

Town of Fairfield News

4/14/2022 - 4.14 TOWN UPDATE



Dear Fairfielders,

I am sending out the newsletter early this week, as many of us will begin to celebrate the religious holidays of Good Friday, Easter, and Passover. The holidays coincide with Spring, where we celebrate renewal, rebirth, freedom, and forgiveness. I want to personally wish all Fairfielders a lovely holiday with your families and friends.

TOWN GOVERNMENT NEWS

FEDERAL GRANT RECEIVED

I am excited to share that Fairfield received a federal grant of \$3.50 million in assistance to replace the Town's emergency radio network. I want to thank Senator Blumenthal for his help in securing these federal dollars that will cover the cost to build the infrastructure of the network that will allow our Police and Fire Departments to connect directly with the State's platform and other municipalities, which is critical during emergencies for both first responders and our community.

I want to recognize Captain Pete Koval, who took the lead in writing the grant application for this funding. We are working on another application for additional grant funding with Congressman Himes' Office that would add Public Works, Parks & Recreation, the Board of Education, and the Sewer and Health Departments onto this emergency network system.

These remaining Town departments currently operate on isolated systems that are either not compatible with one another or have no system at all. The level of

interoperability gained through this project will not only increase the safety of Fairfield's first responders but will also allow them to operate more efficiently through direct communication access. This project will bring Fairfield's Public Safety communications into the future on the State's exceptionally reliable and secure platform preventing unauthorized access/interference.



TOWN BUDGET

The Representative Town Meeting (RTM) held its budget hearings on [April 6th](#) and [April 7th](#), which you can watch by clicking on the respective dates. The RTM will vote on the budget Monday, May 2nd, and the Board of Finance (BOF) will set the Mill Rate on Thursday, May 5th.

Per the Town Charter, the RTM has the authority to decrease the budget but not increase it unless an appeal to a cut is submitted. Department heads are appealing three cuts to the RTM made by the BOF. The RTM can vote with a 2/3 majority to restore the funding. I included an overview of the changes the BOF made to the budget in my last newsletter that you can read [here](#). I will send out more information in my April 29th newsletter on how to tune into the RTM meeting and reach out to your RTM members to voice your opinion in advance of the budget vote.

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

The Charter Revision Commission held a special meeting on April 4th. The Commission discussed the Town governance model, resignations and vacancies,

and the remaining Commission meeting schedule so they can coordinate with the Work Plan Group. You can view the full discussion [here](#) and reference the baseline document [here](#). Their next meeting will be tonight. You can view the agenda and see instructions to listen to the meeting [here](#).

REDISTRICTING UPDATE

I provided an in-depth update on the RTM Redistricting Committee in my last newsletter that you can read [here](#).

Since then, the Secretary of State's office rendered an opinion through their Staff Attorney to the Fairfield Town Attorney, which was read into the record by RTM Representative Iacono at the beginning of the April 11th Redistricting meeting.

There appears to be a disagreement on whether or not to change the polling places once or twice and whether or not to let the Charter Revision Commission complete its work that could potentially change the Town's number of RTM Districts. According to the Secretary of State's Office, the State Statute does not require redistricting to be completed until March or April of 2023, ahead of the November 2023 municipal elections.

As I have shared in prior newsletters, the Charter Revision Commission will send its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) for approval. Whatever changes pass through the BOS will be placed on the ballot this November for Fairfield voters to weigh in on. Personally, I feel it makes sense for the RTM Redistricting Committee to reconvene after November and before the March/April 2023 statutory deadline to finalize the Town's district lines.

You can watch the April 11th meeting [here](#).

POLICE PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

On April 8th, I had the honor of giving the oath of office in a promotional ceremony for members of the [Fairfield Police Department](#). Please join me in congratulating Fairfield's finest: Lieutenant Jason Kline, Sergeant John McGrath, Sergeant William Beattie, and Detective Nicole Gerosa. I wish them the best of luck as they enter their new roles. You can view more images from the ceremony [here](#).



THANK YOU DISPATCHERS!

The Town of Fairfield is proud to recognize April 10th – 16th as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. We thank the unseen heroes of public safety who answer the call during a crisis. They are the first of our first responders and the vital link between our residents and emergency responders. You can read more about our new joint ECC with Westport in the recent [Sacred Heart University article](#).



THANK YOU DISPATCHERS

THE UNSEEN HEROES OF PUBLIC SAFETY



Fairfield Recognizes
**NATIONAL
PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK**
APRIL 10-16, 2022



WELCOME NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Congratulations to Officers Mia Barrow and Bridget Melsenti who graduated from the 373rd Basic Training Session of the Connecticut Police Academy! After over six months of training, they will now return to Fairfield where they will complete 14 weeks of additional Field Training with experienced Fairfield Officers. Thank you, Officer Barrow and Officer Melsenti, for your service to the Town of Fairfield. I wish them safety and success as they enter

their new positions at the Police Department.

GIRL SCOUTS IN GOVERNMENT DAY

Girl Scouts In Government Day provides girl scouts with an opportunity to learn about how the Town of Fairfield's departments operate and provide services to the community. Each Girl Scout spent the morning with a Town Department, learning about their roles and responsibilities. After the girls' morning session, they met for a luncheon where each scout shared what department they visited and what they learned. In the afternoon, the scouts were divided into three groups to tour the Police Department, the Fire Department, or one of our Town's Open Spaces. I know the departments enjoyed having the Girl Scouts visit as much as I did.



COMMUNITY NEWS

HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

I invite all residents and their families to join us for the 37th Annual Holocaust Commemoration, hosted by the Town of Fairfield's Holocaust Committee, which will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 7:30 PM at First Church

Congregational, 148 Old Post Road, Fairfield. If you cannot attend in person you can watch on [Facebook live](#).

April 27, 2022, will be proclaimed as a special Day of Remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in tribute to those who help us never to forget. This Day of Remembrance includes the speaker at the 2022 Holocaust Commemoration, Dr. Leon Chameides, who will share his experience during World War II as a hidden child, and of the righteous gentiles who saved his life and that of his brother. Additionally, Fairfield Warde High School Senior Samantha Renzulli will be a speaker.

As victims who survived the Holocaust continue to age, it is more important than ever to hear their stories and share them with the next generations. The horrors endured during the Holocaust are easily forgotten by those who weren't affected, and it should be our collective goal to continue educating citizens of the world so it can never happen again.

I ask residents, young and old, of all faiths and backgrounds, to join us for this evening of commemoration and learning.

ASH CREEK SANDSPIT

I am very grateful to the City of Bridgeport and the Ash Creek Conservation Association for their partnership with the Town of Fairfield on this important project that will slow-wave and wind erosion on both borders. Collaborations like these benefit both our communities and our shared environment. I would like to thank our Conservation Director, Tim Bishop, who put a lot of effort into this project to make it successful! I look forward to continued partnerships with the City of Bridgeport that will benefit both of our communities. Read more about the project [here](#).



UKRAINIAN RELIEF EFFORTS





Fairfield native, Emily Kilgannon-Neumann, currently resides in Germany and is on the front lines of aiding in Ukrainian relief efforts. Emily has already played a part in two convoys in March, which includes transporting medical supplies, food, and other necessities to Poland. Emily's efforts do not stop with transporting supplies. Once she is in Poland, Emily assists in ensuring Ukrainian refugees make safe passage from Poland to Germany. To help Emily continue her brave efforts, you can donate to the [Fairfield Helps Ukraine GoFundMe](#). If you are interested in more of Emily's story, you can view it [here](#).

Photo from Fairfield Patch

UKRAINE MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER

The Kiwanis Club of Fairfield's 2022 Mother's Day Flower Sale proceeds will benefit the mothers and children of Ukraine. The mission of Kiwanis is to change the world – One Child, One Family and One Community at a time. Residents can support this cause by purchasing floral arrangements for your loved ones [here](#). Pick up for these arrangements will take place on Saturday, May 7th from 9 AM until 12 PM at [39 South Benson Rd.](#)



OSBORN HILL STUDENTS VISIT TOWN HALL

I had a fun visit last week before the RTM budget meeting with Osborn Hill students, Madison and Nolan, and their mom, Yemi. I met Madison at Saint Baldrick's, where she shared with me her sincere enthusiasm that a woman was the "Mayor" of Fairfield. We had a very fun discussion on the difference between local, state, and federal government. I was truly impressed with how confident, inquisitive, and enthusiastic Madison and Nolan were, and their visit was the highlight of my week.



COLORFUL ADDITION TO TOWN HALL

Last week, students from St. Paul's Nursery School visited to watch their artwork be hung in Sullivan Independence Hall. The students were so excited to see their artwork displayed, and I welcome the colorful addition to our entryways. It was nice to take a break to meet with some of St. Paul's students and thank them for their wonderful work.



FAIRFIELD WARDE BASEBALL

Our very own Fairfield Warde baseball team has received the #1 ranking in GameTimeCt's latest poll. In a dedicated effort, the team has put all they have into their season this year. They are at a 4-0 start so far and have been blowing their opponents away each game. I am very proud of our student-athletes. I wish them good luck as their season progresses. If you want to read more about the team's accomplishments, you can read their article in the [CTInsider](#).



Photo by Pete Paguaga / Hearst Connecticut Media



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS



The [Center for Family Justice](#) is hosting its 10th anniversary of *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes*, which will take place on Saturday, April 23rd at 9:00 AM. The walk begins at the Fairfield Train Station main lot and ends at Town Hall Green. I hope residents will join me in attending this important community event to raise awareness to end violence against women and girls during Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Adult registration is \$25, students are \$10, and children 10 & under walk for free. You can reserve your spot [here](#).

SHOP & STROLL INTO SPRING RETURNS



Join us for the Shop & Stroll Into Spring event on Thursday, April 28th! Start the night at J.B. Percival Co. at 5 PM for our pre-event party! All are invited to attend, but a limited number of tickets will be available to purchase. The ticket includes a special event wine glass, wine glass holder, and a complimentary glass of wine. All ticket proceeds will benefit the [Fairfield Foundation for Education](#). For more information, participating merchants, and to buy tickets, visit experiencefairfieldct.org/springstroll!

HAVE DOCUMENTS THAT NEED SHREDDING?

Bring boxes or bags of any documents you want to shred on-site. All the paper that is shredded is properly **recycled**.

Open to **Residents** and **Non-residents** on April 30th, rain or shine. All money raised benefits the Fairfield Police Cadets. (\$10 per Banker/copy box) The event is first come first serve and lasts until the truck is full. This usually happens around 11:30 AM.

Why should you shred your documents? Some documents have personal information that can be used in identity theft.



A promotional poster for the Fairfield Police Cadets Shred Day event. The poster has a blue background with a yellow banner at the top. It features the Fairfield Police Cadets logo on the right, which includes a shield with 'FAIRFIELD POLICE', 'OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS', '279', and 'CADET'. The text 'FAIRFIELD POLICE CADETS' is at the top, followed by 'SHRED DAY' in large, bold letters. Below that is '100 REEF ROAD, FAIRFIELD CT'. A yellow box with a calendar icon says 'APRIL 30TH 9AM - FINISH'. A list of items to be shredded is provided: Credit card offers, Insurance offers, Billing statements, ATM receipts, Sales receipts, Expired warranties, Tax forms, Mail, Old Documents, and Paid Utility Bills. A note says 'Anything with your Social Security Number on it'. A circular graphic shows '\$10 PER BOX'. At the bottom, it says 'WWW.FAIRFIELDCADETS.COM/SHRED-DAY' and shows three cadets in yellow vests working with a shredder.

Why do the Police Cadets host this event? As part of their educational curriculum, Cadets learn about identity theft and host this event as a means to help the community prevent themselves from becoming victims. Additionally, all proceeds go directly to the program for training and equipment.

WELCOME NEW FAIRFIELD BUSINESSES



BLUE + BERRIES

Yesterday morning, we officially welcomed [BLUE + BERRIES](#), a 2-in-1 market that serves fresh fish and homemade pastries, to Fairfield with a ribbon-cutting ceremony! Visit them Monday through Saturday 9 AM – 7 PM at [2205 Black Rock Turnpike](#).

TABITHA'S ICE CREAM

We are excited to welcome [Tabitha's Ice Cream](#) to Fairfield with a ribbon-cutting ceremony! Visit Tabitha's Ice Cream Tuesday through Saturday 12 PM to 8 PM in the Trademark Building at [665 Commerce Drive](#) for a classic ice cream experience.



Photos by Mike Lauterborn of Fairfield Hamlet Hub

I hope you find the information and resources provided below helpful, including some fun Earth Day events.

I sincerely hope you enjoy the holiday weekend.

Brenda L. Kupchick
Fairfield First Selectwoman

COVID-19 UPDATE

The [CDC](#) has changed from community transmission indicators to a community indicator based on hospitalization data. CT is currently rated as "low," as is [Fairfield County](#). We don't have word yet on how CT DPH will change their protocols, but I do believe this is a much better tool in assessing the real impact of COVID in our community at this point in the pandemic.

For vaccination locations, there are [numerous sites](#) available in Fairfield and nearby as well as [daily walk-in clinics](#) in many Towns.

There are [10 COVID testing](#) sites in Fairfield under contract to offer no-cost testing to CT residents.

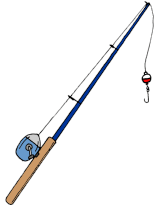
Fairfield's Positivity Rate: [8.5%](#)

Fairfield County Hospitalizations: [30](#)

Vaccine First Dose: [84.35%](#)

APRIL UPDATES

FRESH WATER FISHING SEASON



Fishing licenses are available for sale online as opening day approaches on April 9th. **Register** [here](#) or at the **Town Clerk's Office**.

The PAL Trout Fishing Derby is Saturday, April 16th from 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM at Mill River – Riverside Park (Mill Plain Road @ Brookside Drive). Rain or Shine & **FREE** for any **girl** or **boy** ages 3 to 15 years old. Each participant must bring a fishing pole and tackle, but a limited amount of bait will be provided by Black Rock Bait & Tackle. Prizes will be awarded in several categories. All CT DEP regulations will be enforced.

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.

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, residents should call the police department at **(203) 254-4800**. For a list of simple steps to avoid conflicts and problems with black bears, please click [here](#).





COMMUNITY SAILING

Community Sailing of Fairfield (CSF), a local group of experienced sailing and kayaking enthusiasts, will be hosting a free, three-part safe sailing seminar series open to the public at the Fairfield Recreation Center, [75 Mill Plain Road](#).

**The safety seminars are set for
Tuesdays, April 19th, April 26th and
May 3rd at 7 PM.**

Because of CSF's commitment to safety, all returning and prospective members are expected to attend the seminars to refresh their skills for the season ahead that starts in mid-May. The seminars cover safe sailing procedures,



boat operation, local navigation and club rules and regulations. The first seminar will also focus on kayaking.

CSF will be accepting new members in 2022 after May 15th in order to prioritize existing and former members who want to rejoin. Applications and other details are available at the club's website for new people interested in joining.

For more information visit www.communitysailingfairfield.com

COMMUNITY CLASSES

Community classes are to be held at the Fairfield Regional Fire School, [205 Richard White Way](#). If you have questions regarding any of these courses, please contact **(203) 254-4708**, or email frfs@fairfieldct.org.

[Heartsaver Layperson CPR/AED Certification](#)

Thursday Evening, April 21st

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

or

Tuesday Evening, May 31st

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

or

Saturday Morning, November 27th

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

\$50 per student



[BLS Healthcare Provider CPR/AED](#)

Saturday Morning, August 27th

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

\$90 Per Student

EARTH DAY COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP



Friday, April 22 at 12:00 PM, Fairfield Parks & Recreation invites Town residents to join a community clean-up at Jennings Beach; if you can't get to the beach, Parks & Rec invites you to instead help keep Fairfield cleaner and greener by joining a clean-up effort at your

favorite neighborhood park.

Details are [here](#).

EARTH DAY PRESENTATION: SUSTAINABILITY & COMPOSTING

Join Master Composters Mary Hogue and Dan Martens from Sustainable Fairfield and learn how to compost by successfully recycling food scraps



in your backyard on **Friday, April 22nd 12:00 – 1:30 PM!** Composting helps return valuable nutrients to the soil and improves the quality of your garden and lawn by improving soil aeration, controlling weeds, and reducing the need to water.

Lunch catered by Herbaceous Catering can be pre-ordered for \$20, upon registration. Beverages included. This event is held in conjunction with the [Peguet Library Climate Summit 2022](#). **Register for Free Compost Workshop [here](#).**

EARTH DAY PRESENTATION: "WHAT'S IN, WHAT'S OUT"



On Friday, April 22, 3:30 – 5:00 PM, join Misty Beyer to learn more about the basics of recycling and how to know for sure what should – and shouldn't – go into your recycling bin. Misty received a 2010 Hummingbird Award from the Fairfield Organic Teaching Farm and has served on the Fairfield Forestry Committee. This event is held in conjunction with the [Peguet Library Climate Summit 2022](#).

The event will be held at [720 Peguet Ave](#). You can register for the free recycling workshop [here](#).



SUSTAINABLE FAIRFIELD

COMMUNITY WIDE **FREE** MATTRESS RECYCLING COLLECTION EVENT!

When:

Saturday, April 23th
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Where:

Veteran's Park
909 Reef Road
Fairfield, CT 06824

MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS ONLY



ByeByeMattress.com



Not sure what to do with that old mattress or box spring? Plan on bringing it to this free recycling event. Seventy-five percent or more of a mattress' components can be recycled into many other useful products.

Details are available [here](#). You may also click on the above image for more information.



Mental Health

KICKBACK

SUNDAY
APRIL 24TH
1PM-4PM



 AMERICAN
LEGION

American Legion Post 143
1443 Stratfield Road
Fairfield, CT 06825

Join Us

Join us for a relaxing mental health awareness kick back. Listen to guest speakers talk about mental health resources in Fairfield County. Stay for the social hour and mingle with your fellow veterans. This event is open to veterans serving in the law enforcement community (Veterans outside the law enforcement field are encouraged to participate as well).

Refreshments and finger food will be provided.

Veterans Register Today:

saveasuit.org/kickback

For more details, contact us:

(203) 456-6801

veterans@saveasuit.org

Scan below to register:



GUEST
SPEAKERS:
TO BE
ANNOUNCED

JOIN US!



8 FREE WORKSHOPS AM I THE ONLY ONE? HELPING PARENTS/CAREGIVERS ADJUST TO A POST COVID WORLD



Sessions are as follows:

- Handling Stress & Increasing Motivation
- How Family Members Influence Each Other
- School Expulsion – What That Means And What Are Your Rights
- Starting The Conversation With Your LGBTQ+ child/teen
- Life From A Teenager's Perspective - Teen Panel
- Blended Families – Common Pitfalls and How To Avoid Them
- Achieving a Healthy Work/Life Balance
- Life Cycle Stages – What Should Parents Expect

**Each workshop will be facilitated by licensed behavioral health professionals.*

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Workshops are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Registration not required.

1080 Old Post Rd, Fairfield, CT

For more information call 203-255-5777

Weekly Beginning
APRIL

27TH

Wednesdays

6:00 to 7:30 PM

WWW.LIFEBRIDGECT.ORG

CAREERS IN THE TRADES & PUBLIC SAFETY



**WAKEMAN
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

Thursday, April 28th, Fairfield Warde and Ludlowe High Schools, along with the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club, are hosting their first "Careers in the Trades and Public Safety Expo." The event will take place from 7 PM – 8 PM at the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club, [386 Center Street in Southport](#), where students from grades 8 – 12 are invited to attend. This expo will be a tremendous opportunity to share information about your company, industry, and educate students on different career paths.

Space will be limited, so reserve your spot today! Please contact Alice Gorman at agorman@fairfieldschools.org.

HEALTHY KIDS DAY / FAIRFIELD'S EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Join Families and Children of All Ages to Celebrate Earth Day and get our kids moving, learning and creating healthy habits. Plant and seed giveaways, compost, invasive plant & pest, pollinator pathway information as well as energy efficiency, EV display, Fire Safety trailer, hands-on science activities for the kids and so much more! FREE! No registration required.



The event will be held Saturday, April 30th 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the **Fairfield YMCA**, [841 Old Post Road](#).

2022 BIKE RODEO



There aren't many ways to get around that are "greener" than biking! Presented by the Fairfield Police Athletic League (PAL), Town of Fairfield Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee and local Cub Scout packs, this event is designed to educate local youth on the basics of bicycle and road safety. It will feature a training course with areas to learn proper riding techniques, helmet fitting and inspection, and equipment repairs. Kids will receive bike safety education materials, reflectors, and other safety equipment. Helmets will be inspected to ensure a proper fit; if needed, riders will be given new helmets free of charge.

The event will take place Sunday, May 1st from 9 AM – 12 PM at [Jennings Beach Parking Lot](#).

FAIRFIELD ROTARY'S ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC



It's time to hit the links... The Fairfield Rotary Club announces its 34th Annual **Golf Tournament at Brooklawn Country Club on May 16th**.

Information about Sponsorship, Team sign-up, and Individual sign-ups can be found on the Fairfield Rotary website www.fairfieldrotary.org under 34th Annual Golf

Tournament. All prices include greens fees, cart, lunch on the course and heavy appetizers after golf. **To Register** – go to www.fairfieldrotary.org and look for the Annual Golf Tournament, for details.

Events like this one help to provide grants and scholarships as well as support for humanitarian projects locally and around the world. So, please consider supporting this excellent cause by joining our golf outing this year.

For more information contact: Bill Llewellyn at (203) 400-3111 or at bill@universalprinting4u.com

Fairfield CARES Annual Community Event Featuring

Marc Brackett, Ph. D.

Founder & Director, Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence

"The Power of Emotional Intelligence"



In Person, Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7 p.m.
RLMS Auditorium, 689 Unquowa Rd, Fairfield, CT



FAIRFIELD POLICE SUNSET 5K



The 4th Annual Fairfield Police Sunset 5k – Presented by MONECO Advisors, is scheduled for July 20th at 6:00 PM. This Town favorite and family friendly event will be held at picturesque Penfield Beach, followed by a food truck rodeo. Come run, walk or just cheer on the crowd, all are welcome! Proceeds from the race will benefit the Fairfield Police Union Scholarship Fund & The Fairfield Police Foundation. For more information, to sign up or consider sponsorship, please click [here](#).

TOWN SERVICES

PURCHASE YOUR 2022 GOLF ID

RENEW YOUR 2022 BEACH/TRANSFER STATION STICKER

BIGELOW CENTER FOR SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Fairfield senior center's mission is to provide services and programs for older adults that promote well being, support independence, and encourage involvement in community life. To become more involved with local activities and stay informed on news surrounding the Senior Center, you can view their [Newsletter](#).



SOCIAL SERVICES

The hardest part of getting help is reaching out. 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 or to schedule an appointment.

For more additional information and resources, social services offers a comprehensive newsletter with various programs addressing career development, service members, and housing [here](#).

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Both branches of Fairfield Public Library are open the following hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, and Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 – 5:00 PM.



Easter holiday hours: Both branches of the Library will close at 5:00 PM on Thursday, April 14th (Main Library will remain open from 5:30 – 7:30 PM for the Kershner Gallery reception *only*). Both libraries will be closed on Friday, April 15th and Sunday, April 17th.

Fairfield Public Library is participating in the “**Passport to Libraries**” program: **stop by anytime in April to get a passport at the Circulation Desk, get it stamped, and receive a small gift.** Anyone who visits at least **five** CT libraries during the month of April will be eligible for a chance to win a \$150 Visa gift card. Support Connecticut public libraries!

Other April events:

- **April 14th, 5:30 – 7:30 PM – Bruce S. Kershner Art Gallery Reception: “Kaleidoscope”.** The public is welcome to help celebrate the opening of the Kershner Gallery’s latest exhibit at Main Library, featuring the work of Patrick Burhenne, Katya Lebrija, and Jill Harrington Nichols. The show will run from April 9th – June 6, 2022, during regular Library hours.
- **April 27th, 6:00 – 7:30PM – “Am I the Only One?”** Fairfield Public Library and Fairfield Counseling Services have partnered to offer a **free 8-week session on helping parents/caregivers adjust to a post-COVID world.** Topics will include handling stress and increasing motivation; starting the conversation with your LGBTQ+ child/teen; and achieving a healthy work/life balance, among others. Registration is not required; refreshments will be served.

Book Donations Needed! Friends of Fairfield Public Library welcome your gently-used books for their ongoing book sale at Main Library (no textbooks, please). Donations can be brought to the Friends’ Book Room on the first floor of Main Library

during regular Library hours.

The Library continues to offer a mix of in-person and virtual programming at both locations for children, teens and adults. **Please view our online calendar of events on our website** (www.fairfieldpubliclibrary.org) **to see the offerings and reserve your spot!**

Fairfield Public 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 at eref@fplct.org, and via text messaging (text **askfplct** to **833-232-4100**).

Pequot Library: We are open for browsing! Visit Monday – Friday, 10 AM – 6 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 4 PM, and Sunday Noon – 4 PM. Drop in during browsing hours to check out items from our circulating selection, see our latest exhibit in the Perkin Gallery, or view treasures from our Special Collections.



PEQUOT
LIBRARY

Now on view: [Her]story - Women's Roles Through History

Dating from the 1700s forward, holdings from Pequot's Special Collections reveal the evolution of roles women have held and hold. The selected items will uncover the impressive accomplishments made by women and show connections to Pequot Library over time, featuring local and national figures such as Mary Hull Wakeman, Mabel Osgood Wright, and Amelia Earhart. Join Pequot Library for a walk through [her]story from Colonial America, the Gilded Age, Women's Suffrage, World War employment, and to modern professional life. Looking at a girl's life then and now will tell a story of fluid educational and social norms. Follow visionary women through text and visual representations to witness their strength and resilience, as they move from atop a pedestal to protest, lead, and love.

For more programming, visit [Upcoming Events – Pequot Library](#).

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.

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR HOME REPAIRS

Spring showers bring...home repairs? If you're a Fairfield homeowner dealing with a

leaky roof or if you're needing to make other repairs to your home, the Community & Economic Development Department may be able to help. Eligible homeowners can receive up to 60% of the total project cost, up to a maximum of \$15,000 per qualified applicant, per year. Financial assistance is provided in the form of a special, no-interest loan that is repaid when the owner sells, refinances, or transfers the property. Eligible home improvements include exterior painting, siding, or roofing projects; installation of new or replacement storm windows and doors; lead-based paint or asbestos abatement projects; installation of replacement boilers or hot water heaters; heating, plumbing, or electrical improvements to address code deficiencies and modifications to accommodate persons with disabilities.



Applicants must be income-eligible and a current Town of Fairfield homeowner to participate in this program. Certain other restrictions do apply. For additional information, please contact Sonia Hine at the Office of Community & Economic Development via email at shine@fairfieldct.org or by calling (203) 256-3120.

Behind in your rent or mortgage?

Operation Hope may be able to
help!

Please contact Brenda at 203-292-5588 ext. 225 or
email her at blobdell@operationhopect.org

All inquiries are confidential



OPERATION HOPE

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 AM to 12:00 PM and Thursday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Please let us help you with groceries and other basic necessities!

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