



Dear Fairfielders,

As we head into October, we acknowledge and raise awareness about three significant causes that impact the lives of our neighbors and fellow residents. I hope you will join me in extending compassion and commitment to these important causes. October is:

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- National Pedestrian Safety Month

Breast cancer affects one in eight women in the United States each year, and Connecticut bears one of the highest incidence rates of breast cancer in the nation. Throughout October, our town participates in [Pink Pledge](#), a heartfelt initiative aimed at supporting the Norma Pfriem Breast Center. By contributing to Pink Pledge, you help ensure that the Breast Center can continue to deliver outstanding medical care and compassion to all women, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Domestic violence is a distressing issue that affects millions of individuals across the United States. Shockingly, on average, three women lose their lives each day due to domestic violence. Also, over 15 million children are exposed to domestic violence annually, and a report of child abuse is made every 10 seconds. In our Fairfield County community, [the Center for Family Justice](#) provides free and confidential trauma-informed services, orchestrating care for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, and child abuse in six towns, including Fairfield. By supporting organizations like The Center for Family Justice, we can contribute to creating safer homes and communities for everyone.

The safety of our residents is of significant importance, especially when it comes to pedestrian safety. In 2021, we witnessed a concerning 12.5% increase in pedestrian fatalities in traffic crashes across the nation, marking the highest number in 40 years. Fairfield has also experienced a rise in pedestrian accidents over the last three years. Fairfield Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee is committed to enhancing safety through education. Please see tips and information about National Pedestrian Safety Month further below in our update.

In this month of awareness and action, please:

1. Prioritize your health by scheduling regular check-ups with your healthcare provider.
2. Look out for your neighbors, especially those who may need assistance or support.
3. Refrain from engaging in distracted driving, and take precautions when walking outside, ensuring our roads are safer for all.

By taking these steps, we can collectively contribute to the safety and well-being of ourselves, our families, and our community.

[TOWN GOVERNMENT NEWS](#)

## SISTER CITY IN UKRAINE

Last week we held a press conference to formally announce the Town's partnership with Kostiantynivka, Ukraine, a similar sized city to Fairfield, in the middle of a war-torn country. Our main goals are to help raise money and collect supplies for this struggling city and contribute to fostering a connection between the United States and Ukraine.

It was said best by Marshall Mayer, the President from [UAI](#), if every person in Fairfield donated [\\$25 dollars](#) we would raise over a million dollars for our sister city.

I feel it's incredibly important to stand up for democracy wherever it wants to be. We are blessed to live in a free country and I would hope other towns from other countries would come to Fairfield's aide if we were under attack fighting for our freedom.

Thank you to the press for their coverage on this important work. The Fairfield Citizen article can be [read here](#). The Fairfield Patch article can be [read here](#).

I encourage you to watch our press conference linked below by clicking on the photo and hear the impassioned plea from Ukrainian members of our Steering Committee. We are hosting an event on October 27th at SHU Community Theatre, and we hope you will join us.



Yulia, a Ukrainian who has spent many years in Fairfield, gave very moving remarks. "I know you may be tired of hearing about Ukraine, but imagine how tired Ukraine is."

I hope you will join us in supporting our event on October 27th.

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

[Donate Here](#)

## NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON

I am excited to announce in October we will be launching a brand new website for the Town of Fairfield. More information will be coming soon. We appreciate your patience as we navigate this big improvement for our employees and our residents.

## ROAD PAVING

This year's road milling is complete, however, paving was delayed due to extensive rain. To see the list of roads, please [click here](#).

For residents who live on streets scheduled for paving, you will be notified when your street will be impacted by roadwork if you are enrolled in the Town's Emergency Alert System. To enroll in the Town's notification system, please [click here](#).

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION REDISTRICTING**

The Board of Education (BOE) has announced that they are setting aside redistricting, a decision I agree with. According to the Board, under all scenarios presented, there would be six schools that exceed classroom capacity within the next eight school years. The BOE is expected to present its findings to the State Board of Education and work on a solution that will comply with the State's [Racial Imbalance Law](#). I have spoken with the Superintendent of Schools, Mike Testani, and I look forward to working with the BOE and school administration on any further capital planning needs as a result of their findings. You can watch the full meeting [here](#).

### **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).

### **DRIVEN TO PROTECT EVENT**

Today, I attended the launch of the Driven to Protect initiative, which included a demonstration of the Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety Program (DADSS) at the Fairfield Ludlowe High School.

The Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety Program (DADSS) is a public-private partnership between the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the nonprofit Automotive Coalition for Traffic Safety (ACTS) which represents the world's leading automobile manufacturers. The mission of DADSS is to bring to market a first-of-its-kind alcohol detection technology that will passively detect when a driver is intoxicated with a BAC at or above the legal limit and prevent the vehicle from moving. This program is sponsored by a grant through the Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office.

I want to thank Superintendent Michael Testani; Principal Dr. Greg Hatzis; Garrett Eucalitto, Commissioner, CT Department of Transportation; George Bishop, Automotive Coalition for Traffic Safety; Bob Garguilo, Executive Director MADD CT; Skip Church, former MADD representative and Fairfield's Stephen Panus, two fathers whose sons were killed in drunk driving crashes, for attending today and making a meaningful impression on our young students.



### **PENFIELD PAVILION REPAIR**

Updates on the project at Penfield Pavilion are provided monthly at the BOS meeting. As we move forward on remediation and repair at this site, the Town will share information we receive on the Penfield Construction Project webpage, you can read [here](#). Monthly updates will continue at Board of Selectmen meetings. An additional update will be given to the BOF at their October 3rd meeting.

The Town has begun removing equipment and closing down Penfield Pavilion to prepare for construction. The building has been winterized, the site fence is going up, and remediation will begin in the coming weeks.

### **SEEKING RESIDENTS TO SERVE ON THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION**

Interested in serving on a Town Board or Commission? 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](#) for those interested in serving as a member on the Commission. To learn more about the roles and responsibilities of the Fair Rent Commission [click here](#).

### **DUCK FARM ROAD BRIDGE UPDATE**

The Duck Farm Bridge will be reopening next week. I want to thank our [Engineering Department](#), most especially Eli Ghazal, Project Manager, for ensuring this important project was completed on budget. We greatly appreciate the public's patience during this important safety infrastructure project.



### [COMMUNITY NEWS](#)

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

Yesterday, State Senator Tony Hwang, State Representatives Jennifer Leeper and Cristen McCarthy Vahey, the town's legal counsel and I, met with UI's President Frank Reynolds, and the UI project team at Town Hall regarding their application. The meeting was very productive. UI has agreed to work with the Town and its departments to identify problematic areas in UI's proposal. It is our hope that working collaboratively, we will be able to identify and implement reasonable and prudent alternatives. Rep. Leeper and Senator Hwang offered to work with me, intervening parties and our legal counsel to create a list of priority areas that UI agreed to discuss with all of us further.

Parallel to this collaborative work with UI, the Town is still pursuing the opportunity to present evidence to the Connecticut Siting Council. The Council holds exclusive authority over utility proposals, statewide. Yesterday, the Siting Council agreed to grant the Town an additional hearing in November, which is very good news.

**I also asked UI, and they agreed, to host a Town Hall meeting on October 4th at 6:00 p.m., where they will present their plans to our community, and answer questions. The meeting will take place at the Regional Training Fire School at 205 Richard White Way.**

You can email your comments to the Siting Council at [siting.council@ct.gov](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov). The next Evidentiary Hearing of the State Siting Council will be on Oct. 17th at 2:00 p.m. You can find details about the hearing and how to join via Zoom, [here](#).

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



## NATIONAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH

The Fairfield Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee is committed to improving safety through education, such as the recommendations listed below, as well as support for implementation of traffic calming measures, striving to achieve a “Vision Zero” goal. Vision Zero describes a belief that even one life lost in a vehicular accident is unacceptable, and that resulting deaths and injuries are preventable using all available tools to eliminate conditions and behaviors that lead to serious injuries and death. **Please also support National Walk to School Day on October 4th.**

Below are a few critical items that pedestrians should follow to improve their walking safety:

- **Walk on sidewalks** whenever they are available, don’t walk in the road if one is available.
- If there is no sidewalk, **walk on the left side, close to curb, facing traffic**. In fact, it’s a State of CT Statute 14-300(c), violation of which can result in an infraction.
- **Cross streets at crosswalks** or intersections, DO NOT cross between parked cars.
- **Increase your visibility** when walking at night by carrying a flashlight and wearing reflective clothing, such as reflective vests. Avoid wearing dark clothing.

If we all follow these few simple suggestions, we can improve our individual safety while enjoying the benefits of walking and enjoying our town.

Visit [Watch for Me CT](#) for more information.

## NEW POLLINATOR POCKET PARK

In continuing its mission of planting trees and promoting awareness and appreciation for their environmental, economic, and cultural value in Fairfield, the volunteer Fairfield Forestry Committee, specifically Chairwoman Mary Hogue, Tree Planting Program Director Tom Corell, and Tree Warden Jeff Minder, collaborated on revitalizing an idle downtown space into a vibrant pollinator pocket park.

This beautiful revitalized park, which was completed in May of 2023, features new sidewalks, nine benches, five shade trees (two Chestnut Oaks, two Patriot Elms, and an American Sycamore), 69 various ornamental trees and shrubs, 100 various perennials, and over 3000 flowering bulbs. The plantings will have some flowers in bloom every month of the year. The native and pollinator plants will provide habitat and food for native fauna.



### **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)**

CERT held their annual meeting on September 21st. There were 46 members in attendance and Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director Denis McCarthy served as the speaker. I want to thank all the dedicated volunteers on CERT who step up to help our community in times of need.



### [FAIRFIELD'S FIRST RESPONDERS](#)

### **COFFEE WITH A COP**

Coffee with a Cop will take place on October 4th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at [Wake-Cup-Coffee](#), 71 Constant Comment Way, near the Metro Train Station. This is a great way to connect and converse with your local police officers.

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS CLASSES**

Join [FitClubBJJ](#) and Fairfield PD every Wednesday night for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

FitClubBJJ, 1496 Post Road, will host 4 different events starting on Wednesday, October 4th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with guest speaker Dana Buckmir, author of "Everything Will Be Okay", a memoir and cautionary tale of online dating and domestic abuse. After hearing Dana's story, there will be a demonstration on ways to defend yourself by Professor Joe Oppedisano and Fairfield Police Detective Beth Leetch. This same event will also happen on Wednesday, October 18th.

### **SELF-DEFENSE CLASS**

On Wednesday, October 11th, Professor Joe Oppedisano and Detective Beth Leetch will teach their popular Women's Self-Defense class, from 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm at FitClubBjj, 1496 Post Rd, with all proceeds going to the [Norma Pfriem Breast Care Center](#). Come learn some moves and donate to an important cause during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

On Wednesday, October 25th, Professor Joe Oppedisano and Detective Beth Leetch from will teach their popular Women's Self-Defense class, 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm at FitClubBjj, 1496 Post Rd, with all proceeds going to the [Center for Family Justice](#). Come and learn some moves and strategies while donating to an important advocate in the fight against domestic violence during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

To register for these events, reach out to [sarahfitclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarahfitclub@gmail.com). All events require a \$30.00 donation to register.

### SENIOR CITIZEN SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM

The Fairfield Fire Department has conducted this program for Senior Citizens for decades. Firefighters will come to your house to change your smoke detector batteries on selected dates in October. Seniors wishing to participate should call the Fire Marshal's Office at 203-254-4720.

### CONFINED SPACE RESCUE TRAINING

Yesterday, Fairfield Firefighters performed space rescue training with simulation to include below-grade rescues in a hazardous atmosphere.



### EMERGENCY ALERTS

FEMA and FCC will conduct their 7<sup>th</sup> nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System on October 4th at 2:20pm. This test will send an alert to all cellphones, radio channels and televisions. The test is a good reminder for Fairfield residents to sign up local emergency information. Stay informed – sign up for [Fairfield ALERT](#) for important phone, text and email messages.

### SHRED IT!

The **Fairfield Police Cadet Shred Day Fundraiser** will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> at Fairfield Police Headquarters, 100 Reef Road. A shred truck will be shredding documents on site from 9:00 a.m. until the truck is full (which is usually around 11:30 a.m.). The cost is \$10.00 per document box/file box.

The Fairfield Police Cadet Program is a non-profit 501(c) and has been an integral part of Fairfield and its Police Department for over 40 years, providing valuable community service hours to our youth members and enhancing public safety services within the town. Our dedicated cadets are driven by a commitment to public service and a desire to contribute positively to the Fairfield. Donations will be going toward:

- Training and Development
- Uniforms and Equipment
- Community Engagement
- Public Safety
- Career Development
- Emergency Preparedness
- Safety Equipment
- Transportation

For more information about Shred Day people can go to [Fairfieldcadets.com](http://Fairfieldcadets.com) or call 203-254-4830.

[COMMUNITY EVENTS](#)

## INAUGURAL OKTOBERFEST EVENT

Despite the horrible weather, the Town's inaugural Oktoberfest was a success with 1,000 visitors. Kudos to Fairfield's Economic Development Team, Mark Barnhart and Mary Alice Limperopulos, the Parks & Recreation Department, and Fairfield Theater Company for planning this fun, community event. We couldn't pull off this event without the help of our Public Works Department crew and the Fairfield Police Department providing a safe and peaceful day.

Special thanks to our sponsors: Elicit Brewing Company, Two Roads Brewing Company, Boca Grille and Raw Bar, The Circle Fairfield, Hi-Ho Hotel, Bear Fight American Single Malt Whiskey, Creek Water, Voodoo Ranger, Outdoor Design & Living, Vintage Garden and Massage Envy. I'm so grateful to work with everyone to provide a fun community event for our residents.

Thank you to [Fairfield HamletHub](#) for covering the Town's first Oktoberfest and we will definitely do it again next year (hopefully with better weather).



## NOTRE DAME'S LANCER LEGACY GALA AWARDS

Notre Dame of Fairfield High School recently honored 11 outstanding alumni for their contributions to their communities. I am very proud to recognize Fairfield Police Lieutenant Mike Paris and Probate Judge Kate Neary Maxham for these very deserving awards.

**2023 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee Lt. Mike Paris** exemplifies excellence in service to his community. I have the great honor of working with Lt. Paris who is a proud second-generation police officer and esteemed member of the Fairfield Police Department. Over the past 17 years, Lt. Paris has made a positive and meaningful impact on the department and community. It is a testament to Lt. Paris' impeccable work that he is a recipient of numerous awards and has been appointed to several special task forces involving both the FBI and the U.S. Deputy Marshal's office. When he isn't serving and protecting Fairfield, Lt. Paris serves as President of his Parish Council and was a former Fairfield Police Union Local 550 President.

**Probate Judge Kate Neary Maxham is a well deserving recipient of the Sister Marion Rielly Leadership award.** Judge Maxham has led with honor and the utmost professionalism during the 25 years she's worked in the Probate Court. A fourth generation Fairfielder, Judge Maxham is highly respected in her role as the first female elected Probate Judge, an office she's held for the last five years. Judge Maxham is also an adjunct professor at Quinnipiac University School of Law. An active community advocate and volunteer for a variety of non-profits, Judge Maxham currently serves on the Executive Committee for the Probate Assembly and is a proud member of the Boards of the Southwestern CT Agency on Aging and Oak Lawn Cemetery and Arboretum.

Congratulations to Lt. Paris and Judge Maxham.



## WINE ON THE WATER

Kudos the Friends of the Bigelow Center for Senior Activities and our amazing staff Julie DeMarco and Brenda Steele for their dedication and commitment to Fairfield's Seniors. Wine on the Water was a wonderful event to raise funds for our Senior Center and the renovated Jacky Durrell Pavilion was a perfect setting for the event.

Thank you to [Fairfield Hamlethub](#) for the photos.



## NO ONE HAS TIME FOR THE FLU, GET A FLU SHOT

The Fairfield Health Department is urging all residents to receive the flu vaccine. The single best way to protect yourself and those around you from the flu is to get vaccinated. It is recommended that everyone over the age of 6 months receive the flu vaccine every year. It takes about 2 weeks after the receiving the flu vaccine for the body to develop protection against the flu virus so now is a good time to get vaccinated.

The Health Department will host four flu clinics this season for adults and children age 3 and older. These clinics will be held on:

- Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm
- Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm

ALL clinics will take place at the Public Health Nursing Office located at 100 Mona Terrace, Fairfield in the white portable BEHIND the Senior Center. Walk-ins only, no appointments. [Click here for more information.](#)

## [NEW BUSINESS](#)

### CHIP CITY COOKIES

Chip City opened its' first Connecticut location today at 1125 Post Road. Co-founder, Theodore (Ted) Gailas, who started this business fresh out of NYU business school in 2008, joined us for the ribbon cutting today.

The company has 18 locations in New York and New Jersey, and is expanding to other new East Coast markets like Massachusetts, Florida, Maryland and Washington, D.C. Chip City rotates more than 40 unique flavors every year, such as peanut butter & jelly, the Everything Cookie (with sweet cream cheese and everything bagel mix), oatmeal apple pie, blueberry cheesecake, s'mores, lemon berry and cannoli. Each week, the menu changes to offer classic flavors and seasonal varieties. I hope you will stop by and give them a great Fairfield welcome!



## [UPCOMING EVENTS](#)

### **GREENFIELD HILL FARMERS MARKET**

Located at 65 Hillside Road, the Greenfield Hill Farmers Market will be open Saturdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm now through October. Be sure to stop by to check out their many local vendors.

### **DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET**

The Market is held every Sunday 10AM–2PM, rain or shine, on Sherman Green. Over 30 local farms and small batch food producers participate. This year the market offers live music and story time for children. For more information, including a list of vendors, please visit the [Fairfield Farmers Market](#) webpage.

### **FAIRFIELD FATHER'S FORUM | Sept 30 | Oct 14 | 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.

### **JENNIFER BUTLER FASHION SHOW | OCTOBER 2**

The Friends of Fairfield Public Library is pleased to announce that Fairfield-based fashion designer Jennifer Butler will show her fall/winter collection in the Fairfield Public Library's Bruce S. Kershner Art Gallery on Sunday, October 1st at 2 p.m. The show is open to the public and all donations benefit the Fairfield Public Library's programs and projects. Please [register](#) to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

### **ST. ANTHONY'S ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC | OCTOBER 2**

The St. Anthony's Annual Golf Classic is held in loving memory of Keith Reynolds. This event will take place on October 2, 2023, at Whitney Farms Golf Club in Monroe, Connecticut. 25% of the net profits from the day will be donated to THRIVE, a cooperative wellness center for cancer patients and survivors. For more information and to sign up [click here](#).

### **SOUTHPORT GLOBE ONION FESTIVAL | OCTOBER 7**

Join Southport at the 2nd Annual Onion Festival at Pequot Library from 6–9 PM with band, bites and beer. More information [here](#).

### **TASTE OF FAIRFIELD | OCTOBER 8**

The Taste of Fairfield returns Sunday, October 8th at Delamar Southport. You can purchase tickets [here](#).



### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS VIGIL | OCTOBER 10**

The Center for Family Justice Regional Domestic Violence Awareness Month Vigil will take place on Tuesday, October 10th at 6 p.m. at the Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater. The event is free to attend and is open to everyone. Food will be available for purchase from Dave's Planet Pizza Truck. Learn more [here](#).

### **YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH EVENT | OCTOBER 11**

#### ***SAFE TEENS, STRONG FUTURES – TACKLING SUBSTANCE USE TOGETHER***

*Presented and facilitated by the Fairfield Collaborative for Youth Mental Health*

Join [Fairfield Police Detectives](#) and the [Fairfield CARES Community Coalition](#) for an empowering event to protect our teens on Wednesday, October 11th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Fairfield Warde High School, 755 Melville Avenue. Gain insights from experts in substance use prevention, learn the latest trends surrounding teen substance use, recognize warning signs, and master communication strategies. Speakers include Vince Benevento, LPC, Director and Founder of Causeway Collaborative; Fairfield Police Detectives; Catherine Hazlett, MPH, Fairfield CARES Community Coalition Program Director. [Register Here](#)

### **HOCUS POCUS DRIVE-IN MOVIE | OCTOBER 13**

Join Parks & Recreation on October 13 at Lake Mohegan for drive in movie night. [Click here](#).

### **MATTRESS RECYCLING EVENT| OCTOBER 14**

If you have an old mattress or box spring you need to discard, you can give it a new life by taking advantage of an upcoming SFTF mattress recycling event. Mattresses and box springs can be dropped off on Saturday, October 14th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at Veterans Park, 909 Reef Road. Any mattress, no matter when it was purchased, qualifies, if it is not damaged, heavily soiled or posing other health or safety risks, e.g., bed bugs. [Learn more](#) about mattress recycling benefits for the environment.

### **PUSH AGAINST CANCER | OCTOBER 15**

I was happy to join Andy Berman to help promote 14th Annual Push Against Cancer Event to benefit the Hole in the Wall Gang, which will take place on Sunday, October 15th at 9:00am at Staples High School, Westport. This 40-minute push-up marathon is a high energy family friendly event. You can build a team or join as an individual, and every dollar you raise helps bring “a different kind of healing” in different ways to campers and their families. [Click here](#) for more information.



### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DOGWOOD GOLF CLASSIC | OCTOBER 16**

The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its 3rd Annual Dogwood Golf Classic on October 16. Register online at [FairfieldCTChamber.com](http://FairfieldCTChamber.com) or call the office at 203-255-1011. For more information, please [click here](#).

### **INAUGURAL SCARECROW FEST | OCTOBER 22-30**

Join the merchants of Greenfield Hill Commons and participate in their inaugural Scarecrow Contest. The contest is a part of the merchants annual fundraiser for the Norma Pfriem Breast Center in Fairfield. Interested in participating? Register at [Lexington Home & Garden](http://Lexington Home & Garden), located at 75 Hillside Road in Fairfield, Tuesday through Friday 10AM – 5:30PM or Saturday 10AM – 4PM. You can also register via email by contacting Ed at [GHCmerchants@gmail.com](mailto:GHCmerchants@gmail.com) To learn more, check out [www.experiencefairfieldct.org/blog/scarecrow-contest](http://www.experiencefairfieldct.org/blog/scarecrow-contest)

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

Save the Date. The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fairfield Restaurant Week returns on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and runs through Sunday, November 5th. Restaurants and sponsors interested in participating should reach out to the [Office of Community & Economic Development](#).



### **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>.

As you may have read in the papers, very early this morning, a [serious crash](#) involving Sacred Heart University students and an Uber driver, resulted in six people having to be transported to area hospitals. Three individuals are in critical condition, one is critical but stable and two are in stable condition. While details of the crash are still under investigation, I want to sincerely thank Fire, Police, EMS and AMR, and for their response. Fairfield is blessed to have professional and dedicated emergency responders there for our community, which includes both of our universities, in times of crisis.

I hope you will join me in praying for those injured and their families during this very difficult time.

Sincerely,



Brenda L. Kupchick  
Fairfield First Selectwoman



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

#### FAIRFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Main Library/1080 Old Post Rd

Branch Library/1147 Fairfield Woods Rd



Please view our online calendar of events on our website to see the offerings and reserve your spot: [fairfieldpubliclibrary.org](https://fairfieldpubliclibrary.org)

**The Library has a new mascot!** Over the summer, patrons were asked to choose from among three adorable animals to be our potential mascot, and they have chosen the winner: **the red fox!** Created by staff intern Indiana Whiteman, look for this cute creature to grace our programming and marketing materials in the future!

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).

#### PEQUOT LIBRARY

720 Pequot Avenue/Southport

Pequot Library offers an exciting lineup of programs for all ages, all of which are free and open to the public. Please [click here](#) for more information.



PEQUOT  
LIBRARY

#### 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. View upcoming events [here](#).

#### BIGELOW CENTER & SOCIAL SERVICES

100 Mona Terrace



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

[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).

## 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.**