

# Town of Fairfield News

7/16/2021 - 7.16 TOWN UPDATE



Dear Fairfielders,

On March 16, 2020, I signed a declaration of a State of Emergency for the Town of Fairfield as COVID-19 was descending upon our community. It enabled the Town to do many things at the height of the pandemic to keep our residents safe. One such example was being able to limit the use of our beaches to residents only on the weekends. Thankfully, we are well past those days and have a much better understanding of COVID-19, as the rate of hospitalizations and deaths have significantly declined. On Monday, I'm pleased to say that I signed an order to lift the emergency declaration for the Town of Fairfield. To read more about this, click [here](#).

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## FIREWORKS AND FUN FACTS

I am so glad we were able to come together and celebrate Independence Day as a community. In continued celebration of Independence Day and our Town, the Fairfield Museum and History Center has put together some fun facts about Fairfield's history that I wanted to share with you:

**1. In 1774, at a Fairfield Town Meeting on December 29, held in what's now Old Town Hall, residents voted to support the cause of the American Revolution and the Continental Congress. Later, Fairfielders went on to send large quantities of food supplies to Boston, to help those who were under siege by the British. From early in the Revolutionary period, Fairfield's Town Green was the center of our community's support for American Independence.**

**2. The Declaration of Independence was read on Fairfield's Town Green, although**

we don't have the exact date when it occurred. Most likely it was publicly read sometime in mid-late July, 1776.

3. On July 7, 1779 Fairfield, a Patriot stronghold of prominence was invaded, looted and burned by British troops for over a day, in what is described as "one of the worst experienced [raids] by Connecticutans throughout the entire Revolutionary War.

For more information on Fairfield's history, visit the Fairfield Museum and History Center's website [here](#).



A huge thank you to [Darius Terepka Photography](#) and resident Donald Hyman for the stunning photos of our Annual Fireworks Display.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### COMMUNITY HEROES

Last Wednesday, I had the honor of joining members of our police department to award the Carnegie Medal to Fairfield resident Jonathan Goldfarb and his brother Matthew Goldfarb. The Carnegie Medal is awarded annually to a select few individuals, in the US and Canada, who risk their lives to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives of others.

The Fairfield Police Department nominated them for the Carnegie Medal due to their bravery and selfless act of courage after the brothers saved a man and his dog from drowning in Lake Mohegan. To read more about their heroic act click [here](#).





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### THE NEW YORK TIMES REVIEWS FAIRFIELD

This past week, The New York Times featured our Town in an article titled "Fairfield, Conn.: A 'Relaxed Beach Town' Where There's Plenty to Do". As First Selectwoman and a third generation resident, it was an honor to be interviewed for a piece that captures the essence our community. It was certainly the easiest interview I've ever participated in! You can read the wonderful article [here](#).

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### RESTORATION OF HISTORIC, 127-YEAR-OLD PEQUOT LIBRARY ROOF

I was so happy to support the roof project at [Pequot Library](#), under Stephanie Coakley's energetic leadership as Executive Director. The library highlighted that while this \$1.5 million dollar project was a massive undertaking, the new roof will protect its irreplaceable holdings for another century to come.



## GRAND OPENING

Welcome to another new Fairfield business, [In Higher Spirits](#), located at 525 Tunxis Hill Rd, owned by Joel Lall. Joel has an extensive background as a sommelier, bringing a high-level of expertise to his customer base, helping to advise his customers on proper wine selections, based on their needs and price points. He has conducted numerous wine dinners, wine seminars and wine education classes for all types of restaurants, and will soon offer wine education and food pairing classes.

The public is invited for wine tastings every Friday and Saturday, from 4pm-7pm, to taste wonderful selected and featured wines. I hope you will welcome them to the neighborhood and grab a bottle!





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## **TOWN GOVERNMENT**

### **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING**

Fairfield will receive \$24.8 million over two years from the federal government as part of the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

On Monday, July 19 at 5:30 PM, the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Representative Town Meeting have been invited to participate and provide input on a list of priorities I have assembled together with our Town's Department Heads at an online, informational workshop. Members of those boards, along with the public, are encouraged to offer their input on projects during the meeting and in continued conversations over the next month and a half.

In September, a final list will be presented to each board for a vote of approval.

There are six main areas of focus for the projects I selected: social services and mental health, economic development, public safety, the environment, quality of life: recreation, arts & culture, and town modernization and infrastructure.

The agenda and instructions to log in and participate for the July 19, 2021 workshop can be found [here](#).

It would be very helpful if members of the public, who are not able to call in or watch the meeting on Monday, take the time to visit the Town's website [here](#) on Tuesday, where we will post a recording of the meeting so residents can get a better understanding of each proposed project.

If you participated or watched the meeting recording and have questions or comments, please send them to the [Board of Selectmen](#), [Board of Finance](#), and [Representative Town Meeting](#).

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### **FILL USE REMEDIATION AND FILL PILE UPDATE**

Since my last update, the remediation work at Osborne Elementary, Southport Beach and McKinley School is complete. The final step for those locations is to put down clean top soil and lay down sod which will occur in the coming weeks. At Mill Hill School, all the Julian Fill has been removed, but some further work will be done by the school administration. The work at Jennings Beach began on Tuesday of this week and should be finished by early next week. Letters were also mailed to affected homeowners on Sunset Avenue; certain areas where Julian Fill was used in connection with a curbing project will be remediated during the week of July 19.

Testing for a sight on Old Dam Road, where Julian Fill was used, was recently completed where PCBs were originally identified. The Licensed Environmental Professional is working on a remediation plan, which the Town will consider in the coming weeks and review with environmental regulators.

My last correspondence on the fill pile remediation was in the [June 18](#) newsletter. The only update I have to share on the fill pile since then, is that the Town is scheduled to meet with regulators in early August. We will discuss the next steps in the process to address this site. I will continue to keep you updated as I have more information.

### **GOULD MANOR UPDATE**

We are still waiting on final sign off from the Department of Public Health before remediation work will begin at Gould Manor. Remediation work will likely begin the first week of August and take 3-4 weeks to complete. Then renovations of the playgrounds and tennis courts will begin. We still are planning for a reopening of Gould Manor by spring 2022.

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### **BIGELOW CENTER FOR SENIOR ACTIVITIES REOPENING**

It was so nice to welcome back our Seniors to the [Bigelow Center for Senior Activities](#) for

a picnic lunch on Monday.

Seniors can find more information on the Senior Centers safe and gradual reopening here: <https://www.fairfieldct.org/bigelowcenter>



## ANNUAL SIDEWALK SALE & STREET FAIR

Don't miss out on this summer's hottest deals at the Fairfield Sidewalk Sale & Street Fair to be held, rain or shine this Saturday from 10AM-4PM. It will be in downtown Fairfield with free admission. For more information, click [here](#).

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# Fairfield

## SIDEWALK SALE & STREET FAIR



### BUY-A-BRICK PROGRAM | Fairfield Chamber of Commerce

We invite Fairfield local businesses and organizations to become a part of Fairfield's downtown streetscape, by purchasing a commemorative brick in celebration of the Chamber's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. You will have the opportunity to see your company name (also available w/logo), for all to view and enjoy in years to come.

The bricks purchased through this fundraiser program will partially be used to help beautify and reconstruct the existing semicircle pocket park alongside the Fairfield Public Library on Post Road, in the heart of downtown. For more information on purchasing a brick, click [here](#).

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### HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

In January, the Harbor Management Commission sought public input to help with its efforts to update the Harbor Management Plan. Adopted by the RTM and the State of Connecticut in 1995, the plan guides beneficial use of Southport Harbor and protection of its coastal resources. After compiling all the responses, the results are now available [here](#).

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I hope you'll take some time to review additional Town information and upcoming events, by scrolling below.

I hope you have a nice weekend.



Brenda L. Kupchick  
Fairfield First Selectwoman

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## FAIRFIELD COVID RESOURCE PAGE

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Scrolling below you can find additional events, information and resources organized by the following categories:

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### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### **CPR/AED TRAINING FOR THE LAY PERSON**

July 17 from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Fairfield Regional Fire School. \$50 per person (includes textbook and certification card). Register [here](#).



**American  
Heart  
Association.**

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## FAIRFIELD FARMER'S MARKET

The [Fairfield Farmer's Market](#) will be open on Sundays from 10-2 PM until October 2nd.

The Greenfield Hill Farmer's Market will be open Saturdays from 10-1 PM. For more information [click here](#).



## FAIRFIELD POLICE SUNSET 5K

July 21 at 6:30 PM... Details [HERE](#)



## OPERATION HOPE TAG SALE

It will look a bit different but rest assured, proceeds will continue to help feed, house and counsel our neighbors in need and you are guaranteed to find some treasures.

The [Tag Sale](#) will take place Saturday, August 7 and Sunday, August 8, 2021, rain or shine from 9AM-5PM. Rather than locating the Tag Sale at First Church, they are asking friends to host tag sales in their own yards and garages that weekend around the Town of Fairfield. This is a great chance to purge so others can benefit from your treasures!

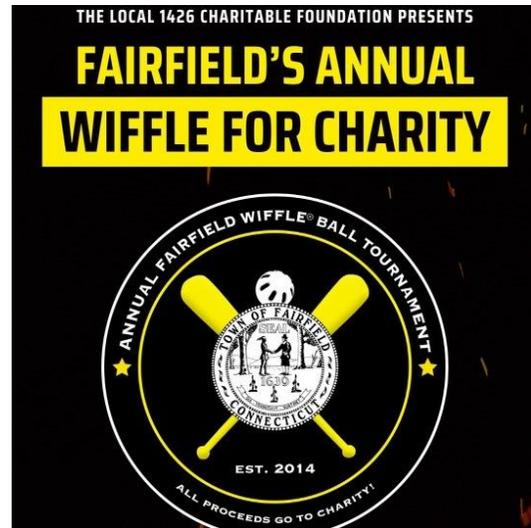


Shoppers from all over will come to Operation Hope at 636 Old Post Road on the days of the Tag Sale, 9am-5pm, to receive the location list.

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## ANNUAL FAIRFIELD WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT

August 14 at 10:00 AM. For more  
details click [here](#).



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## UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS

Saturday July 17, 2021 at 10:00am – [PAL Sand Sculpting Contest](#)

Saturday July 17, 2021 at 6:30pm– [Concert at Sherman Green featuring Dave Kardas Band](#)

Sunday July 18, 2021 from 10:00am – 2:00pm– [Farmers Market at Sherman Green](#)

Sunday July 18, 2021 at 6:30pm– [Concert at Sherman Green featuring What Up Funk](#)

Wednesday July 21, 2021 at 10:15am – [Peanut Butter Jam at Sherman Green featuring Wayne from Maine](#)

Wednesday July 21, 2021 at 6:30pm – [Fairfield Police Sunset 5K](#)

Thursday July 22, 2021 at 6:30pm – [Sand Jam Movie Night at Jennings Beach](#)

Thursday July 22, 2021 at 6:30pm– [Concert at Sherman Green featuring l'Liguri](#)

Saturday July 24, 2021 at 6:30pm– [Concert at Sherman Green featuring Silver Smoke](#)

Sunday July 25, 2021 from 10:00am – 2:00pm– [Farmers Market at Sherman Green](#)

Sunday July 25, 2021 at 6:30pm– [Concert at Sherman Green featuring Gunsmoke](#)

Wednesday July 28, 2021 at 10:15am – [Peanut Butter Jam at Sherman Green featuring Steve Alci & Friends](#)

Wednesday July 28, 2021 at 6:30pm– [Concert at Sherman Green featuring The 5 O'Clocks](#)

Thursday July 29, 2021 at 6:30pm– [Concert at Sherman Green featuring Rubber City](#)

Thursday July 29, 2021 at 8:00pm – [Comedy Night at Penfield Pavilion](#)

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## JULY UPDATES

### **ROAD CONSTRUCTION AT THE TRANSFER STATION**

Construction is underway on Richard White Way from 7 AM - 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Residents should expect delays, and when possible, plan trips to the transfer station Mondays and Saturdays. Next week the water and gas companies will be relocating their utilities and the pile driver will be driving steel sheets at the WWTP, to protect the neighborhood from flooding. Neighbors should expect to feel some vibration from this work.



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### **BIRD FEEDING HALT FOR SUMMER**

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection recommends that you remove birdfeeders and bird food from **late March through November**, due to increased reports of black bear sightings in heavily populated residential areas -- 24 specific sightings in Fairfield.



Anyone who sees a bear in Fairfield can contact animal control at 203-254-4857. If the animal is behaving aggressively or refusing to leave a residential area, people should call the police department at 203-254-4800. For a list of simple steps to avoid conflicts and problems with black bears, click [here](#).

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## TOWN SERVICES

## RENTERS REBATE PROGRAM

The Assessors Office is now accepting applications for the Renters Rebate Program. Applications are accepted between 9am and 4pm. The deadline to apply is October 1, 2021. Generally applicants need to be 65 years of age as of December 31, 2020 or be disabled, have income not exceeding \$37,600 if single or \$45,800 if married and have resided in Connecticut for one year prior to applying. Details can be found on the Assessors website here <https://www.fairfieldct.org/rentersrebate> or on the State of Connecticut's site here <https://www.fairfieldct.org/rentersrebate>.

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## PROPERTY TAX BILLS | A Message from the Tax Collector

Property Tax Bills were mailed out on **June 25<sup>th</sup>**

The 2020 Grand List property tax bills that become due on July 1, 2021 will be mailed out on Friday, June 25th. The Tax Office is open to the public and no appointment is necessary. Once the bills are mailed, you may also look up your bill and pay online by visiting [fairfieldct.org/taxpayment](http://fairfieldct.org/taxpayment). Payments with an original bill coupon can also be made at any People's United Bank location, beginning Thursday, July 1st. You do not need to be a customer.

Please note that according to State Statute, tax payments are due July 1st with a grace period until August 2nd. Interest begins to accrue on Tuesday, August 3rd at a rate of 1 1/2% per month, dating back to July 1, 2021.

Click here to read [Frequently Asked Questions](#) regarding tax payments.

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## 2021 BEACH STICKERS

The 2020 Beach/ Transfer Station Sticker expired 12/31/20. Don't wait to buy your 2021 Sticker. **RENEW** your sticker online for 2021. You can also renew by fax, mail or in person at Parks & Recreation.



The flyer is a light blue rectangular graphic with a white border. At the top center is the Fairfield logo, which includes a stylized figure of a person running and the word 'FAIRFIELD' in blue. Below the logo is the text 'IT'S A NEW YEAR WITH FAIRFIELD PARKS & RECREATION'. The main headline is 'TIME TO RENEW!' in a large, bold, black serif font. Below the headline are three white rectangular boxes with black borders, each containing a call to action: '2021 BEACH STICKERS!', 'RENEW YOUR GOLF ID!', and 'RENEW YOUR FITNESS MEMBERSHIP!'. To the right of the first box is a small image of a green beach sticker with the text 'Town of Fairfield', 'BEACHES - MARINAS - TOWN DUMP', 'SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING', 'A1234X', and '2021'. To the right of the second box is the logo for 'H. Smith Richardson Golf Course' with the text 'TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, CT'. To the right of the third box is a small image of a fitness center. At the bottom center of the flyer is the website address 'WWW.FAIRFIELDRECREATION.COM'.

## COMMUNITY FOREST QUESTIONNAIRE

The Fairfield Forestry Committee is seeking public input, relative to updating the Town of Fairfield Community Forest Management Plan and setting priorities for managing Fairfield's "Community Forest". Please click on the link below to participate in a brief survey.

## FAIRFIELD FORESTRY QUESTIONNAIRE

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### HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The Town is updating its 2014 Housing Plan and 2016 Plan of Conservation and Development - both of which look at the current and anticipated future housing needs in Fairfield. The survey is an opportunity for Fairfield residents to provide input about their housing experiences and feedback about housing options that Fairfield might consider. I hope you will take 5-7 minutes to complete the survey which can be found [here](#).

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### BIGELOW CENTER FOR SENIOR ACTIVITIES

**Reopening** – [Click here](#) to view the Reopening Packet. Please note the important changes taking place with the reopening and registration process. There will be priority registration for Fairfield residents and you must pre-register for ALL classes, activities and events—unfortunately, no walk-ins at this time. We can't wait to see everyone. Safety for all members, our staff and instructors is a priority!

Please [click here](#) for the July Newsletter. Registration for **Fairfield Residents Only** for classes and activities begins on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am. Registration for non-residents begins on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

**Bigelow Center for Senior Activities Membership** – Did you know that you have to renew your membership EVERY year? The 2021/2022 Bigelow Center Membership renewal is underway and the form is now online! Forms can be completed and submitted online via the town website. <https://www.fairfieldct.org/bigelow/membership>. Paper copies are also be available for pick up at the Bigelow Center.

The Bigelow Center for Senior Activities welcomes Jennifer Henry as our new Activities Coordinator! Jennifer is a lifelong CT resident with experiences in event planning and world class travel, preschool teacher and a mom of three girls. We are thrilled to have her as part of our team!

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## FAIRFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Library Express Service offers opportunities for quick browsing and checkout at both of our libraries. The Fairfield Public Main Library building is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9am - 5pm and Tuesday & Thursday 9am – 7pm. Woods Branch building is open Monday & Wednesday 9am - 7pm and Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am – 5pm. Both Main and Woods are open Saturdays 1pm – 5pm. Learn more about [Library Express](#) service.



Facemasks are required for everyone (ages 2+) entering and using the Children’s Department in both Fairfield Public Library buildings. As of July 6<sup>th</sup>, masks are optional for fully vaccinated patrons in all other areas of our library buildings. This update is in accordance with the Town of Fairfield Health Department and the recommendation of the CT Department of Public Health. Visit [CT Department of Public Health](#) for further information regarding settings where there is likely to be a mix of vaccinated and unvaccinated people (including children younger than 12 years)..

### 2021 Summer Reading Challenge for ALL ages, children, teens and adults!

[Register NOW](#) online.



All ages are invited to enter our “Writing” Contest. Tell us a tale in words or art about an aspect of your culture or a family tradition. Entries should be no more than 750 words or in an artistic medium of your choosing. [See details here.](#)

**FPL 30 Day Sketch Challenge!** During July, submit your daily sketch via Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and tag us #fplctsummer2021 or email to: [submissions@fplct.org](mailto:submissions@fplct.org). We’ll send you back the daily activity code for you to earn points in our Summer Reading Challenge (for teens and adults). Complete all 30 challenges to earn a badge and 5 bonus raffle ticket entries! All levels welcome – give it your best shot and show us what you can do! Every day a NEW theme!



Fairfield Public Library continues to offer 24/7 access to their digital collection of books, music, magazines, movies and databases. Visit the [Library Event Calendar](#) to find a wide and varied assortment of Library Programs.

Updates are shared via our website, newsletter and social media.

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## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

The hardest part to getting help is reaching out to make the call to the Social Services office. We are here to help. Please call us at 203-256-3170 Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM for more information about financial assistance programs.

**Not in a Crisis but Needing to Connect?** Talk to a peer counselor at Soundview Warmline, 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM, seven days a week. Call 800-921-0359.

**EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE:** If you have been financially impacted by COVID-19, and are struggling to pay your rent and utilities, you may qualify for financial assistance through a new program opened up on March 15th called UniteCT. Additional information, and the application portal, maybe found at [www.bit.ly/UniteCT](http://www.bit.ly/UniteCT) or you may call 1 844-864-8328. Eligible applicants include both eligible renters as well as landlords on behalf of eligible tenants.

**BNT HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES** - BNT (Building Neighborhoods Together) provides ongoing education and services designed to build financial skills and promote housing security, such as one on one credit counseling and benefits access (i.e. screenings to help determine available resources, as well as referrals to job training and placement programs). Call for more information: [\(203\) 290-4255](tel:(203)290-4255)

## **OPERATION FUEL**

The Summer/Fall Season will be starting on July 12, 2021. Operation Fuel assists with utility bills, including electric, gas or water. The maximum grant amount is up to \$500.00 and households can apply once per 12-month period. The income guidelines for a family of 4 is up to \$90,492.00. Households are able to apply online at <https://opf.toapply.org/>. **Please contact Social Services for additional information and documentation requirements at 203-256-3170, or visit <https://operationfuel.org/>.**

## **EMERGENCY PLANNING - GET STARTED NOW!**

There are abundant online resources that provide emergency supply lists, basic tips for emergency planning, evacuation plan checklists, and other useful information to consider ahead of a severe weather event or disaster. As the 2021 hurricane season begins, it's important to be as prepared as possible! Here are some online resources with detailed guidance to help keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy:

- The CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/prepyourhealth/index.htm?cid=EPR-homepage>
- FEMA [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
- Red Cross <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/make-a->

[plan.html](#)

## **ADVANCE CHILD TAX CREDIT PAYMENTS BEGIN JULY 15**

**Important changes to the Child Tax Credit:** Parents of children 17 years old and younger will soon receive advance monthly payments on half of the total credit amount between July and December 2021. The other half may be claimed when 2021 taxes are filed.

**What this means:** Families get the full tax credit if they make up to \$150,000 for a couple, or \$112,000 for a family with a single parent (also called head of household). In other words, over the next 6 months, these families will get \$250/month for each child between the ages of 6 – 17, and \$300 per month for each child under 6. Families with higher incomes may be eligible for reduced payments.

**How it works:** Automatic payments will begin July 15<sup>th</sup> for those who filed a tax return in 2019 or 2020, and claimed the Child Tax Credit. Automatic payments will also go out to those who received a stimulus check during the pandemic.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Advanced payments will be sent out to income eligible parents who were not required to file. However, for parents who did **NOT** file tax returns in 2019 or 2020, **OR** receive a stimulus check, please use the Child Tax Credit **Non-filer Sign-Up Tool** in order to start receiving these payments as soon as possible.

**Learn more and check out resources to help you fill out your form  
at [ChildTaxCredit.gov](https://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit)**

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**Pequot Library: We're Here, We Care** – Pequot Library offers curbside pickup by appointment and limited browsing hours from 3-6pm on Mondays & Wednesdays; 10am-6pm on Fridays; and 2-4pm on Saturdays. During browsing hours visit us to check out a book or view our display *John James Audubon's Birds of America: A Return to Pequot Library*, on view from February 4 - May 2.



PEQUOT  
LIBRARY

Outside of browsing hours, enjoy digital programs like story times, author talks, book clubs, and more! Get details on our [website](#) and social media: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#). Sign up for Pequot Library's [Digital Digest eNewsletter](#) or contact our [Chief Librarian](#) for personalized book recommendations.

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## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### **Behind in your rent or mortgage?**

Are you behind in your rent or mortgage? Operation Hope may be able to help. Please contact Brenda at 203-292-5588 x225 or email her at [blobdell@operationhopect.org](mailto:blobdell@operationhopect.org). All inquiries are confidential – they are there to help!

### **Struggling to make ends meet?**

Reminder: Operation Hope's Food Pantry is here to serve all Fairfield residents. We are open at 636 Old Post Road Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 to 12:00 and Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00. Please let them help you with groceries and other basic necessities!

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### **Operation Hope Food Pantry**

Operation Hope has in-person openings for meal servers this summer to help our neighbors in need. All meals are served at our Community Kitchen at 50 Nichols Street, Fairfield, next to the police station. Servers must be 18+. Lunch and dinner are served Monday through Friday. The commitment can be once a week for the entire summer or for a portion. If interested, send us an email at [info@operationhopect.org](mailto:info@operationhopect.org). Please indicate your level of commitment, as well as your preference for lunch or dinner.

### **SEEKING SUMMER & DINNER VOLUNTEERS**



### *Community Kitchen*



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### **RECYCLING DO'S AND DONT'S | SUSTAINABLE FAIRFIELD TASK FORCE**

Fairfield pays close to \$700,000.00 a year for our recycling programs, but a lot of our Town recycling is contaminated - in other words there are multiple items in the blue bins that CAN NOT Be recycled. Our recycling processor says that close to 25% of our recycling is contaminated - sometimes it is as simple as residents putting their recycling into plastic bags (which the processor then treats as waste even though the materials inside might be good recycling containers).

### **Learn More:**

[Do's and Don'ts of Recycling](#)

[What else can be recycled in Fairfield?](#)

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## SAFETY TIPS FOR PEDESTRIAN, BIKING, AND RUNNING | FAIRFIELD'S BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

As more of our fellow Fairfielders get out to enjoy the summer weather, your town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee would like to remind townspeople of the



following safety tips for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists to ensure we operate as safely as possible. Below is a summarized list of more lengthy tips at the Committee's website [www.fairfieldct.org/bikeped](http://www.fairfieldct.org/bikeped) that also includes Fairfield's Complete Street's Policy, maps of our town's bicycle routes, pumps, bike repair stations, and more.

### Motorists

- Expect pedestrians and cyclists on the road
- Reduce speed when encountering pedestrians and cyclists
- Look for cyclists when opening doors.
- Give cyclists *at least* 3 feet of space
- Connecticut is a yield State regarding pedestrians in crosswalks
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol or other substances that impair the operation of a motor vehicle

### Pedestrians

- ALWAYS face traffic, it's the law because it's safer
- Walk/run single file
- Make sure you're visible
- Keep your dogs on a short leash
- Don't cover your ears so you can't hear
- Cross the street safely, use a crosswalk whenever possible

### Cyclists

- Ride with the traffic flow
- Obey all traffic laws
- Ride single file if riding with others
- Yield to traffic when appropriate
- Don't cover your ears so you can't hear
- Be predictable
- Stay alert at all times
- Look before turning
- Watch for parked cars

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## **GET INVOLVED! TOWN BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES**

You can also visit our Boards and Commissions page to learn more about roles and responsibilities: <https://fairfieldct.org/boards>

Interested in giving back to our community? Want to have a voice in shaping Fairfield? The Town relies on the hard work of citizen volunteers who are appointed to provide guidance and governance on various Boards and Commissions. The list of vacancies for Boards and Commissions are on the Town Website. Be sure to check back often as the list is updated as positions become available: <https://fairfieldct.org/vacancies>

To learn about the application process, please click here: <https://fairfieldct.org/appointmentprocess>

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## **EMERGENCY ALERTS | WHEN IT MATTERS MOST**

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news from the Town of Fairfield, CT by signing up for the Fairfield Alert system. This system enables us to quickly provide you with critical information in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods and other emergency situations.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. You pick where, you pick how!

**If you were previously registered with us on the CodeRed system, you must sign-up again by following the instructions below, in order to continue receiving Emergency and Community alerts from the Town of Fairfield.**

[How to sign up? Click here.](#)

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