



Canterbury Town News



May, 2015

Canterbury, Connecticut

SELECTMEN'S CORNER

Good Bye to Old Man Winter! We have all just experienced the worst Winter on record. From record cold to back-to-back snow storms, this past Winter will be remembered for years to come. Our thanks go out to our Public Works Crew for their efforts in keeping our roads cleared and open during and after the multiple storms of the season. We can all state that we ready to enjoy the much better weather that comes with the Spring and the even warmer Summer months.

April began with our annual Town-Wide Clean-Up along our roadways. As in the past, our volunteers picked up and collected many, many items, such as tires, various metal objects, and other types of trash items. In addition, they picked up the usual assortment of soda and beer cans, liquor bottles and "nips" bottles. With the number of people that came out to volunteer, almost every road in Canterbury was given some level of attention during our annual clean-up.

The proposed Town Budget for 2015-2016 is coming together. Our goals to maintain the current level of town services and personnel are on track in our ongoing effort to prevent increasing costs to the town. Given the changes in health-related costs for our town employees, we are at a zero increase in the vast majority of the line items.

As everyone knows, the State of Connecticut continues to have its own financial issues. We are monitoring the State's budget developments very closely because small towns, such as ours, are more severely affected by any cuts and/or changes in State aid, especially for our town roads.

We will try our best to keep everyone informed of upcoming town events, as well as regional activities, through the town website and postings at the Town Hall. I hope that each of you have the opportunity to take full advantage of the many events planned for this Spring and Summer throughout our Town and the surrounding communities of the "Quiet Corner".

Roy Piper
First Selectman

Canterbury

Fourth of July Parade

The annual parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 4th. The parade begins at 10 am from the Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School to Canterbury Town Hall. Line up begins at 9 am.

Following the parade, Family Fun Day will be held at the Town Hall. Join family and friends for food, music, games, face painting and patriotic activities.

For more information on the parade or family fun day please contact Bob Veach (860/917-8688 or pelican1081@aol.com)

The Parade Committee is hosting a traditional baked bean supper on Friday, June 19 from 4-6 pm at the town hall. We will be serving homemade baked beans, ¼ lb. hot dogs, cole slaw, corn bread, lemonade and cookies. Tickets are \$8.00 adults and \$4.00 children 12 and under and will be available until June 15 at the First Selectman's office and from committee members: Bob Veach, (number above) or JackTucker (860/546-9082 or lujack@mindspring.com) All proceeds go to providing music for the parade.

Canterbury Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office

Dog Licensing: Reminder notices for dog licenses will be sent towards the end of May. Once you receive your notice, you may come in to purchase your license. Rabies vaccination expiration dates will be printed on the postcard. If the rabies vaccination expired since your last visit, please bring the updated rabies certificate with you when you renew the license. **YOU MUST include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you mail in your license renewal fee.**

Hunting/Fishing Guides: The 2015 Hunting and Fishing Guides are available in our office. If you are over 65 years old, you are eligible to receive a free fishing license (and hunting, if you have previously qualified license). Over 65 licenses must be renewed every year.

Budget/Tax Bills: The Annual Town Budget Meeting will be held May 15. The budgets (General Government, Education and Capital Improvement) will be voted on at a referendum (TBD). If you will be

Annual Town Budget Meeting May 15, 2015

out of town on the day of the referendum, absentee ballots will be available on May 18. We cannot mail applications for absentee ballots for referenda.

If the budgets pass at referendum, then the Board of Finance sets a mill rate, and tax bills can be processed (it takes about three weeks to have the bills printed and envelopes stuffed and sealed), with June

30 as the target mailing date. Taxes are billed with a 30-day grace period. Interest accrues at a rate of 1½ % from the due date. Please read your bill carefully, as all the pertinent information regarding due dates is clearly written on every bill. If the budgets do not pass, then revisions will have to be made, another Budget Meeting will take place, and then another referendum. If the budget fails again, then the process is repeated. Your taxes this year are based on the October 1, 2014 Grand List.

Tax Liens: Liens will be placed on all unpaid 2013 Grand List Real Estate accounts on June 2.

Happy Spring!!
Natalie Cordes

Canterbury Seniors

On May 14, members of the Canterbury Seniors will celebrate their Annual Appreciation Luncheon followed with a choral presentation by a talented group of Canterbury students. Tickets are \$5.00.

Upcoming monthly meetings/potluck lunches will be at 11:00 a.m. in the Community Center on Jun 11, July 9, and September 10. No meeting in August.

Upcoming Bistro catered luncheons will be at 12:00 p.m. in the Community Center on May 20, June 17, July 15, and August 19. Cost is \$5.00 and reservations are required.

Adults 50 and over are eligible to join the Canterbury Seniors. Membership is \$8.00 per year. Copies of our monthly calendar are available in the foyer at Town Hall. For more information, call Debbie Kinne at 860-546-6136.

Canterbury Senior Trips

Senior travel was off to a good start. Our January Cruise helped us miss some snow storms while we enjoyed warmer weather in the Caribbean. Think about joining the next January Cruise-love for you to come!

We had a great 3-day get away in Atlantic City, where we enjoyed fine entertainment, good food and for some good luck!

Some adventurous travelers experienced the back roads and beaches of the beautiful country of Costa Rica. Wild life, hill-side farming, volcanoes, even zip-lining! Great coffee! Try leaving your comfort zone and try something new.

Coming up soon is a 2-night trip to Lancaster where we'll tour the farm lands, stop at some markets, and enjoy seeing the show "Joseph" at the spectacular Sight and Sound Theater.

Lobster lovers might enjoy the All-You-Can-Eat Lobster trip.

If you'd like more information-we have flyers and Newsletters on our town library bulletin board. Feel free to take a Newsletter and/or make a copy of any trip of interest. (Copies can be made in the library) We can also be found at www.canterburyseniorsct.wordpress.com/home/

Join us-all are welcome!

Municipal Agent for the Elderly

With the warmer weather approaching, I would like to remind family and friends of our elder/disabled population to please check on their family members, neighbors and friends who live alone regularly. If anyone is in need of a cooling center during extreme heat should call 211 for locations or Residents can use the Town Hall building during normal business hours. And as always when outdoors be sure to wear sunscreen. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Energy Assistance program has ended for my office for the 2014-2015 Season. The program will resume sometime in early September. Further information will be posted on the Town Web site and at the Town Hall.

Medicare Saving Programs enrollments are always open; if you need assistance paying your Medicare Part B Premiums please contact my office to apply.

Elderly & Totally Disabled Tax Credit Program

If you turned 65 in 2014, or you are totally disabled, you could be eligible for our Homeowner's tax credit program if your income is within certain guidelines. The maximum income for a married couple is \$42,200 and for those who are single \$34,600. Proof of income is required. The filing period is from February 1 through May 15.

Please call the Assessor's Office for more information about this program.

Senior Fair: October 10, 2015 from 10-2 pm at Town Hall Community Room. More information will be posted as it becomes available.

Elderly Fraud: It has been brought to this office's attention of possible fraud cases in our area. Educating yourself about fraud and knowing the tricks in the scam artist's toolbox is your number one defense against fraud. We encourage you to use us as a resource anytime someone offers you something that appears "too good to be true." We also urge you to use more than a single reference when doing your research. The more you read, the better your chances of avoiding a scam. Knowledge is the best weapon against fraud and a little of it can go a long way. If you are a recent victim of fraud the

Office of Attorney General can provide advice on what you should do and where to report the crime. If you think you've been scammed, report it immediately. Many fail to report fraud out of embarrassment or because of the mistaken belief the authorities are powerless to help. At the very least your report might help someone else down the road. Contact the authorities. You'll feel better and may end up helping someone else.

Office of the Attorney General
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55 Elm Street Hartford, CT 06106
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Email: attorney.general@po.state.ct.us

The programs for Spring/ Summer are as follows.

Art Classes for over 50 yrs of age

Mary Bingham Abbey

Thursdays 1-3:30 pm
Community Room
\$3.00 a session

Bring your own canvas and picture, all other supplies provided

Tai Chi Class with Paula McNally

Fridays 9:30-10:30
Community Room
\$1.00 per session

Senior Exercise Class with Instructor

Christine Bernier

Tuesday 9:30-10:30
Thursdays 9:30-10:30 except the 2nd
Thursday of the month
Community Room
\$1.00 per session
All equipment provided

Bistro Luncheon

12:00 p.m. Every third Wednesday of the Month at Community Hall

Farmers Market Coupon for Seniors :

Anyone 60 years of age or older and an income of \$21,590 for single and \$29,101 for Couples can receive this booklet of checks valued at \$18.00 and can be used at any CT Farmers Market. These checks are good from May 1, to October 1, 2015. If you would like a booklet please feel free to stop by.

Please stop by my office if you would like to have your Blood Pressure Checked.

Canterbury Agriculture Committee

With the arrival of spring, we can start planning gardens, flower beds and more. Stop by farm stands and farmers markets to get what you need; and as the season progresses—purchase crisp ripe tasty fruits and vegetables. Explore at Hart’s Greenhouse & Florist; McV Farm LLC 860-546-6559; Last Green Valley Garlic Growers 860-389-1650; Maple Leaf Farm 860-546-1110; Pan’s Acres Nursery LLC 860-546-9376; CT Homegrown Hydroponics. You can also check buyctgrown.com; and to pledge to purchase 10% of your food and gardening dollars locally to keep CT agriculture viable.

If you want to see baby animals or purchase farm products visit: Baldwin Brook Farm - open 10 to 6; (closed Sun and Thurs); Burgis Brook Alpacas 860-389-1650; Farmer John’s Natural Beef

860-546-6202; Little River Farm Store & Fiber Studio 860-456-1997; Our Kid’s Farm 860-208-2024; Ponies Incorporated Farm 860-428-8364; White Cap Stables 860-949-5786. Please call ahead where numbers are listed, before you visit.

Stop in at Westview Tractors for a variety of farm and garden equipment. Please be careful around large equipment moving down our roads, as our dairy farmers prepare and plant their fields.

If you have questions about gardens, pollinator plants and more - call the Master Gardeners who volunteer at UConn Cooperative Extension Center. The number is 860-774-9600 x 20; and x 25 to reach Deb Lee, Master Gardener Coordinator.

Canterbury Recreation Commission

Spring has finally arrived and we're looking forward to having the playing fields completed at Manship Park. We ask that everyone stay off the new grass while the rope is up. Many thanks to Bob DeLuca and CLA Engineers for all their efforts on this project

The 4th of July Committee is looking for ideas and volunteers to help with activities for kids on the day of the parade. Please contact Joanne Brustolon (860-546-9821).

The Rec. Commission meets on the 2nd Wed. of each month (6:30 in the library conference room). New members and ideas are always welcome.

Land Use Office

There has been an increase in activity in the Land Use Office which, is a clear sign that warmer weather is upon us (FINALLY)!

We have had many inquiries regarding building, the subdivision of land, and business expansions. Several of these inquiries questioned working within a wetland. Wetlands do not always appear WET. In Connecticut, wetlands are defined by soil type. If you are planning work within 100’ of wetlands or a watercourse, which is known as the

“regulated area”, a permit may be required. Please contact the office at 860-546-6857, before starting any activity.

This is also the perfect time of year to review the need for pool permits. You MUST get a building permit, a zoning permit, as well as approval from the Northeast District Department of Health to place a pool on your property. The pool must have an alarm per Connecticut Public Act 99-140. Above ground pools must have a self-locking enclosure

around the pool ladder, and in ground pools must be fenced. Pool permits may take several weeks for approval, and many companies will not even schedule an install until proof of a permit is provided. All the forms needed are located in the office.

The Inland Wetland and Watercourses Regulations were passed in March. They became effective April 15, 2015. Please go to our website at canterburyct.org if you would like to view the latest version.

Canterbury Assessor’s Office

Additional Veteran’s & Local Option Veterans Exemption

These programs are designed to provide property tax exemptions for veterans whose income is within certain limits. To receive these exemptions, an application must be filed between February 1st and October 1st for the 2015 Grand List. Proof of income is required. Check with the Assessor’s Office for the income limits.

The Elderly & Totally Disabled Tax Credit Program deadline is May 15th!

If you turned 65 in 2014, or you are totally disabled, you could be eligible for our Homeowner’s tax credit program if your income is within certain guidelines

set by the State of Connecticut. The maximum income allowed for a married couple is \$42,200 and for a single person the maximum income is \$34,600. Proof of income is required. The filing period is from February 1st through May 15th. Please call the Assessor’s Office for more information about this program.

Please note that all of these programs require a biennial filing.

If you last filed in 2013, another application needs to be completed in 2015 in order to continue receiving the benefit. If you are unsure of when you last filed, please call the Assessor’s Office to verify.

Attention Renters:

The Renter’s Program began April 1, 2015. If you are 65 (or older), and/or totally disabled, & rent in Canterbury, you could be eligible for the State of Connecticut’s Rental Rebate program if you meet the State’s income and expense guidelines. Application must be made no later than Wednesday October 1, 2015.

Call the Assessor’s Office (546-6035) if you have any questions about these exemptions or want to make an appointment to file an application for these programs. Please remember office hours are Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Canterbury Town Constables

How we support Canterbury...

- Canterbury Constables conducted Traffic control on route 169 and 14 for the Prudence Crandall Nov Tea.
- Canterbury Constables conducted traffic control at the Baldwin Middle School for QVJC tournament in the month February, it was a three day event.
- Canterbury Constables sponsored a Spaghetti Dinner for the Canterbury Care Food Bank on May 17. It was huge success.
- Canterbury Constables hosted a Spaghetti Dinner for the Lynne Denning Fund on April 4, 2015. It was another success.

Canterbury Recreational Women's Sand Volleyball League

This year marks the seventh season of the Volleyball League at Manship Park! The league kicked off its maiden voyage carrying a total of six teams. It is anticipated the league will double in size this season, thus maxing out at twelve teams. As a result of last year's renovations and the addition of a third court, the expansion has been made possible. Thank you to the members of the Canterbury Recreation Commission for their perseverance in bringing this to light. Thanks also to Al Botello and his Town Crew, as well as Bob DeLuca.

Official head to head competition begins the first week of June and continues through September. Matches are played Monday nights at 6:00 and 7:00pm at Manship Park. Each match consists of three games which are scored using a rally point system. The league is comprised of women ranging in age from 18 years on up, who possess a wide range of talent, agility and knowledge of volleyball. Whether you are an avid sports fan, or just looking to get out for some fresh air this summer, I encourage you to stop by and catch some of the action happening at Manship Park. There still are a couple slots available, if any ladies out there are. For further information, please feel free to contact me at 860/546-9132.

Wendy Dayger
League Director

PRUDENCE CRANDALL MUSEUM

The Prudence Crandall Museum has a full complement of programs and special events planned for the Summer Season!

Sunday May 30 – The Museum hosts “**Griswold Bicentennial Day!**” Free admission (with proper ID) will be offered to residents of Griswold, CT and the day will include special tours at 11am/1pm/3pm focusing on the Glasko family from Griswold, an African-American family that sent two of their daughters – Eliza and Mary – to Prudence Crandall's Academy.

Saturday, June 13 – The Museum will once again participate in the state's “**Open House Day**”. Free Admission to residents of Connecticut from 10am to 4pm. The Friends of the Museum will oversee a “**How Does Your Garden Grow**” seed planting activity for all visitors from 11am to 3pm.

Sunday, July 11 – 1 to 3:30pm. (Ages 10 and over/pre-registration required.) Museum hosts an “**Introduction to Silhouette Making**” workshop with Elizabeth O'Brien who will lead a discussion of the tradition of silhouette making, and provide participants with the supplies and skills to make their own silhouette to take home! Cost TBD

Saturday, August 1 – The Friends of the Museum host the annual “**Music At Twilight**” concert on the museum lawn! 6 to 8pm. Free admission, donations welcome. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, picnic dinner and enjoy the music!

Sunday, August 9 – 1 to 3:30pm (Ages 10 and over/pre-registration required.)

“**Introduction to Stenciling**” program will include a “behind the scenes” tour of the museum's newly opened installation in the museum's 2nd floor ell which includes stenciling done this past winter by museum volunteers. Participants will make a stencil project they can take home! **Cost: \$7 per person**

includes museum admission and Supplies.

On display through the end of October will be the museum's new exhibit for 2015, “**Lives & Legacies: Prudence Crandall's African-American Students.**” The exhibit highlights the lives of the African-American young women who attended Prudence Crandall's academy during the 17 months it was open. The exhibit reminds us that these girls didn't just leave when the school was closed, but went on live full and rich lives in their own right. The exhibit draws on information that's recently come to light regarding the students, and though it's in no way the definitive discussion of who the students were, we hope it's a solid beginning.

Through the end of October, the Museum's regular hours are: Wednesday through Sunday, 10am to 4pm (last ticket sold at 3:30pm). Admission: \$6 adults / \$4 Sr Citizens and Youth / Ages 5 and under, free.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day the museum will once again participate in the “**Blue Star Museums**” program by offering free admission to all active duty members of the armed services and their families with proper ID. For more information and to find out what other historic sites are participating: www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

Reminder – Members of the Friends of the Museum get free admission and a discount in the museum shop, which has a wide assortment of books, period toys, souvenirs and gift items. For membership, either call the museum at 860-546-7800 Ext 7, or go to www.friendsofprudencecrandallmuseum.org

To find out more about Museum programs and events, call: 860-546-7800 or go to www.cultureandtourism.org. Follow the Museum and Friends of the Museum on Facebook!

CANTERBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Central Office Happenings as reported by Superintendent Dr. Lois C. Knapton

It continues to be a pleasure to serve Canterbury Public Schools as your Superintendent. We have completed our budget process and with the help of the monthly communication meetings with the First Selectmen, the Board of Finance chair, the Board of Education Chair, and myself, we have been proactive in once again presenting a budget that is feasible for all parties, and moves the district and town forward while being conservative with taxpayer funds. However it is not without some pain. We did lose one teaching position in this budget process and we are now developing a plan to cross that hurdle. Thanks to the security grant we were awarded this winter, we've been able to upgrade our security features in both buildings.

The BMS Principal Advisory Selection Committee started meeting in February; and after months of reviewing applications, interviewing and site visits the committee unanimously advised that Ryan Earley be moved to the BOE as the final candidate. On April 21, the BOE will make their final decision. Mr. Earley comes to us from the Jaffrey-Ringe school district in New Hampshire.

As always my door is always open and I welcome communications with the town and its families.

Canterbury Elementary School, submitted by Sarah W. Cary, Principal
 Canterbury Elementary School welcomes spring! This is a time of transition for the school in which we bid a fond farewell to two veteran teachers and complete our academic work with our students.

We have many plans for growth this spring and summer. Just this week, we welcomed our youngest new students for screenings for PK classes in the fall. In May, we will reflect on our professional development this year and plan our collective goals for next year. In June, we will celebrate the successes of our students in many forums. We will thank

our retiring teachers, Mrs. Frishman (Grade 3) and Mrs. Baker (Grade 1) for their service. In July, we will focus on our community and school and brainstorm ways to assess current needs for our school. Please come join us on Tuesdays, any time between 10 am - 1 pm at CES on July 7th and/or July 21st to discuss your ideas. In August, we will meet again to discuss how to compete for grants that match our needs.

Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School, submitted by Jane Dion, Interim Principal

Students at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School just completed the third marking period. Fourteen (14) seventh and eighth grade students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at a ceremony held April 7. The teachers are nearing completion of their second year under the new Connecticut State Educator Evaluation plan. All teachers have been observed through both formal and informal observations based on school wide and personal growth goals set in the fall. As warmer weather approaches students will be taking field trips to the Boston Science Museum, Six Flags, New York City, and the Norwich Family Entertainment Center, to name a few. We are all looking forward to warmer days ahead as we finish out the 2014-2015 school year.

Pupil Personnel Services, submitted by Jodi Davis, Special Education Director

Recently, legislation added the category "Dyslexia" to the list of special education designations. A team from the district was very fortunate to attend a workshop at the NEAT (New England Assistive Technology) Marketplace in Hartford, entitled Dyslexia 101. The information that was presented by the "experts" was very beneficial.

We continue to effectively service all our students with special needs, mostly in the mainstream and in the most effective way possible, to meet everyone's needs.

Congratulations Justin Kessler

Justin Kessler, son of Warren and Karen Kessler of Canterbury, recently graduated from Aberystwyth University in Wales, UK with a Master in International Politics with Merit.

Best of luck in your future endeavors Justin!

St. Augustine Church

St. Augustine Church would like to thank all parishioners and towns folk for supporting our Fish Fry Fridays during Lent. We appreciate your attendance and we hope you enjoyed your meals and the socializing. Thank you.

Our next function will be our Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 9th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Our beautiful plants will, again this year, be selected and provided by Ladd's Garden Center of Windham.

Our Annual Car Cruise will take place on Tuesday, August 25th (Rain date of August 27th), from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Entry is free and there will be music, food and fun for all ages. Stop by to enjoy the road beauties from the past!!

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball



The long-running Canterbury Adult Co-Ed Volleyball program offers a great fitness opportunity to local players year-round. In winter, pick-up games are played at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School and during the summer months at Manship Park. Anybody interested in playing can contact Katey DeCarli at 860-770-8509. Players must be 18+ years old, there is no cost and no weekly commitment with pick-up format.

Editor's Note

The next issue will be published in August 2015. Anyone wishing to submit articles for consideration may do so by email to Canterbury newsletter@yahoo.com or by dropping them off at the Selectmen's Office before August 15th. The editor reserves the right in all instances to edit for length and content.

Finnish American Heritage Society

Who says those stoic Finns can't have fun? Au contraire. Finnish Americans from throughout New England will be joining members from the Finnish American Heritage Society of Canterbury (FAHS) for a weekend filled with FinnFunn on May 16-17.

The festivities on Saturday May 16 begin with a traditional "Tori" (Finnish Open Market) from 9am-3pm at the Community Center. The Tori will feature over 30 vendors, traditional Finnish American food, and an opportunity to have those possibly "valuable antiques" appraised by PBS Antiques Roadshow appraiser Wayne Tuiskula, for an amount (\$5 per piece / \$10 for three) which even the frugal Finns will consider a bargain. Several classic autos and carriages will be on display from local collectors. The weekend continues with speakers, a BBQ and a Saturday night dance at the Finn Hall, Rte 169 in Canterbury.

On Sunday May 17, after more presentations and brunch at the Finn Hall, all local Finns and their guests from the rest of New England will travel north to attend the highlight of the weekend at the Clark Chapel on the Pomfret School Campus to enjoy a 2:00 pm concert celebrating the music of Jean Sibelius on the composer's 150th Anniversary. A string ensemble from the Northeast CT Community Orchestra will open with two pieces before the featured piano concert by Craig Randal Johnson from Minneapolis.

For more information visit FAHS-CT.ORG. For concert tickets (\$10 adults/ \$5 students) call Saul Ahola, 860-928-4749 or email info@fahs-ct.org For the weekend information please contact Stan Karro at 860 480-3648 or swkbrklyn@aol.com.

On Sunday June 7th FAHS will continue to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Finnish Hall with a reception and dinner beginning at 2:00. For event information and tickets please contact Anita Smiley at smileysplace@juno.com or 860/889-7820.

News From The Last Green Valley

The green has finally returned to The Last Green Valley! Did you know that Canterbury is one of the 35 towns in The Last Green Valley? A National Heritage Corridor, made of 35 towns in northeast CT and south central MA, there is nothing quite like The Last Green Valley.

There are many opportunities to get out and **Explore!** Do you have the all-new, comprehensive adventure and recreation guide to our National Heritage Corridor yet? **Explore! Outdoor, Indoor & Around Town Adventures in The Last Green Valley** features places to hike, bike, paddle, swim, shop, tickle your taste buds, dally in a museum, enjoy farms open to the public, and all sorts of adventures. The Canterbury Town Green is featured in the "Walking" Section. Call

us to get your free copy. 860-774-3300.

As you can guess, TLGV counts on our members and volunteer Rangers. There are opportunities in the water and on land! You too can be out sharing The Last Green Valley with others at fairs and festivals or monitoring the water!

Have a Spring and Summer full of fun with us! ENJOY: Ranger Talks, Acorn Adventures, Annual Meeting, Water Quality Monitoring, Ranger led Walks-Hikes-Paddles! Coming this Fall: Tastes of the Valley & Walktober! We'll see you at Canterbury Old Home Days, too!

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 Historical Society

The Canterbury Historical Society has a busy calendar in the coming months, and you and your family and friends are cordially invited.

Upcoming spring programs are: May 8, Laurie Masciandaro on "The Beautiful and the Good: Roseland Cottage and the Bowen Family"; and June 12, Bambi Mroz discussing "Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame: Celebrating 300 Years of Connecticut's Remarkable Women." Free and open to the public, these programs will be in the Town Hall Community Room. There's a brief business session at 7:00 PM—which you may want to skip if you're not a member—followed by the program beginning around 7:30.

On Saturday, June 13, visit the one-room Green District Schoolhouse on Connecticut Open House Day. In addition to exploring the history of Canterbury's one-room schools, we've arranged a special treat. Three accomplished area artists will be painting outdoors, or indoors if the weather doesn't cooperate. David S. Costanzo will demonstrate techniques in casein, Ann L. Vaillencourt in pastel, and Normand Chartier in watercolor. If the weather forces a move indoors, check our website for the demo schedule. Admission to the schoolhouse is always free. Bring the kids.

On Monday, July 13, please consider taking part in our annual Red Cross blood drive in the Town Hall Community Room. Donor appointments can be scheduled by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS. To volunteer your time, or to support the blood drive with donations of snacks or money for their purchase, please call Lynne at 860-546-9266.

Further out, our annual Old Home Day fall celebration on Canterbury green is September 19, rain or shine. On September 27 we proudly welcome back the Spinney Brothers bluegrass band for a fundraiser concert in the Town Hall Community Room. We're also planning an exciting Walktober event on October 23 with retired State Archeologist Nick Bellantoni on the property of the magnificent, historic Captain John Clark house on South Canterbury Road—a rare opportunity—details to follow.

We work hard to keep our website (canterburyhistorical.org), Facebook page ([CanterburyHistoricalSociety.CT](https://www.facebook.com/CanterburyHistoricalSociety.CT)), and Twitter feed ([CantbrbyHistory](https://twitter.com/CantbrbyHistory)) up to date. Have a look for our latest doings. We'd love to have you become a member of the historical society, but all of our activities are open to everyone. The welcome mat is out.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

(Sign-up is required)

Nature Programs on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:30 am-11:30am. For ages 4 and up.

May 16th—Turtles—*Who Carries Their Home with Them?*

June 20th—Seeds—*How do they travel and where do the land?*

Each program includes reading a book, reading a poem, talking about the topic and a craft and take home activity.



Math Gone Wild!

Where you'll build stuff, run and jump, make music, make a mess...it's a totally new kind of math club.

(Sign-up is required.)

An 8-week program for Grades 3-5. Wednesdays starting April 8th, 4:00-5:00

Bouncing Baby Tales with Melissa Lennon

Children, ages birth to 18 months old.

8-week program

Tuesdays and Wednesdays,

9:30am—10:00am

Music & Movement

Children, ages 18 months to 3 years old.

8-week program **Thursdays, 2 sessions at 9:30 & 10:30**

Ladder to Literacy with Melissa Lennon

Children, ages 3 1/2 to 5 years old.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10:15- 11:15

ADULT AND TEEN PROGRAMS

(Sign-up is required)

Understanding ISIS with Dr. Stephen Wibberley **Thursday, April 23, 6-7**

Dr. Wibberley will give a lecture to help you understand ISIS and answer questions. He will share from his experiences and studies to give you a

new perspective on ISIS and how this group fits into current events.

Shred Your Documents for FREE

sponsored by the Savings Institute Bank & Trust **Saturday, May 2, 11:00 - 2:00**

Bring your outdated forms and confidential documents to the shredding truck at the town hall parking lot. For more information, call Savings Institute Bank & Trust at 860/546-9441

Just Say No to Telemarketers & Fraudsters with Jet Tucker **Monday, May 18, 10:30—2:00**

Telemarketers and fraudsters cost consumers and businesses time and money each year. Jet Tucker, CPA, will give tips to help you recognize potential scams.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

First Friday Family Movie

Library is open 5:00-8:00. The movie starts promptly at 6:00.

May 1st—*Paddington (PG)*

June 5th—*Movie TBA*

Beekeeping Program

Coming Soon! Date TBA

LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS

3rd Tuesday of each month 7:05 pm

Call either library to reserve a copy of the book, Scotland P.L. 860-423-1492 or Canterbury P.L. 860-546-9022.

May 19th Scotland—QCR Book Selection—*What Strange Creatures* by Emily Arsenault

June 16th Pomfret School—Quiet Corner Reads Evening with Emily Arsenault—Tickets at desk.

June 23rd Canterbury—*GI Brides: The Wartime Girls Who Crossed the Atlantic for Love* by Duncan Barrett & Nuala Calvi

July 21st Scotland—*The Wind is Not a River* by Brian Payton

August 18th Canterbury - One Book, One Region Selection: TBA

LIBRARY DATABASES

See our Website for easy access



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

Website: www.canterburylibrary.org

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

Email: canterburypublic@yahoo.com

Teen Programs Ages 11+

Thursdays, 6:00-7:30

May 4th —Star Ward Day

June 25th —DIY Wall Art

July 16th —Comic Book Makeup

SENIOR PROGRAMS

(Sign-up is required)

Programs to be announced.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Prospective start date:

Saturday, June 20



This year's theme is Every Hero Has a Story! The 6-week program will feature hero-related crafts, games and activities. Check back in June for more information.

Mondays: Drop-in Crafts 10:30-11:30

Tuesdays: Storytime, time TBA

Wednesdays: STEM Activity, time TBA

Saturdays: Nature Program 10:30-11:30

LIBRARY PASSES

NEW! The Children's Museum: One free admission (up to 4) with each paid admission. **Connecticut State Parks Pass (2):** Free admission for 2 adults & 4 children. **Florence Griswold Museum:** Free admission for 2 adults and 2 children (under 12). **Mystic Aquarium:** Discounted admission for up to 2 adults and 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:** Free Admission for 2 adults & 2 youths (6-17 years). **Wadsworth Atheneum:** Free admission for 2 adults and 2 children.

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A CANTERBURY STORY *by Sheila Mason Gale*

Hannah B. Baldwin Part 5

In this episode of Hannah's story, she and her mother climb a mountain and then load fan and themselves on a ferry to cross the Connecticut River.

When we drew up at the gate of the doctor's great mansion house I was more afraid than ever, but the doctor was at home and he looked very polite and kind—not at all like a bear or a tiger ready to devour me. For all that I told him my name and errand, all in a breath, or in as few breaths as possible in order to escape as quickly as I could. But, he quietly sat down and talked with me about all kinds of things before giving me the desired information. He was very kind.

We expect to spend Sunday here. The town is somewhat like Longmeadow, but it has two parallel streets and each street has a church of its own since the old Society quarreled and separated. They have fever here, so I am afraid to drink the water much. Altogether, we have had a most delightful drive thus far. On Sunday morning, the storm was not fully over, but rainy days are almost more enjoyable for attending church, than pleasant ones. The lower church being nearer than the other, Mother thought best to accompany our hostess there. But, caring nothing for storm and distance, I chose the other as offering superior attractiveness in the old fashioned building and an adult Sabbath School Class. After a moment's waiting in the church vestry, a lady noticed that I was a stranger and offered me a seat in her pew. They held the Communion Service there that day and you would have liked the sweet child-like confiding prayer of the aged pastor emeritus, as he assisted in the service. After service, the lady with whom I sat invited me to Sabbath School and put me in care of another lady who was a member of the Pastor's Bible Class. After Sabbath School, the minister shook hands with me most cordially and asked where I came from and remarked that he had been in Norwich and said, in a hearty kind of way, that if I ever made a carriage journey that way again, he hoped I would come there to church. It seemed to be the way of his church to extend a hearty welcome to strangers and make them feel that they liked to have them there.

“After long days of storms and showers
Of sighing minds and dripping bowers
How sweet it is to open the eyes
On newly swept and garnished skies.”

Monday morning was sunny and cold and the atmosphere unusually clear. The storm instead of spoiling the foliage had made it more brilliant.

So remembering the Hadley doctor's advice, we decided to climb Mt. Holyoke and see the remarkable view. First, however, we drove across the new bridge to Northampton and up and down the most attractive streets, and all about the Smith College grounds. Northampton was a little disappointing. I had heard that it was the most beautiful city in New England. It seemed a little crude. The college grounds were so contrasted after Wellsley's hundreds of acres. To think that of this wonderful city, one of my clearest remembrances should be the superior bakery! We bought us some fruit and a deliciously fresh lunch and then drove across the meadows to Hackanum Ferry and I ran down to the water's edge and waved my handkerchief as a signal to the boatman across the river to come for us. There was something so novel in crossing the Connecticut River with a horse and carriage on a ferry boat that Mother felt great anxiety about the passage all morning. It was all very easy, however. Mother sat in the carriage and I held Fan by the bridle. The horse was quiet and only looked surprised when she saw the farther shore coming towards her.

We stopped at a farmhouse and bought some oats for Fan and then drove back to terminus of the new mountain carriage road and began the ascent. When halfway up we stopped by the wayside and ate our lunch. It is quite a distance to the top of that “insignificant little hill”—yes, even to the foot of the railway. It made me wish I could beg the good doctor's pardon for so greatly misjudging his opinion in regard to the importance of this mountain.

Do you ever feel a horror in looking down from a height? On suspension bridge at Niagara, I clung to the railing in something the way a drowning man would cling to anything: while crossing the Simpton (?) Pass, as we were descending the mountain, it was so unbearable to me that I turned my back to the frightful precipices and all the beautiful scenery, closed my eyes and went to sleep to get rid of the horrible sensation. Ascending the Mt. Holyoke railroad I did not think to close my eyes and the nervous strain was dreadful. I could not shake off the feeling during all the time we were on the mountain.

To be continued.