



Dear Fairfielders,

Now in its twelfth annual year, Fairfield Restaurant Week began this week on Monday, October 23rd, featuring the participation of more than two dozen local restaurants. This highly anticipated town-wide culinary event, running until November 5th, allows residents and visitors the opportunity to enjoy specially crafted prix fixe lunch and dinner menus at the participating establishments.

I was able to enjoy dining at several fantastic restaurants this week. I hope you will all take some time to visit some of your favorites or try something new.



[CLICK HERE FOR PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS](#)

Many of us are feeling the pain and sadness as we watch continued tragedies occurring here in our country and abroad.

Another community was shaken by a mass shooting, this time at a restaurant and bowling alley in Maine. I can't understand what brings a human being to the point of walking into a school, a grocery store, a church, a theater, or anywhere, and opening fire on innocent people.

While I worked as a State Representative on strengthening Connecticut's gun safety, mental health, and school safety laws in the aftermath of the tragedy in Sandy Hook, it's becoming glaringly obvious that this crisis needs more serious attention at the federal level.

Here in Fairfield, I'm always humbled by the way our community steps up for our neighbors in need or for an important cause.

The wars in Ukraine and Israel are both weighing on our nation. For those of you who would like to help, I have provided more information below.

**'Fairfield Stands with Ukraine – Supporting Our Sister City Kostiantynivka' Event TONIGHT, October 27th from 6:00 PM to – 9:00 PM at the SHU Community Theatre**

Ukraine continues to fight for its democracy against an unwarranted invasion. I hope residents will join in with other businesses, individuals, organizations, and coalitions for this special community event filled with local Ukrainian music, art and cultural performances to show our support for and solidarity with the residents of Kostiantynivka, Ukraine.

Sponsorships, donations, and ticket sales will go a long way in helping this devastated community survive while they continue to fight for their democracy.

You can learn more about Fairfield's Sister City initiative [here](#).

Click the image below to watch the Ch 12 interview.



JOIN US IN SUPPORT OF OUR NEW SISTER CITY

**FAIRFIELD**  
STANDS WITH  
**UKRAINE**

SUPPORTING OUR SISTER CITY KOSTYANTYNIVKA, UKRAINE

FEATURING UKRAINIAN MUSIC & DANCING

ADULT: \$35  
KIDS: \$10

1ST WINE/ BEER INCLUDED  
CASH BAR AVAILABLE

SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

SHU COMMUNITY THEATER  
1420 POST RD, FAIRFIELD

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS:  
SENATOR RICHARD BLUMENTHAL  
FIRST SELECTWOMAN BRENDA KUPCHICK  
UAI PRESIDENT MARSHALL MAYER

6:00 - 9:00 PM

FairfieldStandsWithUkraine2023.eventbrite.com

[PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

[DONATE HERE](#)



It is very difficult to comprehend the horrors occurring in Israel over the last three weeks. Democracy must stand wherever it wishes to be. I have asked our area Rabbis for a list of reputable organizations that are supporting the victims of war and terrorism in the middle east.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Fairfield County seeks support for the special Israel Emergency fund, more information can be found [here](#).

United Hatzalah is a community-based volunteer EMS and humanitarian organization throughout Israel. They have been assisting the affected communities since Oct 7. More information [here](#). Colel Chabad provides life preserving assistance to the neediest people in Israel regardless of gender, age, marital status, ethnicity or religious observance. More information can be found [here](#).

For a full list of vetted organizations to donate to, please click [here](#).



## DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

The [Holocaust Resource Center](#) invites residents on Thursday, November 9 any time from 9 am to 6 pm to light a candle in remembrance of those who perished in both the past and the present due to hate in the world. The Holocaust Resource Center is located at 4200 Park Avenue Suite 300, Bridgeport.



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## [TOWN GOVERNMENT NEWS](#)

### **ADA COMPLIANT OUTDOOR FITNESS PARK ANNOUNCED**

I am very excited to announce the coming installation of an ADA-compliant outdoor fitness center adjacent to the Bigelow Center for Senior Activities. The Center is being constructed with funds from the American Rescue Plan Act for the CT Department of Aging and Disability Services State Unit. The facility will include a variety of accessible strength, agility and conditioning equipment and will serve residents with disabilities and/or physical limitations.



The outdoor fitness park at Gould Manor Park has been a welcome addition for residents who enjoy exercising outside. I think this is a home run for our town's seniors with varying abilities to be able to exercise outdoors. I want to thank Human & Social Services Director, Julie DeMarco, Bigelow Center for Senior Services Director, Brenda Steele, and Parks & Recreation Director, Anthony Calabrese, who worked together to bring this project to fruition. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **FAIRFIELD RECIEVES TOP AWARD FOR PLANNING**

The Connecticut Economic Development Association (CEDAS) is pleased to recognize the Town of Fairfield as a member of the CEDAS Best Practices Cohort for 2023 as a Gold Certified Community. A panel of reviewers studied Fairfield's policies, plans and partnerships to identify the Town's successful implementation of efficient and effective land use planning and economic development strategies.

This recognition is a tribute to the hard work of our Community & Economic Development Department, Town Plan & Zoning Department, and our work to make Fairfield more attractive to residents and businesses alike. In their award letter, CEDAS recognized the Town employee pledge my administration implemented, and our interdepartmental communications. I want to thank our CED Director Mark Barnhart for working side by side with my team to support businesses who are seeking approvals from the Town and providing guidance throughout the process. It's really nice to be recognized for the many new policies and procedures we have put into place.



TPZ Director Jim Wendt, TPZ Chair Thomas Noonan, Brenda Kupchick, CED Director Mark Barnhart



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH IS ELECTION DAY**

**Please be aware that due to voter redistricting last year, your RTM District and polling location may have changed.** To determine your voter district and polling location by street listing click here: [Where Do I Vote?](#)

All polling locations in Fairfield will be open from 6 AM to 8 PM, and absentee ballots must be received by 8:00 pm to the Town Clerk's Office on Election Day. To read the previous Election Day Newsletter, including the locations of new polling locations, please [click here](#).



**PENFIELD PAVILION REPAIR**

Many residents will notice that the repair and remediation project at Penfield Pavilion has now begun. Updates are provided monthly at the Board of Selectmen meetings. The Town also continues to update the Penfield Construction Project webpage, you can read [here](#).

By way of reminder, contaminated fill from the (Julian) fill pile was illegally deposited beneath Penfield Pavilion during construction, and in certain areas under the parking lot. By state and federal law, the Town is required to remove the contaminated fill. During the 2015 rebuild of Penfield Pavilion, the former administration knowingly installed horizontal grade beams at a height in violation of federal floodplain management regulations. Under federal regulations, the Town is required to bring the site into compliance. To comply with CT DEEP and the EPA, the Town will be remediating the fill. To address the FEMA Notice of Violation, the Town will modify the existing buildings foundation (excluding the locker room portion).



## FILL PILE COURT CASE UPDATE

The state's prosecution of the fill pile case continues. The ultimate decision makers on the resolution of these cases is between the prosecutor, the defendant and the judge. It's incredibly frustrating to watch this process slowly play out while Fairfield taxpayers foot the bill. Three former department heads have now pleaded guilty. There are still more cases to come and on behalf of our residents, I will do all that I can to make sure restitution is part of any future convictions or plea deals. In Wednesday's court hearing, I read aloud a victim impact statement on behalf of the Town of Fairfield. You can read it in the [Patch article here](#). The CT Post article can be read [here](#).

## ROAD PAVING

The fall road paving program was completed on Thursday, October 19th and the next round of paving will continue in the spring. A big thanks to DPW for all the coordination and to residents for your patience during the many rain delays. For a full list of roads paved this year, please [click here](#).

Residents often ask about their specific road or sidewalk being paved. In 2021, we retained a consultant for Fairfield's first independent analysis of all town roads and the majority of sidewalks. Each road was assessed and ranked based on condition and amount of use. This analysis is the foundation for the Town's 5 year road paving and sidewalk improvement plan. We recently completed sidewalk improvements around Riverfield Elementary School and funding requests for the sidewalk plan will be included in the next budget and capital plan. Everything will be done in order of priority based on their rank.



## ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADU) WORKSHOP

The Town of Fairfield will hold a workshop on accessory dwelling units (ADUs), more commonly known as accessory or "in-law" apartments, beginning at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 13, 2023 at the Fairfield Museum & History Center, located at 320 Beach Road. The workshop is free and open to the public, and is being co-hosted by the Town of Fairfield Affordable Housing Committee and Fairfield Senior Advocates.

An Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) is a residential unit that can be added to a single-family home. ADUs can be detached (a separate building) from the main home, an addition to the main home, a conversion of existing space within the home, or a conversion of a garage into an ADU. During this informative one-hour workshop, participants can learn more about accessory dwelling units and recent changes to the Town's zoning regulations that make it easier to establish one.

In advance of the upcoming workshop, the Affordable Housing Committee is asking the public's help in completing a very short survey to better gauge awareness and interest in accessory apartments. The survey, posted at [surveymonkey.com/r/FairfieldADU](https://surveymonkey.com/r/FairfieldADU), should only take a few minutes, but will be extremely helpful in guiding the Committee's work. While the event is being held free of charge, participants are asked to pre-register using this [link](#).

## BOARD OF FINANCE CAPITAL PLAN MEETING

On October 19th the Board of Finance held their annual capital plan meeting to discuss capital projects for the Town and Fairfield Public Schools. Representatives from the RTM and the Board of Education also participated in the discussion. The back up to the meeting is [here](#) and you can watch the meeting [here](#).

I created the bipartisan Capital Plan Working Group made up of members of the Board of Finance, RTM, Board of Education, Superintendent and Finance, to assess and prioritize the many needs the Town, Water Pollution Control Authority and Board of Education have on the horizon. It's an opportunity to take a deep dive into the many competing needs Fairfield faces on a continuous basis and create long term plans. You can watch the meetings [here](#).

Projects for FY 25 will be presented before the town bodies over the next 6 months including school projects, paving & sidewalks, tide gate repairs and flood protection measures.

## INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A BOARD OR COMMISSION?

Applicants must be registered to vote in Fairfield.

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION VACANCY

The Town of Fairfield is seeking interested residents to serve on the Human Services Commission, the policy-making body for the Department of Human Services. The Commission studies community human service issues across all age and income groups provides a public forum for citizen input, and makes recommendations to the Human Services Department and the First Selectman.

The Human Services Commission meets 11 times a year on the fourth Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m., both in-person at the Bigelow Center for Senior Activities and via Conference Call Bridge. To learn more about the Commission [click here](#). To apply [click here](#).

## FAIR RENT COMMISSION VACANCIES

Pursuant to State Statute, the RTM recently created a Fair Rent Commission for the purpose of controlling and eliminating excessive rental charges for housing accommodations within the Town. We are now accepting [applications](#) from those interested in serving as a member on the Commission. To learn more about the role and responsibilities of the Fair Rent Commission [click here](#).

## TAX COLLECTOR REMINDS RESIDENTS OF REAL ESTATE AND SEWER USE TAXES DUE

Real Estate taxes for the 2nd quarter and 1st installment Sewer Use taxes were due on October 1, 2023, and **the last day to pay timely is Wednesday November 1, 2023**. On November 2, 2023, statutory interest accrues at an initial rate of 3%. Per state statute interest accrues at 1.5% per month from the original due date of October 1, 2023.

Original tax bills can be paid at any M & T bank branch location between October 1, 2023, and November 1, 2023. You do not need to be a customer. For more details on payment options, penalties and contact information, view the [Legal Notice](#) or contact the [Tax Department](#).

## DRAFT PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (POCD) FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

As I shared in the previous few newsletters, the Town Plan and Zoning Department has presented the draft [Plan of Conservation and Development \(POCD\)](#). This process began in 2018 with initial outreach to Town Departments and other Boards and Commissions.

Public comment is welcome and can be directed to [TPZCommission@fairfieldct.org](mailto:TPZCommission@fairfieldct.org).

## PINK PLEDGE

I want to thank our employees who donated towards our Pink Pledge campaign and who wore pink to help spread awareness. Some of Fairfield's employees have benefitted from the Norma Pfriem Center's services. Our collective donations and support make a difference. There's still time to help us reach our goal! [Donate here](#)





## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **UI | FAIRFIELD TO CONGRESS SUBSTATION BRIDGEPORT RAILROAD TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD PROJECT**

The Town of Fairfield as an intervenor on this project, has retained experts who will testify to the devastating impacts this project will have on our environment, the historic district, and residents and businesses throughout the Town. Town officials will also be testifying before the Siting Council. We are working together with other intervenors to pool our resources and collectively fight against this project as proposed.

SCNETI is a neighborhood group raising funds and working in conjunction with the Town of Fairfield to oppose UI's proposed project. Next Sunday, SCNETI is hosting a community rally at Pequot Library from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. More information can be found at [www.empoweringfairfield.org](http://www.empoweringfairfield.org).

The next Evidentiary Hearing of the [State Siting Council](#) will be on November 16th at 2:00 p.m.

My previous updates on UI can be read [here](#). You can read my letter to UI asking them to withdraw the application [here](#). If you haven't already, residents can email comments to the Siting Council at [siting.council@ct.gov](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov).

The UI project website can be found [here](#). Questions can be submitted to [Info@UIRailRoadTLineUpgrades.com](mailto:Info@UIRailRoadTLineUpgrades.com). I will continue to provide updates as they become available.

### **AGE-FRIENDLY FAIRFIELD**

A town-wide initiative to make our community a great place to grow up *and* grow old. The first area of interest we're working on is Transportation. Transportation isn't just cars and trains —we're looking for innovative ideas, what's working, and how we can improve what we have. If you would like to take part in a focus group to discuss your ideas, please let us know. We are interested in hearing from all residents and will focus on GBT, Dial-a-ride, and GBT Access. Last week I visited the Senior Center to discuss many topics of importance including Age-Friendly Fairfield.



For information about Age Friendly or to get involved, email at [AgeFriendlyFairfield@fairfieldct.org](mailto:AgeFriendlyFairfield@fairfieldct.org) or visit [Age Friendly Fairfield](#).

## **SOCIAL SERVICES ASSISTANCE**

**Energy Assistance** – The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) and Operation Fuel Assistance both help with primary heating costs. Please note that an eligible applicant for Operation Fuel is only eligible for benefits one time per calendar year. To make an appointment or learn more about the programs, call Social Services to set up an appointment. Call 203-256-3170.

**Low Vision Group** – Low vision affects many individuals and can make day-to-day activities a challenge. Low Vision Peer Support Group meetings occasionally include presentations of resources available. Family and friends are always welcome. Contact Mila Rodrigues at (203) 256-3170.

**Medicare Open Enrollment** – Medicare open enrollment started October 15 and runs through December 7 for an effective date of January 1, 2024. During open enrollment, you may switch your Part D or Medicare Advantage plan. You may want to consider doing this if:

- ◆ There's been a change in your health status
- ◆ There's been a change in your prescription drugs
- ◆ Your premiums have increased significantly
- ◆ You moved out of your old ZIP Code
- ◆ Your doctors are no longer in your plan's network
- ◆ Your plan has been discontinued

## **FAIRFIELD PRESIDENT**

Unquowa School 5<sup>th</sup> grader Avery Holtz, who was the first student in Fairfield to ever be elected “Ms. President US”, shadowed me in my office this week along with her campaign team – Vice-President Emily Smith, Chief of Staff/Operations Ellie Holtz, and Communications Director Harper Smith. These future leaders joined me for an afternoon at Independence Hall learning how local government works.

[Ms President US](#) is a national organization that motivates and prepares young girls to reach for the highest civic leadership positions at all levels of government, beginning at the elementary school level. Last winter, the organization hosted an election which was the culminating event for the girls enrolled in this civic leadership program. Avery's campaign platform centered on public safety with a focus on providing kids with tools on how to stay safe. She and her team were awarded for their hard work by the Executive Director of The Campaign School at Yale.



## **MCKINLEY SCHOOL VISIT**

It was so nice to receive a stack of sweet, colorful handwritten thank you notes from McKinley second graders after visiting their school to talk about government last week. The thank you cards were the highlight of my week.





[FAIRFIELD'S FIRST RESPONDERS](#)

**BE SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN**  
**FROM THE FAIRFIELD POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS**  
Click below to watch the video!



**UKRAINE SISTER CITY**

Fairfield's Fire Department donated outdated Fire Gear to Fairfield's sister city Kostiantynivka, Ukraine. This was made possible by the members of Fairfield's Ukrainian Sister City Steering Committee with logistical help from Meriden Fire Lieutenant Konstantin Tartakovsky.



[COMMUNITY EVENTS](#)





**SPONSOR A FLAG IN THE FIELD OF VALOR | November 5**

To honor our Military Veterans and those men and women actively serving our country, the Kiwanis Club of Fairfield will create a Field of Valor by displaying U.S. Flags. The Dedication Ceremony will take place at **2:00 pm on Sunday, November 5th** at Jennings Park – hope you can join us.

The Field of Valor will include more than 300 full-size (3' x 5') American flags and will be on display to commemorate Veterans Day on November 11th. All are invited to sponsor any friends or family they would like to HONOR with one of these keepsake flags. Your Honoree and sponsor name will be proudly displayed with a yellow card attached to each flag.

The cost to sponsor a flag is \$25. Following the event, you may choose to pick up your flag or you may donate the flags for use in future years. For more information and to purchase a flag, [click here.](#)

**FAIRFIELD MOMBIES ARE BACK THIS MONTH**

The [Fairfield MOMbies](#) are a group of moms who have joined forces to raise funds for metastatic breast cancer research through the [Cancer Couch Foundation](#). Their performances, captured in inspiring [videos](#), have garnered millions of views and motivated many to donate. To date, they have raised over \$170,000, demonstrating the power of unity and support in making a difference. You can contribute by donating and spreading the word about their '[dance to donate](#)' mission.

On Saturday, October 28th, the MOMbies will be performing at 11:30 and 12:50 at the Star 99.9 Anna & Raven Family Trick or Treat Day at The Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater. Click [Anna and Raven Trick-or-Treat Day](#) for tickets to this amazing family event held from 11-2. Rain or shine. For a limited time, use promo code "candy" for \$5 off admission.







**Hair Bellagio**

I was so happy to join Phyllis and Michele to celebrate [Hair Bellagio](#), located at 1495 Black Rock Turnpike, for a successful 10 years in business in Fairfield. As hairstylists, their passion lies in serving their clients. It takes a lot of hard work and determination to run a successful business for 10 years. I hope you will join me in congratulating Phyllis and Michele on this meaningful milestone.

**NEW BUSINESS | DARINE'S SUPER CLEANING CO.**

It was such a pleasure to welcome [Darine's Super Cleaning Co.](#) located at 6 Tunxis Hill Road in Fairfield, which aims to meet customer needs through a family-oriented service approach where technicians take pride in their work and enhance the overall quality of your life. I was especially touched by Darine's strength and determination from her mother who recently passed away from breast cancer. I hope you will join me in welcoming this new women-owned business to our Town.



Photo Credit: Fairfield Hamlet Hub

**FAIRFIELD COMEDY CIRCLE**

Please welcome [Fairfield Comedy Circle](#), located at 417 Post Road, Fairfield, in the lobby of the Fairfield Circle Inn. Fairfield County's most intimate spot to see live comedy every week from some of the country's top comedians. Under new ownership by comedy veterans, Fairfield Comedy Circle will be bringing you comics you've seen on Netflix, HBO, Comedy Central, and Late Night every Saturday night. Come out to a show and share some laughs.



photo credit: Fairfield Hamlet Hub

## [UPCOMING EVENTS](#)

### **ENCHANTED CASTLE | OCTOBER 25-29**

The Enchanted Castle presented by the Junior League of Eastern Fairfield County will return to the Burr Mansion on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and run through Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a family friendly event where kids and parents walk through the entire Burr Mansion together. Each room is decorated with a different "Fairy Tale" theme and kids will enjoy the live characters who will tell their stories. The Castle is designed for children 2-10 years of age but will be sure to excite the whole family. Tickets are available [here](#).



Photo Credit: Fairfield Hamlet Hub

### **FAIRFIELD RESTAURANT WEEK | OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 5**

Fairfield Restaurant Week begins on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and runs through November 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information and to check out participating restaurants, visit [www.experiencefairfieldct.org/eats](http://www.experiencefairfieldct.org/eats) or follow @ExperienceFairfield and @FairfieldRestaurantWeek on Facebook and Instagram!



### **HOMEBUYER INFORMATION SESSION | OCTOBER 28**

Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County will be holding a Homebuyer Information Session on Saturday, October 28th, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Fairfield Public Library, 1080 Post Road. You can learn about the home buying process, how to get qualified, sweat equity hours, the application process, and more. You can find more information and register for the event at <http://habitatcfc.org/events>.

### **A PARENT'S GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING EATING DISORDERS | NOVEMBER 8**

Join the Fairfield Collaborative for Youth Mental Health on Wednesday, November 8th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM for an insightful event featuring Dr. Douglas Bunnell, a distinguished clinical psychologist with over 30 years of expertise in treating eating disorders. The event will take place at the Fairfield Regional Fire School, 205 Richard White Way. [Click here](#) for more information.



## FAIRFIELD MUSEUM HOLIDAY POP-UP MARKET | Nov 18 | Nov 19

The Fairfield Museum is pleased to announce the 9th annual Holiday Pop-Up Market on Saturday, November 18th, and Sunday, November 19th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This festive market of gifts at the Museum is a wonderful kick-off to the holiday season.

There is a \$5 suggested donation to attend this exciting and colorful market, cash or card will be accepted at the entrance. Your donation will enter you into a drawing to win a gift bag of items from the Museum shop, including a one-year family membership to the Museum. Learn more [here](#).

## FAIRFIELD FATHER'S FORUM | Nov 18 | Dec 16

Led by Vince Benevento, LPC, Director and Founder of Causeway Collaborative, this forum is a safe space for fathers to share experiences and support each other through the journey of fatherhood. Whether you're a new dad, navigating the teen years, or embracing grandfatherhood, this is your community.

Presented by the Fairfield Collaborative for Youth Mental Health, in partnership with the Fairfield Police Department, Fairfield Public Schools, and Fairfield Social and Human Services. [Click here](#) for more information.

I hope you have a safe and happy Halloween and take advantage of Fairfield Restaurant week by visiting one of our participating restaurants!

Sincerely,

Brenda L. Kupchick  
Fairfield First Selectwoman



[LIBRARIES/FAIRFIELD MUSEUM/BIGELOW CENTER](#)

## BIGELOW CENTER & SOCIAL SERVICES

100 Mona Terrace



Please [click here](#) to open the November 2023 Bigelow Center for Senior Activities newsletter.

## FAIRFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Main Library/1080 Old Post Rd

Branch Library/1147 Fairfield Woods Rd



**The public is invited to attend an opening reception for “*Melange*,” the newest art exhibit at the Bruce S. Kershner Gallery, on Thursday, November 2, from 5:30–7:30pm at Main Library.** The exhibit features the work of Karen Kent, Don Sexton, and Sao; the artists will speak at the reception at 6:00pm. Light refreshments will be served. “Melange” can be viewed from October 28 – December 9, 2023, during regular Library hours.

The library offers 24/7 access to its digital collection of books, music, magazines, movies and databases. Information services are available in person, by phone 203-256-3160, by email [eref@fplct.org](mailto:eref@fplct.org), and via text (text askfplct to 833-232-4100).

**Both branches of Fairfield Public Library will be closed on Friday, November 10, for Veteran’s Day, and on Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

## PEQUOT LIBRARY

720 Pequot Avenue/Southport



PEQUOT  
LIBRARY

Pequot Library offers an exciting lineup of programs for all ages, all of which are free and open to the public.

Pequot Library hosts a number of exciting programs in the coming weeks for guests of all ages, most of which are free and open to the public. Join us on October 29 at 4:00 p.m. for our [Annual Meeting](#). We warmly welcome all; only Friends of Pequot Library can vote. The business portion of the meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. with an update on the United Illuminating Railroads Transmissions Line Upgrade Project from Fairfield's First Selectwoman Kupchick. The business portion of the annual meeting will follow, including reports from the Board President and Director. Board committee reports will be made for the Nominating and Treasurer. We are also updating our by-laws. Next, enjoy a special talk at 5:00 with guest speaker, Wes Haynes. Wes will speak about Pequot Library's history and architecture. He serves as the Executive Director at the Merritt Parkway Conservancy, a member-supported non-profit organization committed to the preservation, revitalization, and stewardship of one of America's most scenic and historic automobile roads. Refreshments will be served.

Tune in for [Hollywood, Home, Heart, and Healing: A Virtual Conversation](#) with Actor John Stamos on Nov. 1 at 8:00 p.m. Join us for an intimate chat with *Full House* star John Stamos as he leads us through his incredibly moving and vulnerable memoir *If You Would Have Told Me*. This talk is produced in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium.

Please [click here](#) for more information and upcoming events.

## FAIRFIELD MUSEUM AND HISTORY CENTER

370 Beach Road



The [Fairfield Museum and History Center](#) believes in the power of history, art, and humanities to inspire the imagination, stimulate thought, and transform society.

The fall speaker series begins on November 5th with the Stories of the Survival of the Indigenous Peoples of Connecticut Fall Open play at the Victorian Cottage begins on November 7.

To view all upcoming events including the wreath family workshop and the holiday pop-up market, click [here](#).

### [ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FROM PAST UPDATES](#)

#### ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR HEATING AND UTILITY BILLS

As the seasons change, we want to inform our community about two valuable assistance programs that can provide support with heating and utility bills.

1. **Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP):** CEAP offers aid for primary heating costs. This program ensures that you can keep your home warm during the colder months.
2. **Operation Fuel:** Commencing in August, Operation Fuel offers help with utility bills, primarily focusing on past-due balances for electric bills. Please remember that eligible applicants for Operation Fuel can only receive benefits once per calendar year. For example, if you received benefits in April 2023, you will be eligible to apply again in April 2024.

Our dedicated Fairfield Social Services staff is now scheduling appointments. To determine if you qualify for either program and to set up an appointment, please contact them at 203-256-3170.



## LAKE MOHEGAN CASCADES

In an effort to mitigate vandalism to Town property, inappropriate behavior, and other violations of Open Space Regulations, the Conservation Department has teamed up with the Fairfield Police Department to patrol the Lake Mohegan open space, especially the Cascades area. The Police Department will be enforcing the Open Space Regulations listed [here](#) and issuing tickets or towing vehicles, as appropriate. Please have fun outdoors and respect our natural resources for all to enjoy.

## FAIRFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT/POWER OUTAGE NOTIFICATIONS

You can receive real time updates on power outages specific to your home or business by registering to receive text messages regarding **Outages**, **Restoration Times** and **Power Restored Confirmation**. It is easy to register online or by text. [Click here](#) for more information from the Fire Department.

## FRAUD ALERT

As you may have read recently in the news about an [alleged fraud situation](#) in our Town. The Town of Fairfield Fraud Alert database helps notify property owners of new transactions regarding their property. With Fraud Alert you can sign up to receive alerts whenever a document such as a mortgage is recorded under your name. You can enroll in the program [here](#).

Since its inception in 2021, over 1100 names have been registered in the system. To verify your enrollment, log in to system using the email address you used when you initially enrolled. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's Office, [townclerk@fairfieldct.org](mailto:townclerk@fairfieldct.org).

## SPOTTED LANTERN FLY



Many residents have been writing in or posting on social media about spotted lantern fly's. Many have asked what can be done. CT DEEP recommends the following:  
[What to Do If You Find SLF](#)

First, and most important – if you think you have observed spotted lanternflies, do not attempt to move any wood or other potentially infested material from the site. Instead, you should:

- Report potential sightings of this invasive pest. If you suspect you have found a SLF, snap a picture of it and fill out this [SLF Reporting Form](#).
- Kill any spotted lanternflies you find immediately.
- Follow these [tips for dealing with spotted lanternflies](#).
- Please check your vehicles for stowaways! Inspect your vehicles, trailers, and other items for SLF adults and egg masses when travelling through areas with known or suspected SLF populations. These insects are known to hitch a ride on vehicles and even clothing.

Our Conservation Director, Tim Bishop, recently shared this very helpful video from Pittsburgh that provides more information. [Click here to watch it.](#)

## OPERATION HOPE | FOOD PANTRY

[Operation Hope's Food Pantry](#) is open to **all** Fairfield residents on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and Thursday from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

**Items can be dropped off at 636 Old Post Road between 9:15 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.**

## PREVIOUS UPDATES:

[Archives](#)