



## *From the First Selectman*

It is truly good to have what was, at times, a contentious election season over and to have been given the opportunity to serve the people of Goshen for another two (2) years. Thank you!

This past election we also voted on referendum question concerning whether we should allow 6<sup>th</sup> graders to be sent to Wamogo, and in doing so creating a larger middle school population. With the approval of all three towns the change was adopted. It is certainly hoped by all concerned that having a 6 – 8 Middle school will be a positive experience for our children and their education.

Student enrollment continues to be an issue with Region 6. Each year on October 1<sup>st</sup> the student population is counted and each town's share of the cost of education for the following year is set, based on this ADM (Average Daily Membership). This year, once again, we see a change and most significantly a shift in the number of students in each town. While only a reduction of 5 students throughout the district, Morris' count is down by 17 students, Warren is down by 7 and Goshen's *increased* by 19. This dramatic change results in Goshen having to pay 49.63% of the annual assessment for Region 6 assessment, *up* from 46.43%, current year. The total additional cost to Goshen will be \$553,251.69, if the budget stays the same as this year. This represents a potential 1 Mill increase next year.

It's times like these that remind me of the importance of having a healthy fund balance, a critical element to help offset the effect of large increases like this on our Mill rate.

Soon we will begin crafting the town budget for next year and as always, we will work diligently to hold down spending as much as we can while maintaining town services and our infrastructure in a responsible way.

Lastly, as winter approaches please drive safely and remember to give plenty of room to our Public Works plow trucks as they maintain our roads.

Stay warm and enjoy the winter!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Valentine', is written over a thin horizontal line.

Bob Valentine

## PRESS RELEASE

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Taxpayers wishing to appeal assessments on the October 1, 2019 Real Estate and/or Personal Property List, or the 2018 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, 2020**.

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

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

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

An appeal cannot be heard unless the required written request is received by the Board of Assessment Appeals on or before **February 20, 2020**.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S  
LEGAL NOTICE TO PAY TAXES  
2<sup>nd</sup> Installment of Real Estate & Personal Property**

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, 2020 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. Extra hours will be on Thursdays from 9:00 to Noon. Payments must be received or postmarked by Monday, February 3, 2020 to avoid interest.

All taxes remaining unpaid after February 3, 2020 will be charged interest from January 1, 2020 at the rate of 1.5% for each month elapsing from the due date of the delinquent tax to the date of payment, with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. Sec. 12-146

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

Dated at Goshen, Connecticut this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2019.

Rebecca Juchert-Derungs, CCMC  
Tax Collector

**January Office Hours**

Tuesday 9:00 – 12:00    Wednesday 1:00 – 4:00    Thursday 9:00 – 12:00

The Tax Office will be open on Monday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> , from 9:00 – 12:00

You may also pay online at <http://www.goshenct.gov>  
[Taxcollector@goshenct.gov](mailto:Taxcollector@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 events between **November 1<sup>st</sup>** and **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. (Town Ordinance Title 17, [www.goshenct.gov](http://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 or State roadways within the limits of Goshen. If you have any questions, or would like to apply for a permit please contact the Public Works Department at 860-491-6029 or by e-mail at [publicworks@goshenct.gov](mailto: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. An additional section of Milton Road, north of Shear Shop Road was reconstructed this fall using State grant funds; this was in addition to a section reconstructed earlier in the year south of Shear Shop Road using Town funds. Public Works will continue the process of planning for next year's improvement projects and beyond through the winter months for the coming construction season.



Milton Rd. - Grant Program Reconstruction

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> to Goshen residents in small quantities at the Public Works facility. Sand is located in the bin next to the red barn at 38 Torrington Road. Be warned the area is under monitor.

### **MAILBOX DAMAGE**

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

### **DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE AND PIPE MAINTENANCE**

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

# Storm Safety Checklist

**EVERSOURCE**

## BEFORE THE STORM

With the first signs of an approaching storm, make sure you have what you need.

- ☐ Build an emergency kit with the essentials, including first-aid supplies.
- ☐ Be attentive to severe weather warnings. Have a battery-powered radio available.
- ☐ Make sure you have adequate medical supplies and prescriptions.
- ☐ Have extra cash on hand in case ATMs don't work.
- ☐ Stock up on non-perishable canned goods and pet food.
- ☐ Fully charge your cell phone and a portable, phone-charging battery pack.
- ☐ Download the free Eversource mobile app to report outages or check for updates.

### Prepare Your Home/Vehicle/Generator:

- ☐ Test smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors for proper operation and battery life.
- ☐ Fill large containers with water for drinking and fill the bathtub with water to flush toilets.
- ☐ Have access to flashlights, extra batteries, candles and matches.
- ☐ Make sure your vehicle is fully fueled and/or charged.
- ☐ Be prepared to cook outside with a charcoal or propane grill.
- ☐ If you have a generator, test the properly installed generator-transfer switch. Have extra gasoline stored safely outside.

### If You Rely on a Home Medical Device:

- ☐ Contact Eversource to be notified when major storm events are anticipated, if you are not already on the medical device notification list.
- ☐ Prepare for the potential for power outages. This includes switching to backup power or moving to an alternate location, if necessary.

## DURING THE STORM

Power outages do happen. When they do, Eversource works to safely and quickly restore service.

- ☐ Unplug your sensitive equipment if you don't have surge protectors.
- ☐ Report a power outage quickly online at [Eversource.com](http://Eversource.com) or call Eversource.
- ☐ Stay as far away as possible from any downed wires outside your home.
- ☐ Leave your home if authorities order an evacuation.

### Generators:

- ☐ Never install a generator inside – even if windows are wide open. Generator exhaust contains carbon monoxide that can kill within minutes.
- ☐ Place your generator well away from your home, making sure exhaust cannot enter through windows or doorways.
- ☐ Never try to power your house with a portable generator plugged into a household outlet.

## AFTER THE STORM

Even after a storm has passed, it is important to remain alert until restoration work is completed.

- ☐ Stay as far away as possible from downed wires and never drive over a power line. Assume all downed wires are "live" and dangerous.
- ☐ Call 911 immediately to report downed wires to local fire and police.
- ☐ Never touch anything that may be in contact with a downed wire, including trees, fences, guardrails or puddles of water.
- ☐ If all of your neighbors have their power back on, but yours is still out, report your outage again by contacting Eversource.
- ☐ Check your appliances for damage. Plug in and turn them on one at a time to avoid a power surge.
- ☐ After a prolonged outage, check food in your refrigerator or freezer carefully for freshness.
- ☐ Do not enter damaged buildings. In the event of a gas leak, even the tiniest spark from a phone, flashlight, electrical appliance or a match could ignite the gas.

## Emergency Shelter

If you or your family need heat, air conditioning, or a more comfortable place to wait out a power outage, call your local fire or police department or local Red Cross chapter to locate an emergency shelter.

## Report a Power Outage

Online at [Eversource.com](http://Eversource.com),  
on the Eversource app, or call 24/7:

Connecticut: 800-286-2000    E. Massachusetts: 800-592-2000  
New Hampshire: 800-662-7764    W. Massachusetts: 877-659-6326

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## **What Is An "Economic Development Commission" and Why Is It Important for Goshen?**

Many of the towns in Connecticut have been concerned with various trends and situations that are affecting their residents, including the availability of jobs, adequate housing, isolation of aging adults and availability of many needed or desired services. One option towns have taken is to establish an Economic Development Commission (EDC) to organize and conduct necessary research and creating long range plans to produce viable options for creating economic growth.

Over the past few years, many residents have voiced their own concerns around many of these and other issues. Goshen has sponsored various informative meetings where residents have had opportunities to discuss not only what they love and want to preserve about our town, but also their own concerns about the future of our town. Residents have expressed ideas for enhancements, needed services, and many other possible improvements, many of which could greatly increase economic growth. The Town also has a limited contract with the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC) with access to an abundance of research-based data, planning and possible implementation strategies.

The newly established Goshen Economic Development Commission, consisting of eight members (7 EDC Commissioners and a Secretary) has been charged to work with CERC and is already reaching out to our many other groups, businesses and individual residents for further suggestions. Many of these groups have already been discussing possible ideas and strategies. Examples include (but not limited to) Planning and Zoning, Goshen Business Circle and the Housing Trust. Over the next year or two, the EDC will identify priorities, set goals and objectives that will become part of long-range strategic plan to greatly enhance economic growth for Goshen.

The Commission will continue to both seek and distribute what we are learning through various means. And, for those very interested, the meetings are open to residents. The dates, times, agendas and meeting places will be posted on the bulleting board at the Town Hall. Don't forget to visit the website for more information on all aspects of our town! ([www.Goshenct.gov](http://www.Goshenct.gov).)

Anne Green, Chair  
Amy Tobin, Vice Chair  
Carl Contadini  
Elisabeth Zander  
Bernard Harrington  
Scott Fraher  
Darlene Demetri  
Rebecca Burcroff, Secretary



It's that time again. Summarizing our past year and getting ready for a new one. Along with the winter months, of course come the Holidays and hopefully a family driven, pleasant time for us all. The Goshen Business Circle looks back on the year with pride and satisfaction at the journey we made this year. Events, Fairs, meetings, covered the course of many themes and topics of interest to our town.

Along with our dedicated Goshen Fire Company, we proudly raised our flags along the crossroads of RT.4 & 63 to welcome all to our beautiful town and share in our rural comfort and historical landmarks. The Business Expo in May gave a small glimpse of the many entrepreneurs in our town and the diverse offerings they bring to the community. Our State Legislators shared their plans and their challenges with our members at Sunset Meadows in June, while they answered questions and offered support. Many were surprised to learn they could easily gain access to our representatives. And, of course, Labor Day weekend brought the Goshen Fair and people from all over the state, as well as our local friends to learn more about the GBC, its members and our businesses. Our newly launched website was a great success, and now will feature Holiday Gifts from those many businesses ...so encourage everyone to take a look at the Holiday Gift Ideas at [www.goshenbusinesscircle.com](http://www.goshenbusinesscircle.com) .

One of the biggest projects was the launch of the Economic Development Commission, a group effort by our Discovery Team, who worked long and hard on setting the foundation for what we see as a critical effort. This Commission will carry on our goals to support local businesses, grow our economy, and develop ways to attract new young families to keep the cycle going. Three of our GBC members will be part of the Commission to work with the CT Economic Resource Center (CERC) to develop a five year plan.

As we transition into new seasons, we also transition the shape of our organization, its management and its objectives. The Goshen Business Circle will become a non-stock corporation with a Board of Directors including a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We enter the New Year stronger than ever, well organized and setting goals along the direction given from a town-wide focus group that expressed its wishes to further build on "The Plan of Conservation and Development" and create a solid plan for economic development. We wish everyone a Happy Holiday season and a Happy New Year, and look forward to sharing the spirit, enthusiasm and optimism of our beloved town.

*For more info please contact us via our new email address, [Chairperson@goshenbusinesscircle.com](mailto:Chairperson@goshenbusinesscircle.com)*

## ***THE GOSHEN GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND, INC.***

### ***Mission***

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

Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. comprised of Goshen board members, all volunteers, who operate within the established statement of purpose and the by-laws of the organization. When a request is received and upon approval of a consensus, funds are distributed on a per case basis as needs become known, and are handled expeditiously and with the utmost respect for confidentiality and dignity. Repayment is never requested or sought from the recipient.

### ***"MONEY FOR MUMMIES"***

***THANK YOU TO THE GOSHEN CENTER SCHOOL COMMUNITY!***



GCS Student Leadership Council representatives from grades four, five and six gather in the school lobby to present a check in the amount of \$600 to Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. board members Kit Wright and Cate Corwin. Also pictured at right is GCS teacher and Leadership Council Advisor Cheryl Martinelli. Photo taken by GCS Principal Tracy Keilty,

***The assistance provided directly to our neighbors in need has been significant.***

***In the past ten years alone, over \$189,000 has been disbursed to help offset financial burdens on behalf of more than 110 individuals and families experiencing emergency financial circumstances.***

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



*In gratitude,*

*Carol Aldrich, 860-491-3049*  
*Sue Breakell, 860-307-0611*  
*Marcia Barker, Secretary 860-491-2368*  
*Cate Corwin, Treasurer, 860-491-2756*  
*Dora Csehak, 860-618-5401*  
*Allen Kinsella, Vice President 860-491-3720*  
*Dan Kobylenski, 860-491-0101*  
*Andrea Loomis, 860-806-1887*

*Don Nardozi, 860-491-3286*  
*Frankie Pardon (Member Emeritus)*  
*Laurie Sweet, 860-307-946*  
*Lisa Tillmann, 860-491-5472*  
*Julia Turtoro, 860-806-2283*  
*Kit Wright, President 860-491-2419*  
*Lu-Ann Zbinden, 860-491-3399*

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

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

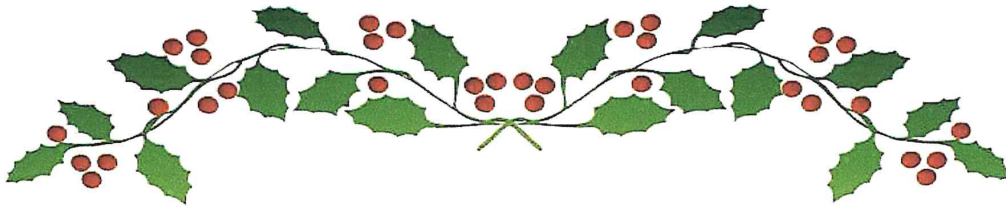


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**We are so grateful that we live in this  
wonderful community and we thank  
everyone for their support.**

**Goshen is Great!**

**Happy holiday's to all!**

**Love,**

**Scott, Lisa, Danielle and Adam Tillmann**

### Goshen Community Care & Hospice

On behalf of the Goshen Community Care and Hospice Board, I would like to send a big Thank You to the Goshen Community Garden!

All summer long they provided yummy, fresh vegetables to our seniors at the Senior Social on Tuesday's! The vegetables were gone before the program started and the seniors were planning their recipes.

It was lovely to see the community helping the community. I hope the Community Garden will continue this next year.

Sincerely,

Suzan Kircher, President, GCCH



**2020 EARTH FILM SERIES**  
**GOSHEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**FREE SOUP AND SUPPER AND FILM**  
**6:30 pm third Wednesday of each month**

The Biggest Little Farm: **January 15:** A 2018 film that follows a couple through their successes and failures to develop a sustainable farm near Los Angeles.

The True Cost: **February 19:** A groundbreaking film that shows the human and environmental costs of making our clothing.

Cowspiracy, The Sustainability Secret: **March 15:** A challenging and controversial film that examines animal agriculture and its impact on the environment.

Virunga: **April 15:** Working to protect mountain gorillas, the film reveals the beauty and complexities of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Sustainable: **May 20:** A film about forward thinking and ethical farmers who challenge agribusiness.

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## The Goshen Garden Club

Snowflakes, holiday trees and its cold outside. Our perennials are tucked away safely under a layer of mulch. The stars of the gardens are now the bare twigs, the tall dried grasses swaying in the wind and, of course, the evergreens.

The Goshen Garden Club has happily completed another year of service to our community.

The gardens at our Town Hall, Memorial Monuments, Camp Coch, the Fire House and The Red Barn as we enter our town, were designed, planted, watered, weeded and much loved by the members. Betty Cosgrove, Shirley and Joe Pedone have guided the work.



A quiet bench sits by a brick walk that memorializes many no longer with us but have actively contributed to the club and community. Barbara Behar is the contact.

Under the leadership of Judi Armstrong, garden club members visit all community convalescent homes monthly, spending time with the residents, arranging seasonal flowers, herbs and greens, and engaging them in conversation, touch and smell, memories of their own gardens.

Each year the club offers a \$ 2000 scholarship to a qualified Wamogo senior that is pursuing an interest in gardening, conservation or ecology. The 2019 recipient was Phillip Koenig. The annual search is headed by Anne Gustafson.

The Goshen Garden Club facilitates a huge plant sale in May, giving the community an opportunity to purchase an amazing variety of quality ornamental and vegetable plants locally, just in time to start the outdoor gardens. Barbara Behar, Martha Soliday and Cindy Swoope led our team 2019.

Betty Cosgrove has our members cheer our Goshen library weekly with an original arrangement of flowers or plants

Linda Crane designed our last award winning LARC holiday tree which was then auctioned. Our theme was The Nutcracker! Such fun during the holiday season.

The Goshen Garden Club will not change the world, but it is dedicated to serve the community by adding beauty, knowledge of our natural world, contribute to education and preserve our environment.

So, if you need a spring break, visit the Goshen Garden Club. You would be most welcomed. The first meeting in 2020 is on **February 6th** at "high noon". A great way to gain knowledge, make friends. It is a very welcoming group and yummy food.

Also, visit the State Flower Show at the Convention Center from February 20th through February 23rd. Beautiful exhibitions, lectures and lots of vendors.

Ct. Audubon has a program on Owls at the Litchfield Community Center on Dec. 5th at 7 P.M. This will be an excellent program. Contact the club at [katepease@aol.com](mailto:katepease@aol.com)

So seeds and sing songs and Happy Holidays!



## GOSHEN RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Online registration is now available!

Create your household account with everyone in your family and make signing up for all camp, programs, activities and events easy!

**[www.goshenrec.com](http://www.goshenrec.com)**  
to sign up for programs, events, etc!

Colleen Kinkade, Recreation Director

860-491-2249 (office)

860-601-6089 (cell)

[parkandrec@goshenct.gov](mailto:parkandrec@goshenct.gov)

LITCHFIELD MORRIS ROTARY CLUB & GOSHEN REC DEPT

**LITCHFIELD**  
**WAMOGO**  
**ALUMNI GAMES**

WATCH THE ALUMNI PLAY THEIR RIVALS AGAIN!

**DECEMBER 26, 2019**  
**5:30 PM GIRLS | 7:00 PM BOYS**  
**LITCHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GYM**

Come show your support of the Litchfield and Wamogo Alumni! All proceeds go towards scholarships through the Litchfield Morris Rotary Club.

**\$5/Adult Spectator | \$3/Student | Kids 10 & under Free**

**Questions or to register as an Alumni:**  
Contact Goshen Rec at [parkandrec@goshenct.gov](mailto:parkandrec@goshenct.gov)

**EPIC REUNION** with Litchfield and Wamogo Alumni, Spectators & Community Members  
Will be held at the Tavern Off the Green at the Litchfield Inn after Alumni Basketball Games.

***Award Ceremony and Trophies*** will be presented to the winning teams

***Raffles***

***Live Music***

***Drinks and Food!***

**Adult Programs available:**

Check the website for more information!

- Yoga:

- With Jan Troy Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at Camp Coch
- With Rebecca Kowalski Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at Camp Coch

**Recreation Department Office Hours:**

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

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

**Rent out Kobylenski Lodge at Camp Cochipianee**

Check the website for pricing and photos:  
[www.goshenct.gov/recreation-department](http://www.goshenct.gov/recreation-department)

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## Holiday Sales

Thank You all for another wonderful year. This advertisement will find you a few weeks out from the holidays and here at Goshen Wine & Spirits we are ready to rock! We have a bigger selection than ever but if there is anything specific your looking for please give us a ring ahead of time, we will be happy to get it in for you.

Best Wishes & Happy Holidays  
- Greg

### SPIRITS\*

- Tanqueray \$31.99
- Smirnoff 1.75 \$19.99
- Titos 1.75L \$30.99
- Absolut 1.75L \$29.99
- Goose 1.75 1.75 \$49.99
- Beam 1.75 \$29.99
- Fireball 1.75 \$29.99
- Bulleit 750's \$29.99
- Jameson 1.75 \$49.99
- Woodford 750s \$35.99
- Espolon 750s \$24.99
- Baileys 1.75 \$39.99 & 750's \$24.99
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- Oyster Bay SB \$11.99
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- Laluca \$11.99 Zonin \$9.99
- Roederer Estate \$24.99
- Dom Perigon - \$169.99

Check facebook for upcoming  
holiday tastings

\*\*All pricing subject to small fluctuation

in state minimums

### December Super Sale

Josh Cabernet 750mls

**\$11.69!!!**

Per Bottle 10% Below State Min



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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 open April to October.

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

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## Goshen's Cemeteries

Two conversation at recent meetings at the Center Cemetery and then a brief conversation at the town hall led me to consider that I might compile a brief history of the cemeteries and thanks to the Hale study of 1934 I was able to quickly assemble this list of first burials.

There are many names in Hale's Collection with no dates that could be older than those I have mentioned, but those mentioned are the oldest dated.

East Street lays claim to having the earliest burial, a child in 1748 and an adult in 1751. The newest cemetery seems to be the Catholic Cemetery with an 1857 first burial.

Huldah Hill, born 11/15/1736 daughter of Ebenezer and Martha (Dibble) Hill in Wallingford, was the first person to die in Goshen, 9/6/1737. The Hills living on the Goshen/Litchfield border and Goshen not yet really settled most likely had their child buried elsewhere.

The first deeded burial ground seems to be The Middle Street Burial Ground ("God's Acre" (though originally 2 acres)) deeded as a Cemetery for a period of 999 years by Abel Phelps in 1745 (only 730 years left before we have to renew that deed)

Though Huldah Blin, consort of Elisha, is the first dated burial, having died Oct. 28, 1761, there is mentioned 4 infants soon after their births on her stone marker which would indicate, at least, her children were buried before that date. Also, as Mary E. Brooks stated in "God's Acre" in 1905, this was the principle burying ground in Goshen until 1800 so there are most likely a great number of unmarked graves at the site (or Graves marked with wooden markers long since gone). That is the reason the last custodian of the cemetery before turning it over to the town stipulated there should be no burials there.

An interesting statement in the "God's Acre" that the "present cemetery" opened in 1800 leads me to believe that Center Cemetery was a family burial ground up until then. Before 1801 only Norton's and Beecher's were buried there, the earliest being Daniel Norton in 1768, a French and Indian War Veteran.

The Davis Cemetery's lone burial is that of John Davis who died of Small Pox as he walked home from Danbury where he was training for the army during the Revolution

In the Town Cemeteries the graves are available to Goshen Residents and their family. Center Cemetery Graves are available to Goshen Residents, members of the Congregational church and their families. Contact for information, Fred Barker 491-2422.

## Goshen Cemeteries' Oldest Graves

Church: Center Cemetery: Sharon Turnpike (Both sides of Highway). Several graves available.  
Norton, David, died Nov. 2, 1769, age 43. French & Indian War. Veteran.

Church: Catholic Cemetery: North Street (next to Catholic Church) several graves available, (None near the Chapel)  
Hammersley, Daniel, died Mar. 25, 1857, age 20.

1. West Goshen Cemetery: (Town) Milton Road. Several graves available. Contact for information for all Town Cemeteries, Fred Barker 491-2422.

Norton, Daniel, died Feb. 4, 1799, age 64.

2. West Side Cemetery: (Town) West Side Pond Rd. Several graves available.

North, Elizabeth, daughter of John & Esther, died Nov. 19, 1770. Age 19.

3. East Street Cemetery: (Town) East Street N. Several graves available.

4. Oviatt Cemetery: (Town) No graves available.  
Humphrey, Noah, died June 19, 1819, age 72.

5. Middle Street Cemetery: (Town) Middle Street (South of Fairgrounds) No graves available.

Blin, Huldah, consort of Elisha, died Oct. 28, 1761, age 26 (also 4 infants soon after their births).

6. Hall Meadow Cemetery: (Town) Route 272 in Hall Meadow, 2 graves available.

Clark, Frederick J., died Jan. 21, 1839, age 22.

**Private:** Collins Cemetery: East Street So. (behind farm)  
4 graves only, No graves available.  
Collins, Pisto, died Dec. 26, 1834, age 31.

**Private:** Beach Cemetery: Behind the N. Goshen Church site  
6 graves only, no graves available.  
Carter, Eveline, wife of Munson, died Feb. 24, 1812, age 37.

**Private:** Bentley Cemetery: West Street (also known as Starr Cemetery) 6 graves only, no graves available.  
Hill, Uri, died Dec. 29, 1766, age 37.

**Private:** Quane Farm Cemetery: in woods across from N. Goshen Church site. 2 graves only, no graves available.  
Hart, David, died Sept. 13, 1845, age 89.  
Sheldon, Mary Baldwin, daughter of Nicholas & Susan, died Nov. 11, 1833, age 2.

**Private:** Davis Cemetery: south western part of Town 1 grave only.  
Davis, John, son of John & Ruth, died Mar. 28, 1777, age 20.

## Goshen Public Library



42B North Street

Goshen, CT 06756

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Winter 2019/20

### Library Hours

Monday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
 Tuesday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
 Wednesday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
 Thursday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
 Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
 Saturday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
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### **Great Decisions 2020**

This foreign policy discussion group will start in January and run through 8 classes based on a book assembled by the Foreign Policy Association: [Climate Change and the Global Order](#); [India and Pakistan](#); [Red Sea Security](#); [Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking](#); [U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle](#); [China's Road into Latin America](#); [The Philippines and the U.S.](#); and [Artificial Intelligence and Data](#).

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 20. <http://www.fpa.org/>. If you would like to be a part of a discussion group but cannot come at 4PM on Mondays, please email [director@goshenpublib.org](mailto:director@goshenpublib.org) and we will see about a second group.

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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.

**We have a weekly email newsletter that comes out on Thursday mornings – please go to our web site and fill in the box asking to be added to the e-newsletter list or contact [frontdesk@goshenpublib.org](mailto:frontdesk@goshenpublib.org) to get signed up for it!**

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**Have you checked out any eBooks or downloadable Audiobooks recently?**

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### Children's Programs:

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

**Pre-school Story Hour** will resume in January and please look to our website for exact times and dates. We have Pre-school Story Hour on Tuesday at 11:45AM and Lil' Tot (lap sit time for infants to grade 2) on Wednesday at 10:15AM

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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!



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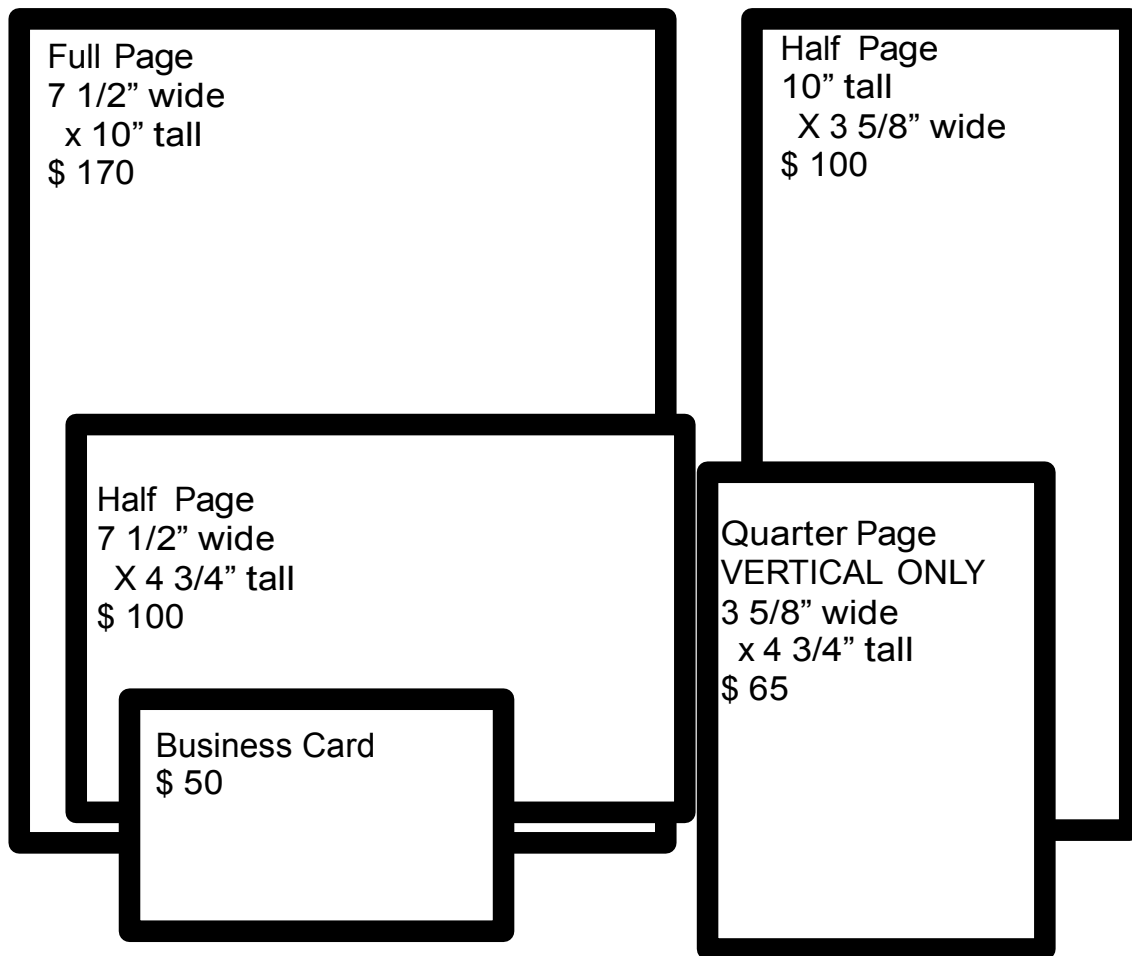
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## GOSHEN RECYCLING AND TRASH COMMITTEE NEWS



### Textile Recycling Bins Continued Success

As of October 2019, Goshen has deposited **9,765 pounds** of recyclable textiles in our Baystate Textile Bins.... **nearly 5 tons!! Great job Goshenites!!**

In addition to reducing our trash weight, we *receive funds* for taking these items out of the trash. We save tax money, get a bonus for doing so and create green jobs! What could be better? Bins are located at the Center School Parking Lot and the Village Marketplace entrance drive.

### ABOUT Glass recycling:

Single Stream recycling is convenient. However, it has its problems. One of them is the contamination of glass by other recyclables in the stream, such as paper and junk mail, making it useless to interested glass recycling businesses. Therefore, it is more important than ever to **take your bottles and cans back to the grocery stores**, where they are collected and sent back to industry for re-use. Other glass still goes in recyclables. **All BROKEN GLASS** should be separately bagged and placed in the trash.



### SWAP SHOP IN GOSHEN?

The R&T Committee is constantly working to find additional ways to reduce trash and divert items for re-use. A Swap Shop is one of our goals. Thanks to those who let the committee know that they are in favor of this action. Others who support this can respond by email ([rats@goshenct.gov](mailto:rats@goshenct.gov)) or with a note (we have a box in Town Hall) or by coming to a meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month—check town calendar: [www.goshenct.gov](http://www.goshenct.gov))

## Volunteers Needed!



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our committee has several goals for this year, including an educational program about recycling for our younger residents at the Goshen School, another seminar for our entire community, swap shop... to name a few. **We invite your participation.** There are two openings on our committee for those who have the time and interest to work with us for the benefit of our Town and our Environment. Please email us [rats@goshenct.gov](mailto:rats@goshenct.gov).

Thanks to Joyce LaKamp for volunteering to help the committee with our web page to keep Goshenites informed of what is happening. Yeah Joyce!



### FREE Mattress & Paint Recycling

There are 2 programs available to CT residents that provide drop off sites for mattresses ([mattressrecyclingcouncil.org](http://mattressrecyclingcouncil.org)) and paint ([Paintcare.org](http://Paintcare.org)). When you purchase your paints and mattresses you pay a fee for these items to be recycled. The closest drop off site for Goshenites where this program is available is in Cornwall where they have graciously opened their site to neighboring towns.

**PLEASE CALL FIRST BEFORE DROPPING OFF MATERIALS**

**Cornwall-860-672-4079**



### TIPS FOR REDUCING TRASH AND REMOVING COSTLY WEIGHT FROM OUR TRASH CANS

All your spent flowers, expired plants, garden waste, leaves, compostable food items can be composted in your yard. We will have more on our website about this in the future. **BOOKS**- take to the Goshen Library. They sell them at the Goshen Fair every year. **KEEP RECYCLING --- CLEANER AIR, WATER, A SAVINGS ON OUR TAXES AND MORE JOBS.**

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PICKUP  
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## MONDAY PICKUP

## TUESDAY PICKUP

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