

Town of Fairfield News

7/22/2022 - 7.22 TOWN UPDATE



Dear Fairfielders,

I hope you all have been enjoying the summer, it sure has been hot this week. I know it was frustrating the swimming areas had to be closed due to State health protocols regarding potential increased bacteria after significant rainfalls.

Our Parks & Recreation team and my office put our heads together and came up with a fun new idea of launching pop-up sprinkler parks in several locations throughout the Town to provide residents an alternative while swimming at our beaches and Lake Mohegan were closed.

It was so much fun seeing the happiness the pop-up sprinklers brought to so many of our children and their families. I want to thank Alene's Ice Cream Truck for visiting some of the locations and Dariusz Terepka Photography for capturing the fun. We are hoping to plan to do this again on another hot summer day!



OPERATION HOPE TAG SALE

Operation Hope of Fairfield's Town-Wide Tag

Sale will take place tomorrow, July 23rd, 9

AM – 4 PM, rain or shine at 17 locations

around Fairfield and Southport. **This tag sale**

is a great opportunity to seek treasures while helping our neighbors in need!

Proceeds from the event will help Operation Hope continue to end hunger and

end homelessness, one person at a time. Visit [https://operationhopect.org/tag-](https://operationhopect.org/tag-sale/)

[sale/](https://operationhopect.org/tag-sale/) for a downloadable list of tag sale addresses, hours of operation and featured

items, plus an interactive map. No early birds, please! Stop by Operation Hope's

parking lot behind 636 Old Post Road between 8:45 AM – 1:00 PM for a printed list

and map.



TOWN GOVERNMENT NEWS

PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Over two years ago, the Director of Parks & Recreation came to me with the idea of hiring a consultant to provide a comprehensive analysis of Fairfield's over 1,200 acres of parks, Town-owned spaces, and Fairfield Public Schools playing fields for the creation of a Town-wide Recreation 10 year Master Plan. The idea was vetted through multiple Town boards and consultants started their work in June of

2021. You can watch the presentation and discussion of the Board of Selectman [here](#). You can read the background for the budget request [here](#).

I think it is helpful for our Town to have a master plan to better understand our community's needs, identify gaps in service, programming opportunities not currently being met, facility updates, identify future trends, create multiple park designs for future development, address plans for deferred maintenance and prioritize future projects. This is similar to the long-range Paving Plan that I included in the FY 2023 budget and the Town Planning & Zoning's POCD Plan that is currently being developed with ARPA funds.

The Parks & Recreation Consultant (PR) administered community-wide surveys, held numerous stakeholder meetings where all elected officials were encouraged to participate, and also held three community meetings open to residents that were well attended. They also actively solicited feedback by email, phone, and social media and I also made it a point to share how to weigh in and about the process in my newsletters.

You can view those summaries from those meetings and workshops here:

[November 2021 Workshop Summary](#)

February 2022:

[Interview Summaries](#)

[Focus Group Summaries](#)

[Round Robins](#)

[March 2022 Public Workshop Summary](#)

[June 2022 Public Workshop Summary](#) and the [Concept Plans](#) were presented

After the community engagement process, the consultant released a draft based on the input they received from over 1,100 residents and continue to receive additional input. You can view more information on the [project website](#).

The next phase of this process is for the Parks & Recreation Commission to review and discuss the concepts provided in the plan. If the Commission wants to move forward with certain items, those items will go through the normal vetting process with the Town boards.

Master Plan Website

OUTDOOR DINING

The Fairfield Economic Development Commission is proposing changes to the Town's Zoning Regulations to support our local restaurant industry and to allow for expanded outdoor dining opportunities.

The overall intent of these changes is to make it easier for restaurants to establish and expand outdoor dining opportunities and to lessen parking requirements for doing so. The [Economic Development Commission](#) intends to re-submit a proposed text amendment application to the Town Plan & Zoning Commission this fall.



For more information on these changes, click [here](#), or to **sign the petition**, please click [here](#). Residents may also sign the petition at several participating restaurants, including Centro, The Stand, and Bonda.

WELCOME TOWN ENGINEERS

There are many significant engineering and DPW projects in our Town requiring the need for more engineers. As a result of my reorganization and modernization of Town government, that included the Engineering Department in this past budget season.



I want to introduce three new Fairfield engineers who began working at Town Hall this week. Fairfield resident Christine Pacelli is a Project Engineer for WPCA, Elias Ghazal is a Project Engineer in our Engineering Department and Raymond Smith is a Senior Civil Engineer and comes to us from Newtown. I know our Engineering Department is excited to welcome three new experienced professionals to join them in their work on behalf of the residents of our Town.

ABSENTEE VOTING | PRIMARY

If you will not be able to make it to the polls on Primary Day – August 9, 2022 – you may vote absentee by mail. Absentee Voting is permitted in the State of Connecticut for any of the following reasons:

- Physical disability
- Illness
- Absence from town of residence
- Religious tenets which forbid secular activity
- Active US Military



The primaries are open to registered voters in either the Democratic or Republican parties only. **Connecticut does not participate in Early Voting. In order to vote absentee, you must meet one of the criteria listed above.**

Absentee voting in Connecticut is a **two-step** process. A completed and signed [Absentee ballot application](#) must be filed with the Town Clerk before a ballot is issued. Absentee ballots will be mailed beginning July 19th. The Town Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, August 6th for absentee balloting from 9 AM – 12 noon. Applications may be filed in person, by mail, ballot drop box or by e-mail. **If filed by e-mail, the original, signed application must be returned with the ballot, or by mail,** to the Town Clerk's Office, 611 Old Post Road, Fairfield 06824 by Primary Day for the ballot to be counted.

VACANCIES ON TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Residents can apply to serve on the following Boards and Commissions:

- Conservation Commission – one vacancy for Alternate Member
- Ethics Commission – one vacancy
- Harbor Management Commission – one vacancy for Alternate Member
- Housing Authority – one vacancy
- Land Acquisition Commission – one vacancy

I have made it a priority to highlight volunteer opportunities for our community through my newsletter. It has been encouraging to see so many residents filling out forms to serve on one of our many Boards and Commissions in Town.

If you would like to be considered to serve on one of these boards, please send a resume (or short bio) and a completed questionnaire to the [Office of the First Selectwoman](#). You can submit them one of two ways:

1. Use our Online [Boards and Commissions Interest Form](#); or

2. Submit your resume and a completed [questionnaire](#) to the [Office of the First Selectwoman](#)

Electronic delivery is preferred to jcarpenter@fairfieldct.org. Otherwise, please send by mail to Jennifer Carpenter, First Selectwoman's Office, 725 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06824.

*All appointees must be registered voters in Fairfield.

REVISING OUR TOWN CHARTER

I acknowledge the Town Charter isn't a topic most residents would consider exciting, it is, however, Fairfield's governing document and the final revisions made to it will be on the ballot when you go to vote in November. My priority has been to include in my newsletter, the Charter Revision Commission's (CRC) meetings, and all related information since they were established last year, to keep residents updated throughout the process.

CHARTER REVISION MEETINGS

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) held meetings on [July 11th](#) and [July 12th](#) to discuss and vote on the Commission's revisions. You can view those meetings in full by clicking on the links above.

The CRC will meet and deliberate on the items the BOS approved and sent back at their meetings next week on Wednesday, July 27th, Thursday, July 28th, and Monday, August 1st.

All the above CRC meetings will start at 6:00 PM, Hybrid: in person in the First Floor Conference Room, Sullivan Independence Hall, and on WebEx.

All meeting information, recorded meetings, and backup information can be viewed through the link below.

[Charter Revision Website](#)

PROPERTY TAX BILLS | A MESSAGE FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

The 2021 Grand List Property Tax Bills that become due on July 1, 2022, have a 30-

day grace period until Monday, August 1st. Interest begins to accrue on Tuesday, August 2nd at a rate of 1 1/2% per month, dating back to July 1, 2022.

The Tax Office is open to the public, and no appointment is necessary. You may also look up your bill and pay online by visiting fairfieldct.org/taxpayment.

Payments with an original bill coupon can also be made at any People's United Bank location. You do not need to be a customer.

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

ROUTE 136 MILLING & RESURFACING PROJECT

The State of Connecticut is undergoing milling and resurfacing on Route 136 in the Towns of Westport and Fairfield. Please be advised this project will take place during the hours from 7:00 PM – 5:30 AM. Adjustments to this schedule will be necessary due to inclement weather. If you have any questions or concerns, you may email CT Transportation Maintenance Planner Pasqualino Bruno at pasqualino.bruno@ct.gov or call **(203) 389-3035** between 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM.

BIRD SCOOTERS PILOT PROGRAM

I received several requests from our community on how to report any issues regarding the Bird Scooter Program. The quickest way to report is through the Bird app, using the "Community Mode" function.

You do not have to be a rider to use this feature. You can download the Bird app here: <https://go.bird.co/>. Community Mode is accessible by clicking the "???" in the bottom left corner of the Bird mobile app. Click this button, and you'll find three separate options: report a "Badly Parked Bird", "Damaged Bird", and "Contact Bird". This is by far the most efficient way to report issues to the Bird Team.

Additionally, you can report complaints to the Bird customer service email address & 24/7 hotline. With either method, the support team will get a pop-up instant message with the geo-position and remedy it quickly.

- Fairfield311@Bird.co, for email; or
- (866) 205-2442, which is Bird's 24/7 support line

I appreciate the helpful feedback we are receiving from the community on this pilot program and hope our residents will continue to enjoy them safely.

FAIRFIELD'S FIRST RESPONDERS

THANK YOU FAIRFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

I want to take time to acknowledge the work anniversaries for members of the [Fairfield Fire Department](#). I sincerely appreciate their dedication and long service to our community.



30 Years of Service:

Master Mechanic Rich Demko

29 Years of Service:

Lt. Pat Barry – FF Ed Riggs

19 Years of Service:

Lt. Dennis Eannotti – Lt. Jay Swindon – FF Ed Walsh – FF Tim Ward

16 Years of Service:

FF Tim Firla – FF Finn MacDaniel – FF Mike Schumann

FAIRFIELD FIRE FIGHTERS OSHA CONFINED SPACE RESCUE DRILL

This week, our [Fairfield Fire Fighters](#) practiced confined space rescue techniques and gained familiarity in utility-type confined spaces at Fairfield University. The evolutions included: entering and searching below-grade spaces; monitoring the atmosphere; using rope and slide systems to stabilize and remove victims and practice hardwire communications skills in PPE. These incidents are low in frequency, but high in risk when they occur and happen in all weather conditions as experienced in Fairfield over the past three days. Thank you to Fairfield University for their support of our Fire Department's training program and for enhancing safety.



WELCOME NEW POLICE OFFICERS

This afternoon I had the honor to give the oath of office and welcome four new Police Officers to the [Fairfield Police Department](#).

Officers Mark Laoue, Dominic Migliaro and Christopher Ogrinc are joining Fairfield with previous law enforcement experience. Officer Christian Lewczak is an entry-level officer who will begin training at the Connecticut Police Academy and will be joining his fellow officers upon completion.



I am proud our Police Department is able to recruit such quality candidates in what has been a very difficult recruiting environment for police departments statewide. I hope you will join me in welcoming these new Fairfield officers and in wishing them safe and successful careers.

PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

Fairfield is incredibly blessed to have honorable men and women who have sworn an oath to serve and protect our community with great humility.

Last Friday, I was honored to give the oath of office to Lieutenant Chris Mastronardi, Sergeant Nicole Gerosa and Detective Brian Griffin for their new positions within the [Fairfield Police Department](#).

I also had the special treat of swearing in Father Peter Cipriani as the new Police Chaplain.

I hope Fairfielders will join me in congratulating these fine men and women who watch over our community every day.



FAREWELL & THANK YOU

I want to share my deepest appreciation to Lieutenant James Perez and Officer



Greg Carroll for their 30 years of service to our community with the [Fairfield Police Department](#). Our Town is fortunate to have such dedicated law enforcement officers, and we wish them both a happy and healthy retirement.



FAIRFIELD POLICE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

I want to take the time to thank Deputy Chief Keith Broderick for his hard work and commitment to the [Police Union Scholarship Fund](#). Established in 2014, the scholarship fund was created to benefit the children of Fairfield Police Officers. The

fund began with an initial contribution of \$10,000 and has grown substantially through a combination of fundraisers, donations, and voluntary payroll deductions from members of the Fairfield Police Department.




Deputy Chief Broderick has displayed the utmost support for this fund, which serves our future leaders.

I hope you will take the time to watch this video highlighting the importance and impact of the scholarship fund [here](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

AQUARION MANDATORY IRRIGATION SCHEDULE



Twice-Weekly Sprinkler Irrigation Schedule	
Last Digit of Your Address Number	Please Water Only On:
0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 (even numbers)	Sunday & Wednesday 12:01 am – 10:00 am, or 6:00 pm – Midnight
1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 (odd numbers)	Saturday & Tuesday 12:01 am – 10:00 am, or 6:00 pm – Midnight
No address number	Sunday & Wednesday 12:01 am – 10:00 am, or 6:00 pm – Midnight

The Governor has issued a drought advisory and recommended residents be mindful of their water consumption. Read more [here](#).

FAIRFIELD TAKES ON THE MAJOR LEAGUES

Fairfield's very own, Charlie Leddy, has been drafted by the New Jersey Devils in the fourth round of the National Hockey League (NHL) draft with the 126th overall pick.

At just 18 years old, Charlie is now an esteemed member of the NHL and committed to two years at Boston College before he makes his debut. Charlie spent two years with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program and has an impressive game streak. I am proud of Charlie's talent and drive, even at such a young age,

and I wish him the best in his NHL career. If you want to learn more about Charlie, please take the time to read the article on him in the [Fairfield Patch](#).



Photo by Mike Mulholland / Getty Images

FAIRFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE

[Fairfield American](#) had a 5-3 victory against Trumbull in the District 2 Little League Final. The team's win advanced them to the Section 1 Tournament, where they won 8-0 in the first game. Last night, Fairfield American faced Orange in the sectionals, and will now be moving on to the championship game of Section 1 against Ridgefield. The winner of this game will go to the State Final Four. Go team!



Photo by Pete Paguaga / Hearst Connecticut

FAIRFIELD FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION

As a part of this year's Shop and Stroll into Spring event, we raised funds for the [Fairfield Foundation for Education](#) (FFE), a 501 (c) (3) organization that awards grants to teachers in the Fairfield Public Schools to enhance and enrich the curriculum and engage students in developing skills needed for critical thinking and creative problem-solving.

On July 13th, I was happy to present a check with Community and Economic Development Director, Mark Barnhart, to FFE Founder and President, Ann Clark, and Treasurer Kathy Caulfield for \$700.00.



I am a long-time supporter of this important foundation and particularly enjoyed seeing Ann Clark, who was the Superintendent of Fairfield Public Schools when I

served on the Board of Education. I sincerely appreciate our community's support for the Fairfield Foundation for Education.

SALKO FARM & STABLE

I was happy to present a proclamation to life-long resident Chris Salko, a second-generation owner of [Salko Farm & Stable](#), for enriching our community through his treasured horse farm.

Chris, who has lived and worked on the Salko Farm his entire life, was 19 when he took over the family business that was started by his parents, Anna and Andrew, in 1948. Thanks to Chris' hard work, determination and love for family and community, Salko Farm & Stable is a Fairfield County institution and a place that rarely exists in this day and age of technology, malls and indoor activities.

Thousands of kids have been fortunate to experience Salko Farm as their "home away from home" – a safe place where they spend the most impressionable and emotionally important years of their young lives and where they come back to visit when they are home from college. It was a pleasure to meet a fellow native of Fairfield, especially one who took up the mantle of running his family's farm.





Photo by Salko Farm & Stable

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FAIRFIELD POLICE SUNSET 5K

The 4th Annual Police Sunset 5k is a [fun event](#) that brings our residents together for exercise and community building. While the temperature was very hot on Wednesday, it certainly didn't stop runners and walkers from coming out to support the [Fairfield Police Department](#).

Kudos to Deputy Chief Keith Broderick and Eric Johnson from [MONECO Advisors](#) for their dedication and hard work in making this race possible. I also want to thank the fantastic sponsors that support this event every year.

A special congratulations is in order for Officer Chanse Wilkie, who won "fastest cop" in the 5k with a time of 23:17! The fastest male was Byron Grevious with a time of 15:58, and the fastest female was Ashley Harvey with a time of 19:19, both of whom finished the race at impressive speeds. Shout out to



Deputy Chief Keith Broderick, head organizer of the race, who had an impressive speed himself and beat his time from last year's race.

All proceeds from the race are donated to the Fairfield Police Union Scholarship Fund, the Fairfield Police Foundation and the K-9 fund. For more information, or to consider future sponsorships, please click [here](#).



FIRST RESPONDER CAR WASH

Thank you to all who joined to support the 3rd annual First Responders Car Wash. Our community came together to give back to those who protect and serve us every day by washing their vehicles, which include police cruisers, fire trucks, and more.

The First Responders Car Wash would not be possible without the generous contributions of the Duffy family, who provide all of the supplies as well as lunch for the volunteers. The Duffy family are co-founders of [SASO Fairfield](#), an organization that inspires members of our community to be leaders who make positive changes and helps with the car wash each year.



BUSINESSES

BELOVED FAIRFIELD BUSINESS

It takes a lot of hard work and determination to run a small business, especially a family business.

I hope our community will join me in congratulating Larry and Dee Leonzi for running [Hair Explosion](#) in Fairfield for 45 years.



Photo by Mary Alice Limperopulous, Town of Fairfield Office of Community & Economic Development

SIDEWALK SALE & STREET FAIR

Thank you to all of those who attended and participated in this year's annual Fairfield Sidewalk Sale & Street Fair. It was a great success and we look forward to next year's event! To stay up-to-date on what's going on in Town, check out our calendar and list of events at experiencefairfieldct.org.

I want to give a special thank you to Community & Economic Development Director Mark Barnhart and Marketing Coordinator Mary Alice Limperopulos for organizing this community event that supports our local businesses.



Photo by Darius Terepka



Photo by Mary Alice Limperopoulos

UPCOMING EVENTS

OPERATION HOPE SUMMER SLIDE FOOD DRIVE

The "summer slide" is the time when school is out and learning, in particular for low-income kids, lags. It's also a time when parents who rely on daily school breakfast and lunch during the school year find it even harder to put food on the table to feed their families.

Help Operation Hope of Fairfield take a bite out of the "summer slide" and support our summer food drive. Join us Saturday, July 30th, 10 AM – 12 PM at Sherman Town Green. Help our neighbors in need by stocking our Food Pantry with the much-

needed items listed below. If you can't attend the food drive, please consider making a monetary donation [here](#) or purchasing items for our Food Pantry through our Amazon Wish List [here](#).



- Cash & grocery store gift cards
- Jelly & honey
- Canned fruit
- Canned chili & stew
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Microwave popcorn
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Ramen cups & packets
- Cleaning products

PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER EVENTS

The Fairfield Parks & Recreation Department puts together wonderful events for families to enjoy all summer long.



CONCERTS FOR LITTLE ONES

The Butter Jams are well underway for the season. Wednesdays at the Sherman Green Gazebo at 10:15 AM, bring your little ones to enjoy live music. In the case of inclement weather, the concerts are moved to Penfield Pavilion. The last two dates are July 27th and August 3rd. [Click here for more information.](#)

SHERMAN GREEN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Enjoy live music on the Sherman Green on beautiful evenings throughout the summer. For dates and band information, please [click here](#).

SAND JAM MOVIE NIGHTS

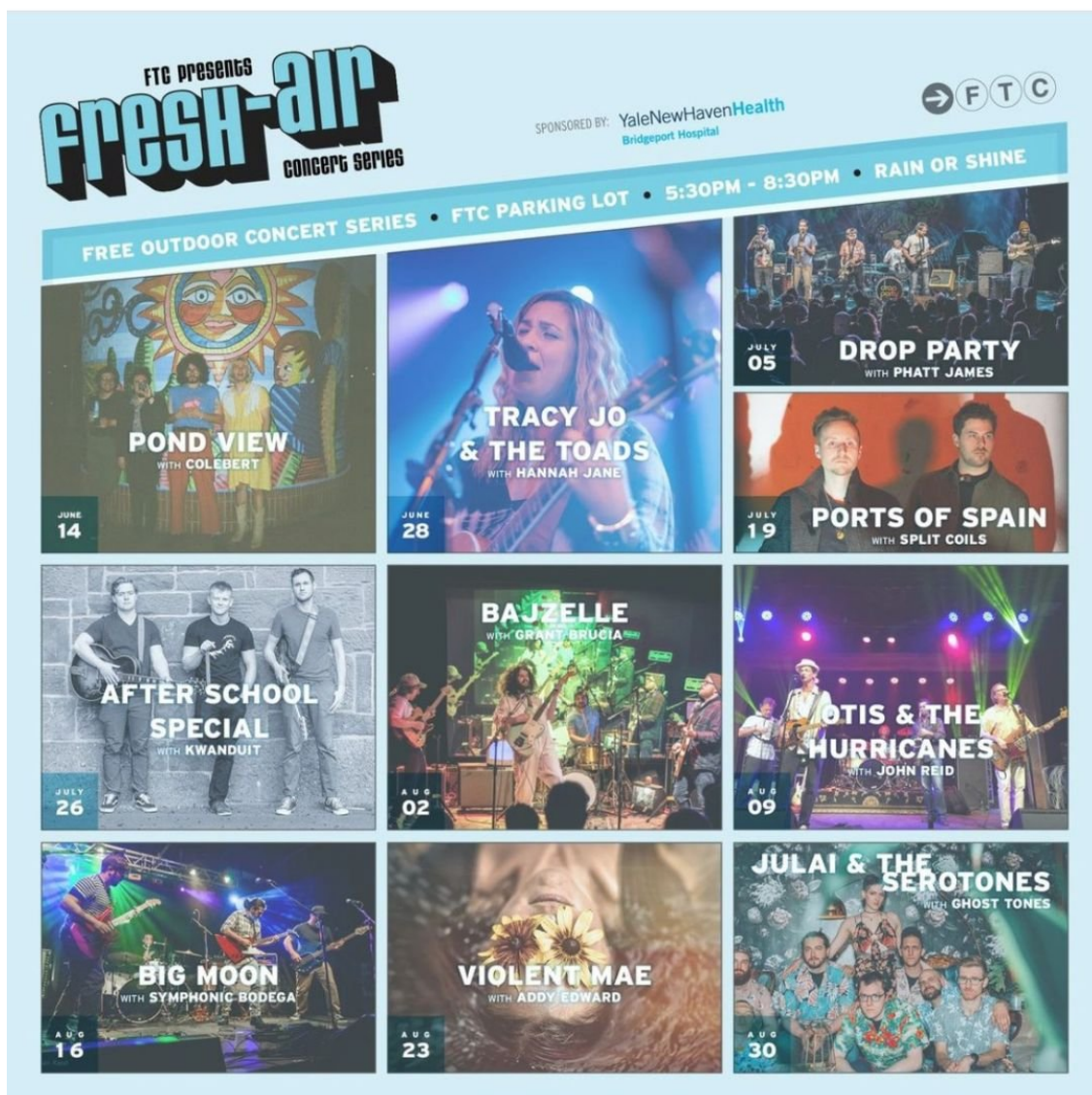
Visit Jennings Beach for a DJ at 6:30 PM and a movie at dark. The remaining date for this event is August 4th. [Click here for more information.](#)

S'MORES SUNDAY

Enjoy s'mores on the beach by a bonfire at Lake Mohegan on July 24th and August 21st, 5:00 – 6:00 PM. [Click here for more information.](#)

FTC FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

Have you checked out The Fairfield Theatre Company Fresh-Air Concert Series yet this summer? Head over to the FTC parking lot on select Tuesdays through August 30th to enjoy music, friends, food, and fun! For more info, check out their website at www.fairfieldtheatre.org.



JAZZ FRIDAYS AT THE FAIRFIELD MUSEUM & HISTORY CENTER

The Fairfield Museum & History Center is excited to announce that their **free** Jazz Friday concert series will kick off on **Friday, August 5th**, and will run through **Friday, August 26th**. Free performances will be held every Friday in August from **6:30 PM – 8 PM** on the rear patio of the Museum. Bring your chairs, blanket, and a picnic to enjoy during the event. In the case of inclement weather, they will try to reschedule the performances.



2022 Jazz Fridays Line Up:

- Friday, August 5th – Brian Torff
- Friday, August 12th – Bill Crowe Quartet
- Friday, August 19th – Isabella Mendes
- Friday, August 26th – Chris Coogan

For more information about the artists and the Jazz Fridays concert series, please visit their [website](#). *Jazz Fridays is generously sponsored by Bank of America, the Connecticut Office of the Arts, and Alan and Sylvia Neigher.*



PEQUOT LIBRARY SUMMER BOOK SALE

Pequot Library's Annual Summer Book Sale will kick off today and will run through July 26th. This popular event is one of New England's largest book sales with over 100,000 books plus CDs, DVDs, records, and unique specials. For more information, including the schedule, please click [here](#). I hope to see you there and leaving with some great summer reads!

I hope you have a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brenda". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing 'B' and a cursive 'L'.

Brenda L. Kupchick
Fairfield First Selectwoman

COVID-19 UPDATE

The [CDC](#) uses "[Community Level](#)" indicators, which focus on the presence of severe illness as indicated by hospitalization-related data to determine prevention steps. COVID-19 cases are holding steady in Fairfield over the last several weeks and Fairfield County is currently in the CDC's "Medium" Community-level category, with most counties in CT being in the "Low" or "Medium" categories. The Health Department recommends residents follow the [CDC guidance](#), which includes talking to your provider about wearing a mask and other precautions if you are high-risk, staying up to date with vaccination, and getting tested if symptomatic.

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.

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19, you may be eligible for oral COVID-19 medications. For a list of Test to Treat locations in Fairfield, please visit the [Test to Treat website](#). If you have any questions, please speak with your primary care physician.

JULY UPDATES

OPEN HOUSE AT THE FAIRFIELD MUSEUM

Come check out all of the historic properties on the Museum Commons every Saturday in July and August from 10 AM – 2 PM! More than 400 years of diverse stories are embedded in this intimate campus, which also serves as the Town of Fairfield's civic center and the home of the Fairfield Museum.

Exhibitions and interactive displays are featured in three buildings: Sun Tavern, Victorian Cottage with its dedicated early childhood space, and Victorian Barn. Each Saturday, the museum will also offer a drop-in family workshop.

The exhibitions are free with museum admission. Please click [here](#) for more information.



Fairfield Sun Tavern



Victorian Cottage

FAIRFIELD FARMER'S MARKET

The [Fairfield Farmer's Market](#) has begun its season on the Sherman Green. The market will be open on Sundays from 10 AM – 2 PM until October 9th.

The Greenfield Hill Farmer's Market is now open Saturdays from 10 AM – 1 PM until October 29th. For more information, please [click here](#).



OPERATION HOPE | FOOD PANTRY

[Operation Hope's Food Pantry](#) is open all Summer to **all** Fairfield residents on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and Thursday from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

Items can be dropped off at 636 Old Post Road between 9:15 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. During the month of July, Operation Hope is in need of the following items:

- Canned Fruit
- Sugar
- Oil
- Chili & Stew
- Chef Boyardee/Spaghettios
- Pancake Syrup & Pancake Mix
- Toothpaste
- Baby Wipes/Flushable wipes
- Ensure/Boost
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper & Tissues
- Salad Dressing/Pickles
- Jelly/Honey
- Dried/Canned Potatoes

Thank you for considering a donation to help them feed our hungry neighbors!

THE AED SUBCOMMITTEE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Fairfield Parks & Recreation Board's Subcommittee on Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) is notifying the public of a request to comment on draft recommendations on the current placement and need for Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at public locations, under the purview of the Fairfield Parks, where cardiac arrest is likely to occur. The aim of the subcommittee's recommendations are to improve access to AEDs and survival of sudden cardiac events by enhancing information sharing and cooperation across Town government and with private organizations. The deadline to reply is August 5th. Please [click here](#) for more information.



GROWING FOR GOOD

Growing for Good was established two years ago by the Greens Farms Garden Club as a community effort to grow organic vegetables and donate the produce to those who face food insecurity across neighboring communities.

This initiative is possible through the generosity of Prospect Garden in Westport, Wakeman Town Farm in Westport, and St. Timothy's Church in Fairfield by providing community gardening plots. Currently, Growing for Good donates its produce to St John's Family Center and Mercy Learning Center along with Ginny Levy at [Limehawk Farm](#), supplying her farm-fresh eggs and other produce.

I encourage you to learn more about Growing for Good's initiatives by reading their [brochure](#) or visiting their website [here](#).

Free Narcan Training

provided by Fairfield



Open to all Community members.
Each registered participant aged 18
and up will receive a free opioid
overdose reversal kit.

In Person

Fairfield Woods Branch Library

3rd Thursday of each month

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Register at:

communitynarcantrainingfairfieldct.eventbrite.com



PLEASE CLICK IMAGE ABOVE FOR MORE INFORMATION



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](#)

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

TOWN SERVICES

CONNECTICUT CHILD TAX REBATES

This one-time tax rebate program ends in two weeks. Couples filing jointly, earning \$200,000 or less in 2021, may apply for direct payments, receiving \$250 for each child age 18 and younger (capped at \$750 per household). The income thresholds for single-earner filers and heads of household are set at \$100,000 and \$160,000 respectively. Those who made slightly more than the various thresholds in 2021 may still qualify for the rebate, which will be adjusted 10% for each extra \$1000 in income earned. Parents have until July 31st to claim the child tax rebate from the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services, with payments scheduled to be made by late August.

For more information and to access the application, please go to www.portal.ct.gov/DRS and click on the icon “2022 CT Child Tax Rebate”, or call **860-297-5999**.

MYHOMECT MORTGAGE RELIEF PROGRAM

MyHomeCT is a federally-funded Mortgage Relief Program for Connecticut homeowners who have experienced financial hardships due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This program is administered by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA). Homeowners may be eligible for up to \$30,000 in grant assistance, paid directly to the mortgage servicer or debt provider. A complete list of eligibility criteria and program parameters may be found at www.chfa.org/MyHomeCT. Homeowners may also call **877-894-4111**. For additional support and assistance with the application process, contact one of the following local organizations:

- *Alliance for Community Empowerment* – **203-366-8241**
- *BNT (Building Neighborhoods Together)* – **203-290-4255**
- *The WorkPlace* – **203-610-8511**

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



The Library encourages patrons to explore “Press Reader,” a new database available through the Fairfield Public Library website. With Press Reader, users can read online or via the Press Reader app more than 7,000 newspapers and magazines from around the globe, and in more than 60 languages. The best part is that all downloaded articles are yours to keep forever! Right-click on any article in a foreign language and translate it to English or 20 other world languages here: <https://fairfieldpubliclibrary.org/learning-and-research/databases/>

From June 11th through August 6, 2022, the public can view “Structural Dimensions” at the Bruce S. Kershner Art Gallery at Main Library. “Structural Dimensions” features the work of local artists Louise Cadoux, Sooo-z Mastropietro, and Alan Neider; the exhibit can be viewed during regular Library hours. **Opening on**

August 13th: “Poetic Journeys.”

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](#) 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 closed on Sundays from July on. 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: The Lure of the Garden: The Enduring Desire to Work and Shape the Land

Whether for pleasure or practicality, humanity’s relationship with the soil has sustained since we quite literally planted roots as a species over 6,000 years ago. The Lure of the Garden invites visitors to explore the enduring desire to shape and cultivate the land, from the propagation of the “three sisters” – corn, beans, and squash – by Native Americans, to garden clubs, war-era Victory Gardens, and community and pollinator gardens. With materials dating back to the 1500s, the Monroes and the Wakemans, founders of the library, sought to curate a collection that would be democratic — of use to all classes of society from the financier to the farmer. Pequot Library’s Special Collections reflect the changing tastes, styles, and purposes of gardens, as well as their enduring lure. *(On view in the Pequot Library’s Perkin Gallery from June 23, 2022 – February 5, 2023).*

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.

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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