



From the First Selectman

The transition from November 12, 2021 until this article is off to print has been smooth especially with the great team in place. At this point, I would like to thank Bob Valentine for the sixteen years of dedicated service to our town.

In 2011, Goshen was divided into two different electoral districts, which caused a lot of headaches and expense to our town. Goshen is no longer split between two districts, the 63rd and the 64th. Now we are the 64th House District and our state representative is Maria Horn. This will benefit Goshen with savings of election expenses.

With regards to the new infrastructure bill, Connecticut will be receiving 8% of \$100 million for Broadband. The northwest corner of the state will be receiving 17% which equals \$40 million. The Selectmen and I will be working to create a Broadband Advisory Committee. This Committee will be reporting back to me with their findings. My goal is to get every Goshen resident the fastest internet service available.

Throughout this pandemic, the past administration has kept our residents informed with the very latest updates and news concerning the COVID 19. As your new First Selectman, I will be providing new updates at our Board of Selectmen meetings. As of today, November 23, 2021, there are 6 cases throughout Litchfield County.

Goshen's Recreation Department is celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Don't hesitate to contact our Recreation Director, Katie Hennessy for information on new programs, in particular the new health and fitness programs for this winter season.

We are entering into the new holiday season with an influx of new traffic at the "rotary". I have contacted the State Police at Troop B in Canaan for increased presence at the center. Having said this, I urge everyone to be careful when entering the circle. I want everyone to be safe in their travels. Remember to enjoy your family and friends this holiday season.

Wishing all of you safe and very happy holidays.

PROOF #1

Best Regards,

Todd Carusillo

REMINDER 2ND INSTALLMENT DUE ON PROPERTY TAXES
Last day to pay without penalty: Tuesday, February 1, 2022

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 Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes and the second installment of Real Estate & Personal Property taxes due January 1, 2022 at the Tax Collector's office 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 Tuesday, February 1, 2022 to avoid interest.

Don't wait till the last day to mail your payment. It may take the postal service up to 24 hours to deliver your mail to a distribution center where the postmarks are added.

Ask postmaster to hand stamp postmark on the last day of the month.

Online banking through your personal bank – these payments are NOT postmarked and they are often NOT received till after date you requested. They will be late if received on Feb. 2nd!

All taxes remaining unpaid after February 1, 2022 will be charged interest from January 1, 2022 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

You may also pay online at <http://www.goshenct.gov>

There are convenience fees

- Credit Cards: Point & Pay charges a 2.9% 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 \$2.95 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.

Email Reminders – Taxes Due

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 & 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 2nd 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

PRESS RELEASE
TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Taxpayers wishing to appeal assessments on the October 1, 2021 Real Estate and/or Personal Property List, or the 2020 Supplemental Motor Vehicle List, must make a written request to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a hearing. This written request must be submitted on the prescribed form and received by the Board of Assessment Appeals, Goshen Town Hall, 42A North Street, Goshen, CT, 06756 no later than **February 20, 2022**.

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

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

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

An appeal cannot be heard unless the required written request is received by the Board of Assessment Appeals on or before **February 20, 2022**.

**Town of Goshen
Job Opportunities
Board and Commission Clerks**

Responsible for the recording of Agenda/minutes of various Board and Commission meetings;
maintaining appropriate files and performing all other secretarial duties.

Must be available approximately 200 hours per year
on an irregular basis as needed by the Boards and/or Commission usually evening hours.

Application can be found on the Town website: goshenct.gov/job-opportunities
Please send application, resume, and cover letter to Goshen Town Hall, 42A North Street, Goshen, CT
06756 or email to: adminassistant@goshenct.gov.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

!!PARKING BAN!!

There is a Parking Ban on Town Roads during winter weather storm events between November 1st and April 1st. (Town Ordinance Title 17, www.goshenct.gov). Vehicles and trailers left on the roads during these times may be towed at the owner's expense.

NEW STONE WALL ORDINANCE

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

CAPITAL AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The past construction season was again a busy one for the public works department. In addition to working on many road projects over the spring and summer months. The Public Works Department continued to replace drainage pipes in areas throughout Town. Additionally a large drainage project was completed this fall by an outside contractor. The project also included planned storm water quality upgrades. Public Works will continue the process of planning for next year and beyond improvement projects through the winter months.



Recently Completed Drainage Project – East Hyerdale Dr.

WINTER SEASON SAFETY

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

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

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

WINTER SAND FOR RESIDENTS

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

MAILBOX DAMAGE

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

DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE AND PIPE MAINTENANCE

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

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

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

Winter is here and many residents are planning spring and 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. 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

Why add to the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) an amendment to include the already existing Town Affordable Housing Plan. Let's examine the Reasons.

"The Goshen Planning and Zoning Commission under the provision of the Town ordinance is charged with the responsibility to adopt, amend and administer the Town Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. That authority is granted to the Town by the State of Ct under Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 124 & 126. Chapter 126 required the Commission to prepare and adopt a POCD at least every 10 years.¹

"The Goshen Plan of Conservation and Development is a comprehensive statement of the Town's future direction. It is an advisory set of land use guidelines for the Planning and Zoning Commission. It can be found at <https://www.goshenct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf626/f/file/file/adopted2016pocd.pdfm> In it, page 4, item 2 states; "Expand housing opportunities and design choices to accommodate a variety of household types and needs." On pages 18-20 the POCD goes on to include recommendations on the subject. The current plan was adopted in 2016.

A State law passed in 2017(CGS 8-830j) requires every municipality to prepare or amend and adopt an affordable housing plan at least once every five years.

Recently the Board of Selectmen created a working group to formulate a plan in compliance with CGS 8-30j. After months of work and two public hearings on the subject the Board of Selectmen adopted a comprehensive plan that not only address the requirements of state law but also dose it in a way that takes in to consideration the needs of Goshen and its residents.

Why amend the POCD to include the recently adopted Affordable housing Plan? First, by adopting the affordable housing plan as an amendment to the current POCD, the Planning and Zoning commission will extend the current plan for another ten years. Second, the POCD as currently constituted lacks specific details on how Goshen would potentially implement strategies for creating affordable housing that fits Goshen's needs.

There are some who would have you believe if we don't adopt the Affordable Housing Plan as part of our POCD Goshen will be able to keep affordable housing from being created in town. Unfortunately, for that to be true one would have to believe that Goshen has the ability to ignore the reality of the tides of change that are coming from Hartford, tides that will dictate how, when and where Goshen implements housing that is affordable. Mandating things that are neither appropriate nor in keeping with our small-town community. And, **and not a small and**, that we are exempt from current state law that can and will limit our P&Zs ability to manage the creation of housing that is affordable and Goshen centric rather than Hartford centric.

Others believe that if the individuals who worked on the current plan, as requested by the Board of Selectmen and required by state law, are somehow diminished by false accusations of conflicts, then they can keep the plan from being implemented all together. Being persistently loud with false and misleading information is neither appropriate or in the best interests of our community.

Make no mistake, affordable housing is happening currently in Goshen and will happen in the future. The only question is will we as residents have a say on how it is developed.

By adopting the current Affordable Housing Plan as part of the POCD we will ensure that Goshen determines its future as it related to affordable housing and not Hartford legislators.

Mark Harris, Selectman



Goshen Community Care and Hospice extends heartfelt gratitude to all involved with our recent **Light Up A Life** ceremony on December 5! Thank you to all who attended our ceremony, submitted names to our Book of Remembrance or made a gift to support our work.

Thank you to our Tree Sponsors:

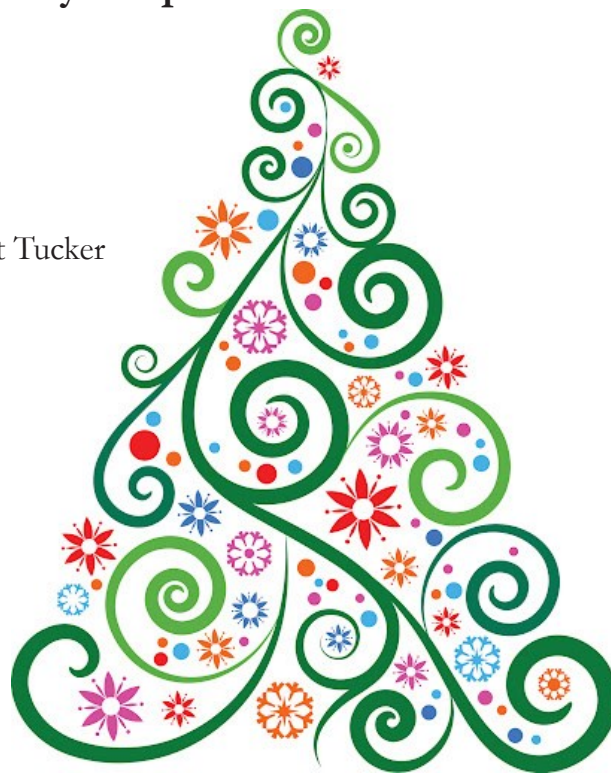
Berkshire Country Store	Fay & Wright Excavating	Phalcon
Breakell Inc.	HTH Automatic Sprinkler	Sepples Tree Services
Colby Excavating	Klebe Goshen Oil	Spring Valley Building Co.
CT Pellet	LR Enterprises	Thomas Custom Builders
Executive Livery	Newbury Archery	

Thank you to all who made our ceremony so special:

Judi Armstrong	David Poirier
Bill Duquette	Holly Simpson
Jeff Celadon	Susan Strand
Allen Kinsella	Monsignor Robert Tucker
Reverend Sara Krhla	Board and Staff
Mary Orlando	

"There are some who bring a light
so great to the world,
that even after they have gone
the light remains."

- James Garrison





Goshen Community Care & Hospice

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

5 Old Middle Street, PO Box 202, Goshen, CT 06756
 860-491-4673(HOPE) goshencommunitycare@gmail.com
goshencc-h.org facebook.com/GoshenCCH

Tuesday Crew Socials in full swing!

Every Tuesday we gather together for games and goodies! Thank you to our volunteers who provide delicious treats every week! On the second Tuesday of the month, game day starts off with a wonderful lunch from local restaurants. That program is thanks to a grant from the Connecticut Community Foundation. Come join in the fun and feasting!

Trips and programs

In December, GCCH has a bus trip to Old Saybrook Fish House and The Mattatuck Museum planned. There is also an in-house program called "MATT on the Go! Presents Artist Kay Sage." On the first Tuesday of each month, the Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Litchfield County holds a Wellness Clinic from 12:30 - 1:30. Look for more information on our website <https://goshencc-h.org/>, Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/GoshenCCH>, or call the office at 860-491-4673.

Medical Supplies

Our medical loan closet remains well stocked thanks to continued donations of gently used equipment. If you need **disposable medical supplies** (disposable undergarments, gauze wraps, supplement drinks, etc.), you can find those in the food pantry for easy discrete access. Call GCCH at 860-491-4673, or the Church at 860-491-2793 to visit the food bank. Additional **durable items** (such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, shower benches, etc.) are available for lending. Please call our office for more details.

Goshen Food Pantry

The Goshen Food Pantry, housed in the Parish Hall of the Congregational Church, is pleased to announce that fresh frozen meats are now available! The meats have been generously donated by a resident fresh from the butcher to our freezer. Please come see what other nourishing non-perishable items there are to choose from in the pantry. Donations can be left on the bench outside the Parish Hall. Call anytime (860-491-4673) if you would like to visit the pantry or stop by Tuesday or Thursday between 10am-2pm.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways to volunteer with Goshen Community Care and Hospice. Please consider giving some of your time to help a neighbor in our community. Call, email or stop by to see how you can help.

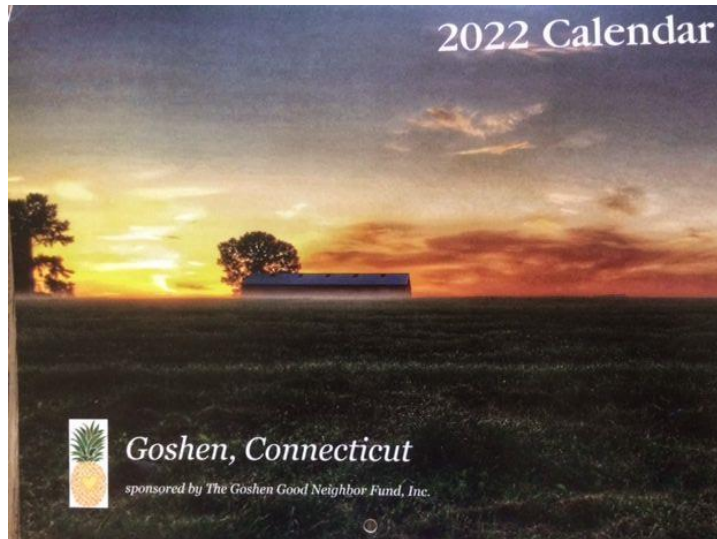


Goshen Community Care and Hospice
 in collaboration with VNHLC hosts a
 community wellness clinic
 5 Old Middle Street, Goshen, Parish Hall
 First Tuesday of the month
 12:30pm - 1:30pm
 Call for information
 Goshen Community Care and Hospice
 860-491-4673



Open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm
 or call to arrange a visit
 Goshen Community Care - Erin - 860-491-4673(HOPE)
 Church of Christ Congregational - 860-491-2793

Share the beauty of our town with friends and loved ones this holiday season...



Cover Photo submitted by Paul Collins of Goshen

--NOW ON SALE--

\$12/calendar

available for purchase at
The Goshen Public Library
and
Goshen Wine & Spirits

Net proceeds from the sale of these calendars directly assists neighbors in need.



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

History and Mission

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

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

Warmest Holiday Wishes!!!

With deep appreciation,

*Sue Breakell, 860-307-0611
Marcia Barker, Secretary 860-491-2368
Allen Kinsella, Vice President 860-491-3720
Dan Kobylenski, 860-491-0101
Erin Hubbard 860-491-2176
Andrea Loomis, 860-806-1887*

*Laurie Sweet, 860-307-9462
Lisa Tillmann, 860-491-5472
Julia Turtoro, 860-806-2283
Kit Wright, President 860-491-2419
Art Witkowski, 860-491-3350
Lu-Ann Zbinden, 860-491-3399*

Cate Corwin, Treasurer, Email: 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.

GOSHEN REALLY IS “BACK IN BUSINESS”

Remember when COVID-19 first came to Goshen? Remember how worried we all were about not only the health of our residents, but also concerned with how many of our local businesses would be able to survive? Then, a wonderful sense of determination took over the people of Goshen. It wasn't long before many businesses were able to “re-boot” and adjust in unique and creative ways to allow customers to continue to receive many of the services and goods that were needed.

Whether it was setting up tables outside or creating safe indoor spaces for diners, our local business people worked quickly together to help make sure our restaurants and vineyards were able to stay open. And other businesses became clever in various ways, such as the banks offering more services by appointment or via the drive thru. What about the quaint “safe hut” for ordering chocolates that popped up? And the new “Goshen Pizza” that delivers?

Equally important was a businesses' ability to use electronic services for municipal records and to be able apply for the many and various loans and grants from both the State and Federal Government. The Goshen Business Circle as well as the Economic Development Commission helped publicize and facilitate messages to the business community from the State and Federal programs in terms of protocols, safe practices, and an abundance of these possible funding sources.

And now, months later, with the increased availability of vaccinations (and boosters), we are all finally seeing greater activity in and around Goshen. Let's start with the increase in fun events and attractions utilizing the Goshen Fair Grounds! And, the Goshen Artisans collaboration for a second and well attended “Studio Tour.” The newly refurbished (with a new owner) “Milk and Honey Grill” nods to our past, while Julia Grosclaude's opening her own salon at her North Street home all reflect the current and future energy for the “next chapter” for Goshen businesses.

With that in mind, meanwhile, the Economic Development Commission, the Goshen Business Circle and other Goshen Committees and Commissions are working to attract entrepreneurs to consider Goshen for filling in some of the existing commercial unit vacancies.

All of the above (and many more examples) demonstrates how our small town has been able to survive, and to thrive. Yes, it has been the Goshen business ingenuity and the spirit of its residents that says, **“Goshen is back in business!”**

Economic Development Commission
Anne Green, Chair



Greetings to all! As the year winds down, we begin to take stock of the GBC's accomplishments in 2021. Here are just a few; we:

- Held our first membership drive that attracted 40 Members In Good Standing to date.
- Implemented a convenient online payment system for member dues.
- Developed an informational postcard for distribution in a Welcome Package for new Goshen residents.
- Endorsed in writing and in person a special permit application to P&Z for a home-based business in town.
- Welcomed Goshen Pizza & Milk and Honey Grill to the Village Center.
- Ramped up social media outreach that included developing the Business Spotlight to promote a Member In Good Standing's business each month.
- Hosted our second annual Meet your Legislators event.
- Held our third exhibit at the Annual Goshen Fair.
- Sponsored the second annual *Round About Goshen* Studio Tour with proceeds donated to Goshen Community Care and Hospice.
- Revamped and relaunched the new GBC website.

Our latest effort is a new Quick Response (QR) code. A simple scan of the QR code below with your smart phone camera and a single tap will take you directly to our new website. Enjoy perusing our growing Business Directory, browsing through a multitude of Holiday gift ideas, and learning about community events.



Please keep an eye out for information about our Membership Drive Pancake Breakfast planned for February 2022. Wishing all of you a wonderful Holiday Season!

Bringing Local Business and Community Together

www.goshenbusinesscircle.com and @GoshenBusinessCircle on Facebook
Contact info@goshenbusinesscircle.com for more information



Free Gift Wrapping – Price Matching – Free Delivery –
Discount Keg Pricing – Courteous Service (call ahead for
weekend orders- prices may change small amounts month to month)

**90+ Prosecco 750's – December Super
Sale \$8.99 10% Below State MIN!!**

December Specials

2021 seemed to be another whirlwind year for us here at Goshen Wine. As the year ends it seems things are getting back to normal, for us that means returning to a slower pace of business. I hope the drive to stay and shop local rings true over the holiday season for not just my business but for all the great local entrepreneurs here in town.

Per usual anything and everything you're looking for during the holidays please reach out or stop in and ask. We will price match larger competitors and offer great pricing on special orders. Inventory issues will persist through the beginning of 2022, but the store will remain stocked. Have a wonderful holiday season-

Greg Brick Jr

Josh Cabernet - \$12.99

Mionetto - \$13.99

90+ 1.5L - \$17.99

Bota & Black Box 3L -
\$19.99

Moet Brut – \$47.99

Kim Crawford SB-
\$14.99, Oyster Bay SB
\$11.99

Mark West Pinot - \$9.99

Bogle Cab & Merlot
\$9.99

Minuity & Whispering
Angel Rose – 19.99

Juggernaut Cab – 19.99

Many more favorites/
High End/ Unique
selections available .

Tito's 1.75- 31.99 & 750's
19.99

Tanqueray 1.75 - \$29.99

Johnnie Walker Black 1.75
\$59.99

Glenmorangie 10yr gift
packs – \$40.99

Smirnoff & Svedka 1.75 -
\$19.99

Absolut 1.75L \$29.99

Grey Goose 1.75- \$49.99

Dewar's 1.75 \$35.99

Jameson 1.75L \$52.99

Captain Morgan 1.75
\$27.99

Espolon 1.75-\$ 52.99

Many More Brands at
Great Prices

★ *Holiday Favorites* ★

Baileys 1.75L - \$49.99 , & 750s 29.99.

Egg Nogg – \$10.99 , Holiday Spumante -\$11.99, Grand Marnier 750's - \$35.99

Kahlua 1.75L \$37.99 & 750's \$ 22.99 , Chambord 750's \$34.99

Dissarone 750's - \$29.99

Goshenwine.org

860-491-2078

61 Sharon Turnpike

Open 9:30 to 8pm Monday – Saturday

Sundays 10:30-5

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years Day

GOSHEN PARKS & RECREATION

60+ ADVENTURES

PROGRAMS

Senior Fitness Class

Mondays, Jan 3- Feb 28 | 10-11am
Camp Coch | \$10

Stretch, Strengthen & Socialize. Modifications made for all skill levels. Designed to maintain and increase mobility, strength & balance. We are proud to have certified instructor, Anne Barrante with us.

Chair Yoga

Thursdays, Dec 9-Jan 13 | 4-4:30pm
Camp Coch | \$Free

Chair Yoga is an excellent way for older adults to loosen and stretch painful muscles, reduce stress, and improve circulation while staying seated. Yoga also reduces anxiety, helps lower blood pressure, protects joints, and builds strength / balance.

Sew It's Thursday

Thursdays, Dec-Feb 10am-12pm
Camp Coch | \$Free

"We share and learn together". Anyone who loves to quilt, knit, and any other needlepoint crafts! Bring your project or ideas and learn from each other. You don't have to be an expert to join...just passionate!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Valentines Day Senior Brunch

Monday, Feb 14 | 10:30am-11:30pm
Camp Coch | \$Free

Enjoy a Valentine's Day Brunch with friends! We will be serving eggs, bacon, home fries, waffles and fruit for the occasion. There will also be a special raffle post brunch.

BUS TRIPS

Bus pickup: Camp Coch Parking Lot

Dec - Holiday Light Fantasia

Thursday, Dec 2 | 4:30pm-7:30pm | Hartford
\$ FREE

Holiday Light Fantasia is a much-loved Greater Hartford tradition and this season's destination. The two mile show transforms Goodwin Park into a drive-through wonderland of holiday spirit with a beautiful collection of over one million lights. Whimsical holiday scenes, familiar characters, and local tributes shine bright in larger-than-life lighted scenes and 200 individual displays.

Jan - CT Science Center

Wednesday, Jan 12 | 10am-3pm | Hartford
\$ 15

With more than 165 hands-on exhibits, a state-of-the-art 3D digital theater, four educational labs, plus daily programs and events, the Connecticut Science Center offers endless exploration for everyone. From physics to forensics, geology to astronomy, visitors have the sciences at their fingertips. There is a Subway sandwich restaurant available for lunch inside of the museum or you may bring a bagged lunch to enjoy.

Feb - Lunch at the White Horse

Wednesday, Feb 9 | 1-3pm | New Preston
\$ 12

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*See our website for details

Indoor Archery | Weds

Jan 5 - Feb 2 | 5 Weeks

Camp Coch Lodge



Day	Level	Time	Fee
Weds	Level 1	5 - 5:30pm	\$ 20
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Day	Time	Fee
Sat	8-9:15	See Instructor

Volleyball | Thurs

Jan 6 - March 31

Goshen Elementary School Gym

Day	Time	Fee for season
Thurs	6:30-9pm	\$ 15

This open volleyball time for adults is a great way to meet new people while getting exercise in during the week. Registration required. All skill levels welcome.

Restorative Yoga | Thurs

Dec 9 - Jan 13 | 6 Weeks

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Day	Time	Fee
Thurs	5-6pm	\$15



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Gingerbread Decorating

Fri, Dec 10 | 4:30-6pm

Age 5-12 | Camp Coch | \$ 10



Ages 5-12 | Join us at Camp Coch for a fun day of decorating gingerbread cookies and making unique creations! Children will be taking home a box of their creations for the whole family to enjoy. **Registration Deadline: Friday, Dec 3**



Ho Ho Ho Hotline

Weds & Thurs Dec 15-16 | 6-8pm

PRE k - 2 | Phone call | Free

Christmas time is such a fun time of the year! Make this holiday one to remember with a FREE phone call from Santa himself using the HO HO HO Hotline. This year, your child can receive a phone call directly from Santa and Mrs. Clause all the way from the North Pole!

See website for details regarding this time honored tradition.

Registration Deadline: Monday, Dec 13



Holiday Party

Fri, Dec 17 | 5-7pm

All ages | Camp Coch | Free



Join friends and family for a night of holiday fun! Enjoy appetizers and refreshments while touring the holiday lodge. There will be photo opportunities with Santa himself, holiday crafts table for children, free child/ adult raffles & more! All ages welcome. We will also have a donation tree on display for anyone who would like to add a gift card from Walmart, Target or Stop & Shop to assist local families this holiday season.



Winter Fun Day

Sat, Feb 19 | 1-3pm

Pre k - 6 | Camp Coch | Free

Goshen children grades Pre K - 6th. Enjoy crafts, games, snacks and beverages this season at Winter Fun Day! There are several game stations where children can win prizes and craft stations to bring out their inner artist. Collect your child's free raffle tickets at the door for a chance to win something special from the prize table.

Weather dependent: Snowball launcher & fort building competition.



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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.
Saturday	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Great Decisions 2022

This foreign policy discussion group will start in January and run through 9 meetings based on a book assembled by the Foreign Policy Association: Changing Demographics; Outer Space; Climate Change; Russia; Myanmar and ASEAN; The Quad Alliance; Industrial Policy; Drug Policy in Latin America; and Biden's Agenda.

This is a group that meets at 4PM on alternate weeks from January to April. Dates can be found on the Town calendar. Alternate Mondays starting January 10. These meetings will be via Zoom, with the possibility of having hybrid sessions later in the Spring.

If you would like to be a part of a discussion group but cannot come at 4PM on Mondays, please email director@goshenpublib.org and we will see about a second group.

Outreach

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

Writing a Legacy Letter—

Wednesday, January 5 at 10:30AM

Join us via Zoom or a hybrid session in the Town Hall Conference Room. A legacy letter is a written document that captures who you are and what matters most to you. It allows you to reflect on your important life experiences and transmit your values and life lessons to future generations.

Spark Joy – Zoom Program

Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 6:30PM

Join me for an inspiring, educational, and entertaining program that will teach you the guiding principles needed to tidy once and for all. We will dive into the heart of the KonMari Method® and learn what it means to truly live a life that Sparks Joy®!

Children's Programs:

Please check the website, Instagram and Facebook for programs.

Have you checked out any eBooks or downloadable Audiobooks recently?

Online Offerings

Through our association with **OverDrive**, we offer eBooks and audiobooks. Follow the link from our web page and if you have any questions

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The Palace App

Through the State of Connecticut and the State Library, the Palace App will be available in January. This App will have eBooks and Audio Books.

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Online movies: independent films, documentaries, Kid's shows, and foreign films. This is offered through the website. Use your library card to access wonderful things.

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Perhaps you'll get a New Tablet/Device for the Holidays...

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Bring your email address, password, fully charged device ID and password, and we will try to help you get OverDrive and OneClickDigital.

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Friends of the Goshen Public Library

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

We have a weekly email newsletter that comes out on Wednesday afternoons – please go to our web site and fill in the box asking to be added to the e-newsletter list or contact frontdesk@goshenpublib.org to get signed up for it!

Curbside Pick-Up

If you know exactly what you want, you can log onto our online catalog and place a reserve on a book. If you want to just email: frontdesk@goshenpublib.org and ask for a book or DVD you can do that as well. Or please call – 860-491-3234 and ask for us to set aside some books. We can prepare a bag of books, magazines, and DVDs if you want a surprise!

EARTH FILM SERIES – JANUARY - MAY

The films are on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of EACH MONTH at 7 PM.

In January and February the films will be on ZOOM. In March we hope to start meeting in person in the Fellowship Room of the Church of Christ, Congregational Goshen. FOR INFO. CALL 860 491-2793

JANUARY 19

Mosswood - When Great Trees Fall 2019, 1 hr. 16 minutes, Prime Video

As a centuries-old black community in Louisiana, contaminated and uprooted by petrochemical plants, comes to terms with the loss of its ancestral home, one man standing in the way of a plant's expansion refuses to give up.

FEBRUARY 16

8 Billion Angels, 2021 1 hr. 18 minutes Prime Video

This award-winning documentary examines the effects humans have on the planet. Our multiplying numbers are impacting our oceans, land, rivers, and air while accelerating climate change. Director Victor Velle and Producer Terry Spahr use breathtaking cinematography and startling emotion to take the viewer on an immersive and emotional journey into the lives of farmers, fisherman, and others as they witness an unfolding global crisis.

MARCH 16 – movie and soup

Jane Goodall :The Hope, 2020 1 hr. 28 minutes, Prime Video

Continuing Jane Goodall's story, Jane Goodall: The Hope explores Goodall's life beyond her best-known gorilla behavioral research work. We learn how her advocacy, activism, and non-profit work dedicated to inspiring the younger generations has remained strong, due to her persistent optimism and awe of nature.

APRIL 20 – movie and soup

2040, 2019 1hr 32 minutes, Vudu and Google Play

Award-winning director Damon Gameau embarks on journey to explore what the future would look like by the year 2040 if we simply embraced the best solutions already available to us to improve our planet and shifted them into the mainstream. His environmental concerns are addressed with the hope that the filmmaker's daughter, 21 years old in 2040, will face a hopeful future.

MAY 18 – movie and soup

Breaking Boundaries: The Science of Our Planet 2021 1hr. 13 minutes, Netflix

David Attenborough and scientist Johan Rockstrom examine Earth's biodiversity collapse and how this crisis can still be averted.



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The Goshen Garden Club



Covid has lost its grip on the club and we slowly merged into meeting in person again! Mary Orlando generously allowed our meetings and events to take place in the ambiance of the barn and gardens of the Mary Stewart House this summer.

The Garden Club welcomed eleven new members at the October meeting, followed by a floral workshop directed by our talented member Lucy Hudock,

Our annual fall fund raiser was the successful sale of spring bulbs! It was an awesome way for the community to plan and look forward to their spring gardens while supporting the clubs most worthy commitments. It allows the club to maintain the many diverse horticultural workshops. Thank you, Janice Martin and MaryEllen Kennavane for doing it all!!!

As the Goshen Library reopened, members of the club refreshed the desk again weekly with their creative flower arrangements under the leadership of Bette Cosgrove..

Summer had us visit the spectacular gardens of Bunny Williams in Falls Village followed by a little lunch at the Boat House.

December 2nd was the annual Holiday luncheon and raffle at the Torrington Country Club. Our 2022 officers were installed. Always a fun and festive event! Rosemary Bonaguide will remain president and Mary Ellen Kennavane vice-president.

The Goshen Garden Club is eagerly looking forward to 2022 – to again meet every first Thursday of the month at the Parish House of the Congregational Church in Goshen, to again lead monthly therapeutic horticultural workshops at all local long term care facilities when their Covid restrictions are lifted and just enjoy working together again, planning, planting and working for our community, continuing our purpose to “encourage an interest in and appreciation of our natural environment through sharing knowledge of gardening, conservation, ecology and wildlife habitat.”

Happy Holidays and a blessed New Year to you all!



*New members are always welcome!
Please contact our membership
chairman,*

Kate Pease at katepease@aol.com



Goshen Land Trust Earns National Recognition

One thing that unites us as a nation is land: Americans strongly support saving the open spaces they love. Since 1980, the Goshen Land Trust has been doing just that for the people of Goshen. Now the Goshen Land Trust has announced it has achieved national recognition – joining a network of over 450 accredited land trusts across the nation that have demonstrated their commitment to professional excellence and to maintaining the public’s trust in their work through the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission inspires excellence, promotes public trust and ensures permanence in the conservation of open lands by recognizing organizations that meet rigorous quality standards and strive for continuous improvement. The Commission, established in 2006 as an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, is governed by a volunteer board of diverse land conservation and nonprofit management experts. For more, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org.

“Accreditation demonstrates the Goshen Land Trust’s commitment to permanent land conservation in Goshen.” Said Barry Donaldson, president. “We are a stronger organization for having gone through this rigorous process. Our accreditation gives residents the assurance that the land in the Goshen Land Trust’s care will be protected forever.”

This accomplishment was achieved through the hard work of a team of volunteers and a generous grant from the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation. The \$7,000 grant subsidized expert help throughout the process. The committee worked for a year with an attorney who guided the team through the Standards and Practices requirements and a licensed Ecology Forester who helped complete the extensive land management documentation needed to qualify.

Over the years, the Land Trust has secured ownership of over 510 acres of land and conservation easements on an additional 183 acres. Much of this land is along stream corridors with wild beauty and historic mill sites. Residents and visitors are invited to hike our trails all year and enjoy our protected forests, meadows and streams. Trail maps are available at <http://goshenlandtrust.org/newsroom>



From the Monarch Sanctuary



The Monarch team has worked well into November to finish its 2021 goal of soil preparation, laying out and completing walks and garden patterns.

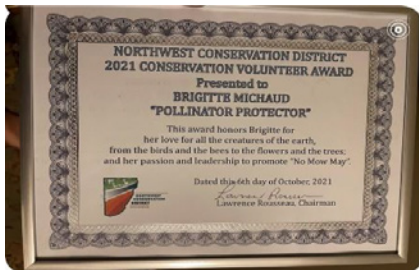
Our eastern Monarch butterflies have left for Mexico and are now hibernating by the millions in the Sierra Madres Mountains on the west coast of Mexico!

Next spring, they will again begin the most amazing migration on this planet, their multi-generational journey north! We will be expecting their 2nd or 3rd generation arrival here in Goshen when it gets warm, sometime in May or early June. We expect many to come and visit the blooming milkweeds and nectar plants in their new and growing Sanctuary here in Goshen!



Nectar plants had been established in spring. This fall, the meadow areas were seeded, a drainage area dug and filled with appropriate stones, 50 yards of edging put in place and 41 swamp milkweed, Joe Pye Weed and other perennials were fall planted. The goal for the Year was met!

The Monarch Sanctuary was honored by receiving the 2021 award for Pollinator Protection from the Northwest Connecticut Conservation District!



Our goal for 2022 is to establish an area of butterfly and wildlife friendly native trees and shrubs on the moist east end field, complete the edging on the northside, assess and find solutions for drainage issues and replace the plants that did not winter well.

Anyone wishing to join as friends of the Sanctuary, please contact Brigitte Michaud at goshen98@live.com or call Tammy at 860-491-2793.

Winter is now upon us and the soil is resting, the seeds are preparing to sprout in spring.

The Monarchs are hibernating and we wait for their return. We may even find a rare endangered bumble bee in our garden! It had been spotted in our field!



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

Programs which are open to the public cover a wide variety of topics of historical interest and are planned each season from June throughout August. The museum is normally open April to October but in 2021 we were closed due to COVID-19. We hope to reopen in late April of 2022.

Our events this coming year will help paint the north side of the building, repair the cupola with new louvers, and the new stairs needed on the outside of the building. GIVE LOCAL and our normal Wine Tasting. Hope, you can help in a little way, by joining our organization or by giving to the GIVE LOCAL CAMPAIGN in APRIL/MAY.

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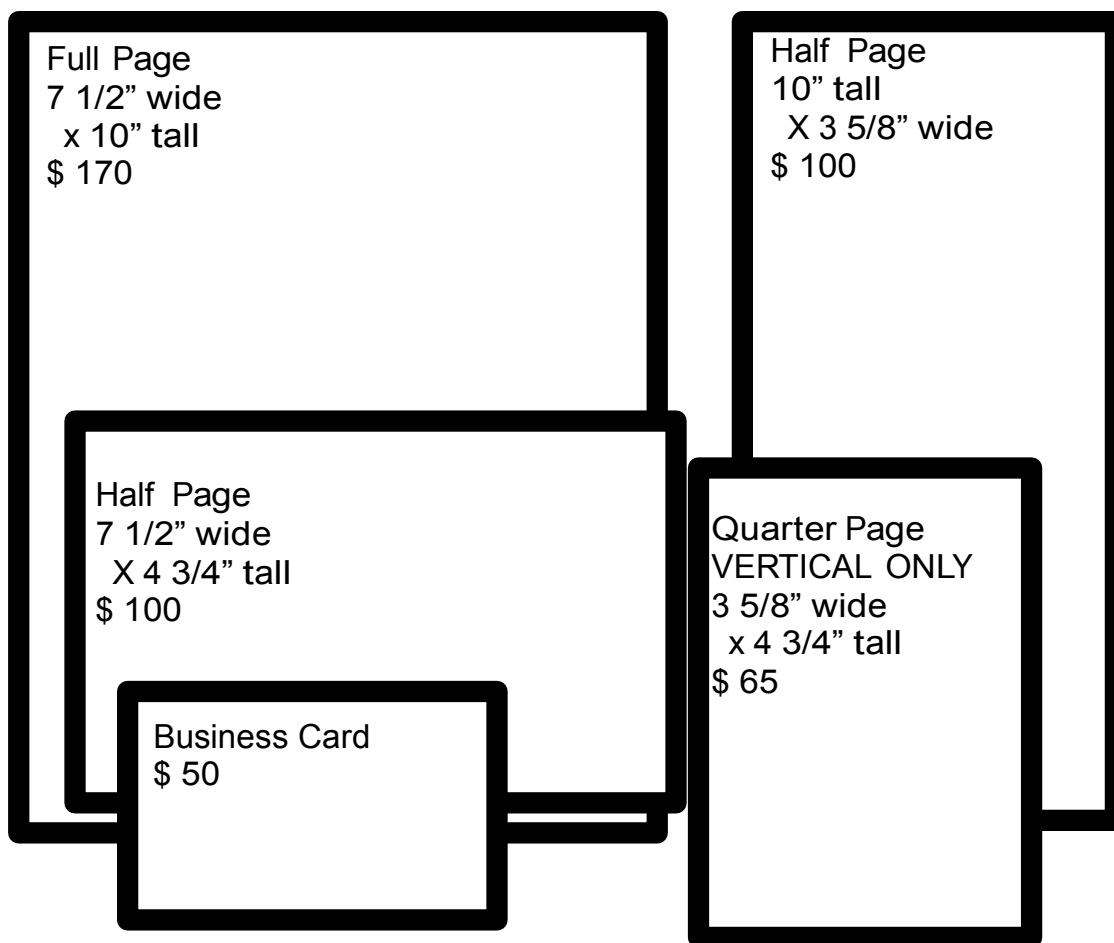
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Gregoire, Paula	Library Aide	(860) 491-3234		Library Phone Number
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Harlow, Garret	Public Works Supervisor	(860) 491-6029		Mon-Friday 7:00 - 3:00
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Kinsella, Dexter	Selectman	(860) 491-3364		Home number
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