

Town of Fairfield News

5/27/2022 - 5.27 TOWN UPDATE & MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS



Dear Fairfielders,

Our community is heartbroken over the senseless tragedy that took place in Shelton last weekend. No words can comfort a family grieving the loss of their child. My prayers are with Jimmy McGrath's family, the Fairfield Prep community, and those impacted from surrounding towns, who are all struggling. Fairfield flags were flown at half staff in Jimmy's memory last week.

This week our country's hearts were broken by the horror of another mass shooting at an elementary school, that brings back memories of Sandy Hook.

I can't understand what brings a human being to the point of walking into a school, a grocery store, a church, a theater, or anywhere, and open fire on innocent people. I also can't understand why a teenage boy was stabbed and lost his life at a party.

I was a member of the CT General Assembly in 2012 when the shooting in Sandy Hook took place. The legislature spent the entire session working on bills that were introduced in nearly every committee. There were hundreds of hours of public hearings, hundreds more spent discussing legislative proposals, and a lot of time listening, talking, and emailing with the residents of Fairfield.



That year, legislators from both sides of the aisle, worked together on gun violence, school safety, and mental health legislation that was passed into law in Connecticut. I don't have all the answers, I'm not sure any of us do. As citizens, I believe we need to start having real conversations without anger or judgment about the increase of violence in our country and how we can be part of solving it together.

On Saturday, May 28th, please join us at the Interfaith Gathering on the Sherman Green at noon, to proclaim Friday, June 3rd, **Gun Violence Awareness Day in Fairfield**, to honor the lives of gun victims and survivors. A chief elected official's highest responsibility is ensuring the community they serve is safe.

If you know anyone struggling or in need of assistance, there are community resources available to help.

You can access resources through the Town's Social Services department by clicking [here](#), or the [Hub](#), the Regional Behavioral Health Action Organization. The [Sandy Hook Promise](#) is another non-profit organization that provides resources and advocates to protect children from gun violence.

My mother always said, "Be kind to everyone because you do not know the burden they may be carrying."

MEMORIAL DAY

This Memorial Day weekend, our community will join together in honor of the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation.

I hope residents will take some time over the weekend to attend one of the Town events or to reflect on our nation's fallen and their families. Our country is forever indebted to these brave heroes who put their own safety above self in service to our country.

May our prayers and tributes bring solace to the families who were left behind, and may we all live lives worthy of their sacrifice.

MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

Saturday, May 28 – 10 AM

Annual Memorial [Sea Service](#) – South Benson Marina



Monday, May 30 – 7 AM to 12 PM

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Annual Memorial Day [Pancake Breakfast](#) –

Near Old Town Hall



Monday, May 30 – 9 AM to 2 PM

Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Tag Sale – Old Academy Near Old Town Hall



Annual Memorial Day [Parade](#) – 10 AM

Begins corner of Post and South Pine Creek Roads and ends on South Benson.



Memorial Day Mass – 12 PM

Assumption Church will hold a mass to honor the war dead, followed by a military remembrance service & wreath laying.



Memorial Day Picnic & [Concert](#) – 12 PM to 3 PM

Fairfield Museum and History Center – Behind Old Town Hall

Visit fairfieldct.org/MemorialDayEvents for more information and updates.



BEACH SEASON IS HERE



With the warm weather and Memorial Day approaching, beach season is officially here. Below are a few Town updates as summer kicks off and we get ready to have fun in the sun.

Beach stickers are available from the [Parks & Recreation Department](#). The guards

at the beaches cannot accept receipts in lieu of beach stickers.

Parking restrictions are effective beginning tomorrow (5/28/22) and remain in effect until Labor Day. Violators are subject to ticket and/or tow. Please take notice of all posted parking signs.

Beach area residents are reminded that a permit is required on all vehicles parked in the roadway outside of your homes. "Beach Permit Violations" and "No Parking Violations" in the Beach Area are subject to a \$200 fine.

I want to thank our Parks Department for their work in keeping our beaches and public facilities clean and for lining Post Road with American flags for the second year in a row. It makes me proud to represent this beautiful Town.



TOWN GOVERNMENT NEWS

All Town offices will be closed, Monday, May 30th in honor of Memorial Day.

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

The Charter Revision Commission (CRC) is winding down the process of reviewing our [Town Charter](#) with our Charter Revision Attorney. There has been a lot of feedback and careful review.

I participated in the May 17th meeting to give my take on the proposed changes to the budget process, where I advocated for a joint budget presentation with the Board

of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and the RTM. All three bodies hearing the initial budget proposal together would make for a much more comprehensive dialogue amongst elected officials, cut down on repetitive questions, allow for elected officials from all the bodies to hear each other's questions, and be much more transparent and easier to follow for the public. You can watch the meeting [here](#).

In a special meeting of the CRC held on May 25th, the Commission unanimously voted to send the latest draft to a public hearing, which will take place on June 2nd, at 7 PM. You can watch Wednesday's meeting [here](#).

I will send separate communication next week with a summary of the changes the Commission is considering, and invite residents to participate in the process and provide feedback to the Commission. You can watch the meetings [here](#) and weigh in by emailing crc@fairfieldct.org.

Charter Revision Website

FAIRFIELD LAUNCHES BIRD SCOOTERS

The Town of Fairfield and [Bird](#), a leader in environmentally-friendly electric transportation, are teaming up to introduce shared e-scooters to Fairfield. This is a new concept for Fairfield, and I was happy to join the Board of Selectmen to approve a twelve-month pilot program to gauge community interest and demand for e-scooters.

I am excited to welcome Bird to Fairfield to offer residents an alternative mode of transportation that is certainly welcome given the current state of gas prices. Fairfield is committed to innovating and embracing new modes of transit, and I hope residents enjoy this new option. Only licensed drivers above the age of 18 are able to use the scooters; a photo ID is required upon creating an account. I ask those using the scooters to please not leave them on private property.

The eco-friendly transportation option can be activated through Bird's free mobile phone [application](#) and used to replace gas-powered car trips. The Bird e-scooters are available daily from 5 AM to 12 AM for \$1.20/ride plus an additional \$.49/minute charge. Each rider must provide proof of age and license as well as participate in pre-ride safety training. Users may read about some tips for [safe riding](#) before their first outing. Bird will initially operate within a reduced footprint in Town, generally south of I-95, from Southport to Commerce Drive.

I know there will be some challenges, as with any new initiative, and so I look forward to your feedback on how this new option is working in our Town.



Photo by Mike Lauterborn from HamletHub

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Fairfield recognizes National Public Works Week in appreciation of our Public Works professionals. These dedicated employees at all levels of government are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting transportation, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and many more areas that are essential for our residents. I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to the Town's Public Works employees for their substantial contribution to keeping our Town beautiful - including our beaches and parks, safe and running.



FAIRFIELD FIREFIGHTERS

On May 26th, I administered the oath of office to the Fairfield Fire Department's newest members. **McKenzie Juratovic** is working on her bachelor's degree at the University of New Haven, majoring in Fire Arson Investigation and Fire Administration and minoring in Criminal Justice. She has also volunteered at the Brookside Fire Co. in Erie, Pennsylvania, and was a live-in at Trumbull Center Fire Department. McKenzie is Fairfield's second female firefighter who is a 4th generation member of her family to be in fire service. **David Campbell** has a degree from WCSU in Music Education and taught in the New Haven Public Schools for roughly seven years. He then spent three years as a firefighter for Charleston, South Carolina. We wish our newest members the best in their new careers.





The highlight of the week was getting to spend time with Conor and Jack Willer, who came in to shadow me to learn more about what it is like to lead Fairfield and how our Town operates.

Conor and Jack got a special treat by scheduling their visit on a day of the swearing-in of two new firefighters. By the smiles on their faces, I think they enjoyed the day!



In honor of National EMS Week (May 15th – 21st) and International Firefighter's Day (May 4th), I want to acknowledge Fairfield's brave men and women for their dedication to our community.

The past years have been particularly challenging for first responders, and we are very grateful for their commitment to training and preparedness to keep our residents safe. The efforts of the Fairfield Fire Department do not go unnoticed. From fighting fires to exceptional response to Fairfield residents when in crisis to planning and responding for and during the COVID-19 pandemic, our Fire Department continues to rise to the occasion.



As information is collected from a person calling 911 to report a medical emergency, computers assist other dispatchers in notifying the closest police officer, fire company, and ambulance to the call location of the person in distress.

This ensures that medical care arrives as soon as possible wherever the person is located in Town. This multi-agency response system was developed over 30 years ago in Fairfield. Our Fairfield Fire Department meets regularly with representatives of AMR to ensure response targets are being met and continuously looks to improve the response system.

We would like to thank and recognize our partners at American Medical Response, Bridgeport! Happy EMS Week!

LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

I would like to congratulate Sgt. Michael Stahl, who is one of six law enforcement officers to receive an award from [ASIS](#) Southern Connecticut at their annual Law Enforcement Luncheon. Sgt. Stahl launched the [Safe Return](#) program, which is a computer database developed to assist emergency personnel in locating community members who suffer from conditions making them susceptible to “wandering” and safely returning them home. He was also critical in identifying the new technology the Town was able to secure through ARPA funds to help increase the department's safety and transparency to the public. I want to congratulate Sgt. Stahl on this well deserved recognition.

Take a moment to watch the story behind his award [here](#). I also want to recognize the event's emcee, Fairfield's hometown news reporter, [Lauren Fabrizi](#).



SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Mike Cummings, Superintendent of Schools, has decided to leave his post with the Fairfield Public Schools. The Board of Education has hired CES to assist with the search for a new Superintendent. The BOE and CES are seeking feedback on the qualities the Fairfield community seeks in its next Superintendent. Please take a few minutes to fill this survey out, even if you don't have children in FPS. This is an important leadership position in our community and is responsible for not only running our school system, but also for the largest part of the Town's budget and your feedback is important. [Take the survey here.](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY | THE BRICK PROJECT

The Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, in celebration of its 75th Anniversary, and in partnership with the Town of Fairfield, announced an exciting and new legacy brick project, which will feature and give special recognition to Fairfield's Local Business Community. I believe this is a wonderful opportunity for local businesses to leave a lasting legacy in downtown Fairfield. I want to thank all involved who helped make this program come together and look forward to seeing the redesigned streetscape.

For more information on highlighting your business on a brick, please click [here](#), or

contact the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce at **(203) 255-1011**, or email Beverly Balaz at Beverly@FairfieldCTChamber.com.



Kevin Brady, Mark Barnhart, Brenda Kupchick, Beverly Balaz, & Bronson Hawley

APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY



★ Apraxia is a motor disorder causing a person difficulty with motor planning to perform tasks or movements when asked. Childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) causes children to have extreme difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe type of speech and communication problems in children.

On May 14th, Apraxia Awareness Day recognizes the families, physicians, and education professionals dedicated to assisting those affected by this disorder and encourages further research that may result in earlier diagnosis and better treatment.

I want to commend the members and organizations in our community, especially parents of [CAS](#) and [SEPTA](#), for their leadership in raising awareness and

understanding about apraxia. It was wonderful to spend time with Laura, Joshua, and their son Logan, who was diagnosed with apraxia. I was honored to marry Laura and Joshua as my first marriage as Justice of the Peace. Both Laura and Joshua are loving and dedicated parents, who are raising awareness for all children like Logan, and I am inspired by their story.



THE TUCKER FUND

The Tucker Fund was created to remember Tucker Secrist, a bright, gifted, and kind young man lost too soon, to honor his love of Fairfield and the outdoors.



The mission of the fund is to protect, preserve, and revitalize our community's natural spaces so that they can be enjoyed for generations to come. Over the past several years, they have raised funding for many projects in Fairfield, including two pollinator gardens at H. Smith Richardson Clubhouse.

This year, the Tucker Fund will be raising funds to enhance and redesign the Jennings Beach Entryway. The goal of the project is to create an ecologically resilient and sustainable beachfront entryway that provides valuable coastal habitat.

The Tucker Fund's largest fundraiser is an annual cornhole tournament, which will be held on June 25th from 4 – 8 PM. Tickets include a t-shirt, pizza, refreshments, and entry to the tournament. Please head to their website for more information www.thetuckerfund.com or donate to support their cause [here](#).

DONATE

SAFE BOATING WEEK

May 21st to May 27th is National Safe Boating Week, which help promotes safe boating practices. Boating is one of the most popular recreational activities of the residents of this community, and the protection of life, limb, boats, and marine property is the legal and moral responsibility of every boater.

Please click [here](#) to learn more about the **vital safety tips** our Police Department has shared to ensure all of our residents have a fun and safe summer out on the water! If you have any boating questions, feel free to stop by the Fairfield Police Marine Unit office located in the South Benson Marina or call **(203) 254-4866**.



FAIRFIELD SOFTBALL & BASEBALL

I am proud to share that the FLHS Varsity Softball team are [FCIAC CHAMPS](#)! They are [ranked](#) #1 in the FCIAC and #2 in the State after a 13-2 victory against Trumbull during the FCIAC semifinals. Ludlowe won the championship against Danbury 2-0 on Wednesday, bringing home their second title. I want to congratulate the team on a job well done and the commitment they gave to this season. Let's go Falcons!

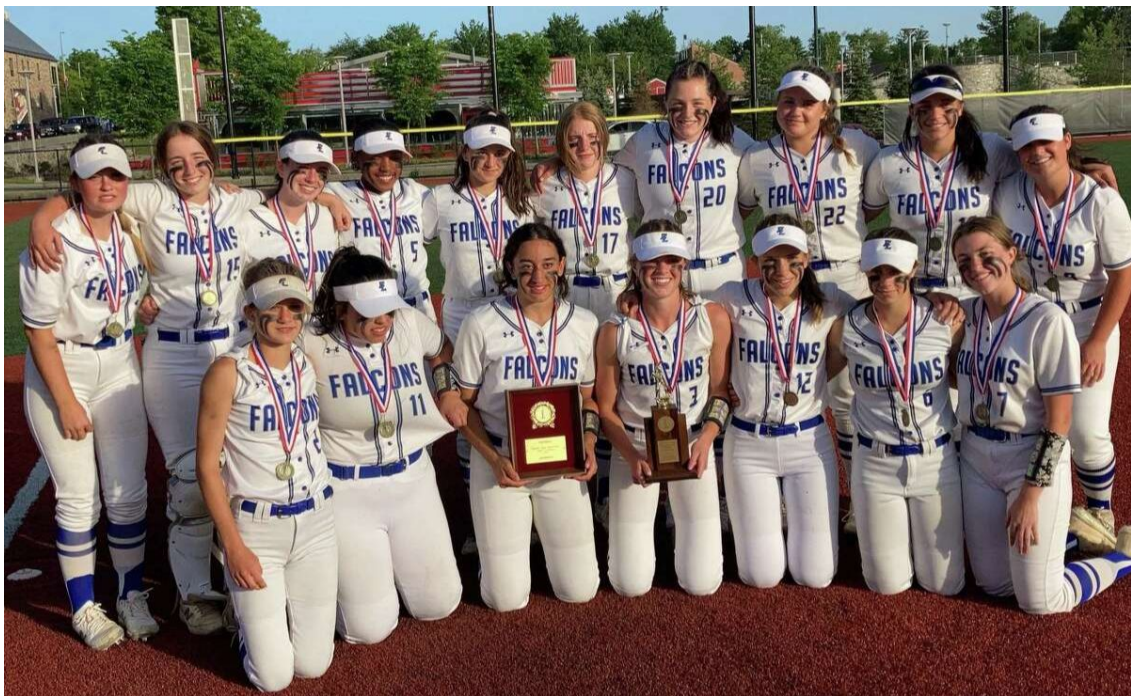


Photo by Will Aldam/Hearst Connecticut Media

I would also like to congratulate the Fairfield Warde baseball team on capturing their second [FCIAC Championship](#) this week. The Mustangs defeated Westhill 4-1 and became the first team at Fairfield Warde to capture FCIAC titles two years in a row. Well done Mustangs!



Photo by Scott Ericson/Hearst Connecticut Media

RIBBON-CUTTING

This past Friday, we officially welcomed [Keep It Simple Soapery](#) to Fairfield with a grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony! Visit them at **43 Unquowa Road**! They are open Tuesday through Saturday 11 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 11 AM – 3 PM, and Monday by appointment.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMISSIONING OF PEQUOT YACHT CLUB

The Commissioning of the Fleet at Pequot Yacht Club is such a fun annual tradition for our community. Ship commissioning dates back to the ancient world when dignitaries in ancient Greece would wear olive wreaths, drink wine in honor of the gods, and pour water on new vessels as symbols of blessing.

In more modern times, naval fleets assembled for ceremonies where officers read commissioning directives and raised pennants for new commands. In recent years, naval commissionings remain formal ceremonies, with addresses and guests gathering to celebrate new officers.

There were no olive wreaths at Pequot Yacht Club's commissioning ceremony, but there was plenty of tradition as members mark the official opening of the summer season.



FAIRFIELD THEATRE COMPANY

Congratulations to the Fairfield Theatre Company (FTC) on celebrating its 10th ENCORE Gala anniversary this year! I felt so much pride in what has been built in Fairfield with dedication from so many, including FTC board members, volunteers, and others who have worked so hard to create this place of music, culture, comedy, community events, and so much more.

I would like to especially recognize John Reid for his vision and leadership at FTC, which brings vibrancy and economic activity to our Town. John has been responsible for bringing FTC into the future and building the gem Fairfield is proud of. Kudos to John for his vision and hard work!



If you couldn't make it to the celebration and want to support FTC, click [here](#).

SHU TELETHON FOR UKRAINE

I want to thank Sacred Heart University's School of Communications, Media, & the Arts for hosting and producing their 9th annual telethon, this year to support the citizens of Ukraine. As war rages on in Ukraine, I am overwhelmed by the love our community has shown for the Ukrainian people through fundraisers like this, rallies, vigils and individual efforts. Please consider donating to this important cause by clicking [here](#) for more information on this event, which will be hosted on June 2nd at The Martire Center for Business and Communications.



MAKE MUSIC DAY

Calling All Musicians, Performers and Singers!

I can't say how excited I am about this initiative to bring music to the streets of Fairfield. I hope all musicians will join in and sign up to participate in the global music celebration, **MAKE MUSIC FAIRFIELD** on Tuesday, June 21st, 12 – 9 PM. Free music will be heard all over Town, from Jennings Beach to Sherman Green Gazebo to The Old Post Tavern, The FTC parking lot to Southport Harbor. Do you play guitar? The saxophone? Sing in a chorus? Anyone and everyone is invited to sign up for an hour performance slot.



For more information please visit www.makemusicday.org/fairfield and follow them on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

NEW VETERANS BILLBOARD

I was happy to attend a thank you luncheon at American Legion Post 74 and VFW 9427 for a dedication ceremony for a new Pledge of Allegiance billboard. I want to thank the Landon family for their significant donation to the Fairfield American Legion Hall for the new Veterans billboard. Jason Landon approached Vietnam Veteran Chris Lussen when he was gardening last year outside of the American Legion Hall and expressed how much the billboard meant to him. He would pass the sign often and always recognized the importance of its message when out with his sons. When he noticed it was in need of refurbishing, he and his wife Christina stepped up and ensured the sign was restored to its full glory.



I hope you have a fun and safe holiday weekend.

Brenda L. Kupchick
Fairfield First Selectwoman

COVID-19 UPDATE

While nationwide and locally we are seeing cases increase, the perspective on the number of cases as an indicator of community impact has somewhat changed over the course of the pandemic. This change is due to a variety of factors including the availability of vaccines and boosters for all those 5 and older, the widespread availability of antiviral medications for high-risk individuals who become infected, the availability of monoclonal antibody treatments, and the increasing levels of natural immunity in the many people who have already had COVID.

For those who choose to be vaccinated or who have had COVID, these factors reduce the risk of severe outcomes and even lessen the risk of being infected, and for those at the highest risk, antiviral medications and monoclonal antibodies can further lessen the risk of severe outcomes and infection. In addition, the widespread availability of free and insurance-covered home test kits as well as multiple no-out-of-pocket cost testing sites in Town both work to enable quick identification and

isolation of cases. The CDC and State have indicated that some impacts of these factors can be seen in the current data that shows while cases have increased, hospitalizations and deaths have not increased in the same manner as seen in previous waves.

We still encourage people to take all the steps they deem appropriate to reduce their risk of becoming infected and to reduce the risk of infecting others, which includes masking, isolation, and quarantine and the school system still encourages maximizing social distancing when possible and continues the practices implemented to improve ventilation.

The [CDC](#) has changed from community transmission indicators to a “[Community Level](#)” indicator, which is focused more on the presence of severe illness as indicated by hospitalization-related data. While most counties in CT have been in the “High” category for a few weeks, [Fairfield County](#) just yesterday moved from the “Medium” level to “High”. This level recommends vaccination, testing if ill, higher risk individual to consider additional precautions and masking when indoors in public. While we recommend residents follow the CDC guidance, these are not requirements. 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-out-of-pocket cost testing to CT residents.

MAY UPDATES

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](#)

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



Join Us June 6th

to Celebrate our Fairfield

Pillars of the Community

Kelly Maffei
Woofgang

Rocky Prozano
RipRour

The Fairfield
Community
Emergency
Response Team

George Markley
Humanitarian

Alex Plitsas
Patriot

The Fairfield Rotary Club is proud and excited to announce the 2022 Pillars of the Community Awards. The awards recognize five members of our community (individuals or organizations) who exemplify Rotary's motto of Service Above Self. The awards ceremony allows us to spotlight the amazing work and commitment made by the award winners, and is a chance for our community to come together to say a great big, heartfelt Thank You!

Date: June 6th

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: Gaelic American Club, 74 Beach Road, Fairfield

Tickets: \$40/per person. Includes heavy appetizers, dessert, soft drinks. Cash bar available.

RSVP by June 3 - www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022RotaryPillars

www.FairfieldRotary.org



Rotary
Club of Fairfield

PLEASE CLICK ON THE IMAGE ABOVE TO RSVP



Lights & Sirens Safety Day

**June 11th 1-4pm
Rain or Shine!!!**

**At Fairfield Warde High
School
755 Melville Avenue**

Learn CPR!!! Touch-A-Truck!!!

Free Event But Donations Welcome





PET PANTRY
EST. 1945
75 YEARS SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Fairfield **DOG DAYS**

Sunday | June 19, 2022 | 11AM-4PM
Old Town Hall Green
611 Old Post Road • Fairfield, CT

FREE ADMISSION

— FEATURING —

Dog Lovers Lure Coursing • Radar Run • Kid Zone • Face Painting • Caricature Artist
Bone Bar • Ice Cream Pawlour • All New Sniffari! • Food Trucks

— PROCEEDS BENEFITING —



— DIAMOND SPONSORS —



— SILVER SPONSORS —



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

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](#).

BOARD OPENING

Fairfield Public Library Board of Trustees Is Seeking Nominations for Board Seat Opening. Nominations are open to fill a Fairfield Public Library Board of Trustees position which is available as of July 1, 2022. The Board of Trustees work with the Town Librarian and staff to set policy, oversee library operations and assist in strategic planning. Individuals who wish to be considered for this Trustee position should connect with Board Chair David Gray at caulkins67@gmail.com with your resume and interest in the position. For a full description of the Trustee position, go to our website at fairfieldpubliclibrary.org/libraryboard.

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.



The Library will be closed on Sunday, May 29th, and Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Summer hours: The Library will be closed Sundays from May 29th – September 4th, 2022.

Fairfield residents are reminded that **meeting rooms at Main Library are now available for rental** for your civic group or commercial organization meeting. Please see our website under “Meeting Room Reservations” for details.

Through June 4th, you can still visit the Bruce S. Kershner Gallery’s current exhibit, “Kaleidoscope,” featuring the work of local artists Patrick Burhenne, Katya Lebrija, and Jill Harrington Nichols. The Gallery is located at Main Library.

COMING IN JUNE: Summer Reading Challenge for all ages! Adults, teens, and children: beginning June 20th, enter all the minutes you spend reading on our Beanstack app and win prizes for your efforts! In addition, the library will be offering programs, craft sessions, and a Town-wide scavenger hunt, all related to this summer’s theme of **FAIRFIELD!** Celebrate your Town with Fairfield Public Library! **(Kick-off for the Children’s Summer Reading Challenge is Friday, June 24th, from 10:00 AM to noon at Penfield Beach. No registration required.)**

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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