

Canterbury Town News

<http://www.munic.state.ct.us/CANTERBURY>

Oct 1, 2006

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



This issue marks the second that has NOT been mailed out to every household in town. In an effort to conserve valuable tax dollars we are printing a limited number of "hard copies" and urging everyone to take advantage of the internet to access this and future issues online at the Town's website at the internet address above. If you have this copy in hand, then you know where future issues will be available. The current plans are to increase the publication and distribution from three times a year to four. The next issue target date is January 2, 2007. If you would like to submit an article for consideration please send it to the Selectman's Office no later than December 22. If you would still prefer to have these newsletters mailed to your home, please contact the Editor, Robert Droesch, at 546-6301 or by email at rdroesch@snet.net

SELECTMAN'S OFFICE



Since we are reminded so regularly and sadly of the tragedies which can befall a community, I am pleased to report to you some of the progress that is being made here, in Canterbury, with much involvement on the part of Luther Thurlow.

Installation of the emergency generator at the Dr. Helen Baldwin School is about 50% complete. We are also working on the purchase of an emergency generator for the Municipal Building. Bids are out now. These improvements will help the town be better prepared for emergencies.

Now that fall is upon us, I want to wish you a most pleasant and fulfilling season.

Neil A. Dupont, Sr.

First Selectman

RECREATION COMMISSION



We wish to express our thanks to Tom Gray and family for installing the fence along the parking lot at Frink Field. We hope that some of you were able to get out and enjoy the refurbished tennis courts at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School this summer. If you haven't checked them out, there's still time.

Join us this fall on October 10, November 14 & December 12 from 6-8 PM at Town Hall for Scrapbooking Table Time. Bring your supplies and enjoy the big tables!

This winter, weather permitting, a skating rink will be set up at Manship Park.

Take a break from the holiday preparations and dust off those skis for our Family Ski Trip to Waterville Valley, NH on Saturday, December 16. Enjoy early season rates – only \$59 adults, and \$49 age 12 and under – includes \$10 lunch voucher. Sign-up deadline is Wednesday, November 22. For trip details please visit www.CanterburyAthleticAssociation.com and click on our link or email us at RecTrips@charter.net.

Grown-ups, want to feel like a kid again and shoot some hoops? Pickup games will be held Sundays (7:00-9:00 pm) and Wednesdays (7:30-9:30 pm) at DHBMS beginning in November (after the new gym floor is completed).

Please note that all programs are self-funded and don't come from taxpayer dollars. We would love to hear your ideas for trips, activities, and programs. Join us at our meetings at 6:00 pm on the second Monday of each month. If you can't make a meeting, drop us a line at RecTrips@charter.net.

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR



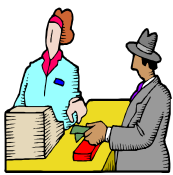
The State Election will be on November 7, 2006. We will be using the lever machines that we have always used; however, all towns in Connecticut will have in place one new type of voting machine that is for anyone to use, but particularly helpful for people with certain disabilities. This new technology is a telephone voice-prompted voting system. You may preview this system to practice voting by calling 866-494-8683 and when prompted, enter the Ballot ID of "101", or by visiting the website <http://ivsllc.com/>. This new system is being provided free of charge by the state to all towns in Connecticut. Voting by phone on Election Day will only take place at the Community Center. Absentee ballots will also be available on October 6, 2006.

Delinquent statements have gone out and will continue to be sent out on a monthly basis. Keep in mind that interest accrues at 18% per year, and if we send your delinquent tax bill to the state marshal or attorney for collections and there is an additional 15% fee added on. Please avoid incurring a 33% charge on your taxes due to delinquency.

Motor vehicles that were registered between October 2 and July 31 generate a Supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax. This tax bill allows for pro-rating the new vehicle and issuing credits on the old vehicle when plates are transferred.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Personal Property forms were mailed out at the end of September for the 2006 Grand List. Please remember to return these forms no later than Wednesday, November 1st to avoid a penalty. November 1st is also the deadline for the exemptions



for (1) Farmers (M-28), for (2) New Manufacturing Machinery & Equipment (M-65a), and for (3) New Commercial Trucks (M-65 MV).

PA490 applications for farm, forest, or open space designations will be available in the Assessor's Office on September 1st and must be filed between September 1st and October 31st.

Inspections are underway. If you've taken out a building permit in the last year or so, someone from the Assessor's Office will be stopping by your property to update our records.

Call if you have any questions. The phone number is 546-6035.

BOY SCOUTS



Spaghetti Dinner. Troop 86 will be hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Nov. 18th from 4 pm - 8pm at the Community Center. Tickets are \$7 for adults; youth under 10 and seniors are \$5 each. Contact Cindy Phillips at 546-6486 to purchase tickets. Profits will be used to help pay for our Delaware Water Gap Canoe trip next summer.

Delaware Water Gap Trip. Troop 86 will be going on a 5-day canoe trip down the Delaware Water Gap from July 22 - July 28, 2007. They will spend 5 days canoeing and enjoying the outdoors. All registered Boy Scouts of Troop 86 and their families are invited to attend.

Congratulations to Troop 86 for taking First Place in the Camp-wide Olympics at J.N. Webster Scout Camp this summer while at summer camp.

Troop 86 is looking for new Scouts. Our meetings are on Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. and take place in the old town hall below Baldwin School. The Boy Scout program focuses on teaching the boys outdoor skills and leadership while having fun and doing a variety of activities which include, but are not limited to, camping, climbing, shooting, hiking, canoeing, and more. There is no limit to what the boys can do in Scouting. We are also very flexible and adjust the program as needed to accommodate school activities and sports. For more information, please stop by one of our meetings or call Cindy Phillips at 546-6486 or Rick Ross at 546-2282.

Cub Scouts Congratulations to Peter Button on catching the winning fish at summer camp at J.N. Webster Scout Reservation in July.

Popcorn Pack 86 is selling Trails End popcorn this fall. If you would like to purchase some, please call Cindy Phillips at 546-6486 for the name of a Scout in your neighborhood. All proceeds from the sale remain with the pack and are used for the benefit of the Cub Scouting program in our town.

New Registrations It's not too late to sign up for Cub Scouts.

The Cub Scouting program is for boys in Grades 1 thru 5. Contact Cindy Phillips at 546-6486 for more information.

PUBLIC LIBRARY



1 Municipal Drive
 Canterbury, CT 06331
 860-546-9022 Fax: 860-546-1142
canterburypublic@yahoo.com **NEW**
Website: canterburylibrary.org

Hours

Monday – Wednesday 10:00-1:00; 3:00-7:00
 Thursday 10:00 – 1:00; 3:00 – 8:00
 Saturday 10:00 – 4:00

Nutmeg Book Discussion Series - meets the 2nd Saturday of each month from 1:30-2:30 pm.

October 14 The Boy Who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter
 November 18 Brainboy and the Deathmaster by Tor Seidler
 December 9 Macaroni Boy by Katherine Ayres
 January 13 Granny Torrelli Makes Soup by Sharon Creech
Snacks and great conversations await you. So get reading!

Adult & Young Adult Book Discussion - meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

October 16 Cell by Stephen King
 November 13 The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards
 December 18 Saving Fish from Drowning by Amy Tan
 January 8 The Red Tent by Anita Diamant
 February 12 TBA

Calendar of Events

Stamping classes with Arlene Sweet: Sign up is required 6-8 pm on October 19, December 7, February 8, and April 12.

Programs Sign up is required.

NEW Ladder to Literacy for ages 3 ½ -5 on Wednesdays at 10 am.

Story time for ages 3-4 on Tuesdays at 10 am.

Music and Movement for ages 18 mos. – 3 yrs Thursdays at 9:15 and 10:15.

Passes

The library has circulating museum passes available. You check these out like a book, use them for free or discounted museum admission, then return them.

- Wadsworth Athenaeum, Hartford, CT
- Roger Williams Park and Zoo, Providence, RI
- Mystic Aquarium, Mystic, CT
- Prudence Crandall Museum, Canterbury, CT
- Higgins Armory, Worcester, MA
- New England Air Museum, Windsor Locks, CT

PRUDENCE CRANDALL MUSEUM



After a very successful 20th Annual Prudence Crandall Day on September 3rd, the Prudence Crandall Museum is gearing up for a busy fall and holiday season.

Our upcoming events include:

October 28, 2006: “Practical Websites for Harried Researchers” – A workshop provided by the Godfrey Library on using the internet for genealogical research. The program will be held at the Museum at 2 pm. Free with museum admission.

November 5, 2006: Tea with Prudence & Sarah – One of the Museum’s most popular events, guests watch as talented historical interpreters, Donna Dufresne and Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti, take on the roles of Prudence Crandall and Sarah Harris in the re-creation of a conversation between the two women. Guests then enjoy tea, sandwiches, and sweets in the newly acquired Carter House. Seatings will be at 1 pm and 2:30 pm, tickets are \$20, and advanced registration is required.

December 3, 2006: Children’s Holiday Party – A festive party for youngsters ages 6 - 12 including crafts, treats, stories, and games. Party begins at 1 pm. \$3 per child.

Current exhibits include:

- “To Get A Little More Learning” Education in Early 19th Century Connecticut
- Pieces of the Puzzle: Family Histories & Our Shared Past

The Museum will close for the season on December 15th, but the gift shop will remain open for all of your holiday shopping needs. Our shop is stocked with creative and educational books, toy, games, and much, much more! The Prudence Crandall Museum is located at 1 South Canterbury Road, Jct. Rt. 14 & Rt. 169. Our regular hours are Wed. – Sun. 10 am to 4:30 pm. Please call 546-7800 for more information.

LIONS CLUB

The Canterbury Lions Club has been active in our community since 1972. We provide eyeglasses and exams for the needy, The Canterbury Lions also sponsor a Pace Poster Contest and a student award at the Middle School.

The Canterbury Lions Club had an election of new officers for 2006-2007

President	Jim Glennon
Vice President	Roy Rautio
Secretary	Peter Spielman
Treasurer	Dennis Proctor
Tail Twister	Sharah Glennon
Lion Tamer	Ray Shinkiewicz
Member Chairperson	Sharon Vining

The Canterbury Lions Club supports and is involved with the following: The local community, Lions International, Connecticut Lion’s Eye Research Foundation, Lion’s Park, Canterbury Boy Scouts Pack and Troop 86, Local Scholarships, Camp Quinebaug, Camp Rising Sun, Community Awards, Cris Radio, Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Christmas Baskets donations, and Old Tyme Fiddler Concert sponsorship.

For more information, please contact the Canterbury Lions Club at: P.O. Box 271, Canterbury CT, 06331.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Canterbury Historical Society has gotten off to a great start with its 2006-2007 programs.

On September 16, the CHS hosted the third annual Canterbury Old Home Day held on the grounds of the First Congregational Church and the Green Schoolhouse. This year’s event was well-attended as people from town and beyond came to see the continuing restoration of the Green Schoolhouse, (a great exhibit of Canterbury one-room schoolhouse days), artisans/crafters/musicians, antique displays, town organizations’ booths, games for the kids, and plenty of food. A popular addition to this year’s event was the chance to ride around town in the Noiseux family’s 1918 and 1929 Buick automobiles which they offered free to any car-full which had at least one person over 70 years old. Overall, the turnout for Canterbury Old Home Day was fantastic and the CHS would like to thank all who attended this wonderful day that celebrates the best of a New England small town.

On September 22, the CHS 'launched' its revised website. Many thanks to all of those who made this happen, but especially to Chris Pitts for his outstanding work in this improved tool. Check out www.canterburyhistorical.org <<http://www.canterburyhistorical.org/>> to see what CHS events are coming up, how historical projects are progressing, and ultimately, to do some research as the website becomes more and more capable.

The CHS fall programs promise to be entertaining and are certainly worth marking on your calendars:

Friday, October 13, 7:00 pm in the Baldwin School Library - Walter Woodward, Connecticut State Historian will speak on "Connecticut's Nicknames and Why They Matter". Dr Woodward's visit to CHS last October was fantastic, drawing nearly 60 people to hear this entertaining gentleman. This year, he will enlighten us with some lesser known facts and identities of our home state.

Friday, November 10, 7:00 pm in the Finnish-American Hall (Rte 169N). - Tom Kelleher, Assistant Curator of Historic Trades, Mills, and Mechanical Arts at Old Sturbridge Village will present "Peddling Your Wares: A Look at Itinerant Merchants in Early 19th Century New England." Mr. Kelleher's program will include a brief lecture on peddlers in New England and a dramatic encounter with a historically costumed

peddler.

Remember that all CHS programs are free and open to the public. They are educational and entertaining and are becoming more and more popular in the region. Stop by and check them out.

BOARD OF EDUCATION



The Board of Education would like to welcome Aaron Spruance as the newest member of the board. Aaron's motivation, education, and overall civic-minded nature make him an important part of a diverse group that makes the educational needs of Canterbury's children a priority.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to members of the Canterbury Athletic Association and everyone involved in securing the grant that will help fund a new gymnasium floor for the Baldwin Middle School, as well as purchasing a much needed scoreboard. The CAA has gone above and beyond in their efforts to improve the recreational facilities for Canterbury's youth. Thank you again!

On September 26, 2006, the Board of Education had a small reception to say goodbye to the staff members that are leaving or retiring and to welcome new staff members that have joined the Canterbury public school system. It was a wonderful opportunity to say thank you for a job well done to staff leaving us and also to give a sincere welcome to those who have recently joined our schools.

The school system has recently adopted new policies in regards to health and wellness issues. We are excited about finding new and creative ways to ensure healthy living, both in school and at home. Our wellness policy ensures that we are in compliance with the new Connecticut Nutrition standards.

In closing, we encourage everyone to attend board meetings. Community relations are a vital part of the board's ability to succeed. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the Baldwin Middle School Library. Hope to see you there!

SENIOR NEWS



The Canterbury Seniors enjoyed a picnic lunch in July to give our kitchen crew a day away from the hot stove. In August, we took our annual mystery ride. This year's lunch was at Wright's Chicken Farm in Rhode Island. Great Chicken! From there we took a bus to the Bellingham power plant just across the Massachusetts line for a tour of the facility. This plant is one of several owned by British companies throughout the United States.

On September 20, we traveled to Johnson and Wales in East Providence for a delicious grilled steak or chicken marsala din-

ner, prepared and served by the students. On September 21, we enjoyed the famed Irish tenor, Ronan Tynan at the Mohegan Sun.

We were back to our usual digs for the September meeting and potluck lunch. Our kitchen crew chairperson, Linda Johnson, was back with us after having been gone for awhile. We were all very happy to have her back.

A flu shot clinic will be held at the Community Center on Tuesday, October 31, from 12:00 to 2:00 PM for seniors and others who qualify. Remember to bring your Medicare cards.

Seniors who need assistance with fuel are reminded to contact our Municipal Agent for the Elderly at 546-9845.

Anyone wishing to take the "55 Alive" safe driving course can call 774-1243 to reserve a space. There are dates available every month into next July. The cost is \$10.00.

The Canterbury Senior meetings and pot luck lunch are held on the second Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM. Donation for lunch is \$0.50. Dues for the year are \$5.00. Join now for 2007.

CES PTO

Hello friends! We hope that the start of the school year has been a smooth transition for your child and you! The CES PTO helps the teachers and staff to run a well-rounded curriculum, via fundraisers, family activities, and the little extras that we help provide.

On Friday, September 15, we hosted our first Family Movie Night. We hope to host these at least once every other month...or more! Keep an eye out for the flyers that will be sent home with your child.

We hope to have another Halloween Party, but are in sore need of volunteers to help coordinate the effort. If you are interested in volunteering for the Halloween party, please contact the PTO by leaving a note at the CES office.

Mark your calendar for the Winter Breakfast and Basket Bash being held on December 3. We offer a delicious breakfast with the help of the Lion's Club of Canterbury, and the famous Basket Bash Raffle. Each year, the classrooms of CES put together such wonderful and imaginative baskets for rafflers to try their hand at winning. Who knows, this may be your lucky year!

For your child, the gift of reading is key - it helps open the doors to a world of imagination and higher learning. For this reason, the CES PTO supports the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. Winners will receive a gift certificate good toward the Book Fair.

The PTO collects Box Tops for Education. Box tops may be dropped off at the school from any community member. Thank you for your help. We also would like to thank the parents and

families for participating in our Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser. Profits received from the fundraiser go to many much-needed items. Events and donations to the school would not be made possible without your generous participation.

Everyone is welcome to attend the PTO meetings. We encourage fresh input, new ideas, and active involvement. Here, you can make new friends, learn more about the school, or help coordinate a special event or project for the school or classroom. Our meetings are once a month on Wednesday, starting at 6:30 pm at the CES library. Upcoming dates are October 11, November 8, December 13, and January 10. Please come in and check us out. We look forward to seeing you there!

Board members for the 2006-2007 school year are: Christine Thetreault, President; Pam Cote, Vice President; Theresa Bodinger, Treasurer; and Sheila Thetreault, Secretary. For more information or to contact the PTO members leave a note in our mailbox at the CES office.

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



The Junior Member Program has been instituted by the Canterbury Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. as a training program for young men and women aged 14-17, interested in serving their community and preparing to become active firefighters/EMS personnel. Junior members serve in a support role for the senior firefighters/EMS personnel at actual emergencies as a supplement to a formal training program. The junior members attend monthly training drills with the full company and a CVFC officer serves as the junior advisor. A junior member may take formal courses to become an MRT at the age of 14, and EMT at the age of 16 years old in Connecticut.

Now that fall is here, it is a good time to remind you to clean your chimney, especially if you use wood as your primary heat source. It's also a great time to check your smoke detectors and your CO2 detectors. Most of our winter related calls are chimney fires, and to help us find you, number your mailboxes, as well as your houses, in very large numbers (3") which can be seen from the road.

We have finally finished the revision of our by-laws, which took almost a year to complete. We have changed our meeting night to the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Training will be the 2nd and 3rd Thursday at 7:00 PM and the Board of Directors will meet on the last Thursday of each month again at 7:00 PM.

If you are a teenager between the ages of 14-17 who would be interested in our junior program, or if you are an adult interested in joining our team, please call Chief Lavoie at 213-1964 or Betty Bingham-Partridge (Secretary) at 546-6096 and we will be happy to send you an application. Come be part of a great group of people who volunteer because we care.

VETERANS MEMORIAL



Corrections to Phase One are to be completed by the end of October as promised by the engraver, Tri-County Memorials. The stone for Phase Two has been purchased and engraving is to include those veterans serving during the Vietnam War to the present world-wide fight against terror. The monies for the engraving of the second phase are being raised through fundraising events and contributions which the committee deeply appreciates.

Additional members are needed for the completion of the three phases. All veterans who wish to serve on the committee are asked to call our Chairman, Ray Roode (546-9547). Our meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Municipal Building at 7:00 pm. All residents of Canterbury are urged to attend the Veterans' Day ceremony this November (Date and Time TBA).

FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY



The Friends of the Canterbury Public Library (FOCL) is a community organization whose members donate time and money toward the improvement of our Town Library collection and programs.

It was a hard decision to make, but due to the shortage of help, we had to cancel our Annual September Spaghetti supper this year. I know many of you look forward to it. It was a fun tradition and hopefully next year, if we have the manpower, we can bring it back.

Due to all your wonderful book donations, we will be holding another book sale on October 28 at the Community Center. It's a great chance to stock up on reading material for the coming winter months at "can't be beat" prices! If you can't wait until then, stop by the Canterbury Library and check out our bookcase of donated books for sale to the public. Right above that bookcase is our Friends' Bulletin Board. A poster will be set up there for you to sign if you can donate some time to help us with the set up or clean up of this book sale; or you can call the library at 546-9022 and leave your name and number.

We are always looking for new members with new ideas. If you would like to support your local Library, consider becoming a "Friend" for as little as \$5.00. Applications for membership are available on our bulletin board, by email at appletonsherry@aol.com, or by phone at 546-9834.

WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



On Saturday, October 14 at 3:00 pm, the Westminster Congregational Church will sponsor its Walking Weekends walk, "Revival and Revolutionaries". This walk will give visitors a chance to view the church's 1770 meetinghouse and its

burial ground where 25 Revolutionary War veterans are buried. This will also be an opportunity for everyone to take a step back into time and see the profound effect that the Great Awakening and its lightning rod, the Rev. George Whitefield, had on Canterbury and the rest of colonial Connecticut.

Whitefield, an Englishman, would preach beneath oak trees all around Connecticut, Canterbury included. Come see for yourself how Canterbury figured so prominently in religious and political affairs in colonial times. (The presentation on Whitefield will take place in the meetinghouse. Refreshments will follow.)

Regular Sunday Worship services are held at 10:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. For more information, contact Pastor David W. Gladden at 546-9752 (E-mail: gdwgladden@yahoo.com) or John T. Bennett, Jr. at 546-9245 (E-mail: jben-nettjr@charter.net). Westminster Congregational Church is located on Route 14, 2.8 miles west of Canterbury Green.

**ANNOUNCING A
FOREST STEWARDSHIP SHORT COURSE
for
Forest Landowners and Managers
Goodwin Forest Conservation Education Center
Hampton, CT
October & November 2006**

Are you a woodland owner? Would you like to know how to improve the habitat for wildlife, or find the best locations for trails or scenic vistas? Would you like to learn how to earn an income from forest products, or choose the right trees to cut for firewood? Would you like the pride and satisfaction of being an informed steward of the land?

A Practical, "Hands-On" Learning Experience. This Forest Stewardship Short Course is designed for people who own and/or manage forestland, but who are not natural resource professionals. In a series of six indoor and outdoor sessions, professional forestry and wildlife educators will help you develop your own personal blueprint for stewardship success. You'll come away with a sound understanding of your forest. You'll know how to complete and implement a forest stewardship plan, and how to access whatever professional advice and assistance you'll need along the way.

Course Topics Include:

- MAPS, PHOTOS, & BOUNDARIES: GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FOREST
- HOW FORESTS GROW: BASIC FOREST ECOLOGY
- WILDLIFE ECOLOGY & MANAGEMENT
- THE ECONOMICS OF FOREST STEWARDSHIP
- STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION: TOUR ACTIVELY MANAGED FORESTS

Each participant receives a comprehensive set of reference materials that is yours to keep, with details on every topic covered.

Sponsored by The Goodwin Forest Collaborative, the Eastern Connecticut Forest Landowners Association and the Green

Valley Institute.

Course dates are four Thursday evenings (October 26 and November 2, 9, 16) and two Saturday mornings (November 4 & 18). Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. For more information or to register contact Steve Broderick, Extension Forester, 139 Wolf Den Road, Brooklyn, CT 06234; 774-9600 or Steve.Broderick@UConn.edu

LAND USE OFFICE / TOWN PLANNER



After a busy spring in the office, it seems the housing market has slowed a bit. Since January, we have only issued 18 permits for new homes compared to an average of around 30 for the past few years. Nevertheless, many people are adding on to their homes, building garages and pools, and doing other work to make their existing homes more enjoyable.

Many people are also installing generators at their homes. As a reminder, if a generator is going to be tied into the home's electrical system, an electrical permit is needed. Never tie a generator into your home's wiring without properly installing a transfer switch. Improper installation can back-feed electricity into the power lines and injure or kill utility workers or others near the lines!

Planning and Zoning Commission News

The Commission has been working through several large applications, including two new subdivisions that total 27 lots, a gravel excavation and a commercial recreation project. We have also been continuing on the update of our regulations. If anyone wants a copy of the proposed or current regs, please email me at stevensadlowski@canterbury-ct.org and I will send out a copy. In addition, this is a great way for citizens to ask me a quick question on any land use topic.

In the good news category, this office received a grant for \$30,000.00 from the Department of Agriculture to hire a consultant to help us update our Plan of Conservation and Development. Specifically, we wish to make it more "farm friendly". We hope to have the consultant hired by the time this goes to press and will be scheduling a kick-off meeting soon. Townspeople are encouraged to get involved in this process, as it will determine the future of YOUR TOWN. Help will be needed and input is always welcome. Keep checking this newsletter, the Norwich Bulletin, WINY and the official / other websites for updates as we move forward.

Within the next few months, a telephone based survey (partially funded by a \$8,453.00 grant from the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor) will be taken by the UCONN Center for Survey Research and Analysis to gauge the opinion of Canterbury residents on a variety of development and land-use topics. The team at UCONN are experts at this (known nation-wide), and we will rely on them to formulate questions from the topics we suggest and then to analyze the results in an unbiased manner. The survey's outcome will be used to help us

complete the Plan of Conservation and Development and to help promote compatible business development within the town. Many thanks to the Economic Development Commission for getting the ball rolling on this important project!

Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission News:

Sometimes, people ask why we regulate wetlands. Well, there are two answers. First, because the State says we have too. It is mandated by the Legislature that all towns enact wetland protection regulations. Failing to do so would result in the State DEP taking over, which would greatly delay decisions and increase costs. Secondly, it's the right thing to do. In addition to the many wetland dependent species that rely on wetlands as their home, wetlands have many other functions. They filter our water, minimize flooding, stabilize ground water levels for our wells and provide base flows for streams and rivers so fish can survive the hot, dry summer season. The commission's job is not to stop all activities in wetlands, just to assure there are no alternatives to the activity and to minimize the effects of those activities that are unavoidable.

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH



St. Augustine Church will be serving its famous Turkey Dinner with all of the trimmings on Friday, October 20, from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. Advance tickets are on sale now. Adults \$10.00, Children 6-12 years \$8.00. Tickets will be available at the door Adults \$12.00, Children 6-12 years \$10.00. Children 5 and under are free.

RED HAT SOCIETY

The RHS is a social organization where there is FUN after 50 (and before) for women of all walks of life. The Canterbury chapter was founded in May of 2003. We get together to relax and take a short break from our responsibilities. It is an opportunity to make new friends and share some laughter. For information, or if you are interested in occasional Red Hat activities, please call Deb Kinne at 546-6136.

GREEN VALLEY INSTITUTE

DID YOU KNOW...? In these days of rapid development, it is increasingly important to work toward conserving some of our remaining open space – the forests, grasslands, farms and water resources that contribute so much to the rural character of the Quinebaug-Shetucket National Heritage Corridor.

Preserving the rural feel of the region, however, is only one small part of the puzzle. Large areas of forest and farmland maintain the quality of the air we breathe, maintain the habitats of our native plant and animal species, and keep our drinking water clean. Research has shown that too much “impervious surface” associated with development, (roads, sidewalks, driveways and rooftops) contribute significantly to the degradation of our water quality. Open space preservation protects these vital resources and helps to maintain the natural balance of our

environment.

Much of the responsibility of protecting critical open space rests with private land owners, and increasing numbers of these owners are opting to protect some or all of their land for future generations. Recently, for example, a group of abutting private landowners in Chaplin came forward voluntarily and sold “conservation easements” to the United States Forest Service as part of their “Forest Legacy” program. These owners still own the land, and all the rights ownership entails except the right to develop or subdivide. Almost 500 contiguous acres were protected, the owners received an income, and they still own and enjoy their land.

The Green Valley Institute is the educational outreach arm of the Quinebaug-Shetucket National Heritage Corridor, operated in partnership with the Cooperative Extension Systems at the University of Connecticut and the University of Massachusetts. If you are a private landowner who is interested in learning more about protecting open space, contact us at www.thelastgreenvalley.org/gvi and go to the “Private Landowner Center”.

SENIOR TRIPS

The Canterbury Seniors will be sponsoring many trips in 2007. Information about each trip can be found on the library bulletin board or by calling 546-9830. There are overnights to Mackinac Island, the King Tut exhibit in Philadelphia, and "In the Beginning", a new show at the Millennium Theatre in Lancaster. Day trips to see "Hair", The Shanghai Chinese Acrobats, Frankie Avalon, "Say Good-night, Gracie", Michael Amante, and "Accommodations" at Newport Playhouse. We'll enjoy lobster at Hu Ke Lau, cruises on the Connecticut River and Newport Harbor, and a shopping day at Wrentham Mall. Join us - all are welcome.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Attention all Veterans (Especially Women Veterans). The term “During Time of War” has been changed to include the following dates inclusively: from September 16, 1940 to October 14, 1976, November 4, 1979 to January 31, 1990, and August 2 1990 until terminated by a Presidential Proclamation or Congressional Resolution. You may be eligible to receive benefits from the Veterans Administration, plus other State and Town benefits. For more information, please contact your local DAV Chapter.

The John R. Morse, DAV Chapter #10, announces that their Chapter Service Officers hold office hours on the last Thursday of each month in their meeting room, at 310 Main Street, Norwich, 2nd floor from 1 pm to 5 pm. They may also be reached by calling 860-546-9754 or 860-887-9457.

The John R, Morse Chapter area consists of Windham and New London counties. We meet the last Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the address above.

The Canterbury Recreation Commission presents
A Fun-Filled Family Ski Trip to Waterville Valley, NH
Saturday, December 16, 2006

Take a break from Holiday preparations and enjoy an early season day on the slopes! Waterville Valley early-bird special includes \$10 lunch voucher. Adults (13 and over) \$59, Children (12 and under) \$49.

Rentals available at the mountain. Bring exact cash on day of trip – \$23. Chartered motor coach transportation will depart Canterbury Town Hall, @ 6:30 am. The bus will leave the mountain about 4:30 PM returning at approximately 8:00 pm.

To sign up, send your family’s signed, completed application form with check (payable to Town of Canterbury) to: Canterbury Recreation Commission – Ski Trip, Town Hall P.O. Box 26, Canterbury, CT 06331, by Wednesday, November 22, 2006. We will not cash checks until we have enough folks to make the trip. Questions? Email them to RecTrips@charter.net or call 546-1007 or 546-6399.

WATERVILLE VALLEY, NH SKI TRIP – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2006

Responsible party for this Registration _____ phone _____

Skiers’ / Snowboarders’ Names and Ages:

- 1. _____ yrs Ticket Rate from above \$ _____
 - 2. _____ yrs Ticket Rate from above \$ _____
 - 3. _____ yrs Ticket Rate from above \$ _____
 - 4. _____ yrs Ticket Rate from above \$ _____
 - 5. _____ yrs Ticket Rate from above \$ _____
 - 6. _____ yrs Ticket Rate from above \$ _____
- Total Enclosed \$ _____

An adult MUST accompany all participants under the age of 18. This is not a chaperoned event, and parents are responsible for their children. By signing this registration, you, as a participant and responsible party for this family/group, are responsible for any damage done to the property or equipment involved in the Recreational Program.

I certify that by signing this registration form I, and those individuals listed above, are in good health and may participate in strenuous physical activities of the above-mentioned recreational program. I agree to defend and hold the Canterbury Recreational Program, its’ officers, servants, agents, and/or employees and contractors harmless from any and all claims for injuries sustained by me during my participation in the recreational program. I certify that there are no limits to this family/group’s participation except as stated in writing and included with this registration. In case of emergency, if our family physician cannot be reached, I authorize the treatment by another physician if available.

Signature

Date

Printed Name