

# Canterbury Town News

January, 2017

Canterbury, Connecticut

## SELECTMEN'S CORNER

Well, another year has come and gone and 2017 has gotten off to a very cold and snowy start. Overall, this Winter has been very mild thus far, with December having very little snow, but we still have several months of Winter still ahead of us.

I would like to take a minute and wish each and every one of you a "belated" Happy New Year and I hope that 2017 brings health and happiness to every Canterbury Resident and their families.

We are in the early stages of the budget planning process for our 2017/2018 Budget Year. This process is both challenging and rewarding in that putting together a workable budget for both the school and the town government requires the concerted time and efforts of many dedicated people. The reward comes when all of these efforts produce a fair and balanced budget, taking into account major cuts in funding from the State, that the citizens of Canterbury will approve, while still maintaining the level of services that the citizens require and deserve.

This Spring, the State Department of Transportation (DOT) will begin the project of placing additional signage on many of our town roads to alert drivers of curves and bends in the roadway. These signs are designed to be brighter and more reflective so as to bring more attention to the upcoming bends and curves. Of course, slowing down and paying more attention to the roadway while driving is the real key to safety, the extra signage will help.

Again, I thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Please do not hesitate to call, visit, or send e-mail me with your comments, concerns, and suggestions.

Roy A. Piper  
First Selectman

## Canterbury Assessor's Office

### Elderly & Totally Disabled Tax Credit Program

If you turned 65 in 2016, or you are totally disabled, you could be eligible for the Homeowner's tax credit program if your income is within certain guidelines set by the State of Connecticut. The maximum income allowed is \$42,900 for married and \$35,200 for unmarried. Proof of income is required. The filing period is from February 1<sup>st</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Assessor's Office for more information about this program.

### Additional Veteran's & Local Option Veterans Exemption

These programs are designed to provide property tax exemptions for veterans whose income falls within certain limits. To receive these exemptions, an application must be filed between February 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2017 Grand List. Proof of income is required. Check with the Assessor's Office for the income limits.

### Please note that all of the above programs require a biennial filing.

The Assessor's Office will mail you an application if you are due to file this year.

Call the Assessor's Office (860-546-6035) if you have any questions or if you would like to make an appointment to file an application for the above program/exemptions. The Assessor is normally in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

### Board of Assessment Appeals Information:

If you wish to appeal your assessment you must fill out a petition to the Board of Assessment Appeals by February 20, 2017. Petitions are available in the Assessor's Office as well as on the Assessor's Office website at <http://www.canterburyct.org>

Lynn Byberg  
Assessor

## Department of Public Works Mailbox Reminder



The Town of Canterbury does not repair, or replace, mailboxes and/or posts that fall from the force of snow as the plow truck is traveling down the road. Mailboxes and supporting posts must be of good quality to withstand New England winters and installed to withstand the rigors of snow removal, including the force of snow pushed from the street onto the roadside. Mailboxes should not extend out over the traveled portion of the road or, if the road is curbed, should not extend out past the curbing. Mailboxes should not impede, in any way, vehicular traffic and/or sightlines.

**Mailbox Damage:** The Town repairs, or replaces, only mailboxes and/or posts that are actually struck by a snowplow. A paint mark and/or truck tire tracks supply sufficient evidence of a mailbox strike. The mailbox damage will be inspected by the Highway Foreman and, if approved, the mailbox will be repaired or replaced by the Town.

**Expensive, decorative and specialty mailboxes are not required by the Post Office and, therefore, the financial responsibility will NOT be borne by the Town. Decorative mailboxes and posts that receive direct contact from snow removal equipment will be replaced with a standard mailbox and post.**

## Canterbury Farmer's Market

The Canterbury Farmer's Market will begin its 2017 season on Tuesday, May 23, 4:30 - 7:00 at the Canterbury Town Hall and will be held every Tuesday through October.

Vendors, entertainers and volunteers are needed for the season. Check our Facebook page or contact the Selectman's Office (860/546-9363) to participate.

## Canterbury Senior Trips

Another year has begun for us all to plan and try to do all those things we'd like to do! For those who might like to travel, we offer several trips - some day trips, some over-nights and some multi-day! We leave from our Community Center parking lot and return you to it!

A booklet of flyers can be found on the Library Bulletin Board, maybe there's something you've been dreaming about doing or something you'd enjoy doing with some very fine fellow travelers! You'll also find a Newsletter you can take to read at home. You'll find musical shows and plays, destinations-Virginia, New York, Nashville, Memphis. How about Tall Ships, West Point, 9/11 Museum? We can also be found on the Internet, Canterbury Senior Travel and scroll to 'Come Explore With Us'.

For more information you call Joanne at 860/546-9830. All are welcome to travel with us!

## Canterbury Seniors

The Canterbury Seniors began another new membership year on January 1. The annual \$8.00 fee is now due. Adults age 50 and over are encouraged to join. We meet the second Thursday of every month in the Town Hall Community Center. Meetings begin at 11:00AM with brief informational presentations, followed by members and guests gathering to socialize and enjoy a delicious potluck luncheon.

Join us throughout the month for additional activities, day trips and more. Upcoming meetings will be February 9, March 9, and April 13. Keep in mind your dues must be paid if you plan on attending our catered Annual Appreciation Luncheon on May 11.

For more information and referrals, call Debbie Kinne at 860-546-6136.

## Municipal Agent for the Elderly

**Energy Assistance** program has been in full swing. Last day to take applications will be April 27, 2017.

**Medicare Saving Programs** enrollments are always open; if you need assistance paying your Medicare Part B Premiums please contact my office to apply. Cost for premiums have gone up which covers doctor's visits and most types of outpatient services will range from \$109-\$134.00 in 2017 for present participants. New participants will pay \$134.00. All participants will see the annual deductible rise to \$183.00 Low **income Subsidy** pays your **PART D Premium** (prescription drugs) in it "if" it is a "benchmark" plan. If it is not a "Benchmark" plan, then it will apply \$35.63 towards the monthly **PART D Premium**. Also just as important, you will "NOT" pay any more than \$3.50 for generic drug and \$8.25 for brand name drugs. As mentioned earlier assets "do not" count, but there is an income limit. If you are single and your monthly income is no more than **\$2,435.40** you will qualify, and if you are married and your combined monthly income is no more the **\$3,284.10** then you and your spouse qualify.

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**Farmers Markets Coupons:** I will be ordering Farmers Market Coupons for seniors' for the 2017 season in February. Due to the high demand last year I am doubling my request of booklets. My office usually receives these coupons at the end of June. Please contact my office and leave your name and number as I will be making a list for those interested. First come first serve. 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.

**Renters Rebate Program:** My office will be continuing to complete all **Renters Rebates** for the Town of Canterbury working under the Tax Assessor. The Tax Assessor will be still

completing homeowners and Veterans Benefits. State law provides a reimbursement program for Connecticut renters who are elderly or totally disabled, and whose incomes do not exceed certain limits. Persons renting an apartment or room, or living in cooperative housing or a mobile home may be eligible for this program. Renters' rebates can be up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for single persons. The renters' rebate amount is based on a graduated income scale and the amount of rent and utility payments (excluding telephone) made in the calendar year prior to the year in which the renter applies...

**Programs for Winter/Spring 2017- These are our current programs running for 2017, please make note of classes and invite your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy our programs, out-of-towners are welcome to join.**

### Art Classes for over 50 years of age - Mary Bingham Abbey

Thursdays 1:30-3:30 pm Community Room \$5.00 a session  
Bring your own canvas and picture, all other supplies provided  
Start back up date February 2, 2017

### Tai Chi Class with Instructor Paula McNally

Fridays 9:30-10:30 Community Room \$20.00/8 week session

### Senior Exercise Class with Instructor Christine Bernier

Tuesday 9:30-10:30 Thursdays 9:30-10:30 except the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thursday of the month Community Room

\$2.00 per session All equipment provided

**Classes will resume March 2, 2017**

### Senior Luncheon 11:00 am- Community Room

Every **Second Thursday of the Month** except August. This is a Pot Luck Luncheon that immediately follows the Seniors meeting and each family is requested to bring in a dish or dessert. There are programs scheduled for after the meal for seniors and events are posted on Town Web site.

**AARP** Driving programs Schedule for Quinebaug Valley Senior Center at 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn CT 06234 on Fridays 9-1pm, 1/6/17, 2/3/17, 3/3/17, 4/7/17, 5/5/17, 6/2/17, 7/7/17, 8/4/17, 9/8/17, 10/13/17, 11/3/17 and 12/1/17. Program is at the meeting room and cost is \$15.00 per member, \$20 for nonmember. Call 860-774-1243 for reservations.

Ella Hebert  
Municipal Agent

## Canterbury Town Clerk & Tax Collector

Happy New Year!

**New Hours!** For your convenience, we are now open until 5:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. We are still open until 6:30 on Thursday evenings and will be closed on Fridays.

**On-Line Tax Payments!** 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. The home page of the Town website [www.canterburyct.org](http://www.canterburyct.org) has a button to click that will bring you to the portal to view or pay your bills on-line. You may also pay your bill via text (see payment portal to sign up) or phone at (844) 395-2236.

**IRS Report of Taxes Paid in 2016!** You may use the on-line service to obtain year-end tax payment amounts for IRS filings. Alternatively, reports are also available upon request in our office for \$1.00. We do not provide tax information over the phone.

**Audit and Annual Reports!** The 2015-2016 Town Audit is available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office. The Town's Annual Report for FY 2015-2016 will be available in mid-February. This report includes information regarding the activities of the various Town Departments, Boards and Commissions, and financial data for the year.

*Natalie Ellston*  
Town Clerk & Tax Collector

## Canterbury Agriculture Commission

Once again, we've turned a new page in town, welcoming 2017 with all the hopes and expectations that a new year brings ... as well as the potential unknowns and unforeseen challenges that are inevitable as the seasons continue to change. Last Spring many of the local farms and gardens were hit hard by unseasonable weather and then Gypsy Moth caterpillar infestations. Last summer we continued to deal with drought conditions, while unprecedented wind storms damaged woodlands and farm structures during the past several months. Hopefully, these will have been "once in a generation" events, allowing for an above-average growing season this year. (Better check the Farmer's Almanac, though!)

Our town Agriculture Commission will continue to work with other towns in the county, supporting educational outreach programs and seminars for farmers and gardeners, and helping to collaboratively resolve many of the local agriculture issues, at a grass roots level. The Ag Commission has been an energetic and beneficial organization for the residents of Canterbury since February 17, 2011. Throughout that period the bulk of the efforts have been maintained by a relatively small group of members. As we move forward this year, several vacancies will exist in March for both regular and alternate members. We encourage anyone interested in joining to contact one of the current members (available on the town web site) or attend an upcoming meeting. The commission meets monthly (except for July and December) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7 PM at the Municipal Building. Meetings typically last an hour, and are open to the public; we encourage public attendance and public participation. Our next meeting is February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Whether you are a young person or an old-timer, we need new volunteers with fresh ideas!

The Ag Commission worked with the Selectmen and several volunteers in November to plan upgrades for the Canterbury Farm & Craft Market, which began last summer as an experiment. An application was recently submitted for a grant that will help enhance promotion and expand organization of the "new" market, which will be held **weekly** from May through October beginning in 2017. As sponsor of the town market, we certainly need additional volunteers to assist in the success of this significant undertaking. The point of contact is Missy Gill in the town Land Use Office.

The Ag Commission has sponsored annual Walktober hikes each fall for the past six years, each one conducted at a different Canterbury farm. Maple Leaf Farm hosted Walktober events the past two years, with Tony leading hikes through his property demonstrating proper forestry management and Sugar Shack operations. We are currently seeking a volunteer farm to host a Walktober event (mid-October) this coming year. If you are interested, please contact us as soon as possible, because application forms must be submitted to The Last Green Valley by the first of April.

## Stolen Street Signs & Stop Signs



Over the past several months, there have been numerous STOP signs and Street Signs reported stolen throughout

Town. The theft of these signs create a major safety factor for each resident of Canterbury, as well as a financial burden as the signs are costly to replace.

The theft of the STOP signs are a hazard for obvious reasons, as people may drive through an intersection, causing an accident with another vehicle, which could result in severe injuries or death.

The theft of Street signs also creates a hazard as their loss may increase the response time for emergency responders (Fire, Police, Medical, etc.), not familiar with our streets and roads, to respond to an accident, medical emergency, and/or fire at one of our residences or along our roadways. In the case of a fire or medical emergency, every minute counts in the response.

If you see someone stealing, or damaging, any of our road signs, or if you have any knowledge of any of the recent thefts, please contact CT State Police Troop D by calling 9-1-1, or by calling their regular business line at 860-779-4900.

If you notice a street sign or STOP sign missing, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 860-546-9693 so that we can record the location and have the sign(s) replaced as soon as possible.

Remember, "If You SEE Something, SAY Something!"

## Editor's Note

*The next issue will be published in April 2017. Anyone wishing to submit articles may do so by email to [canterburynewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:canterburynewsletter@yahoo.com) or by dropping them off at the Selectmen's Office before April 15<sup>th</sup>. The editor reserves the right in all instances to edit for length and content.*

## St. Augustine Church

144 Westminster Road  
Canterbury, CT 06331

Lenten Fish Fry's will be held on each Friday during Lent from March 3 through April 14. Hours are 4:30 to 7:00 PM. Details and menu will be posted in the Turnpike Buyer as the time approaches. Eat in or take out.

## Fourth of July Parade

Plan ahead for our parade on Tuesday, July 4th. Marchers, vendors, music and entertainment are all welcome. Volunteers are needed for the Parade Committee. Contact the Selectman's office for more information (860)546-9693 or selectmanadmin@canterburyct.org.

## 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:*

*February 27th (changed from 2/20 President's Day) 10 am - 12*

*March 20th 10 am - noon*

*April 17th 10 am - noon*

*May 15th 10 am - noon*

*June 19th 10 am - noon*

We are so grateful to everyone who has donated funds, food and time to Canterbury Cares. It has been a blessing to have the support of our town's wonderful churches, schools, local organizations and individuals.

We are currently in need of volunteers to help on Monday mornings to help unload the weekly deliveries (9 am - 10:30) and also on distribution days (third Mondays, 10 am - noon) If you are available to help, weekly or once a month, please contact us at (860)546-9007.

Thank you so much!

## Plastic Bags are One of the Worst Recycling Contaminants

*"I was told not to put my recyclables in a plastic bag when putting them into the Single-Stream Recycling Bin at the Transfer Station. Why? Aren't all plastics recyclable?"*

The quick answer is that plastic bags "mess up the works" as they are one of the worst recycling contaminants in our state's recyclables. Plastic bags and other plastic film should NEVER be put in with the other items in the recycling, or Single-Stream, container. If you keep your recyclables in a plastic bag, that's fine, but just remove the plastic bag when you empty the items into the large recycling container.

Single-Stream recycling is being utilized by our local Transfer Station, as is most Connecticut communities. Newspapers, cardboard and magazines can be mixed with glass, metal and plastic bottles and cans, all in the same bin. It is very important to put only what can be recycled into the Single-Stream bin, and not to put other items in just because the container is larger. This is true whether you have curbside pickup, take your items to the Transfer Station, or recycle at your condo or apartment complex.

The recyclables in your bin go to a plant for sorting. Although these facilities have systems to pull or blow plastic bags off of the line, unfortunately, most bags end up getting tangled in the equipment causing safety concerns for workers. This is costly for the facility because they must shut down the equipment to remove the tangled bags by hand. Bags that are recovered are often dirty or wet and end up in the regular trash.

There is a correct way to recycle plastic bags, but it is not with Single-Stream. CT DEEP, in partnership with the American Chemistry Council, has kicked off a "CT WRAP" initiative at the end of 2016 to encourage residents to return plastic bags and film to their local retail stores. Some of us may already be aware that grocers have a collection bin for plastic bags at the front of the store – but did you know that you can recycle more than just plastic bags? Plastic film includes newspaper bags, bubble-wrap, bread bags, produce bags, film packaging wrapped around toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, and bottled water. The key is to keep these materials clean and dry. A full list and a drop-off directory can be found at [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org).

## The Last Green Valley

**The Last Green Valley is Your National Heritage Corridor!**

Do you ever stop for just a moment and drink in your surroundings? Please do!

The Last Green Valley is our home and our legacy! Unique natural and historic resources give us a sense of place in our 35 town region and are just a piece of our important designation as a National Heritage Corridor in 1994.

**TLGV Brings \$6.1 Million to the Region for Forest Conservation!**

TLGV is proud to announce that it has successfully partnered with 19 organizations to bring \$6.1 million in new federal dollars to the region for healthy woods and forest land conservation. Most of the funds will go directly to landowners for bird/wildlife habitat assessments and forest management plans, good forest conservation practices, and easements for permanent woodlands protection.

**Spring Outdoors!** Our new program, like Walktober, is held as nature springs forth in The Last Green Valley, running from March 20-June 21. We need leaders for hikes, paddles, bike rides, tours! Contact [marcy@tlgv.org](mailto:marcy@tlgv.org) for more information.

**Explore!**, the comprehensive adventure and recreation guide to our region, will be updated to inspire all sorts of adventure, making you into a modern day explorer. Business & nonprofit partnerships are encouraged and include listings in **Explore!** Contact [marcy@tlgv.org](mailto:marcy@tlgv.org) for details. The updated **Explore!** guide will be available in late May!

**Monthly**, TLGV offers a chance to connect to a new place or revisit an old favorite with Acorn Adventures, aimed at families with children inspiring childlike joy as we find a salamander or catch a tadpole, and Member Programs offering variety and information ranging from eagles to a woods walk.

**Clean-ups** are a focus as spring approaches, and once again we'll offer funds to groups willing to chip in and help keep The Last Green Valley clean and green.

Keep up to date with all the news and happenings in The Last Green Valley on our website [www.thelastgreenvalley.org](http://www.thelastgreenvalley.org) and on our facebook page LastGreenValley/

## SFC Little League

Online registration is officially open for SFC Little League's 2017 spring season! Boys and girls ages 4 to 16 living in the towns of Sprague, Scotland, Franklin, and Canterbury are eligible to play. Please visit our new website for more information and to register **through March 4, 2017**. [tshq.bluesombrero.com/sfcbaseball](http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/sfcbaseball)

Our winter clinics are now in full swing! Join us Saturday evenings at the Franklin Elementary School for the baseball/softball clinic from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for ages 5 to 8 and from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. for ages 9 to 12. Tuesday evenings

the pitcher/catcher clinic is held at Sayles Elementary School from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for boys and girls ages 7 to 12. Please note that both clinics are active; please have your child wear sneakers and bring his or her glove. Check the SFC Facebook page often at <https://www.facebook.com/sfc11/> for updates and cancellations due to weather. Both clinics run through 3/7/2017.

We thank you for your continued support of SFC Little League! Please email the board anytime at [sfcboard@hotmail.com](mailto:sfcboard@hotmail.com) with questions.

## Canterbury Athletic Association

Greetings from the Canterbury Athletic Association! The new year is off with a great start as we have emerged into basketball season! This year we have 130 players in grades Pre-K to 6, learning new skills on and off the court! We are especially excited to see an increased participation in our kindergarten and preschool clinics. We have a great team of volunteers who help run these programs and we couldn't do it without you. We will be holding our annual "March Madness" basketball tournament for 3rd and 4th graders, and 5th and 6th graders!

Spring soccer will soon be upon us! Spring registration will start in February. Please go to our website for more information. Soccer is also in desperate need for additional

volunteers. Currently we are in need of help with registrations and organizing events so soccer experience is not required. If you are willing to help please contact Matt Veloce [ct.caa.soccer@gmail.com](mailto:ct.caa.soccer@gmail.com).

### Annual CAA Golf Tournament

We are hosting our annual golf tournament in July. If you are interested in being a corporate sponsor, tee sponsor or if want to volunteer please contact Jim Molkenthin, Ryan Marquis, or Amy Goodale for further information. Use our website for current contact info [www.canterburyathleticassociation.com](http://www.canterburyathleticassociation.com). Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

## FINNISH AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Region FinnFunn weekend was held at the East Hill Farm Resort in Troy, NH on Oct 28<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. Attendees were from all the New England and New York states with a program of art, education, supper food roundtable, crafts, music, and culture of Finnish Americans. Local presenters were Anita Hakkila Smiley, Sean Tate, and FAHS President Steve Bousquet. Steve was also presented the Galvanized Finn Award.

The following weekend several FAHS members attended events in conjunction with our Finlandia Foundation National's meeting of chapters from across the U.S. in Washington DC with 35 of 52 locations attending. The event began at the Finnish Embassy on Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> when Anita Hakkila Smiley of Preston received the Order of the White Rose issued by the President of Finland.

On Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> FAHS held their annual fundraiser for the hall preservation fund with our Wine and Beer Tasting and silent auction chaired by Jobina Miller. We thank the community for their support and John Brisson of the Booze Barn for coordinating a variety of distributors for the evening.

With a full calendar of events for the coming year, our January membership meeting on Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> was followed by a fundraiser for Marcia and Matti Huhta to continue to support the rehab of Marcia since the June accident. The fundraiser began with a champagne toast honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Finland's Independence followed by a delicious catered pasta lunch by a local caterer, Simply Elegant.

### Finnish American Heritage Society Exhibit at Connecticut Historical Society by Lynne Williamson

The Connecticut Historical Society (CHS) is partnering with the Finnish American Heritage Society (FAHS) to present art works, images, and documentation of the community's history

from the FAHS archives, one of the largest Finnish collections in the country. Opening on March 21, and on view until May 6, the exhibit will explore central characteristics of Finns in Connecticut – their agricultural cooperatives; the built environment, including farms, barns, and community halls; the saunas constructed by every family as a social gathering place; the festivals celebrating important Finnish holidays; and the many artistic and musical traditions still practiced throughout the community. 2017 marks the centenary of Finland's independence from Russia, as well as the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of FAHS. CHS and FAHS will organize a bus tour and culinary experience in eastern Connecticut in April.

**NOTE: An open reception will be held at the Connecticut Historical Society on Friday, March 24, at 5:00 pm. FAHS members and the public are invited to attend this opening.**

### A reminder to save the dates on your calendar:

**Sledding Day with soups and pulla bread and more Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 2**

**Finnish Culinary delights Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30**

**Movie "Eero Saarinen: The Architect Who Saw the Future" Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 with a speaker from Lehto Design.**

**CT Historical Society Exhibit on Finnish Americans of CT March 21<sup>st</sup> until May 6<sup>th</sup>, Elizabeth St, Harford, CT**

**Pancake Breakfast Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 11:00**

**Concert with Hannu Makipuro on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 and Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00**

**Tori /Open Market Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to 3:00**

**The heritage society wishes all a Happy and Healthy New Year. We invite all to help us celebrate our important 2017 milestone events.**

# CANTERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

(Sign-up is required)

### Bouncing Baby Tales with Melissa Lennon

Children, ages birth to 18 months old. 8 week program beginning Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30am—10:00 am

### Music & Movement with Melissa Lennon

Children, ages 18 months to 3 years old. 8-week program starting Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, two sessions at 9:30 and 10:30 am

### Ladder to Literacy with Melissa Lennon

Children, ages 3 1/2 to 5 years old. Program runs September—May. New session begins September 2017. Wednesdays, 10:15-11:15 am

## FAMILY PROGRAMS - All Ages!

### Take your Child to the Library Day

Sat. February 4th @ CPI, 10:00 - 2:00 Different craft activities every hour and a live tortoise! Activities will include making bookmarks, cards, pine cone owls, and kaleidoscopes.

### Science & Nature Programs

One Saturday a month from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Ages 4+. Sign-up required. Each program includes reading from a book and a poem, topic discussion, making a craft and a take-home activity.

**February 11<sup>th</sup>** - *Woo Goes There?*  
Owls

**March 11<sup>th</sup>** - *Who carries their home?* Learn about Turtles

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** - *What sounds tell you that spring is coming?*  
Learn about Frogs.

### Creativity Through Construction

Four Saturdays: January 21, February 18, March 18 and April 15 two classes from 10:00 - 11:00 or 11:30 - 12:30. Sign-up required.

### First Friday Family Movie

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

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>**—Pete's Dragon (2016)

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**—Storks (PG)

**Special Thursday Movie, March 9<sup>th</sup>**—Trolls (PG)

## ADULT ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

(Sign-up is required)

**Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:00 am**

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

**February 15<sup>th</sup>** - Stenciling

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** - Card Stamping/Making

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** - Painting Bird Houses

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** - Beading

### Black Bear Program (Suggested Ages 12+)

Wednesday, February 15, 6:00 - 7:30

(Sign-up required)

## ADULT AND TEEN PROGRAMS

### Book Discussions

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**February 21<sup>st</sup>** Canterbury—*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** Scotland—*A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** Canterbury—Louise Penny Month (your choice)

### Celebration of Finland's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence from Russia.

The Canterbury Public Library, in collaboration with the Finnish American Heritage Society, will be showing the film, *Eero Saarinen-The Architect Who Saw the Future*. This film, originally shown on "American Masters" on PBS, highlights Saarinen's most famous buildings including the Gateway Arch in St. Louis and Ingalls Rink at Yale University. Guest speaker will be Mike Lehto of Lehto Builders. A variety of savory and sweet Finnish foods will be served. This program is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, March 15 at 6:00.

### Tax Assistance Sessions

AARP Tax-Aide Volunteers will be at the library to help with your 2016 Tax Preparation. This is a free service available on a first-come, first-served basis. Appointments are available Mondays from 9:00 - 1:00 on the following dates:

**February 13 & 27, 2017**

**March 13 & 27, 2017**

**April 3 & 10, 2017**

Call the library to schedule an appointment: (860-546-9022)



## Creating Community Connections

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**Mystic Aquarium:** Half-priced admission for 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:** Free Admission for 2 adults & 2 youths (6-17 years).

**Wadsworth Atheneum:** Free admission for 2 adults & 2 children.

## Canterbury Lions Club

The Canterbury Lions were very busy last fall! We hosted a chicken barbeque fundraiser and sold food as part of the Prudence Crandall day festivities. In partnership with the Canterbury Constables, we hosted Trunk or Treat at the Community Center. We partnered with the local Girl Scouts to put on a pasta dinner on Veteran's Day. In addition to honoring veterans with a free meal, the Girl Scouts were able to raise money to support their activities. The Lions also teamed up with parents of Baldwin Middle School chorus members to offer refreshments to those attending the annual Day Kimball Tree of Life Ceremony at the Town Hall in early December. We made donations to help support Canterbury Cares and the raising and training of Fidelco Seeing Eye dogs.

Training was part of our fall activities as well – 17 Canterbury Lions completed the Northeast District Department of Health's Food Awareness and Safety Training. This course is required every five years for individuals like the Lions who prepare and serve food during events.

We look forward to installing an eyeglass drop box at the

Transfer Station in the near future, where residents can donate unused eyeglasses and hearing aids. The box is being constructed by students at Ellis Tech High School. Canterbury Lions will be sending the numerous eyeglasses and hearing aids we've collected to the annual Lions District Governor's Eyeglass Extravaganza later this spring.

In addition to having a web presence on the town website, we have two other webpages: [e-clubhouse.org/sites/canterburyct.index.php](http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/canterburyct.index.php) and <http://canterburyct.lionwap.org/>. Check us out! We welcome new members interested in helping meet the many needs of our community. Our meetings are held at the Riverview Restaurant in Moosup on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday. If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Sarah Wallace, Membership Chair, at [sarah.wallace@banksi.com](mailto:sarah.wallace@banksi.com).

Upcoming events: Ham and Bean Dinner with Friends of Prudence Crandall, April 8, 2017 at the Community Center. Town Clean-up, April 22, 2017. We are also looking into purchasing and donating some adult outdoor exercise equipment to be installed at Manship Park. Stay tuned!

## Prudence Crandall Museum

Through the end of April, the Museum is open Monday through Friday by-appointment-only. Please contact the museum at 860-546-7800 to make an appointment! (Admission: \$6 adults / \$4 Sr Citizens and Youth / Ages 5 and under, free.) In addition, the Museum gift shop is stocked with a wide variety of books for all ages, (on local, women's and black history), along with an assortment of toys, souvenirs, gift items. Shop Local ~

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring "Ham and Bean" Dinner

Saturday April 8, 2017 – Sponsored by Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum, the Canterbury Lions Club, and the Museum with proceeds benefiting *Friends* and Lions Club activities.

Cost: \$12 per person / \$5 for children ages 10 and under.

Canterbury Community Center 4:30 - 7pm, Dine-In/Take Out.

Tickets: Available at the Prudence Crandall Museum or from Lions Club members.

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 Extension 7, or go to [friendsofprudencemandallmuseum.org](http://friendsofprudencemandallmuseum.org)

The Museum will be reopening for the summer 2017 season on May 4, but in the meantime, to find out more about Museum programs and events, call: 860-546-7800 or go to [www.cultureandtourism.org](http://www.cultureandtourism.org). Follow the Museum and *Friends of the Museum* on Facebook!

## Canterbury Historical Society

2017 starts with a new slate of officers for the historical society after our annual election that was held on January 13. The Executive Board now consists of: Ellen Wilson – President; Robert Blackard – Vice-President; William Kivic – Treasurer; Amy Orlomoski – Recording Secretary; Linda Orlomoski – Corresponding Secretary; and Kate Zapadka – Member-at-Large. Still to be appointed will be the positions of Archivist and Programming Chair. Membership renewals are due in January for current or new members wishing to join; rates are \$10 per year or one can become a lifetime member for \$100.

On Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, we'll be holding a special evening of music featuring The Feinberg Brothers, a dynamic young duo from Long Island. The band is rounded out with three seasoned bluegrass musicians – Pete Elegant on acoustic bass, Terry McGill on the 5-string banjo, and Ronnie Feinberg on guitar. Opening the show will be Redwood Hill featuring native Canterbury son Dave Orlomoski along with Lillian Fraker, Dave Shaw, and Keith Edwards. Sponsored by Brooklyn's Country View Restaurant, proceeds from the show that begins at 7:00 pm go towards funding this year's Old Home Day celebration. Tickets purchased before March 1<sup>st</sup> are \$18 for adults, \$15 for Seniors 60+ or Kids 14 and below; after that tickets are \$20 at the door. Ticket requests can be sent to PO

Box 2, Canterbury, CT 06331 with checks made payable to "Canterbury Historical Society"; include a self-addressed stamped envelope otherwise tickets will be held at the door. For more information be sure to check out our website at [canterburyhistorical.org](http://canterburyhistorical.org) or call Amy at 860-546-9062.

After a one-year hiatus, our favorite way to welcome fall will be back when we celebrate Old Home Day on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> on the Canterbury Green featuring demonstrations of traditional crafts & trades, live music, friendly animals, great food, tours of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century Green School, and more. If you or someone you know is interested in being an exhibitor or maybe even performing live on stage, contact us through our website, send an email to [canterburyhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:canterburyhistorical@gmail.com), or message us through our Facebook page at [facebook.com/CanterburyHistoricalSociety.CT](https://www.facebook.com/CanterburyHistoricalSociety.CT)

Though there is no current listing of upcoming programs as of this writing, we hope that you'll join us on the second Friday of each month in the Town Hall Community Room for our programs that begin at 7:30 pm following our monthly meeting which begins at 7:00. If history repeats itself (and it often does!), we're sure to have some great programs that are free, open to the public, and often very enlightening!

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### *Canterbury Public Schools*

*Canterbury Elementary School:* It has been a great first half of the school year. We have welcomed many new students since September. We continue to work with the community to extend the experiences that our students have. Kindergarten and pre-kindergarten registration and screening takes place in March or early April for school year 2017-2018. It will be advertised in local newspapers and at the town hall. Should you have any questions, please contact the school. Our PTO is active, offering such events as an Ice Cream Social at the beginning of the year. They have also supported our faculty by offering dinner at parent/teacher conferences. They hosted a movie night in December which was fun and well attended. A special concert was given in December by the CES chorus, made up of 3 and 4 graders. Our school-wide assemblies showcase students' talents from book reports to songs to dances. We recognize academic achievement and effort. We celebrate how the students contribute to our school by being especially kind, funny, or caring of others. This fall we started a new activity in which students recognize adults for something special. To date, we have received over 500 Kid Kudos from our students. They have recognized every role in the building, and thanked us for what we do to make this school better. The solar panel project is complete! We also have made strides in improving access to technology within the school. One recent purchase is a computer cart with 25 computers so that we now have a mobile lab in addition to our technology classroom. As always, we thank you for your care and support.

*Special Education Department:* Preschool screening will occur in the next few months. If you have concerns regarding the development of your 3 or 4 year old, please contact the Special Education Office at 860-546-1040 to schedule an appointment to have your son/daughter screened. The Special Education Department continues to thrive in providing individualized programming to eligible students ages 3-21. The annual Thanksgiving Feast was recently held where the students and their support staff shopped for, created, presented and enjoyed eating the meal with peers. It is always and enjoyable event. Community access trips are occurring for students who need exposure to Life Skills. We are very excited about these opportunities for our students.

*Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School:* The building goals for this school year have been focused on increased technology use, increase student leadership and student creativity, and increased parent and community involvement. With regard to technology, there have been 2 in service sessions focused on technology training and exposure, complete transition to Google Applications for Education, increased chromebook cart accessibility (by 25 devices) and 16 desktops configured and

ready to go in the back of the science lab. With regard to student involvement, opportunities for student leadership have grown in areas of National Junior Honor Society, community service, and morning announcements. By utilizing the 10 period opportunities, students have a more focused role in the school operation and many risks taken with classroom lessons, risk taken with Specials new schedule allowing for greater depth to be taken curricular wise, and more in class presentations like Civil War weaponry, guest speaker from engineering field, and local veteran's speaking to the student body.

With regard to community involvement, the roots of a PTO are being cultivated, bringing in veterans to speak and connect to the local VFW, increased student community service by Pledging for the Principal which has yielded hundreds of hours of community service. The Fall Book Fair was an enormous amount of work and each ELA classroom will benefit from the profits as well as the 2 Annual Winter Festival which involved various student groups and classes and will yield thousands for disbursement for student field trips and co-curricular needs.

The Canterbury Board of Education is looking for community members to team with them to write our next 3-5 year Strategic Plan. Please contact Dr. Knapton at [lknapton@canterburypublicschools.org](mailto:lknapton@canterburypublicschools.org) if you would like to participate.

*Canterbury Public Schools would like to thank you for all your support. As you know, it is annual budget time. I wanted to be sure you all had the dates of our upcoming Budget hearings: January 31 is the first budget presentation to the BOE, 7 pm; Budget workshop sessions will be held on February 14, 21 and 28, 7 pm at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School. and a regular BOE meeting on February 23, 2017. Then on March 7, you can join us at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School for a joint meeting with the Board of Finance for the final presentation.*

### *Canterbury Education Foundation*

A big Thank-you goes out to Walter and Christine Crugnola-Petruniw for their generous donation of \$10,000 to the CEF. This donation is earmarked for the Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School library and purchasing will be spread out over the next three years. This donation will move our already wonderfully diverse selection of books ahead by several years and will serve as a jump-start to the CEF, which was founded in February 2015 as a way to supplement the school's programs.

The CEF represents local community members, businesses, and education leaders. The CEF meets monthly at the Town Library: Feel free to contact us at [canterburiedfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:canterburiedfoundation@gmail.com) for more information.