programs)



**No tanglers**  
(No hoses, wires, chains or electronics)



**No combustibles**  
(No propane tanks, batteries, and non-food grade aerosol cans like spray paint and pesticides)

To learn more about What's In and What's Out of your bin, ask the **RecycleCT Wizard** at [RecycleCT.com](http://RecycleCT.com) or download our new app.



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# Resource Directory of Services Available for Goshen Residents

A partial listing of organizations, agencies and clubs that support those living in Goshen

## Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance) Dial 911

### Non-Emergency Contact Numbers

Connecticut State Police Troop B: (860) 626-1820

Goshen Fire Company: (860) 491-2526

Office of the First Selectman: (860) 491-2308, ext. 221

Goshen Animal Control Officer: (860) 248-9979 OR (860) 318-5370

## Goshen based Outreach and Financial Assistance Services

### **Caroline T. Brooks Fund (860) 491-2308 x228**

This Fund provides medical care for qualified Goshen children under the age of 18, for eyes, ears, noses throats and teeth.

### **Foundation for Community Health Prescription Assistance Program**

**(860) 491-2308 x228**

This Program can help cover costs associated with prescriptions, premiums, co-pays, and the cost of equipment needed to administer medication.

### **Goshen-Cornwall Senior Bus (860) 294-7878**

Available to residents for transportation to appointments or errands within the State of CT.

Service is available Monday - Friday. Reservations need to be made 24 hours in advance.

### **Goshen Community Care (860) 491 -4673**

[goshencommunitycare@gmail.com](mailto:goshencommunitycare@gmail.com)

GCC, Inc. offers a variety of services: outreach (visits, phone calls, transportation), Senior Socials each Tuesday (light meal, games and activities) and medical equipment lending closet.

### **Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc (860) 491-2419 [goshengoodneighborfund@gmail.com](mailto:goshengoodneighborfund@gmail.com)**

The Fund provides short-term financial assistance to Goshen individuals/families experiencing an emergency situation such as illness, job loss, or catastrophic event. GGNF may help with home heating, utility payments, medical expenses, and gift cards for necessities.

### **Goshen Free Food Pantry/Little Lending Library (860) 866-5615 [robertlayeragency.com](http://robertlayeragency.com)**

The food pantry, at the Village Marketplace, is a source of support for resident facing food insecurity. Donations are welcome. The little lending library is adjacent to the food pantry.

### **Goshen Public Library Outreach Program (860) 491-3234**

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

Staff will deliver books and materials to residents who are unable to get to the library.

### **Shane M. Kinsella Memorial Fund (860) 491-2249**

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

Funds are distributed to the children of Goshen to help with camp, extracurricular activities, Recreation programs, School programs and college application costs.

### **UCC (Church of Christ Congregational) Food Pantry (860) 491-2793**

UCC stocks a variety of non-perishable and frozen items in the Parish Hall of the church at the rotary. Food programs for children (SYNC) and families (Dinners in a Bag) are available.



### **Goshen-based Community , Civic and Municipal Organizations**

American Legion Post 46 & American Legion Auxiliary Unit 46 - (860) 309-7079  
 Goshen Agricultural Society, Inc - (860) 491-3655 | Goshen Scouts USA Troop 35 - (860) 491-3634  
 Goshen Business Circle - (860) 491-5207 | Goshen Running Club - [goshenrunningclub.com](http://goshenrunningclub.com)  
 Goshen Community Garden/ Monarch Butterfly Garden - (860) 491-2793  
 Goshen Conservation Commission - [www.goshenct.gov](http://www.goshenct.gov)  
 Goshen Historical Society, Inc. - (860) 491-3129 | Goshen Garden Club - [goshengardenclub.org](http://goshengardenclub.org)  
 Goshen Emergency Management Team - (860) 491-2308 x 228  
 Goshen Housing Trust, Inc. - [goshenhousingtrust.com](http://goshenhousingtrust.com)  
 Northwest Council of Elected Officials (NWCOC) - (860) 491-9884  
 Sustainable Goshen - [sustainablegoshen.org](http://sustainablegoshen.org) | St. Thomas Knights of Columbus - (860) 491-2756  
 Tyler Lake Protective Association - (860) 491-9095 | Goshen Land Trust - [goshenlandtrust.org](http://goshenlandtrust.org)

### **Houses of Worship**

Church of Christ Congregational - (860) 491-2793  
 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - (860)-491-2131  
 St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Church/St. Louis de Monfort Parish - (860) 491-2756

### **Regional Food Banks**

Community Soup Kitchen, Torrington - (860) 482-0130  
 FISH, Torrington - (860) 482-7300 | Friendly Hands Food Bank - (860) 482-3888

### **Health Care Agencies, Clinics and In-Home Care**

Charlotte Hungerford Center for Youth and Families - (860)489-3391  
 Community Health & Wellness Center - [www.chwctorr.org](http://www.chwctorr.org) - (860)489-0931  
 Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial Children's Dental Center - (860)489-1328  
 Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County (skilled nursing, private duty care) - (860)379-8561  
 Hartford Health Care at Home (skilled nursing, private duty care) - (800)551-8671  
 WIC (Women, Infants and Children) - (860)489-1138

### **Regional Organizations that provide support to Goshen Residents**

(Call or visit website for a full description of services offered)

**Cancer Care Fund of the Litchfield Hills** - [ccflh.org](http://ccflh.org) or call (860) 489-6718 - May help offset medical and household expenses for those undergoing treatment  
**Litchfield Hills CHORE Service** - (860) 567-6121 - At home help with laundry, meal prep, light cleaning, exterior cleanup, transportation to medical appointments, shopping and errands  
**Greenwoods Counseling Services** - (860) 567-4437 - This referral agency provides access to quality mental healthcare for individuals and families living and working in Litchfield County.  
**Meals on Wheels, Litchfield County** - (800)-994-9422  
**McCall Foundation** - (860) 496-2100 - Behavioral health and addiction services—prevention, treatment, recovery supports, and community engagement  
**New Opportunities, Inc** - [www.newoppinc.org](http://www.newoppinc.org) or call (860)-482-9749 - Provides fuel assistance and resources to assist people with access to social services  
**Operation Fuel** - [www.operationfuel.org](http://www.operationfuel.org) - Emergency assistance to residents struggling to pay energy and utility bills  
**Possum Queen Foundation** - [possumqueenfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:possumqueenfoundation@gmail.com) - Helps families and individuals in medical need who are experiencing financial hardships.  
**Prime Time House** - (860) 618-2479 - Mental health programs that provide a supportive environment  
**Rebuilding Together Litchfield County** - (203) 240-9666 - Volunteers provide home modifications for better accessibility and independence. Emergency repairs.  
**Susan B. Anthony Project** - (860) 489-3798 - Provides crisis and support services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. All services are confidential, free, and available 24/7.  
**Western CT Area Agency on Aging** - [www.wcaaa.org](http://www.wcaaa.org) - (203)0757-5449 - Services such as congregate and home delivered meals, legal, chore, health, Alzheimer adult day care/respite, transportation, veterans outreach, senior centers, benefits outreach and health screenings.



## Wildlife: Bobcat facts

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Connecticut's once dwindling bobcat population was almost exterminated until 1972 when unregulated exploitation was halted, and the bobcat was reclassified as a protected furbearer with no hunting or trapping seasons. The bobcat population has since recovered due to improving forest habitat conditions and legal protections.

**Background:** The bobcat is the only wild cat found in Connecticut and the most common wild cat in North America. Its status has changed dramatically in our state. Historically, bobcats were not protected in Connecticut and were viewed as a threat to agriculture and game species. The state even had a bounty on bobcats from 1935-1971. By the early 1970s, a large increase in the value of bobcat pelts raised concerns that the population could be overharvested. In addition, deforestation of the state's landscape that peaked in the 1800s greatly reduced habitat for bobcats and many other wildlife species. In 1972, the bobcat was reclassified as a protected furbearer in Connecticut with no hunting or trapping seasons.

Based on observation reports submitted to the Wildlife Division by the public and others, bobcat numbers appear to have increased in Connecticut in recent years. DEEP estimates there might be as many as 2,000 bobcats in CT. Sighting and vehicle-kill reports indicate that bobcats now reside in all eight Connecticut counties. However, the heaviest concentrations occur in the northwestern corner of the state.



**Description:** The bobcat is a stout-bodied, medium-sized feline, with a short, "bobbed" tail (about six inches in length), prominent cheek ruffs, and tufts of black hair on its pointed ears. The sides and back are generally the same color with faint black spots; grayer in winter and tan in summer. The underparts are white. The tail may have one to several indistinct dark bands and a tip that is black on top and whitish below. Adult males typically weigh between 18 and 35 pounds and measure from 32 to 37 inches in length. Adult females typically weigh between 15 and 30 pounds and measure from 28 to 32 inches in length.

Bobcats are about two to three times the size of their distant relative, the domestic house cat, and the tracks of a young bobcat are often confused with those left by a roaming house cat. Adult house cat tracks, however, are much smaller than adult bobcat tracks. Bobcat tracks have an overall round appearance with four round toe pads in both front and rear prints. There is a fifth toe on the forefoot; however, it does not leave an impression because it is raised high on the foot. The claws do not leave an impression because they are usually retracted.

**Habitat and Diet:** Bobcats can be found in hardwood forests and mixed hardwood-softwood forests. They have a preference for brushy lowlands and swamps, as well as brushy and rocky woodlands broken by fields, old roads, and farmland. They tend not to prefer mature forest but do flourish in areas with a thick understory. Territorial and home ranges in the Northeast vary from eight to 20 square miles in size. Females tend to have smaller and more exclusive ranges than males. Daily movements of one to four miles are common.

The diet ranges from cottontail rabbits, woodchucks, squirrels, chipmunks, mice, voles, snowshoe hares, white-tailed deer, birds, and, to a much lesser extent, insects and reptiles. Deer that are taken by bobcats are most likely sick, injured, young, or very old. Bobcats also prey on domestic animals, such as poultry, small pigs, sheep, and goats.

**Life History:** Bobcats are polygamous (have more than one mate) and do not form lasting pair bonds. They breed between February and March. Females may breed before they are one year old but generally do not produce a litter until they are two years old. Dens are located beneath windfalls or in caves, rock crevices and ledges, hollow logs, and trees. The den may be lined with dry leaves, moss, or grass, which are formed into a shallow depression by the female. The same den site may be used for several years.

One to four (usually two) kittens are born in April. Kitten survival is a major factor in annual bobcat population fluctuations; survival is linked to food abundance. When food is plentiful, many young survive; a scarcity of food results in heavy mortality to kittens. Kittens weigh 10 to 12 ounces at birth. They are born blind and their eyes remain closed for three to 11 days. Kittens nurse for about 60 days and may remain with the female until the following spring. Males do not participate in raising the young. At about four weeks of age, kittens begin to leave the den and take solid food provided by the female. Juvenile bobcats leave the female's territory before she gives birth to a litter the following year.

**Interesting Facts:** Bobcats are most active just after dusk and before dawn. Secretive, solitary, and seldom observed, they tend to hunt and travel in areas of thick cover, relying on their keen eyesight and hearing for locating prey. Bobcats are patient hunters, meaning they spend much of their time either sitting or crouching, watching and listening. Once prey is located, a bobcat will stalk within range and ambush its quarry.

Bobcats may cache, or cover, their kills with leaves, grass, snow, and even hair from the carcass. They will revisit a carcass until most of it is consumed. Bobcats rarely cause conflicts with human activities. Infrequently, they kill livestock, especially fowl, and attack domestic cats. Conflicts are addressed on an individual basis and can often be remedied by preventive methods, such as fencing for livestock.





***Thank you to the following for your contribution to GGNF during this year's Give Local online fundraising initiative sponsored by Ion Bank...every penny will directly assist neighbors in need.***

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The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. has helped offset expenses such as medical bills, car maintenance, critical house repairs, utilities including electricity, firewood and heating fuel as well as other costs unique to individual. Recipients have been very grateful for our assistance during stressful times, providing peace and comfort during emergency circumstances. Assistance is always provided with the utmost confidentiality.

*With deep appreciation,*

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Cate Corwin, Treasurer, Email: [goshengoodneighborfund@gmail.com](mailto:goshengoodneighborfund@gmail.com)

*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.*

## ***LAST CALL.....2024 Goshen Calendar Photo Contest***

*You are cordially invited to join in the fun and celebrate the beauty and community of Goshen, Connecticut!*

**All entries must be received by  
June 30, 2023**

Our annual **2024 Goshen Good Neighbor Calendar** will feature 13 photographs which capture the essence of our special community...pastoral scenes, barns, stone walls, celebrated events, it's people...pictures that show both the beauty and vibrancy of "this town above all others."  
**We are looking for photos depicting each season...spring, summer, autumn and winter!!!**  
*SPONSORED BY The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc.*

**Entry fee: \$10 per entry (which includes submission of up to 2 photographs)**

### CONTEST GUIDELINES and INFORMATION:

\*Photographs do not have to be recent but must be available digitally so that it, if selected, can be sent electronically for upload and at a high resolution.

**\*Photograph must have been taken in Goshen, Connecticut.**

\*If photo contains identifiable faces, please identify them and get their permission to use their likeness.

\*No Maximum entries per entrant.

\*Photos must be 8 x 10 LANDSCAPE (horizontal) orientation, not portrait (vertical).

\*Photos may be in color or true B&W, no sepia or other monotone, please

\*Please do not submit photos with time/date settings or decorative borders, or which need to be trimmed or cropped.

\*Photographer's name, address, phone number, email (if available) AND the location where photo was taken should be printed neatly on a post-it note affixed to the back of each photo submitted.

\*Checks should be made payable to ***The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc.***

\*Contest is open to all age 12 and over.

\* Photo(s) will not be returned.

*Calendars will be available for purchase at  
The 2023 Goshen Fair , Goshen Public Library and Goshen Wine & Spirits.*

**Photo contest submissions may be dropped off at The Goshen Public Library by June 30th, 2023 during normal hours of operation OR mailed to: The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. Attn: Photo Contest, PO Box 492, Goshen, CT 06756. (Please clearly mark "Do Not Bend" on envelope).**

*This contest is an annual fundraising event to benefit  
The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc., a 501c3 organization.*

If you have questions, please call 860-491-2419





**Goshen Community Care is excited to unveil our new logo. Please stay tuned for our new website, which will be coming soon!**

## Our Core Services

### Tuesday Senior Socials



Games, goodies and great company!

Every Tuesday at 1 PM in the  
 Congregational Church Parish Hall

### Let's Do Lunch!

Free lunch is available for seniors  
 on the 2nd Tuesday of every month  
 at 12 noon!



We also host monthly lunch trips to  
 some amazing restaurants around the area!

### Bereavement Support



Healing and finding hope after loss  
 can be difficult to navigate on your  
 own. We regularly host group  
 bereavement services. Contact us to  
 learn about our next session.

### Loan Closet

We have medical equipment available  
 to loan. Items include wheelchairs,  
 crutches, shower chairs, bed tables  
 and much more! We generally have  
 disposable items such as bed pads,  
 braces and gauze wraps.



### Outreach at any level



Staff and volunteers provide ongoing contact with our older neighbors through  
 visits and phone calls.

We offer short term assistance to those returning home from the hospital or  
 nursing home.

Hospice support is available for end of life patients and their families. We  
 partner with medical providers to help provide care with dignity and comfort.

## **GOSHEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Goshen Historical Society is located at 21 Old Middle Street and the building is normally open April to October each year. We will open the building on various days this season due to the need of help. Check with the sign board outside for various opening dates.

The **officers for the 2022-2023** year are:

President - Henrietta C. Horvay, Vice President Marcia Barker, Secretary Theresa Walla Kelly, Treasurer Cynthia Harmon, Curator Henrietta C. Horvay, Directors: James P. O'Leary, Steven Romano, Sr. and John (Jack) 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.

**We participated in the GIVE LOCAL campaign which was held in APRIL 2023 with the CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.** We wish to thank all the people who contributed to the Goshen Historical Society. With the funds received we hope to pay for the panel control board for the climate controller. With the donation from the George Schuster estate, we were able to install a new stair well for the outside of the building. The new brick walkway to the front door and the stairs outside were donated in memory of Walter M. Horvay. The society also received a donation from Barry Donaldson that was received in the Endowment Fund at the Northwest CT Community Foundation. We thank ALL other for their generous donations we received during the year.

### **Program for 2023**

**JUNE 10, 2023 SATURDAY  
WINE TASTING 3-5 P.M.  
SUNSET MEADOWS WINERY**

**JULY 22, 2023 SATURDAY  
OPEN HOUSE -- 1 P.M. TO 3 P.M.**

**AUGUST 19, 2023 SATURDAY  
Program to be announced  
1:00 TO 3:00 P.M.**

All our events are posted on our **SIGN BOARD**. It is placed in front of the building before each event and weekly openings.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF MEMBERS:**  
**PLEASE JOIN OUR ORGANIZATION TO CONTINUE THE PRESERVATION OF**  
**THE HISTORY OF GOSHEN. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**NEW TOWN CITIZENS**  
**IF YOU ARE A NEW CITIZEN OF GOSHEN AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE TOWN, YOU CAN PURCHASE A HISTORY OF GOSHEN, "A TOWN ABOVE ALL OTHERS", FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BY CALLING HENRIETTA HORVAY, at 860-491-3129. SHE WILL ARRANGE FOR YOU TO PURCHASE THE BOOK.**

**"Those who preserve or restore an admirable achievement of the past serve the future."**

## The Goshen Garden Club



*Bees, butterflies, and gorgeous flowers graced the float of the Goshen Garden Club in the Memorial Day Parade. It brought attention to our pollinators and the need for the growing of native flowering plants.*

*Its membership gathered regularly to craft these colorful flowers and insects, interspersed with fun, laughter and constructive planning.*

*A successful plant sale was held on May 21 at Camp Coch. It is one of the two fundraisers that supports the club and its activities.*

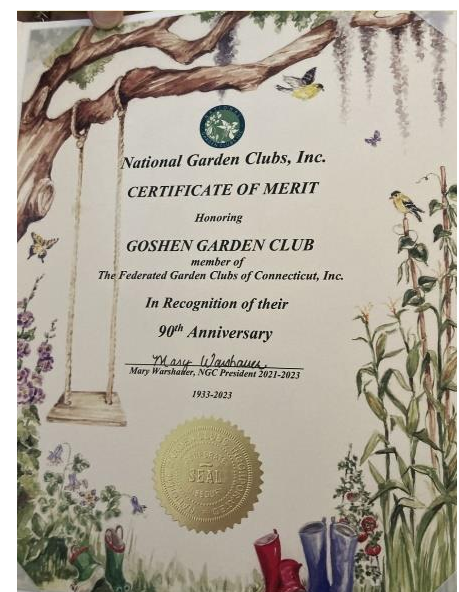
*Kyle Joray is the 2023 recipient of the annual scholarship given by the Goshen Garden Club. He is a hard worker with excellent recommendations and a desire to continue his education in conservation.*

*The club is proudly celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. It is one of the oldest organizations in our town, continuing its tradition of beautifying the town gardens and promoting the love of gardening and all it entails; always a community of friendship, learning, fun and laughter.*

*The club meets every first Thursday of the month at Camp Cochipianee on Beach Street.*

*New members are always welcome.*

*Contact Kate Peace: [katepeace@aol.com](mailto:katepeace@aol.com)*



## Note from the Monarch Sanctuary



It is June and the Monarch butterflies are here, laying their eggs on the now plentiful milkweeds and sipping nectar from the blossoms. It is the sanctuaries 3<sup>rd</sup> year and become a place on the map for the butterflies to reproduce the next generation of monarchs migrating north.

It is the culmination of the work of many. A special thank you to Mark Moseley. He has been supplying the woodchips every year for mulching and maintaining our walks.

We are challenging Goshenites to help our Monarchs and pollinators by planting a pollinator garden with plenty of milkweed. The time to start the process is now, ideally, create a patch 10x10 ft or larger. The patch needs to be free of weed and their surface seeds.

Milkweed and most native seeds do best when seeded in late fall on clean soil, free of weeds. The winter will then take care of all cold stratification that is necessary for milkweed and most native wildflowers to germinate.

The easiest method to kill the weeds and its surface seeds is to smother them and deprive the area of light for a few month

Mow the area short, then cover with a piece of black plastic. Secure the plastic with rocks or landscape staples around the perimeter and leave it alone until fall. (Sheets of cardboard will also do the job on a smaller area)



Come late October, remove the plastic (or cardboard), rake of all debris and gently loosen the top 1-2 inches of soil. Do not till the soil as it will bring old weed seeds back to the surface. Now cast your seeds and press gently into the soil. Seeds will germinate in late spring.

A little planning, a little work, a little patience, but our butterflies and pollinators will thank you.

Happy gardening and happy summer

Want] to help at the Monarch Sanctuary or have any questions, please email

Brigitte at [goshen98@live.com](mailto:goshen98@live.com)

Or call Tammy at 860-491-2793 on Tuesdays

**Goshen Green Garden**  
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**Turning WASTE into WEALTH**  
**How to Compost**

Composting is an ideal way to reduce volume in the trash stream and gardeners get the bonus of a precious garden amendment, compost!

Compost is prepared by managing the **aerobic decomposition of organic materials** like yard debris, grass, leaves, kitchen scraps, paper, manures, straw, hay, wood chips and sawdust.

A complex community of microorganisms feed on these inputs, breaking them down and releasing **valuable plant nutrients**. Composting requires 4 basic elements:

**1. Water 2. Oxygen 3. Nitrogen, and 4. Carbon**

**Nitrogen**-rich materials, commonly referred to as “greens,” are food wastes, grass, coffee grounds, and others.

**Carbon**-rich materials, or “browns,” help balance the green materials and are typically dry, brittle materials like leaves, straw, newspaper, cardboard and wood chips.

All you have to do is keep a container in the kitchen to collect scraps as they’re created. When the container is full, empty it into your compost pile. Then layer it with ‘browns.’ Cutting, chopping, and crunching food scraps will increase their surface area, accelerating decomposition.

You will know when your compost is “finished” when it is dark brown and crumbly. You will not see any recognizable “compostables” nor smell any foul odors. It may take a year or longer to generate finished compost depending on the materials added and how often the pile was turned.

***Be patient! Compost happens!***

Finished compost can be used to mulch or “top dress” planted areas, amend soil prior to planting and enhance potting media.

Add about two inches (2”) of compost to new beds and about one inch (1”) of compost each year to existing beds. Incorporate the compost into the soil as much as possible.

The Goshen Green Garden will be hosting a Composting Workshop at the garden the end of June. Check the Church calendar ([www.goshenchurch.com](http://www.goshenchurch.com)) for the exact date and time.





# **CELEBRATING 5 SEASONS**



## **\* Just in time for Flag Day \***

Continued gratitude to the

**Goshen Fire Company, Inc.**

and

**Lamson-O'Donnell American Legion Post 46**

for your dedication and management of the American flags

again waving around our village center.

The project was made possible by generous contributors and the Goshen

Business Circle as of Memorial Day 2019. A commemorative plaque is

installed at Goshen Town Hall.

*This acknowledgment by Dawn E. Wicks-Wilkes and*



## Goshen Housing Trust Update

### NEW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AT VILLAGE MARKETPLACE & RESIDENCES

As of January 1, GHT has assumed the management of all aspects of property operations at Goshen Village Marketplace & Residences from the outsourced property management firm we had been using. This change will improve the quality of service to our tenants and the businesses by having local, on-site property management.

We were pleased to add Christopher Clement (Chris) as Property Manager (and our first employee) to administer daily operations, including leasing available units, vetting new applicants, and property maintenance. Chris is a Goshen native; he grew up in town, graduated from GCS and Wamogo High School, attended military college, and proudly served with the US Marines for seven years. His Dad still lives in Goshen. Chris has demonstrated himself to be a real asset by his friendly nature and cooperative leadership style. Since exiting the military, Chris has conducted both commercial and residential property management in Winsted and Unionville, CT. Chris enjoys spending his free time serving his church and is blessed with his wife, Lindsey, and three children, Anna, Genny, and Judah.



### CELEBRATING A MILESTONE

Two years ago, on May 19<sup>th</sup> 2021, the Goshen Housing Trust, Inc. closed on its purchase of the Goshen Village Marketplace. Restoring the property to the level of quality that we want has proven to be a much bigger job than we thought. However, we have made significant progress. One-half of the occupiable apartments have been completely renovated and are rented. Work has started on the rest and much of the “catch up” maintenance for this nearly 50-year-old complex has been addressed. More work remains over the next year, but much has been done.

On May 18<sup>th</sup> we celebrated this milestone with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pizza Party, a casual gathering of residents, businesses, supporters, and neighbors. A great time was had by all.



*Janet & Carl Hooper Join GVM Residents for Pizza*

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, GOSHEN!



*Members of Goshen Housing Trust Board at recent Second Anniversary Celebration*

In April, the Connecticut Community Foundation conducted their annual GiveLocal two-day giving event for local non-profit organizations. Once again, Goshen was generous with their support of the many non-profits that make a difference in our wonderful Town.

Goshen Housing Trust was one of those non-profits and we want to add a “Thank You!” to the growing number of supporters of our efforts in Goshen. We can’t do this without your support.

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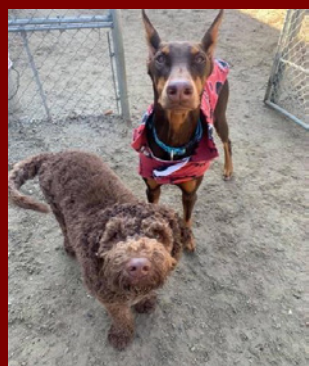
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WE'VE EXPANDED COME SEE THE NEW SPACE!

## Summer Sales

Pricing Subject to Small Monthly Change\*

Sweet summer is finally here. Always the busiest time of year here at the shop. I say this in every advertisement but please keep us in mind for all your summer needs. No store is more reliant on keeping all the Goshen customers happy campers. We continue to work on keeping up with industry trends & keeping our prices on par with bigger competitors.

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## TROOP 35 GOSHEN, CT. BSA

**Thank you** to everyone that came out to our steak dinner fundraiser at the Goshen Fair grounds. We would especially like to thank Goshen wine and spirits for donating the drinks , AJ's Restaurant for donating the food supplies, the Goshen Ag. Society for loaning us the grounds and all the businesses that donated the door prizes. Please stop in to any of those businesses and help us by supporting them. It seemed to have been raining for weeks , then on Saturday, the sun shined in!. It was a beautiful day and if you stayed for the sunset it was gorgeous! Some things went as planned and somethings did not. The DJ we thought we had never showed up, so 10 minutes to four a scout parent knew someone with electronics and came with speakers and music. That helped save the night. We did receive some comments on a positive note and some on a negative one. All comments help us change, improve and plan for next years dinner. It's too early to finalize anything ,but, we have tossed around some ideas and some have been change location, change the menu and change the entertainment.

One of our past Eagle scouts, Kevin Meader, completed the whole Appalachian trial hike. From Georgia to Maine ! And he only wore out three pairs of hiking boots! We are planning on having him attend one of our meetings to show our current scouts a slide show and talk about the adventure. Now that will be interesting to all ages.

We have eleven scouts and parents going on a canoe adventure in Maine later this summer. We will have several training weekends learning proper paddling and canoeing techniques before they leave. They will be using a guide service and will be really out in the wilderness. No cell phones and no emergency services. They are on their own until they hit Fort Kent.

We have six scouts and parents signed up for a trip to an island off the Florida Keys for the summer of 2024. Sun, sand and a private island-paradise. I'm hoping we have some training weekends for that adventure too!

On May 25<sup>th</sup> we are helping the American Legion place fags by our veterans grave sites at Center Cemetery. Come see us and wave as we march in the Memorial Day parade in Goshen and in Cornwall. We are hoping to see everyone at the world famous Goshen Fair labor day weekend. Stop in and grab an egg sandwich, coffee, meatball grinder or a cold drink. Without your great support our scouts could not go on such great adventures of a lifetime. Thank you!

Our Meetings are on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in seeing what scouting has to offer, please stop by Camp Coch at 7:00 pm or talk to any scout or scout parent.



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