

Canterbury Town News

September, 2016

Canterbury, Connecticut

SELECTMEN'S CORNER

I hope that each of you are having a great summer and have been able to spend some quality time with your family and friends in this glorious, but hot, weather. Our children are back in school by now and I would ask that each of you pay special attention to the school buses that are now transporting our students to and from school.

I am working closely with the Connecticut Department of Transportation on a project entitled "High Risk Rural Roads – Horizontal Curve Safety". This project has identified numerous curves and bends in our town-owned roads that can benefit from some additional signage warning drivers to slow down and to bring attention to the curves in the roadway ahead. We hope to start the installation of these new signage, which are much brighter and more reflective than the older ones, this Fall and complete by early Winter.

The renovations at Manship Park have been completed and numerous people and organizations have taken advantage of the improvements at the Park. Again, I ask that pets not be allowed on the field areas and within the fenced-in children's play area. Please help to keep our Park clean and safe for all to enjoy.

As with this time of the year and the approach of the Fall Season, there are many events and festivities to take advantage of here in the "Quiet Corner". Examples include the Brooklyn Fair, Woodstock Fair, Prudence Crandall Day, other local fairs, and the Big-E Fair, there is something for everyone to enjoy in the upcoming months. Have a great Fall Season and enjoy the cooler weather.

Roy Piper
First Selectman

Canterbury Cares

Canterbury Cares Food Pantry, located in the lower level of First Congregational Church of Canterbury, is a monthly food resource to residents of the town of Canterbury. We distribute on the third Monday of the month, from 10 am to noon, and invite town residents in need of food assistance to visit the pantry or contact the church at (860)546-9007.

Upcoming dates for distribution are: September 19th October 17th
November 21st December 19th

We are so grateful to everyone who has donated funds, food and time to Canterbury Cares. We have been so blessed to have the support of our town's wonderful churches, schools, local organizations and individuals. If you would like to volunteer with Canterbury Cares, please contact us at (860)546-9007. Thank you so much!

Town Clerk & Tax Collector

The Presidential Election will be held on November 8, 2016. Offices to be elected this year are: President, US Senator, Representative in Congress--2nd District, State Senator--29th District, State Representative--47th District and Registrar of Voters. Absentee ballots will be available starting October 7. If you are a voter that is going away to college, you may come in prior to that date to fill out an application for an absentee ballot and we will mail it to you on October 7.

We are pleased to announce that we have an improved on-line bill paying service that will give you more flexibility when paying tax bills. Invoice Cloud has purchased our old on-line bill paying company, MCC. Many of the features will be similar to those we already have. The new features will include viewing a bill directly through our tax software vendor, paying without having to register, and payment by phone or text. All current on-line bill payers will be getting information via email regarding the switch. We are excited to partner with Invoice Cloud and look forward to this new technology.

Natalie Cordes

Canterbury Assessor's Office

Attention Veterans: If you filed for the Additional Veterans and/or Local Option Veterans Exemptions in 2014, another application needs to be filed no later than October 1, 2016 in order to continue receiving the benefit. Please call the Assessor's Office if you are unsure when you last filed.

Personal Property declaration forms will be mailed out at the beginning of October for the 2016 Grand List. If you receive one of these forms, this office has information regarding some personal property that you own. Please don't ignore the form; call this office so we can answer any questions. If you do **not** receive a personal property declaration but you have property that needs to be declared, please call the Assessor's Office or go to the website at <http://www.canterburyct.org>. All personal property forms are available to download. Remember to return these forms no later than **Tuesday November 1, 2016** to avoid a penalty.

For those that receive the farm machinery exemption, please remember that these forms are due **Tuesday November 1, 2016**. The M-28 forms will be mailed with the personal property declarations to all those that currently receive the benefit. If you do not currently receive the benefit but think you may be eligible, please call the Assessor's Office or go to the website.

PA490 applications for farm, forest, or open space designations are available in the Assessor's Office and on the website. The deadline to file an application is Monday, October 31, 2016. The deadline for Certified Forester's Report is October 1, 2016. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the Assessor's Office.

The Assessor's Office hours are:

Monday & Tuesday 9:00 to 4:00;

Thursday 9:00 to 6:30; and

Friday 9:00 am to 1:30

Office number is 860-546-6035. Email is assessor@canterburyct.org

Lynn Byberg CCMA II

St. Augustine Events

PULLED PORK DINNER SPONSORED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Friday, September 9, 2016
4:00 to 7:00 pm.

Eat in or take out. Tickets are \$10.00.

LADIES GUILD ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, September 17, 2016
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LADIES GUILD ANNUAL HARVEST BAZAAR

Saturday, November 5, 2016
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LIONS CLUB DINNER TO BENEFIT VETS

Friday, November 11, 2016

Please watch Advertising for further information as to menu and ticket prices

Town Market Opens

The inaugural season of the Town Market debuted on July 14 and is scheduled for August 11, September 8 and October 13. The market is held in the Town Hall parking lot from 4:30 to 7:00. Vendors include vegetable, fruit, cheese and meats as well as artisans and crafters that offer many unique items for sale. There is no charge for vendors. For more information about the market contact Chris Lippke at 860-546-9693.

Canterbury Town Constables

Canterbury Constables continue to have an active role in your town of Canterbury. We are continuing to interface with Troop D in Danielson CT. Recently the Constables were requested to help a local resident on Lisbon Road. The Canterbury Constables are continuing to support local events when requested by the organization sponsoring the event. The First Selectman and I have discussed a number of issues concerning Public Safety. One recent issue is swimming in the Quinebaug River next to the railroad tracks. Also we talked about additional cross walks on Route 169 and Route 14 at the caution light area.

Canterbury Constable
Ray Shinkiewicz

Canterbury Agricultural Commission

We hope that you have been enjoying fresh produce from your gardens, local farm stands, farmers markets, grocery stores and more. It will soon be time to pick apples at our local orchards, go on hay rides in pumpkin patches, or just enjoy the great outdoors. Some upcoming events you may want to visit are:

Saturday, September 24th **Celebrating Agriculture**, at the Woodstock Fairgrounds from 9 to 3. Free admission, Free parking, Free Activities. A fun day to take a hay wagon ride through Fairvue Farms barn, a member of The Farmers Cow; see the wood chopping competition, participate in the Scavenger Hunt, visit many farm exhibits, old and new equipment, horses, and more. Annually about 4,000 people come to enjoy the displays and a taste of local foods and agriculture. The Hearty Farm Breakfast is from 9 to 11 am for \$6 Adults.

Canterbury Community Market – 4:30 to 7:00 pm on September 8th and October 13th. Come sell your produce, homemade products, promote your local business.

Walktober – go to <http://thelastgreenvalley.org/explore-the-last-green-valley/walktober/> to see all the exciting walks offered this year. We will be holding a Canterbury Agricultural Commission Walk on Saturday, October 8th at 10:00 am at Maple Leaf Farm, Canterbury. Tony Denning will lead us on a walk through the managed forest and we are invited to explore the sawmill and farm store too.

Now we also need your help. This year a few persons have had to step away from participating in monthly committee meetings. If you are interested in agriculture, a farmer or non farmer, please let us know...you are welcome to join our committee. We meet on the fourth Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Our dairy farmers are feeling the stress of low milk prices. A silly but practical way to help balance supply and demand may be to take a milk bath like Cleopatra used to do to keep her skin soft and silky. Milk is good for skin because it helps moisturize and exfoliate. Here is the recipe: 2 cups whole milk (low fat/skim does not moisturize as well); .5 cup of honey for extra moisturizing; mix well in a jar. Fill tub with warm water (not hot); use your hand to swish in the mixed milk and honey. Soak for up to 20 minutes; then rinse with fresh water (no soap) and pat dry.

Have a great day!

Dawn Pindell
Chairman

Canterbury Lion's Club

Occasionally you may see Canterbury Lions in bright gold and navy shirts serving food, picking up trash along town roads or collecting donations and used eyeglasses. Wonder what the Lions are all about? Canterbury Lions serve our community. We raise funds through barbeques and pasta dinners, and by partnering with the Canterbury Athletic Association on an annual golf tournament. All funds raised are used to help those in need, assist other community groups and provide scholarship awards to a local 8th grader and high school senior each year.

Do you have eyeglasses, sunglasses or hearing aids at home that are no longer being used? Please bring them to any Canterbury Lion event or put them in the collection box at the library. Lions collect eyeglasses to help give millions of people worldwide access to basic eye care services.

Want to give back to our community? Consider joining the Lions. We recently partnered with the Willimantic Lions to spruce up family visiting rooms at the Department of Children and Families facility in Willimantic with furniture, toys and other items. We welcome new members. We meet at the Riverview Restaurant in Moosup on the first and third Wednesday. For more information, please leave a message at 860-546-9085 (Balcoms) or ask any Canterbury Lion.

Upcoming fundraisers include selling food during Prudence Crandall Day festivities on September 3, a Chicken Barbeque at the community center on September 17, and teaming up with the Girl Scouts for our annual Veterans Day spaghetti dinner.

Nancy Balcom, Secretary

LAND USE OFFICE

Lately, the Land Use Office has had numerous inquiries on "Accessory Apartments". Accessory Apartments are allowed by zoning permit in the Rural District. They must be attached to a single-family dwelling by a common wall. Accessory Apartments cannot exceed six hundred (600) square feet of floor area, and must have at least three rooms, (a kitchen or kitchenette, a bath and one other). The owner of the house must occupy one of the units, and no more than two people can occupy an Accessory Apartment. There can only be one Accessory Apartment per lot.

The town of Canterbury also allows "Guest Houses" in the Rural District by zoning permit. A property must have at least three acres to build a Guest House. The Guest House must be at least 100 feet from the principle dwelling. Guest Houses cannot exceed 1,000 square feet of floor area and are not to be used for more than 30 days in a calendar year. Longer periods up to six months may be allowable by zoning permit.

If you have any questions about

Accessory Apartments or Guest Houses please call the office at 860-546-6857. You can also read more about these in Section 10 of the Zoning Regulations at www.canterburyct.org.

The Planning & Zoning Commission continues to work on revising the Zoning Regulations. We welcome your comments on these updates. The Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

There are several vacancies on our Economic Development Commission, and the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission. Please contact the Selectman's office at 860-546-9693 if you are interested.

Colder weather will be here within a few months. As a reminder, you need permits for the installation of any wood/pellet stoves. You should contact the Building Official, Rob Kerr at 860-230-3012 to make sure they are installed safely. Protect yourself!!!!

Melissa Gil

Algae Blooms in Ponds & Lakes

With the warmer-than-normal Spring, followed by the hot, humid Summer, numerous residents have stopped by the Town Hall and asked about algae forming in their ponds and in nearby streams and lakes. I have found an article published by the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) that helps to explain the formation of algae blooms and what can be done to help prevent future formations.

Cyanobacteria, or blue-green algae, are an important part of the life-cycle of rivers, lakes and ponds, producing oxygen through photosynthesis that other organisms in the water depend on.

But algal blooms have become more frequent because of a process called "eutrophication", which is when an excess of nutrients in the water cause an explosion of algae growth. Blooms can cover large sections of the water's surface, blocking sunlight from bottom-dwelling plants. As these plants die and decay, along with the algae, oxygen levels in the water decrease. This can cause die-offs of fish and other organisms. Excess nutrients enter the water from runoff carrying fertilizers, animal waste, and seepage from failing

septic systems. The good news is that you can help to prevent algal blooms by properly maintaining your property in an environmentally sound way.

One of the major nutrients contributing to blooms is phosphorus, often found in fertilizers. In Connecticut, it is against the law to use a fertilizer containing phosphorus, except to establish new grass, or if a soil test confirms a phosphorus deficiency. Do not fertilize or mow your yard if you are expecting a heavy rainfall. Lawn clippings left behind by after mowing can reduce the need to fertilize, but can also be washed into storm drains and surface water. Taking proper care of your septic system and throwing your pet's waste into the trash will also help to reduce nitrogen.

If you do notice a significant algal bloom, call the Northeast District Department of Health (NDDH) at 860-774-7350 and report it. They can make the water appear cloudy or thick, or form a mat of foam on the water. It is best to avoid entering the water until the proper authorities have investigated the bloom, and pay attention to any warning signs that may be posted near the body of water. For more information, visit www.ct.gov/deep/bluegreenalgae.

Canterbury Recreational Woman's Volleyball League

Co-ed Adult Pick-up Volleyball begins
Wednesday, September 14th

Weekly 7:30pm-9:30pm

Free of charge, non-residents welcome!

Helen Baldwin Middle School
gymnasium - lower entrance

All levels of players welcome, some
volleyball experience helpful.

Canterbury Recreation Commission

Improvements to Manship Park continue! The pavilion and baseball dugouts are in the process of being painted and the guardrail near the parking lot was power washed and repaired. A new baby swing at the playground will be installed soon. Unfortunately, the grass at the field is not in the best shape right now. Reseeded areas have not filled in due to the drought and the baseball infield is overrun with weeds due to lack of use. We are keeping track of these issues and will address them when appropriate. Thanks to Al Botello and the Town crew for helping with trash removal at Manship.

The old tennis courts at Baldwin school were removed as the improvement plans for Manship Park include a new tennis court. The necessary landscaping for the court was completed with the soccer field improvements, so depending on availability of funds, we hope to complete the new court installation within the next 1 to 2 years.

A reminder to all Rec. Program leaders to submit applications and use of facility forms for the fall indoor season.

Are recreational opportunities in Canterbury important to you? We encourage you to attend our meetings to offer input or lend a hand on a project. We meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Town library conference room.

The current outdoor Rec. program activities at Manship Park:

Canterbury Women's Volleyball League
- Mon. evenings

Adult co-ed pick-up volleyball - Wed. evenings

The Last Green Valley

Fall is sparkling and invigorating, and recent news from The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) is equally tremendous! On land and in water, TLGV has been busy to offer more than ever to connect you to the natural resources, history and cultural treasures of the National Heritage Corridor.

Walktober is all about our love for and the variety of our region, celebrates 26 years, and is all about the experiences! Discover new places to visit, facts, trails, waters to paddle, historic tales, and brilliant sights to be treasured in the colorful fall while breathing in refreshing air. With over 250 choices, you can explore galore. Take advantage of Canterbury's own Walktober choices! Walktober is a proven way to bring people into town and show off some of what makes you special. Expect visitors to Canterbury for these unique options:

October 1st; 6th Annual FACES at FAHS! Finnish American Heritage Society's Open House & Fine Art & Craft Exhibit and Sale

October 8th; Maple Leaf Farm Tour

October 21st; Walk the Historic Captain John Clark Property, featuring Dr. Nick Bellantoni

The Walktober brochure is available now, so get yours!

A few other things happening on the land and in the waters of The Last Green Valley:

River paddling trails; add another 20 miles of National Recreation Water Trails to our region.

Tastes of the Valley; our annual fall feast & fundraiser features local farm product cooked up and served by local chefs, Sunday, September 18th at the Mansion at Bald Hill in Woodstock.

Our Ranger Programs, Monthly Member Programs & Acorn Adventures continue.

Keep up to date with all the news and happenings in The Last Green Valley on our website www.thelastgreenvalley.org and on our facebook page.

Canterbury Athletic Association

The programs hosted by the Canterbury Athletic Association are action packed for this year! Our soccer players are ready to go and we already have over 100 athletes from ages 3-13 in the program. We would like to thank all of the community members that do their part to make this program a great success. If you have any questions about CAA soccer, please contact Matt Veloce at CT.caa.soccer@gmail.com.

We are already planning ahead for our basketball season. Registrations will begin in the early fall, with online registrations available to players. Please refer to the Canterbury Athletic Association website for updates.

On July 29th, CAA and the Canterbury Lions Club held their annual golf tournament at Foster Country Club. A huge thank you to all of our golfers and sponsors who generously donated

to the organization. Extra special thanks to our tournament sponsor, Westminster Tool, and other major sponsors including the Byrnes Agency, BHR Construction, Luther Real Estate, GKN Aerospace and Norwich Rehabilitation Center. This event is the reason CAA is able to provide our community with quality training and equipment for all of our sports and community projects.

The CAA exists because of YOU- we are a group of volunteers that work together to help athletes encourage personal development and sportsmanship both on and off the fields. If you are you interested in joining the organization and helping create a foundation for our children, contact us today!

Like us on Facebook for important updates. <https://www.facebook.com/canterburyathleticassociation/>

Friends of Prudence Crandall Museum

The Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum this season continued the **No Small Courage** Lecture Series with **A Symposium—Lives and Legacies: Prudence Crandall's African American Students, Part 2**.

This year's Symposium focused on the far-reaching and lasting impact made by the African-American women who attended Prudence Crandall's Academy. Students from the Academy traveled north to Canada, south to New York, Louisiana, and the Caribbean. We also heard of the many accomplishments of these women after leaving the Academy, and how they further expanded their communities, leaving a lasting legacy.

The Symposium presenters were the winner of the 2015 Nova Scotia Human Rights Award, Dr. Afua Cooper who discovered and confirmed that Mary Elizabeth Miles (Bibb) was a student at the Academy; Dr. Carla Peterson, author of *Black Gotham: A Family History of African Americans in 19th Century New York City*, a descendant of another Academy student; and Dr. Jennifer Rycenga, a Prudence Crandall biographer. Dr. Robert Forbes, historian and author, acted as our moderator.

We were able to organize this educational event by being awarded a grant from CT Humanities, along with fundraising activities held throughout the year. We were fortunate to be

able to host a Ham & Bean supper with the assistance of the Canterbury Lions Club, and appreciate their support along with community members who attended the dinner. We will continue to offer unique items for sale at our shoppe in the Prudence Crandall Museum, and will be holding a vintage glass sale during the upcoming celebration of Prudence Crandall's 213th birthday on Prudence Crandall Day September 3rd.

Our annual Music at Twilight concert, while relocated to the community center because of weather, welcomed the 102nd Army National Guard Band. The evening event brought a large crowd who were treated to an array of extraordinary music by the men and women of Connecticut Army National Guard.

The Friends purpose is to assist in the preservation and interpretation of the Prudence Crandall Museum, to encourage and promote visitation, and to enhance the public's appreciation of this truly unique landmark. We invite you to join us as we continue to support our organizations mission. There are membership categories to fit your needs, and hope to see you at our various events held throughout the year. You can find us on Facebook, or find out more information at www.friendsoftheprudencecrandallmuseum.org

Canterbury Education Foundation

Look what's new in town? The **Canterbury Education Foundation (CEF)** was approved as a 501c3 Public Charity in February 2016, complete with Bylaws, Article of Corporation and Policies. Educational foundations are nonprofit organizations that contribute resources to local public education. Each foundation is unique to the needs of the local community it serves. Education foundations raise supplemental funds to support education, provide communities with information on current trends in education, and collaborate with other foundations to address community issues relating to education.

The CEF represents local community members, businesses, and education leaders. The CEF meets monthly at the Town Library: President, Julie Lippke; Vice president, Adam Fritzsche; Secretary, Lois Knapton; Fred Williams, Director and Treasurer, Chris Lippke. Feel free to contact us at Canterbury-edfoundation@gmail.com for more information.

Donations can be mailed to: Canterbury Education Foundation, 45 Westminster Road, Canterbury, CT 06331.

The mission of Canterbury Education Foundation, Inc. is to provide financial support for educational projects, programs, and initiatives that foster innovation and excellence in the Canterbury Public Schools.

MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY

I hope that everyone had a safe and happy summer. I know that the weather at times was extreme but as we approach the fall we look forward to the changing of another season. My office hours remain the same. Thursdays from 9-5. I do have several conferences coming up for training and educational programs and I will post those dates on my door and web page. Please feel free to call my office or stop in during my normal business hours to answer any questions you might have.

During this fiscal year after re-evaluating the instructors fee's each instructor was given a reasonable raise to stay comparable of other towns in the area. Our Exercise class has exceeded our expectations of students at which point a second class on Thursdays was scheduled except for the 2nd Thursdays of the month for Senior Luncheons. I am currently looking into getting more participants for our other classes for Art class and Tai Chi. The goal is to at least provide programs that maintains a minimum of 10 participants. If this goal cannot be met the cost to run these programs becomes too big and other programs will need to re-evaluate.

Energy Access Program will begin in my office on September 1, 2016, Please call me office to schedule an appointment.

Renters Rebate Program is still going on until October 1, 2016. Please call my office for appointment.

Those needing assistance paying their Health care premium through Medicare can apply for the state to pay for the cost. A simple QMB form must be completed and sent in for this assistance.

Currently we are running the following activities.

Senior Fitness

With Christine Bernier on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am - 10:30am
Cost to Student \$2.00 per class. Expect 2nd Thursdays of the Month

Art Class

With Mary Abby Bingham on Thursday's from 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Cost to Student \$5.00 per class Classes resume for an 8 week session starting September 8, 2016 Through November 10, 2016. No classes on 9/22-9/29

Tai Chi

With Paula McNally On Fridays from 9:15am - 10:15am 8 week program Cost to Student \$20.00 (8 week program).

Flu Clinic

October 13, 2016 in the Small Conference Room starting at 10 am until 1 pm.
This will be during the Senior Luncheon. Most Insurances Covered.

Ella M. Hebert
Municipal Agent

Canterbury Seniors

The Canterbury Seniors are looking forward to interesting and fun activities throughout the upcoming Fall and Winter. Adults 50 and over are invited to join our club. It's a good opportunity to meet new friends and keep up-to-date on current issues. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 11:00AM. Annual membership is \$8.00. For more information, call Deb Kinne at 860-546-6136.

Canterbury Senior Trips

I hope you enjoy reading about the trips we will be doing in the future-flyers to look at and newsletters to take home can be found on our Library Bulletin Board. They can also be found by going on-line. Google Canterbury Ct Senior Travel come Explore with us or <http://www.canterburyseniorsct.wordpress.com/home/> All are welcome.



In October 2017 we have a Mississippi/Cumberland River Steamboat cruise, travel back in time with modern conveniences! I've heard many people prefer to travel in the U.S.A. next year, so the cabins are selling out FAST! Also, Atlantic City is repeated next February with great bonuses. In November we will experience a feast prepared around a fireplace in the historic Salem Cross Inn. Ever been to a Boar's Head Feast? Experience this in the wonderful William's Inn. It's an over-night with museum stops. See the complete list in our Newsletter!

I will recount some of the fabulous trips we have already enjoyed this year. Our January trip was a great experience on a huge ship with plenty to do and experience. Great weather! In March I enjoyed one of the BEST Celtic Music shows I've ever seen, the musicians were excellent! We were over-whelmed with the beauty of St. Clément's Castle and gardens. If you have a chance, take a trip to the New London ferry for their lighthouse cruise-you'll enjoy it!

Hope to hear from you and maybe see you on a trip!

We have a wonderful group of travelers!

Thanks to those who travel with us!

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

(Sign-up required)

Science, Nature, & Art Programs

Saturdays, Dates TBA, from 10:00 – 11:00 am. Ages 4+.

Starting again in September!

Creative Construction with David McKinley
Ages 7+

Late Fall, Dates TBA, from 10:00 – 11:30 am.

Bouncing Baby Tales with Melissa Lennon

Children, ages birth to 18 months old.
8-Week program, beginning Sept. 6 & 7
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30-10:00

Music & Movement with Melissa Lennon

Children, ages 18 months to 3 years old.
8-Week program, starting Sept. 8th
Thursdays, two sessions at 9:30 and 10:30 am

Ladder to Literacy with Melissa Lennon

Children, ages 3½ to 5 years old.
Program runs Sept-May, starting Sept 7th
Wednesdays, 10:15-11:15 am

FAMILY PROGRAMS – All ages!

First Friday Family Movie

Library is open 5:00 - 8:00 pm

The movie starts promptly at 6:00 pm

- » Oct. 7th – The Jungle Book: 2016 version (PG)
- » Nov. 4th – Ice Age 5: Collision Course (PG)
- » Dec. 2nd – Finding Dory and/or The BFG (PG)

ADULT AND TEEN PROGRAMS

(Sign-up required)

Card Stamping with Arlene Sweet

Thursday, October 20th & 27th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Space is limited. Sign-up is required.

Talk About Books

3rd Tuesday of each month 7:05 pm
Call either Canterbury P.L. 860-546-9022 or Scotland P.L. 860-423-1492 to reserve a copy of the book

September 20th @ Scotland – *Daisy Miller* by Henry James

October 18th @ Canterbury – *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* by Tennessee Williams

November 15th @ Scotland – A Christmas Selection: TBA

December 20th @ Canterbury – Holiday & New Book Selection Party

January 17th @ Scotland – *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough

ADULT ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

(Sign-up required)

Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:00 am

In the Canterbury Town Hall Community Room with *Kathleen Hart & JoAnn Brustolon*

- » Sept. 21st – Card Stamping
- » Oct. 19th – Cake Decorating
- » Nov. 16th – Sugar Scrubs & Pine Cone Owl
- » Dec. 21st – Coloring Bird Houses

LIBRARY PASSES

- » **Connecticut State Parks Pass (No Child Left Inside Initiative):** Covers parking at all four state beaches, as well as several inland parks. Free admission for 2 adults & 4 children at Dinosaur State Park, Fort Trumbull, and Gillette Castle.
- » **Florence Griswold Museum:** Free admission for 2 adults & 2 children (under 12).
- » **Mystic Aquarium:** Discounted admission for up to 2 adults & 2 children.
- » **Mystic Seaport:** Half-priced admission for 2 adults & 3 children.
- » **Roger Williams Park Zoo:** Reduced admission for up to 4 adults, seniors, and/or children.
- » **State Museums (Prudence Crandall, Sloane-Stanley, or Henry Whitfield Museums):** Free Admission for 2 adults & 2 youths (6-17 years).
- » **Wadsworth Atheneum:** Free admission for 2 adults & 2 children.

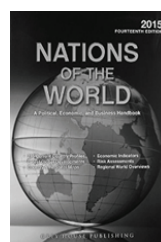


Hours: Monday-Wednesday 9am - 7pm; Thursday 9am - 8pm; Saturday 9am - 2pm

Website: www.canterburylibrary.org

Phone: 860/546-9022 **Fax:** 860-546-1142

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CANTERBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Hello from Canterbury Public Schools

Our first day of school is August 29. The administration, custodians, and secretaries work through the summer. Teachers and paraeducators come back on August 25 to attend Convocation. We educators are so lucky...we are in a profession where we get a new start every year; we get to start over; new students, newly painted classrooms, fresh wax on the floors, new school supplies waiting for us, then the doors open and the children come bounding in. Some with smiles, some with tears, and others full of fear. But after just a few minutes, all emotions are quelled and sheer joy erupts. We thank you for your unswerving support of our educational system.

Regarding district news, we have redesigned our school website at www.canterburypublicschools.org. We hope this will be the door to closer communication for all. The website is very user friendly and has loads of information to peruse. At BMS, parents may notice a new fence in the parking lot, opening up parking at the far end of the building. Another big summer project was the tennis courts. Due to the poor condition of them, we had to tear them down. A big thank you goes out to the town for working closely with us on this project. The Lion's Club plaque will be rededicated in the future.



After two years of planning and engineering, the solar panels at Canterbury Public Schools are finally being installed. This project should be completed by the end of August and we should "flip the switch" on our Solar savings soon after that. The above picture shows our progress.

The Special Education Department has enjoyed a wonderful end to the school year with many of our students graduating from area high schools, as

graduating from area high schools, as well as, some moving on to transition programs for 18-21 year olds. We are very proud of all that they have achieved! Our younger students have also been busy and enjoyed extended school year programs at both CES and BMS, as well as, across our region. One



such program that many students experience is at Camp Quinebaug. Camp "Q" is run by the State of CT Department of Developmental Services. It is a Camp located in Killingly, CT for school age children with special needs. Fun summer activities, including boating and swimming, are offered at no cost to families. In order to maintain staff and resources at Camp Q, fundraising is very important. If you are interested in learning more about Camp Quinebaug you may find information at <http://www.campquinebaug.com/>.

The Baldwin Middle School finished up a wonderfully successful school year with the culminating event being the Eighth Grade recognition ceremony returning to Canterbury. The evening was highlighted with recognition of scholarship and citizenship. The community support for the students was amazing with coordination of personalized and memorial awards all the way to traffic flow and transportation. Students and guests were blessed with perfect weather and the hope is to keep the ceremony in Canterbury for years to come. As the school readies itself for the upcoming school year, there are some goals that will be focused upon for students and staff alike. The core focus areas will be rooted in technology, creativity and student leadership, and increased community and parent involvement and feedback. The school will utilize a redesigned website as a constant conduit of information from the school to the community, so please check the site frequently for important information and

updated news. For Baldwin to continue to help produce and educate wonderfully polite and academically prepared students, a strong connection to the community within Canterbury and outside of Canterbury is important. If you are interested in helping support the Baldwin community in any way, please contact the main office with any and all ideas you may have. All at Baldwin are excited for the upcoming school year.

Canterbury Elementary school begins the year with our Open House on August 25th and the first day of school on Monday, August 29th. We have three new teachers joining us this year; welcome to Mrs. Iamarone (Grade 4), Ms. Webster (Special Education, and Ms. Curren (Special Education). We are excited to have them join our family.

Community members, please reach out to our office should you have questions. Mrs. John, Mrs. Craig, and Miss Cary are here to help. Thank you for all the ways in which you nurture our children's education and well-being. It is a pleasure collaborating with you. Please see below for an excerpt from our student letter:



We are very proud of you. We know how hard you try to be the best student you can be. Have you had the chance to complete your summer packet? We hope so! If you haven't yet, please work to finish it. Don't forget the Governor's Reading Challenge form! Please bring it back the first week of school. If you have lost the form, you may write your name on a piece of paper and then list the title of the books you read. You may ask someone to help you with this. We will celebrate your reading this fall!

Welcome to our new students. You will find nice people and new friends here. We can hardly wait to begin the new school year together with you.

Welcome back!

Editor's Note

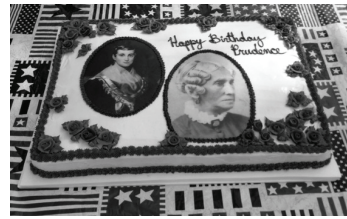
The next issue will be published in January 2017. Anyone wishing to submit articles may do so by email to canterburynewsletter@yahoo.com or by dropping them off at the Selectmen's Office before January 15th. The editor reserves the right in all instances to edit for length and content.

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Prudence Crandall Museum

Despite the state budget cuts (which impacted the Museum's hiring of a seasonal Museum Guide) the Museum continues to offer tours to the public through the efforts of the volunteer docent staff. With their hard work and dedication the museum remained open four days a week throughout the summer. Visitors and groups have come from as near as down the road, to as far away as: A high school teacher from Belgium making her annual 4-week summer tour of the U.S. visiting sites having to do with civil rights; a professor from Harvard working on a book that includes Prudence Crandall; a group of English as a Second Language learners from the program at the Hartford Public Library! Prudence and Sarah's stories cross cultural lines and language barriers, resonating with folks from all around the world.

Museum Special Events: Join us on Saturday, Sept. 3 as we celebrate the "30th Annual Prudence Crandall Day"– 10am to 4pm, Rain or Shine. Free Admission! Join us in wishing Prudence Crandall a happy 213th Birthday! The day includes



We look forward to seeing you all there.

Museum Hours: The Museum will be open Thursday through Sunday, 10am to 4pm through the end of October. (And from Nov. 1 through the end of April, Monday through Friday by appointment.) If you'd like more information, or would like to be part of any of the other volunteer opportunities the museum has to offer, please call Kaz Kozlowski at 860-546-7800 Ext. 8 or email at: kaz.kozlowski@ct.gov. We look forward to hearing from you!

Finnish American Heritage Society

Please mark your calendars for two important and interesting events hosted at the Finnish Hall coming in the next several weeks: SEPTEMBER 24th Saturday at 6:00 pm Pork Barbeque and on Saturday OCTOBER 1st FACES at FAHS Art Show from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm.

Our annual Pork Barbeque features Canterbury's own Chief Chef Rob Miller at the barbeque smoker with entertainment this year by Canterbury Jazz Guitarist Phil Palonen. Both are well known in the region for their culinary skills and musical accomplishments respectively. For additional information please visit the website www.fahs-ct.org and/or Facebook. For tickets or reservations, please contact Jobina Miller @ 860 377-0789 or Stan Karro @ 860 480-3648.

FACES, the art show on October 1 will again feature a variety of quality artisans. The event media will include painting, photography, jewelry, woodworking, pottery, and fiber arts. We again are partnering with The Last Green Valley's Walktober activities and are featured in their calendar as an event. The museum, library, archives, and sauna will be open for tours. All exhibits will be indoors to minimize the challenge of bad weather. As in previous years, the kitchen/cafe will feature a variety of food including soups, salmon chowder, chili, and other items such as Finnish pulla and desserts. For more details, please visit FACES at FAHS on Facebook. Additional questions: please email facesatfahs@gmail.com or call Patti Folsom at 401 949-0251.

Our heritage society recently conducted two fundraisers for 3 year old Lucas Kelley, Grandson of Rita Kelley who has Chronic Granulomatous Disease. The first event was a Finnish

potluck dinner. And, the second was a community pasta dinner. The food was excellent and financial support from both events was significant. We wish Lucas the best as he continues to seek treatment for his illness.

Recently FAHS members Anita Smiley and Stan Karro met with Lynne Williamson of the Connecticut Historical Society to discuss exhibits of cultural heritage and arts at their facility in Hartford. The coming exhibit from August to November which will be held at The Gallery at One Constitution Plaza 2nd floor in Hartford will have examples of wood carving and weaving along with photos of the sauna from these programs at FAHS. Later in 2017 a more detailed exhibit will be arranged at the Connecticut Historical Society on Elizabeth St. on FAHS's and Finnish immigrant's contributions to the region over the past several decades. A possible new grant opportunity exists with CHS in the coming months for birch bark basketry to be offered at FAHS.

FAHS President Steve Bousquet along with his wife Katrina, hosted the July Board of officers and trustees meeting at a cottage on Beach Pond in Voluntown. The location brought back some memories for several members from the 50's when Beach Pond had numerous resorts for Finns on summer vacation.

Long term members Marcia and Matti Huhta have made excellent progress in their recovery from a severe auto accident which occurred in early June Matti has returned home and Marcia is at Gaylord in Wallingford CT where she continues to receive extensive rehabilitation. She expects to move to a closer rehab facility in mid August.