

Canterbury Town News

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July 1, 2009

SELECTMEN'S CORNER



It's great that we've got a budget! Sincere thanks to all who worked and sacrificed together to end up with a zero tax increase while maintaining staff and services. The challenge now is to maximize Town functions within the budget, while aggressively seeking outside funding for projects and upgrades to expand our services and facilities. Opportunities for Federal stimulus funds are at last starting to materialize, and we're working hard to make sure Canterbury gets its share.

Thank you to all who participated in signing up during the new Transfer Station sticker program. Now that we're at the end of the fiscal year, we see a reduction in costs at the station due in some part to enforcing resident-only use. The current stickers are good until further notice, as we are still determining options to end up with a legally permitted station or a viable alternative.

Now that summer is finally in swing, enjoy the Town and all of its attractions! It seems that every week another small enterprise or activity becomes available to make life in Canterbury more interesting. Keep 'em coming.

Brian Sear

First Selectman

CANTERBURY'S ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY PARADE

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH, 2009

ROUTE 14 (WESTMINSTER ROAD)

OPEN TO ANY ORGANIZATION, BUSINESS, FAMILY, OR WHOEVER WANTS TO SHOW OFF YOUR RED, WHITE, & BLUE

PARADE PARTICIPANTS START FORMING UP AT THE BALDWIN SCHOOL AT 9:00 AM.

PARADE STEPS OFF AT 10:00 AM. SHARP FROM THE BALDWIN SCHOOL AND ENDS AT THE TOWN HALL

REFRESHMENTS FOR SALE FOLLOWING THE PARADE TO BENEFIT THE CANTERBURY WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Canterbury Lions and the Canterbury Public Library is sponsoring a parade flag sale to support the purchase of large print books for the visually impaired.

Size of the flag is 8" x 12", price is \$ 2.00 each or the family plan 6 flags for \$10.00. Flags will be available during the parade. Point of contact is Ray Coombs Sr. 546- 9974.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Happy Summer everyone! The Town budget passed on time and the



tax bills will be mailed out on June 30. You will have until August 3 to pay without interest. Please keep in mind that your motor vehicle bills are based on registration/ownership as of October 1, 2008 and cover the time period from 10/1/08 through 9/30/09.

Our office is getting geared up for the Municipal Election, which will be held on November 3. The list of offices to be filled has been filed with the Secretary of State's office and is available for inspection here during office hours. Major political parties will hold their caucuses between July 21 and July 28. Nominating petitions for those candidates not affiliated with a political party must file their completed petitions with the Town Clerk or the Secretary of State by August 5. If valid petitions have been filed, making it necessary to hold a primary, the date for the primary is September 15.

There has been some confusion with the new legislation regarding marine fishing licenses. Apparently, the DEP jumped the gun and started issuing marine licenses before the governor had signed the bill into law. When the bill gets signed, we will again be able to issue marine fishing licenses from our office for a \$10 fee.

New legislation has also been passed increasing the recording fees for land records from \$43 to \$53 for the first page effective July 1. This is not something that our office has any control over and we regret that recording fees continue to rise. The additional \$10 will be remitted to the State and the Town will not retain any of that fee.

Here's to a safe and sunny summer!

Natalie Cordes,

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE



For those of you that I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, my name is Jennifer York, the new Assessor for the Town of Canterbury. I have been in town since the beginning of May. I'd like to thank everyone that has stopped in and introduced themselves. I look forward to getting to know the Town better and working with all of you! Here is a brief update on what is going on in the Assessor's Office.

Data collection for the Town's 2009 Revaluation is almost complete. Data mailers will be sent this summer to each property owner to verify that the information collected is correct. Please review this form to make sure there are no discrepancies. Values for the Revaluation will not be complete until the fall. Once they have been finalized valuation notices will be sent to each property owner. If you have any questions about the Revaluation process, please call the Assessor's Office.

Attention Renters: We are currently taking applications for a renter's rebate program that could benefit you. If you are 65 (or older), and/or totally disabled, & rent in Canterbury, you could be

eligible for the State of Connecticut's Rent Rebate program if you meet the State's income and expense guidelines. Application must be made no later than Tuesday, September 15, 2009.

Attention Veterans: If you filed for the Additional Veterans and/or Local Option Veterans Exemptions in 2007, another application needs to be filed no later than October 1, 2009 in order to continue receiving the benefit.

Sold your car? Tax bills will be issued soon and you may get a bill for a car you no longer own. If you transferred the license plate registration to another vehicle, the July bill won't be prorated because you will receive a credit on the January supplemental bill for the new vehicle.

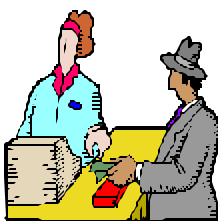
But, if you did return the plates to DMV and canceled the registration, bring a copy of the receipt from DMV, along with documentation that shows what you did with the vehicle & when you did it (for example, if you sold the vehicle, bring in a copy of the bill of sale) so the bill can be prorated.

Personal Property forms will be mailed out at the end of September for the 2009 Grand List. Please remember to return these forms no later than November 1 to avoid a penalty.

PA490 applications will be available in the Assessor's Office on September 1 and can be filed between September 1 and December 31.

Call if you have any questions—the phone number for the Assessor's Office is 546-6035.

LAND USE OFFICE



The Planning and Zoning Commission has been busy updating the Town Plan of Conservation and Development. We have had several public meetings and received a lot of public comment on the future of the Town. Our consultant has put together several booklets, which are available on the Planning and Zoning web page, summarizing the public's input and possible strategies to address the concerns

raised. All are encouraged to review these documents and submit any comments to the Land Use Office. Our next regular P/Z meeting, on July 9th, will include a discussion on development and infrastructure issues. All are encouraged to attend.

We recently completed a Co-Occurring Resource Inventory with The Green Valley Institute, which produced a map of the Town with our most valuable natural resources mapped. This map will be useful in determining the Town's future. Many thanks to Holly Drinkuth and Michael Altshul for working with us to get this accomplished.

Just a reminder that any activity involving filling, excavating or cutting of trees in or within 100 feet of a watercourse or wetland needs to be cleared by the Land Use Office. Many minor activities can now be approved by the Agent either on the phone or via a simple application; more major activities will still need Commission approval. Agricultural uses must also get prior-approval before starting any work in wetlands as well. Thanks for your cooperation.

The Land Use Office, in conjunction with the First Selectman's Office, just had a list of "locally important farmland soils" defined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. These soils types will be counted the same as the State defined important farmland soils in qualifying for grants or other programs. This is a benefit to the Town's farmers and others as "bonus points" are often given for parcels that contain these soils as they are more valuable than non-

farmland soils to protect. In checking the map, most of our farms now have either State or Locally defined farmland soils on them, which is good news for their future.

Please do not hesitate to call our office with any questions or concerns.

Steven Sadlowski, CZEO

CANTERBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Office of the Superintendent

First off, and most importantly, I want to thank the community for supporting the Board of Education budget. It was a seven-month process in development but, as a result, it was approved at the first Town Referendum. This feat reflects your belief in the educational process and truly shows your dedication to the children of Canterbury. Once, again, thank you very much.

As you have been reading on a daily basis in the newspapers and hearing on news broadcasts, districts are eligible to receive funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, more commonly known as the stimulus funds. Thus far, we have submitted two grants, Title I and IDEA, the purpose of each is to enhance the delivery of instruction and provide resources and professional development. As stipulated by the ARRA parameters, we are not permitted to supplant our current budget. Each district has been directed to supplement current offerings and sustain any new programs or positions. We are waiting for formal approval of the submissions by the CT State Department of Education.

The William Graustein Memorial Fund sponsored a Community Conversation. This district- awarded grant funded an evening discussion in May focused on *Meeting the Needs of Children in the Global Age*. The Conversation was comprised of approximately forty Canterbury residents that discussed the current educational process and ways to change or expand it. The aim of the evening was to help people understand the issues more fully, communicate with each other more effectively, and build more common ground on how schools, families, and the community-at-large can work together to help all students succeed. At a follow-up Conversation, the participants identified ways to partner with the community. One suggestion was to recognize students for their documented hours of community service. Another suggestion was to sponsor a Career Day, where local townspeople will come into the school and share information about their careers with the students. Other suggestions included enhancing the grade five *Civic Day* and the grade six *Family Fun Day*. As documented, the meetings were productive and brought commonality to the attendees.

This summer the maintenance crew and custodians will be painting the interior and exterior of the Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School. Anyone interested in perfecting their painting skills please call our maintenance director at 546-6950. In addition to the painting, the classrooms will be stripped and thoroughly cleaned and the Facilities Building (the modular classroom) will be completed. Paving, sprinklers, and roof repair are other projects scheduled for the summer months.

Have a wonderful summer. Enjoy the sunshine and bright skies.

Janet M. Tyler
Superintendent of Schools

CANTERBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A. Catherine Ferguson, Principal



Important Dates:

The first day of school for all students at CES will be on Thursday, August 27, 2009. Open House will be held on the evening of Thursday, September 3.

Pre-Kindergarten orientation will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2009. Students

and their parents will have an opportunity to visit their classrooms and tour the school. Kindergarten orientation will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2009. Students and their parents will visit their classroom, tour the school and go on a bus ride. We delight in having them come into the school and meet with their teachers. Invitations will be going out later in the summer.

The HUGS Program Pasta Dinner was held on June 16. Many students and their families attended. It was a fun night for all. We were most grateful for this program that provided support to some of our students. Our thanks to Mrs. Marsalisi, Mrs. Canning and Ms. Manigian for their efforts in delivering this wonderful program.

Continued thanks to our PTO, a group of extremely dedicated parents, for all they do to add to the experiences of our CES students. On Field Day, they provided all the students with fun on the inflatables. Their efforts enhanced our playground, provided student opportunities to attend field trips and fine arts presentations, as well as participate in fun social events such as family nights.

Results of our work on SMART Goals this school year proved quite productive. Analysis of the end of the year assessments indicated gains in all areas. Results of targeting specific skills and focused instruction based on the assessment data reviewed within Professional Learning Communities were quite positive especially in the area of writing.

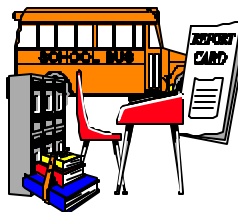
Our Grade 3 students performed their Spring Concert on May 14. The concert, under the direction of Mrs. May, delighted us all.

Our Grade 4 Awards Ceremony was held the evening of Thursday, June 11. Twenty-five students received awards for Perfect attendance, Technology and Physical Fitness. The prestigious Presidential Awards were given to 2 students for high academic achievement, integrity, strength of character, leadership and depth of thought. The students who received them were Aili Gluck and Casey Allen. Two students were presented the Thomas Jacaruso Memorial award for athletic ability and sportsmanship. This award was presented to Aislin Glade and Jason Craig. The award was presented by Thomas Jacaruso's niece, a member of the grade 4 class, Amanda Jacaruso.

The Grade 4 Send-Off Ceremony was bittersweet as we celebrated this terrific group of students and bid them farewell as they move to Grade 5 at the Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School. The grade 4 team: Ms. Neborsky, Ms. Miner, Mr. Yaworski, and Mrs. Taylor, along with Mrs. May, made the event very special. Superintendent Tyler shared some special moments of the grade 4 students which were reported to her. They were quite heartwarming to say the least. The event was highlighted by a Tribute to the Class of 2009 Video that captured the spirit of each and every one of the students.

DR. HELEN BALDWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Kathleen Boyhan-Maus, Principal



Summer News

Our grade eight students graduated on July 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Griswold High School. The entire auditorium was packed with families and friends. Our valedictorian was Brittany Molkenthin and the salutatorian was Tristan Welch. Students were proud, happy, and teary to leave the middle school.

The ceremony was the last that Mrs. Grochowski will plan for Canterbury because she has retired this month. Students, staff, and families will miss her greatly. She has been directing our drama productions, advising our yearbook committee, the eighth grade class advisor and a multitude of additional feats in addition to her outstanding art instruction. We are also saying farewell to Mrs. Crawford who will be embarking on new opportunities this fall.

Our PTO has been extraordinary again this year. One of the most exciting economic benefits they have provided to all students leaving grades 5, 6, and 7, is having procured Test Prep Fun for each student to access both in school and at home. The games in reading, math, and science are aligned with the state standards, and the students love playing them. The PTO has generously enabled our students to go on several field trips as well. Thank you all for your exceptional hard work.

I would also like to recognize the generosity of the CAA. They are funding a \$17,000.00 sound system for the gym/auditorium. Our students will be able to have a more refined ability with sound for drama, concerts, sports events, as well as our many additional activities and programs for which we use the gym.

The in-coming grade 7 students will be going to Nature's Classroom again this fall. They will stay overnight for three nights and have four days to enhance their skills with the environment, science, and social studies educational activities. Coach Rodrigues will be taking our cheerleaders to a summer camp at Southern Connecticut State University. Students will be staying in dorm suites for several nights and days. They worked very hard to help defray the cost by having a fabulous Silent Auction Wright's Mill this spring. They were able to earn almost \$3,000.00 to help lessen the fees for camp.

Our baseball and softball teams made it to the finals winning trophies again this year. I am most proud of their tenacity and teamwork. Our Canterbury teams have been noted for their outstanding sportsmanship and have actually been presented a most prestigious award for sportsmanship. In the track department, several of our student-athletes hammered a multitude of goal-setting records this year. Thanks to all the coaches, talented athletes, and super athletic directors this year.

The middle school had an incredibly prosperous year. We are stretching our abilities in technology to become a better 21st century, global middle school. Technology is currently integrated within every subject; next year we shall be fine-tuning those skills and challenging ourselves to develop and implement even more sophisticated learning opportunities. Our Professional Learning Communities will continue to plan and grow to afford every student the best possible educational experience.

I wish you a safe, relaxing and family-centered summer. Don't for-

get that all students have their own codes to use the 24-7 test prep fun program to enhance and reinforce learning. All students are also expected to read a minimum of two books and respond with their literature packets which accompanied their report cards. School is open most of the summer. A sign will be posted for the days no one will be available in the middle school. Enjoy!

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Bryan Klimkiewicz, Director of Pupil Services

It has been an extremely successful school year for our students in Canterbury! The month of June was filled with graduation ceremonies, celebrations, field trips, and exciting learning opportunities. It is always a pleasure and very rewarding to see how our students have grown academically, socially, and emotionally throughout the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and guardians that have participated in their children's education this year. A collaborative team effort is essential to the success of our students. I am extremely interested in hearing your thoughts and experiences regarding your child's special education program during this school year. Our pupil services office will be mailing a questionnaire/survey to all parents of children with special needs. Please take the time to share your thoughts and opinions with us so that we may incorporate your feedback during the following school year. Thank you for your time in advance.

Congratulations to Graduating Seniors:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 2009 class of Graduating Seniors with special needs. These students should be extremely proud of their accomplishments as Canterbury Students in our surrounding high schools. Our two graduating seniors from Woodstock Academy have plans to continue their education at a Community College in the fall of 2009. We also have three students that are graduating from private special education schools. Two students currently have full time jobs upon graduation and have aspirations to continue their education at a Technical Institute. One student has been formally accepted to a Technical Institute in CT. This placement offers a 15 month program targeting a specific trade or skill which will lead to future employment in the student's area of interest. It was a pleasure working with these students and their families and I would like to wish them continued success in the next steps of their lifelong educational journey

Canterbury S.T.E.P. (Support and Training for Educators and Parents):

The STEP group's vision remains to create and foster a collaborative relationship between parents and educators for the success of our children. The STEP group meets on a regular basis to plan activities and coordinate resources to provide valuable experiences for parents, educators, and community members. If you have suggestions or recommendations for an event or a speaker for the following school year please contact the pupil services office during the summer months (546-1040).

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES OF STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS!

CPAC: Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center:
Please read below for a brief summary as documented on their site:
www.cpacinc.org

"If your child has special needs - we are here to help!"

The Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center, Inc. (CPAC) is a state-wide nonprofit organization that offers information and support to families of children with any disability or chronic illness, age birth through 26.

We are here to help you:

- Understand special education laws
- Identify your child's educational needs
- Communicate more effectively with professionals
- Participate in the educational decision making process

Please call us. Our services are FREE for parents."

Student Supports:

Response to Intervention (RTI) is the process of providing research based interventions for struggling students. The concept is to get students that are having difficulty behaviorally or academically the assistance they need quickly and monitor their "response to intervention" to determine future interventions or supports. The State Department of Education has created a Family Guide describing this process that is being implemented in all school districts across the state. You can download this guide at: <http://ctpic.org/s/> (Connecticut Parent Information and Resource Center). Please read below for a brief description as written on the site.

Connecticut's Framework for RtI: A Family Guide Using Scientific Research-Based Interventions: Improving Education for All Students

"Teachers, administrators, and families want all children to succeed. There are many ways to get children who are struggling to learn the additional help they need to be successful. One way is with the use of "scientific research-based interventions" (SRBI).

This booklet reviews what SRBI are and includes questions you might want to ask your child's school or program to learn more about how they are using SRBI as a framework to improve teaching and learning. Also included here are ways families can be a part of the decision-making process and what to do when you have concerns about your child's progress.

ASCONN SEARCH ENGINE (www.autismsource.org)

This website is a comprehensive search engine for families of children with Autism. This search provides information regarding services and supports (i.e., Dentists, camps, assistive technology devices) for children with Autism. Please read below for a brief description as shown on the site.

"Search nationwide autism-related services and supports by location or service type. Autism Source, created in 2004, is the most comprehensive database of its kind. ASA strives to offer only credible and reliable resources to our constituents; therefore we have employed our nationwide network of chapters and collaborated with other autism organizations and professionals throughout the U.S. It is because of these collaborative relationships that Autism Source continues to grow and is kept current with comprehensive resource listings."

The Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress (www.ctdownsyndrome.org)

The Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress has a new chapter of DADS (Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome). Please read below for

a brief description as shown on the site:

D.A.D.S. mission statement: **To assist and support, through fellowship and action, the fathers and families of individuals with Down Syndrome.**

Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome, or D.A.D.S., is an organization of fathers of children who happen to have Down syndrome. We hesitate to call our self a "support group", even though we do, in many ways, support each other. We prefer to think of D.A.D.S. as an "action group."

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Your Economic Development Commission has just finalized the street sign program for businesses located off the main highways. They will be highly visible, maroon in color with the town seal as part of the artwork. Businesses interested in promoting their location can respond to a letter mailed recently or call the Planning Office at 546-8567. Prices are still be negotiated with the printer.

EDC also notified the 85 businesses in our latest Canterbury Business Directory of the sign program along with encouraging their participation in the July 4th parade. The new directories will be in the town hall shortly and feature a few new entrepreneurs. Please, consider utilizing home town goods and services!

Also please remember Old Home Day in September. Community attendance last year was greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there!

Avery Tillinghast, Chairman

CANTERBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The society meets monthly. You do not have to be a member to attend our regular monthly meetings, which are free and open to the public, and—following the business meeting—feature a speaker and refreshments. If you are not already a member, and are in the area, we hope you will check us out. We meet on the second Friday of the month, except July and August, in December we have our members only Potluck.

Thank you to Jackie Desrochers for her programming, as usual they have been outstanding! Thank you to Lynne Pitman for running another very successful blood drive for the Red Cross.

The Green School House will be open from 1 to 3 PM on the following days this year -- all are Sundays. The dates: July 12, August 9, September 13, and October 11. For more information about the Green School, please visit our website.

Our next monthly meeting is Friday September 11, 2009. We are hosting, for the 6th consecutive year, Old Home Day on Saturday September 19. The event runs from 10 AM to 4 PM, and is held rain or shine. If you are an entertainer, or would like to help with Old Home Day set-up or clean-up, please contact Amy Orloski @ 546-9062. This is a great community event that features animals, antiques, local farm stands, music, reenactors, craftspeople, and of course, a reunion of the many alumni of the Canterbury District Schools at the Green School.

We will be serving a Soup, Salad and Dessert Dinner on October 24 at the Community Room. If you would like to help or need more info please contact, Carolyn Noiseux @546-6134.

Copies of our 2009 CHS calendar are still available at the Canterbury Public Library and Ed's Garage for \$5. While the year is just about half over, the photos used in the calendar are still good for scrapbooks. Copies of our 300th anniversary photo books, as well as Canterbury stoneware and note cards are also available for sale at the library.

We are trying to put together a different sort of CHS calendar for 2010, featuring not historical photos, but rather, present-day shots of Canterbury's historic, scenic, and cultural gems. If you have photos of Canterbury scenes, especially ones taken in winter or fall, please contact calendar chair Ellen Wilson as soon as possible: 546-9346.

You can always visit our website for more information on upcoming events at: www.canterburyhistorical.org Ellen Wilson keeps this site up to date with the latest information.

Have a great summer!

CHILI COOK-OFF AND CRAFT SHOW

The Canterbury Lions are sponsoring a Chili Cook-off and Craft Show. We are looking for amateur chili cooking contestants and vendors who want to display their wares, etc. to participate. It should be a lot of fun. Please see the flyer posted at the Town Hall for more information or email Cindy at cphillips6486@charter.net.

BOY SCOUTS

Troop 86 is once again on their summer schedule. Their activities will include a week at summer camp, outdoor cooking skills, dutch oven cooking, hiking, cycling, archery, tomahawk throwing, building a raft, and more. It's not too late to join Boy Scouts. The Boy Scout program is open to all boys ages 11 to 17.

CUB SCOUTS



The Cub Scout program in Canterbury is winding down for the summer. We will start back up in the fall. Cub Scout registration flyers will go out in the schools in very early September. If you home school or want to be sure you get notification of the sign up dates, please email Cindy at cphillips6486@charter.net with your name & address, etc. & she will make sure you get the sign up information.

CANTERBURY LIONS CLUB

The Canterbury Lions Club upcoming events:

Aug 1, 2009

1. The Canterbury Lions Club and the Canterbury Public Library are sponsoring an ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT Spaghetti Dinner on Aug 1 from 5:00 until 8:00 pm at the Canterbury Community Center. The proceeds will help purchase large print books for the visually impaired. These books will be available at the Canterbury Public Li-

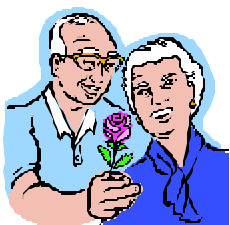
brary. Please support the Canterbury Lions Club and the Canterbury Library in this event as it benefits the whole community. Tickets will be available at the door. Take outs are available. Please bring your old eyeglasses and give the gift of sight to someone in need! . The Lions club motto is "WE SERVE".

Aug 8, 2009

2. The Canterbury Lions Club is also sponsoring a Chili Cook-Off and Craft Show on Saturday, Aug 8 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Canterbury Community Center. Entrance fee is \$6 per person. \$1.00 of the entrance fee will be donated to the Canterbury Cares Food Pantry.

For more information please contact the Canterbury Lions Club at: P.O. Box 271, Canterbury Ct, 06331, or call Ray Shinkiewicz at 860-912-1464.

MUNICIPAL AGENT TO THE ELDERLY



Greetings, well this past winter and spring was a very busy season with energy assistance. Our region processed over 8,000 applications which were up by almost 2,000 from last year. Access is anticipating a larger number of applicants for the 2009-2010 heating season and the application process will be starting early again this year. I will keep you posted as the time comes closer.

I know that most feel like it is not summer yet but we have to keep in mind that our seniors can become victims to the heat. The weather has been relatively nice other then the rain but I anticipate warmer weather coming and would like to remind everyone to check in on the seniors who may live alone and don't have air conditioning.

My office hosted an AARP driving course in May and it was filled up to capacity which is why my office will host another course in September. This course will be a one day program and most likely on a Monday or Tuesday. I will keep you posted on the dates. Pre-registration will be required, cost of program is \$12 for members \$14 non members.

Representative Christopher Coutu and CLP will be conducting an Energy Savings program on September 10 at 12:00 at the Community Center. Come out and meet with your local State Representative and CLP Representative to answer any questions you might have.

Flu Clinics will be scheduled again this fall and as the time comes closer I will post them at the town hall. My office is planning on hosting two clinics this fall one in October and one November.

For the Month of August my office will be closed the week of August 8-15.

I hope everyone has a safe and joyous summer!

Ella Hebert, Municipal Agent to the Elderly

FINNISH AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

What a busy spring at FAHS! Many community events were held at



the FAHS Hall on Rte 169 in Canterbury, including a Valentine's Day Pasta Dinner; Finnish Culinary Delights (an opportunity to learn about traditional cooking from Finland and enjoy a sample); Pancake Breakfast (complete with the traditional oven pancake); the Giant Yard Sale; the Chicken Bar-be-que and several pulla baking and sale events (pulla is the braided sweet bread flavored with cardamom served with coffee in Finnish homes).

A highlight of the spring schedule was the Second Annual Youth Talent, featuring twelve local young performers. The FAHS Hall has been standing for over 80 years and has hosted musical and theatrical performances since the 1930's. Weeks of hard work preceded the Show, coordinated by the resourceful team of Susan & Judy Galinat. Assisting them for Lights & Sound were Justin Galinat and Matti Huhta, and the original stage design was created by Kaila & Susan Galinat. And, to make the family effort complete, John Galinat handled admissions at the door. The participants ranged in age from 10 to 17 and were varied in experience on the stage. FAHS was pleased to offer them the opportunity to perform before a live audience.

Coming events include:

- ? July 2 Membership Meeting – 7pm at the Hall
- ? July 12 Defenders Baseball Game – 1pm (tickets available at the Hall or from Board Members)
- ? July 25 Joint AURA/FAHS Picnic – 2pm (in Voluntown)
- ? Aug 6 Membership Meeting – 7pm at the Hall
- ? Aug 29 Pulla Baking & Sale/Hall Spruce-up Day
- ? Sept 3 Membership Meeting – 7pm at the Hall
- ? Sept 19 10am – Canterbury Old Home Days – Hall Open House
7pm – Dance with Massachusetts Accordion Group – at the Hall
- ? Sept 27 Tori/Open Air Market – in and outside the Hall

Looking ahead to later in the fall: the weekend of October 2-4 is Finn Fun in New England, hosted this year by the Finger Lake Finns in Ithaca, NY. The Children's Halloween Party is Saturday, October 31 at 2pm at the FAHS Hall.

The Hall is available for event rentals and includes a full kitchen, large meeting room and performance stage. For more information, e-mail hallrental@fahs-ct.org or call 860-546-6671 and leave a message. Please visit our website at www.fahs-ct.org for more information. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Hall –please come by for a visit!

THE FRIENDS OF THE PRUDENCE CRANDALL MUSEUM, INC.



The Friends group began the 2009 Museum season with a busy May and June. The Annual Meeting was followed by the May Tea and then the premier of the Prudence Crandall video that was filmed last year was held on May 30. When you visit the Museum, a 12-minute video, taken from this longer version, is used to introduce you to the story of Prudence and her school. We hope that PBS will pick up the longer version and that would certainly put Canterbury on the map !

Last week, the author Chandler Saint, spoke about Venture Smith, an African prince who was enslaved, but managed to work diligently and save some of his earnings. Eventually he was able to purchase his freedom as well as that of his wife and son. He prospered in Haddam Neck and left a detailed narrative of his life - rarity in the 1700s.

If you missed all of those events, don't miss our upcoming Music at Twilight on Friday, July 31. At 6 PM, on the lawn at the Town Hall, The Friends of Prudence will present the 102nd Army Band of the Connecticut Army National Guard in concert. This band functions as Goodwill Ambassadors in the state, overseas, and in the nation, and is the official representative of the state of Connecticut. The Band was established in 1863 and has played for U.S. Presidents, Queen Elizabeth and other dignitaries.

Bring your lawn chairs and picnic suppers and enjoy this rare opportunity to hear the 102nd Army Band ! Watch the local newspapers for further details, but mark your calendars now !



CANTERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hours: Monday-Wednesday 10:00 – 7:00, Thursday 10:00 – 8:00 Saturday 10:00 – 4:00
 Website: <http://www.canterburylibrary.org> .Email: canterburypublic@yahoo.com.
 Phone: 860-546-9022, FAX: 860-546-1142.

The Lions Club is sponsoring a Fourth of July Flag Sale. The proceeds will help purchase Large Print Books for the library. Flags are 8" x 12" and may be purchased in advance the Canterbury Public Library for \$2.00 each or the family plan, 6 for \$10.00. Flags will be available for purchase the day of the parade while supplies last.

Canterbury Stitchers: The stitchers are seeking donations of yarn for their next yarn & bake sale on Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please drop off your donations at the Canterbury Public Library. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Canterbury Public Library Building Fund.

Citizen Science Volunteer Monitoring Programs sponsored by the Connecticut Audubon Society at Pomfret with funds received from the Superfund Site in Canterbury administered by the Department of Fish & Wildlife. For more information please email Paula Coughlin Citizen Science Coordinator at paulacoughlin@charter.net or call the library. Seasonal Projects Presented:

Vernal Pool Inventory: Spring—April/May
 Volunteers take a 3-hour training workshop in March and then visit vernal pools in early spring to collect data about amphibian egg masses and other indicators of a healthy vernal pool.

Pilot Grassland Bird Habitat Survey: Summer—June/July
 With the CT DEP and the Connecticut Grassland Bird Initiative volunteers will attend and introductory and field training workshops and conduct surveys.

Stream Walk: Summer—July/August
 Volunteers attend a 3-hour training to learn how to collect information about a stream channel and surrounding land use as well as document possible impairments to water quality.

Rapid BioAssessment: Fall—September/November

Volunteers attend a 3-hour training to learn how to collect aquatic stream insects that are an indication of water quality.

Mammal Monitoring Project: Winter—December/March
 Learn tracking basics and how to document signs of forest mammals such as black bear, otter, bobcat, and moose. Data is collected to assist in preservation of open space and wildlife corridors.

The Connecticut Authors Trail

Join the Connecticut Authors Trail. Pick up your passport at any of the participating libraries. All events are free. The trail consists of a consortium of libraries in Eastern Connecticut who have invited a variety of authors from our Nutmeg State to showcase their books and share their stories. The journey begins July 16 at 6:30 p.m. Karen Olson will present at the Janet Carlson Calvert Library, Franklin. The journey ends on September 24 at 7:00 p.m. with the two chefs Bruce Weinstein & Mark Scarbrough at the Mohegan Sun, Uncasville in the Cabaret Theatre.

July 30, 7:00 p.m. Janice Law (Trecker) We will discuss her book *The Lost Diaries of Iris Weed*. This book is described as, taut with suspense—a compelling psychological mystery that is as lyrical as it is unnerving. Pick-up a copy at the library. Other books we own by this author are *Gemini Trip*, *The Big Payoff*, *The Shadow of the Palms*, and *Under Orion*. These books are part of the Anna Peters Mystery Series.

August 19, 6:00 p.m. Elaine M. Alexander Scotland Public Library, Scotland. Those who want books about the supernatural will flock to this one, and reluctant readers will enjoy the fast-moving plot and well-crafted mystery. "enthralling and full of surprises ... Alexander's character development and prose are refreshingly intelligent." - Bethany Davies, Librarian – *Connecticut* "enthralling and full of surprises ... Alexander's character development and prose are refreshingly intelligent." - Bethany Davies, Librarian -- *Connecticut*

September 3, 6:30 p.m. Stacy Maxwell author of *Consummate Connecticut: Day Trips with Panache*. She will present a power point presentation, "*Fifteen ways to be happy in a recession (and anytime!)*" Like no other guidebook, readers can appreciate a text packed with local color, treasured regional history, quirks and customs of one of the original 13 colonies. The 350-plus-page paperback features popular attractions, myriad dining options, overnight accommodations, shopping venues, maps, photographs, index and so much more.

Additional details and the complete list of libraries and authors can be found at: <http://sites.google.com/site/connecticutauthortrail/>

Senior Gaming

Join us for Wii Sports (bowling, boxing, tennis, golf, or baseball) on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00. Bring a partner, start a competition. Senior Pizza Day on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Computer Education: Interested in computer classes? Would you like to learn more about Excel, or how to create a PowerPoint presentation? Have you been thinking about creating a MySpace page or joining Face Book to connect with your friends? Whatever it is, let us know, and we will create a class for it.

Summer Library Programs: Sign-up is required for all programs.

Our summer reading program is in conjunction with all the local school programs as well as the Governor's summer reading initiative. Get your packet at the library today.

- 6/22-8/10 Be Creative with Nature-READ--HAVE FUN--EARN PRIZES
- 6/27 Water Cycle Story Time -all ages -10:30 or 1:30
 - 7/8 Card Making -ages 7 and up - 2:00 - 3:00
 - 7/15 Leaves with the Audubon - ages 6 and up -10:30 - 11:30
 - 7/21 Story Time -ages 2-5 years -10:00 - 10:45
 - 7/22 Clay Workshop - 7 and up - 2:00 - 3:00
 - 7/27 Summer Science: - ages 7 and up - 3:00 Working with Colors
 - 7/28 Story Time - ages 2-5 years - 10:00 - 10:45
 - 7/27-8/8 Lego Room - all ages

Teen Programs for ages 13 and up

- 7/10 6:00 - 8:00 - Pizza - Gaming - Create a Quilt
- 7/17 6:00 - 8:00 - Cupcake Decorating - Gaming - Quilting
- 7/31 6:00 - 8:00 - Create with Duck Tape - Quilting - Food

RECREATION COMMISSION



Meeting Schedule: Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month.

Contacts: James M. Glennon, Chairman, Jim Molkenhain, Robert E. Cox, Raymond S. Coombs, Jr., Aaron D. Spruance, Thomas M. Otilige, Prentiss H. Balcom and Denise Lindell.

The recreation commission arranges for services at Town fields with payments from the grounds & parks account. These expenses include routine maintenance and improvements.

We coordinate recreational programs for children with payments to instructors through the recreational program's account. Arrangements for substantial improvements at Town fields are accomplished with payments from the Recreation Capital Improvement Account (CIP).

Summer Recreation Programs:

- Adult Volleyball program plays on Tuesdays at Manship Park - 6pm until dark. Contact Dan Kildea for more information.
- Women's Volleyball recreational league plays on Mondays at Manship Park - 6pm and 7pm game times, through August. Contact Wendy Dayger for more information.

Women's Volleyball



The Women's Volleyball recreational league kicked things off with a Meet & Greet Night on May 18 at 6:00pm at Manship Park in Canterbury. Everyone was extremely pleased with the response received from women in and out of town interested in playing outdoor sand volleyball. Many of whom expressed their appreciation and excitement about a program like this finally being offered in the area. Contact Wendy Dayger (546-9132) if interested in getting on a team. A total of 6 teams were established and we

started with two weeks of round robin practice sessions. Official play began on June 8, 2009 and will run through the end of August 2009. Matches consist of 3 games that are played on Monday nights at 6:00 and 7:00pm. The atmosphere on the courts is extremely positive and upbeat. All the women are very supportive and encouraging to each other.

Wendy would like to thank the following people for their contributions in bringing the Canterbury Women's Outdoor Program to life:

The Canterbury Recreation Commission members present at the April 13, 2009 meeting for giving my project their blessing; Jim Glennon, Prentiss Balcom, Bob Cox, Thom Otilige, Denise Linden, and especially Jim Molkenhain. Jim has been very instrumental in providing us with official size volleyballs, first aid essentials, as well as ongoing guidance and support. A big thank you to Adam & Allie Martin for attended this meeting with me and for their continued support. Dan & Jotham Kildea for installing the volleyball nets, boundary lines, and installing the metal adjustment sleeves needed to adjust the volleyball nets to women's height. Thanks to JC Small for his expertise and ongoing support in setting up a Program Schedule.

Terrie Ferris, Mel LaFrance and Donna Sharp for their assistance with the "dirty work" of Spring Clean-up and court preparations. Kara Marrell for her input on establishing the Program Rules. Brian Sear for his help with the legal terminology on the Waiver/Roster Forms. Thank you to everyone for your support, encouragement and contributions! Without all of you this would not have come together as smoothly and efficiently as it did. Many of you had to work against deadlines and came through for me. I am very grateful. I welcome you to stop by for a visit and see for yourselves that we made the right decision in bringing this program to Canterbury.

SFC Little League

SFC Little league Baseball organized a major refurbishing of the Frink Field, beginning in the fall of 2008. SFC and the Canterbury Recreation Commission would like to thank the following who helped make it happen: Tom Izzarelli, Mike Gurnack, Travis Jakan, Ed Adams, Peter Hassel, Larry Ejchorzt (SFC president) and Bruce Jernstrom for their work on the baseball field. The Canterbury Recreation Commission would particularly like to recognize the hard work and dedication of Bruce Jernstrom in getting this project completed, and for helping with field maintenance at Frink. Tim Strmiska dug out the infield and completed repairs to the parking lot. Ed's Garage donated infield mix and stone. Bud Smallwood donated the top soil, and the Canterbury Recreation paid for the turf that was basically sold to us by Turf North America Farms in Canterbury at half price. The Canterbury Recreation and Westminster Tool paid for and installed the new Frink Park and Waskiewicz Field signs - thanks to Ray Coombs Jr. for making the arrangements.