

# Town of Fairfield News

6/10/2022 - 6.10 TOWN UPDATE



Dear Fairfielders,

Fairfield's Memorial Day parade always brings me back to my childhood – marching with the band in elementary school, marching alongside my son as a mom, and this year, as First Selectwoman of my hometown marching in remembrance of the fallen.

It was an incredible honor to walk alongside Veterans memorializing the brave who paid the ultimate sacrifice for a grateful country.





If you want to view the Town's Memorial Day photos taken by Dariusz Terepka, please click [here](#).

### **SEA MEMORIAL EVENT**

The Saturday before Memorial Day our community gathers alongside our Veterans for a memorial ceremony for those lost at sea, and those who were buried at sea, in service of our country. The event was originally organized by David Russell, former Fairfield fire chief, WWII Patrol Craft veteran, and member of Port 5, over thirty-four years ago. Captain Roger Crossland, USN (Ret.) served as the Officer of the Day.

This year's guest of honor was Fairfielder and World War II Radioman First Class Carl Massaro, who served aboard a Landing Ship Medium (Rockets) during the Battle of Okinawa (April 1 – June 22, 1945).

It filled my heart with pride to watch the Massaro family helping their father, Carl, 97-year-old World War II Veteran and long-time personal favorite of mine, lay the wreath for the Sea Memorial.

I would like to thank our Town Clerk, Betsy Browne, who helped organize this lovely



memorial event and for all our Town's American Legions and VFW's for their service and participation that brings such honor to this Memorial Day service in our Town.



It was my honor to recognize Purple Heart Recipient and Fairfield Police Officer Alan Bakula at the Sea Memorial. Officer Bakula is a former US Army Sergeant and OGA contractor with over 10 combined deployments, and a recipient of multiple Purple Heart and valor citations.



Officer Bakula received his first Purple Heart after being hit with small arms while actively engaged in a firefight during an operation in northern Afghanistan. He received his second Purple Heart after he and his team were ambushed in a minefield and wounded from an anti-personnel mine detonated by a teammate directly behind him resulting in severe fragmentation wounds and his teammate losing a leg.

Officer Bakula represented the Fairfield Police Department at the Memorial Day Parade in honor of all those who sacrificed so much for our country who sustained wounds far worse in the name of freedom.

I want to thank Fairfield resident Jim Yacone, who is a Silver Star and Purple Heart recipient and was not able to attend the ceremony. He and Major (Ret.) Dan Eddinger approached our Town about becoming a Purple Heart community and worked closely with the Town's Chief Administrative Officer Tom Bremer, who is a Vietnam Veteran, to make this possible.

I was proud to announce during the ceremony that Fairfield is officially a **Purple Heart Town**, and is now listed as a Town on the [Purple Heart Trail](#).



A Purple Heart flag will fly on August 7<sup>th</sup>, which is National Purple Heart Day and the town will be placing Purple Heart parking signs at Independence Hall and Old Town Hall and in other areas in Town to honor Purple Heart Recipients.

## MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Sunday's Annual Memorial Day Mass was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church with Father Peter Cipriani. It was a privilege to be invited to speak in honor of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.





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## TOWN GOVERNMENT NEWS

### CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

The Charter Revision Commission (CRC) will vote on their final changes to the [Town Charter](#) at Monday's [meeting](#), and then their final recommendations will come before the Board of Selectmen for a vote.

In an effort to ensure the fairest and most transparent Charter Revision process, I hired special counsel [Steve Mednick](#) to facilitate the Commission's work, and every meeting held by the Commission has been shown live on Fair TV and online. All meetings have been posted to the Commission's website [here](#). The CRC has held public hearings and allowed for public comment during meetings and via email. Attorney Mednick brought in expert panelists on different forms of government and officials from other CT municipalities joined the meetings to relay their experiences.

Residents and elected officials are encouraged to watch all meetings to understand the process and the reasoning for suggested changes by the Commission.

After the CRC's final vote, the BOS will hold special meetings to hear and vote on the changes. One of those meetings will include a public hearing. If approved, those revisions will go on the ballot in November for all citizens to vote on.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT RATING | HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE**

Fire Chief Denis McCarthy and I would like to recognize Asst. Chief Schuyler Sherwood, who led a committed team of Department members participating in a recent Insurance Services Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification review. The ISO rating is the basis for Fire Insurance rates on insurance policies, and homeowners will benefit from lower rates as a result of this effort.



In this process, the team worked to improve critical areas of Training, Operations, Fire Prevention, Apparatus Maintenance, Communications, and Water Supply/Hydrants toward gaining a classification upgrade from Class 3 to Class 2. Fairfield is now one of 1729 Fire Departments nationwide with a Class 2 rating.

Fairfield is truly lucky to have Asst. Chief Schuyler Sherwood, who is a longtime member of the Fire Department and is dedicated to the Fairfield community.

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## **WELCOME NEW POLICE OFFICERS**

I was honored to swear in and welcome five new Police Officers to the Police Department this past week.

Officers Jonathan Simmons and Sara Ball are joining Fairfield with previous law enforcement experience. Officer Simmons is a lateral transfer from the Bridgeport Police Department, and Officer Ball is a lateral transfer from the Trumbull Police Department. Officers Jonathan Maisonet, Omaine Stephens and Brett Ubaldi are entry-level officers who have begun training at the Connecticut Police Academy and will





be joining their fellow officers upon completion.

I am proud our Police Department is able to recruit such great candidates in what is otherwise a very difficult time for police departments. Please join me in welcoming these officers and wishing them safe and successful careers.

*Pictured: (L-R from Top) Jonathan Simmons, Sara Ball, Brett Ubaldi, Jonathan Maisonet, & Omaine Stephens*

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## **BIGELOW CENTER FOR SENIOR ACTIVITIES UNVEILS NEW BUS**

A brand new Senior Center bus, one of a fleet of five, is running on weekdays, helping Fairfield's seniors and residents with disabilities get to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, the bank, and the senior center. Riders are charged \$1 each way. The senior transportation program averages more than 11,500 trips per year, traveling more than 57,000 miles each year. During the pandemic, these buses drove more than 3,600 trips and nearly 48,000 miles.

The Town of Fairfield is grateful for the grant funding that is part of the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 Program to support public transportation services that meet the needs of seniors and those with disabilities. The Town was awarded 80% of the total price of a new 13-seat, wheelchair-lift enabled replacement bus. The new bus allows us to serve a larger number of residents with a high degree of comfort and safety. I hope residents will utilize and enjoy this service.



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## **SLOW DOWN, MOVE OVER**

Every day, law enforcement officers put their lives on the line for the safety of all. The dangers these officers face extend to operating on limited-access highways, such as I-95 and the Merritt Parkway in Connecticut. In 2021, there were [65](#) first responder fatalities caused by secondary accidents while responding to an emergency. This conveys the importance of Connecticut's "Slow Down and Move Over Law," which requires motor vehicle operators to slow down and move over to provide safe clearance for first responders.

The Town of Fairfield proudly stands with and advocates for Flagman. Founded by Cindy Iodice, the sister of Fairfield native Cory Iodice, who was tragically killed while aiding a motorist in need on the Merritt Parkway in 2020, Flagman dedicates its mission to educating others on road safety during emergencies. To get involved with Flagman, please click [here](#).



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## DOG LICENSING

Dogs six months of age or older must be licensed by July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. A current rabies certificate is required.

Licenses may be purchased by mail, via lobby drop box or at the Town Clerk's Office, Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. Renewals are available online.

To apply for the license by mail, send the required certificates to Betsy Browne, Town Clerk, **611 Old Post Road, Fairfield CT 06824**, along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. For more information visit [fairfieldct.org/doglicense](https://fairfieldct.org/doglicense).



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## USED MOTOR VEHICLE VALUES ON THE RISE



Used motor vehicle values have generally increased from last year, primarily due to the chip shortage for new cars. Residents should be aware that the assessment on your car has likely increased from last year. Several articles on the issue can be found [here](#).

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### **WELCOME NEW HR DIRECTOR**

Fairfield's new HR Director, Cathleen Simpson, started her position with the Town this week. Cathleen is an attorney with many years of experience in HR, Labor Relations and has worked at the State and municipal level of government. The Town welcomes Cathleen to her new role, and I look forward to her new ideas and services for the Town's large workforce.



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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **DUCK FARM ROAD BRIDGE DEMOLITION & RECONSTRUCTION**

Duck Farm Road Bridge will be closed beginning June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM for demolition. The contractor anticipates closing the road from June 13<sup>th</sup>, and lasting through the construction season through the end of the year.

Detours will be designated as illustrated in the approved plan. The main detour will utilize Brookside and Mill Plain Road. However, the Town has installed additional signs well before the bridge to alert traffic to take alternate routes and avoid the area, if possible. The Fairfield Police Traffic Unit will monitor potential issues.

The proposed detour map is listed below. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the Town's Engineering Department at **(203) 256-3015**.

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## PRIDE MONTH



During the month of June, we celebrate Pride Month. The first observance of Pride Month was in 1970 in New York City, marking the one-year anniversary of the [Stonewall Uprising](#).

This will be the fourth year the Town of Fairfield will fly the Pride Flag in front of Town Hall, which serves as a reminder that our community will stand against discrimination of any kind. I look forward to welcoming residents to join us for a new celebration for Pride Month. The flag-raising will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM with speakers from the LGBTQIA+ community as well as Reverend Sara Smith. We will raise the Pride flag, and then walk over to the Burr Mansion for a 6:00 PM [celebration](#) of Pride Month.

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## PTSD AWARENESS MONTH



June is National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month, and is intended to raise public awareness about issues related to PTSD, reduce the stigma associated with PTSD, and help ensure that those suffering from the invisible wounds of war receive proper treatment. If you are a Veteran in crisis or know one, connect with the Veterans' Crisis Line: **call 1-800-273-8255 or text 838255**.

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## FAREWELL & THANK YOU

Reverend David W. Spollett retired after thirty-eight inspirational years of Ministry at First Church Congregational. Throughout his time at First Church, David has been an integral part of our community.

As a community organizer and activist, one of David's biggest accomplishments was co-founding [Operation Hope](#) in 1984 with Rabbi Leon Waldman after David found a man sleeping in the church. Almost forty years later, this vital organization continues to help provide hunger relief, housing assistance and most notably has ended homelessness within our Town.

David is a trailblazer who led First Church in 1994 to declare itself an Open and



Affirming congregation for all people regardless of race, class, ancestry, gender identity, marital status, ability or sexual orientation.

I hope you will join me in wishing David a wonderful retirement and thank him for his decades of outstanding service, compassion and pioneering efforts that have made a positive difference for so many people in our Town and beyond.



*Rev. David Spollett & Rev. Vanessa Rose, Senior Pastor at First Church Congregational*

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## FAIRFIELD EAGLE SCOUTS



Fairfield Warde junior and Boy Scout Troop 88 member Nikolai Darken is fundraising for his Eagle Service Project to plant a native garden to help support the local ecosystem at Lake Mohegan. Nikolai is working with the Conservation Department and the [Fairfield Pollinator Pathway](#) to bring this project to fruition.

With the support of residents, Nikolai and his project partners will be able to construct a garden that will serve as a haven for native plants, insects, and birds, which are experiencing a decline worldwide. Help Nikolai reach his goal and learn more about his beneficial project [here](#).

If you wish to get further involved in Nikolai's project and become a volunteer, please email [FriendsofLakeMohegan@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofLakeMohegan@gmail.com).

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## IN MEMORY OF CARRIE MAKOVER

Carrie Makover, a pivotal member of our community, lost her courageous battle with pancreatic cancer last month. Carrie made significant contributions as Fairfield Senior Advocates housing leader, as a member of the Fairfield Affordable Housing Committee, and through helpful recommendations on issues/projects to the

P&Z Commission. Carrie will be deeply missed by family, friends, and everyone she positively impacted, but her influential legacy will live on.

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### **FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOLS SOFTBALL & BASEBALL**

During the second game of the semi-finals, the FLHS Varsity Softball team faced Southington and lost 3-7. Although this is an end to their season, they ended strong with a 25-2 season record. Well done Falcons!

The FWHS Baseball team won 4-1 against Trumbull and are now heading for the State Championship this Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. You can purchase tickets [here](#). Good luck Mustangs!

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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **SOUTHPORT STREET PARADE | BLESSING OF THE FLEET**

Please join me Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> for the annual Southport Street Parade and Blessing of the Fleet. Come take advantage of the beautiful weather and enjoy this unique New England parade celebration.

Special thanks to the Southport Conservancy for hosting this popular event. I also want to recognize the Conservancy's Parade Subcommittee Chair, Tim Russell, and Vice-Chairs Hugh Smith and Harbormaster Bryan LeClerc.





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## **FAIRFIELD FARMER'S MARKET**

The [Fairfield Farmer's Market](#) will be open on Sherman Green starting June 12<sup>th</sup>. The market will be open on Sundays from 10 AM – 2 PM until October 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Greenfield Hill Farmer's Market opened on May 14<sup>th</sup> and will be open Saturdays from 10 AM – 1 PM until October 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please [click here](#).



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### FAIRFIELD THEATRE COMPANY



The Town of Fairfield joins the Fairfield Theatre Company (FTC) in supporting Multiple Sclerosis (MS) research. The FTC is proudly hosting a benefit concert to raise awareness for this research. MS is a neurological disease that affects the central nervous system, which impacts nearly one million people in the United States alone and currently has no known cure.

On Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, the Sons of Levin play the Who and will be accompanied by the band Colossus and more. Join these talented bands for a fun night of classic music that benefits an important cause. Purchase your tickets [here](#)!

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### PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Fairfield Rotary Club held its first ever annual Pillars of the Community “Service Above Self” Award ceremony to celebrate those who have gone above and beyond for our community. Each recipient received the Rotary’s Paul Harris Community Service Award.

The honorees included the Fairfield Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), accepted by president, Cindy O’Neill Vitale, Alex Plitsas, Kelly Maffei, Rocky Prozano, and a posthumous award to George Markley.

State Representative Laura Devlin presented proclamations to these deserving individuals on behalf of myself and the Town of Fairfield. I want to thank the Fairfield

Rotary Club for organizing this wonderful event and congratulate those who were awarded for their selfless service.



## FAIRFIELD ROAD RACE

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, the Fairfield Firefighters hosted the 41<sup>st</sup> [Fairfield Half Marathon Road Race](#). I had the pleasure of kicking off this race with the lead organizer, Lt John Calandriello, and Fire Chief Denis McCarthy.

I want to acknowledge the [Fairfield Fire Department](#) for their volunteer efforts that assist with funding their charitable foundation that does a lot of good for our community. I want to also thank the Fairfield Beach Residents Association, who volunteer for the race every year. Both groups, working with the sponsors, make this annual event a premier race in the State.







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## MAKE MUSIC DAY

Calling All Musicians, Performers and Singers!

I can't begin to 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://www.makemusicday.org/fairfield) and follow them on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

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## CLAM CLINIC

I had so much fun at the annual Clam Clinic hosted by the [Shellfish Commission](#) and our Conservation Department. I've heard for years what a great program this is and was so happy I was able to participate this year!

The Shellfish Commission consists of volunteers who work with the Town to protect shellfish habitat and helps increase shellfishing opportunities in Fairfield waters in accordance with the Fairfield Shellfish Management Plan.

The Commission and Conservation Department were so helpful in teaching



residents how to clam, complete with clam rakes, bags and buckets. They even provided homemade chowder!

If you're interested in finding out more information, you can check out their page [here](#).

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### **OPERATION HOPE SEEKS TAG SALE HOSTS**

Operation Hope's Town-Wide Tag Sale will take place in various locations around Fairfield and Southport on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 AM – 4 PM, rain or shine. They are asking friends to host tag sales in their own yards and garages



around Fairfield and Southport that Saturday. This is your chance to purge so others and more importantly, our neighbors in need, will benefit from your treasures. Proceeds from the event will help Operation Hope continue to end hunger and end homelessness, one person at a time. If you are interested in hosting a Tag Sale site this year, please complete the form at <https://bit.ly/oh-tag-sale-host-2022> by July 9<sup>th</sup>. Please email questions to [tagsale@operationhopect.org](mailto:tagsale@operationhopect.org). Thank you for lending a hand, and especially for opening your home and heart.

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## **BUSINESSES**

### **NEW BUSINESS VENTURE IN FAIRFIELD**

The Fairfield Department of Community & Economic Development is pleased to announce its latest Micro-Enterprise Assistance Grant awarded to LMB Enterprises, LLC, now located at 6 Tunxis Hill Road in Fairfield.

The grant has enabled LMB Enterprises to purchase furnishings and equipment associated with its new business location in Fairfield. [LMB Enterprise](#) is primarily an e-commerce retailer that designs and produces customized decals, murals, wallpaper, wall coverings and signage for all occasions.

The Micro-Enterprise Assistance Program seeks to strengthen and enhance these small businesses, with the ultimate goal of increasing employment opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

I wish owners Lisa Belvedere and Mohammad Hayajneh much success with their business and am proud to have them in Fairfield.

For more information on the Micro-Enterprise Assistance Program, contact the Department of Community & Economic Development at (230) 256-3120.



*LMB Enterprises, LLC Owners Lisa Belvedere and Mohammad Hayajneh, their dog Fiona, and Community & Economic Development Director, Mark Barnhart*

## RIBBON CUTTINGS



This week we celebrated the grand opening of [The Two Oh Three](#) with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony. Fairfield welcomes this locally-themed store owned by the brother and sister duo, Roscoe and Tory Brown. The Two Oh Three is a local lifestyle brand based around Connecticut's iconic '203 area code'. They sell Connecticut and 203-themed products and apparel to give customers a tangible way to show their CT pride.

Visit them at 107 Post Road in Fairfield, or you can shop online [here!](#)



Since 1997, Universal Printing has been providing printing, mailing services, and signage to their clients. Please join me in congratulating Shelley and Bill Llewellyn for 25 years of running a successful small business in Fairfield! If you are interested in their services, please click [here](#).



Congratulations to [Massage Envy](#) on their 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary! For all of your spa and relaxation needs, you can visit Massage Envy at 2279 Black Rock Turnpike.



*Photos by Mary Alice Limperopulos, Town of Fairfield Office of Community & Economic Development*

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## **VENDORS INVITED FOR THE FAIRFIELD SIDEWALK SALE & STREET FAIR**

The Town of Fairfield and Fairfield Chamber of Commerce will again co-sponsor the Fairfield Sidewalk Sale & Street Fair Event on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. More than fifty Fairfield businesses are expected to participate in this year's event, setting up stands and offering a variety of merchandise for sale along the Post Road from the Heritage Square Shopping Center to the Promenade at the Brick Walk. Limited sponsorship opportunities still exist. Businesses and vendors interested in either participating in or sponsoring this year's event should contact the [Office of Community & Economic Development](#).

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I hope you have a lovely weekend and will join me for the Southport Street Parade this Saturday.

Brenda L. Kupchick  
Fairfield First Selectwoman

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## COVID-19 UPDATE

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. Since seeing a peak of COVID-19 activity during the third week of May, cases, hospitalizations and deaths have been trending downward. Fairfield County is currently in the CDC’s “Low” Community level category with most counties in CT being in the “Medium” category. We recommend residents follow the [CDC guidance](#) which includes staying up to date with vaccination and getting tested if ill.

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

The Health Department is holding two vaccination clinics next week on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM – 1 PM for those 12 and older (Moderna boosters) and on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 4 PM – 6 PM for those 5 to 11 (Pfizer boosters). Sign up through [VAMS](#).

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

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# JUNE UPDATES

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## THE TUCKER FUND FUNDRAISER

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.



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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.thetuckerfund.com) or donate to support their cause [here](#).

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## **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**







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# Fairfield DOG DAYS

Sunday | June 19, 2022 | 11AM-4PM  
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## FAIRFIELD POLICE SUNSET 5K



*Fairfield Police Department*

# 4TH ANNUAL • SUNSET 5K

WEDNESDAY JULY 20, 2022  
6:30PM

**PENFIELD BEACH - 323 FAIRFIELD BEACH ROAD**



The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fairfield Police Sunset 5k – Presented by MONECO Advisors, is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

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## 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](mailto:frfs@fairfieldct.org).

### [Heartsaver Layperson CPR/AED Certification](#)

Saturday Morning, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
\$50 per student

### [BLS Healthcare Provider CPR/AED](#)

Saturday Morning, August 27<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
\$90 Per Student



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## 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](#).

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## 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 Saturdays 1:00 – 5:00 PM. **The Library will be closed on Sundays until after Labor Day.**



**From June 11<sup>th</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the public can view “Sculptural Dimensions” at the Bruce S. Kershner Gallery at Main Library.** “Sculptural Dimensions” features the work of local artists Louise Cadoux, Sooo-z Mastropietro, and Alan Neider; their work can be viewed during regular Library hours. **The artists will speak at an opening reception on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM.** The public is invited to attend.

**FPL’s Summer Reading Challenge begins this month!** From June 20<sup>th</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup>, readers of ALL ages can log their reading minutes on our Beanstack app and participate in programs and events to win prizes! **This summer’s theme: Fairfield!** The Library encourages all Fairfielders to explore the joys of summer reading with this great program that includes board games, trivia nights, craft sessions and a town-wide scavenger hunt! Kick-off for the Children’s Summer Reading Challenge is Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM to noon at Penfield Beach. (No registration necessary, but beach parking stickers *are* required.) For more information, please see our website.

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## PEQUOT LIBRARY

We are open for browsing! Visit Monday – Friday, 10 AM – 6 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 2 PM, and **closed Sundays until Labor Day.** 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.



## 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.

PEQUOT  
LIBRARY

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.

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## 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](mailto:shine@fairfieldct.org) or by calling (203) 256-3120.

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## 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](mailto: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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