

Town of Fairfield News

8/19/2022 - 8.19 TOWN UPDATE



Dear Fairfielders,

It's hard to believe August is nearly over and our students will be heading back to school at the end of the month.

I hope you were able to take advantage of the many wonderful summer activities our [Parks & Recreation](#)

[Department](#) offers our community with your friends and family. There is still time to take part in [live music on our Sherman Green](#) during warm summer evenings or simply have some fun on a Sunday night making [s'mores on the beach](#) by a bonfire at Lake

Mohegan on August 21st, 5:00 – 6:00 PM.



Whatever you choose to do, I hope you take some time to enjoy these final weeks of summer with your family.

TOWN GOVERNMENT NEWS

REVISING OUR TOWN CHARTER

On August 11th, the Board of Selectmen (BOS) took its final action and voted on the Charter Revision Commission's (CRC) recommendations to revise the Town Charter. You can watch the Board of Selectmen's final meeting [here](#). This November, the question of whether or not to approve the revised charter will be on the ballot.

The Charter Revision language that will appear on the ballot will be as follows:

Shall the Town of Fairfield Charter be reorganized to:

- (A) make it easier to use and understand;
- (B) modernize language and references throughout;
- (C) update and expand definitions; and
- (D) make substantive changes, including but not limited to the following:
 - (1) uniform standards of conduct, civility and operations;
 - (2) streamlined budget and contract approval procedures;
 - (3) allow for greater competition in Board of Education elections;
 - (4) modify Board of Selectperson vacancy process;
 - (5) codify the current forty-member RTM with ten districts;
 - (6) appointment of Constables;
 - (7) codify the positions of Town Administrator and Chief of Staff;
 - (8) modify residency and qualification standards for certain department heads;
 - (9) update the Board of Library Trustees responsibilities; and
 - (10) amend the process for updating the Town Seal.

Per State Statute, towns are recommended to review and update their town charters every ten years. As you may recall, the CRC began its work last September carefully reviewing the entire Town Charter that hasn't been revised since 2006, nearly 16 years ago. However, the 2006 Charter Commission was only directed to review and revise several specific areas of the Town Charter.

The last time Fairfield's Town Charter, which was established in 1947, was completely reviewed and revised was in the 1970s under First Selectman John Sullivan. Our Town has changed dramatically in the past 50 years in many ways. Most notably, our Town has seen a large increase in population and the age of the internet and e-mail, along with many other technological advances, that are more prominently used in government, business and personal use.

The Town Charter is the foundation that guides principles for governance, its powers and functions, and essential procedures for our Town government. I want to thank the residents who provided input and valuable feedback for the CRC and the BOS to help complete this important work.

In the coming weeks and months, I will share helpful information with our residents on the details included in the revisions that I believe will be very helpful in guiding our Town's elected officials and government in a more user-friendly and updated document that is reflective of the needs of today's Fairfield Town governance.

Charter Revision Website

SMOKE TESTING ADVISORY

Wright-Pierce, on behalf of the Town of Fairfield Water Pollution Control Facility, will be conducting sanitary sewer surveys that will involve smoke testing of the sewer pipes in neighborhoods during the weeks of August 15th, August 22nd, and August 29th, 2022.

SMOKE TESTING: "SMOKE TEST" survey will assist our inspection crews in locating breaks and defects in our sewer system. The work includes blowing non-toxic smoke into the sewer collection system through the manholes. You may see smoke coming from the vent stacks and downspouts on houses, from holes in the ground, or from catch basins and drains. The smoke is NON-TOXIC, NON-STAINING, HAS NO ODOR, IS WHITE TO GRAY IN COLOR AND CREATES NO FIRE HAZARD.

The smoke should not enter your home unless you have defective plumbing or dried-up drainpipes. It's recommended that you pour a gallon of water into each drain in your household prior to this testing.

If smoke enters your home or business during the testing, this is a good indicator that sewer gases may also be entering your home or business. Please notify our work crews on site or Katie Kinkade at Wright-Pierce at (860) 852-1905.

IMPORTANT! If you feel there may be a concern with individuals in your home or business who have respiratory problems or are immobile, please contact Katie Kinkade at Wright-Pierce at (860) 852-1905 when you are notified of this upcoming testing.

For more information, please visit the Town's website at fairfieldct.org/sewer and watch the video below:



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 for Alternate Member
- FairTv Commission – two vacancies

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.

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT PHOTO CONTEST

Later this fall/early winter, the Conservation Department will be relocating to the first floor of Sullivan Independence Hall. The department's staff is asking for your help in decorating their new office space with your photos of our Town's conservation areas.



Contest Rules:

- Photographs submitted must be taken within the Town of Fairfield.
- Photographs submitted shall be of natural resources/landscapes related to this Department's charge. **For example:** open spaces, inland or tidal wetlands, streams, shellfish, wildlife, plants, etc.
- Each person may submit up to ten total images.
- Images shall be submitted in JPEG or PNG formats no larger than 8MB via email at conservation@fairfieldct.org.
- Up to fifteen images will be selected by Department staff to be printed on canvas and hung in the office.
- **Submission Deadline:** Friday, December 30, 2022, at 4:30 PM

Please contact the Conservation Department at conservation@fairfieldct.org with any questions or for additional details.

The Conservation Department regularly posts news to the webpage. Please visit fairfieldct.org/conservation to stay up to date on conservation news.

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. **The deadline to sign is September 6th.**

The [WPCA Commission](#) voted on new sewer use fees at this past Tuesday's meeting. The new sewer rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is \$4.85 per CCF and an annual minimum charge of \$150.

These rates will go into effect on August 15, 2022.

A property owner's estimated annual water consumption is calculated using Aquarion Water Company's consumption data from approximately December 1st of the prior year through April 30th of the year billed. The five months of data is then multiplied by 2.4 to approximate a full year (twelve months) of consumption. The measurement period selected eliminates usage for watering lawns, pool filling, etc. Consumption is measured in CCFs (one CCF = 100 cubic feet of water or 748 gallons).

The Town of Fairfield purchases actual consumption figures from Aquarion. Your individual consumption history can be found on your Aquarion bill. For questions on water consumption contact Aquarion Water at **(203) 337-5991**. For more information visit fairfieldct.org/seweruse.

FAIRFIELD'S FIRST RESPONDERS

FAREWELL & THANK YOU

I want to share my deepest appreciation to Captain Tom Ferrara for his 18 years of service as a Part-Time Fire School Training Assistant for the [Fairfield Fire Department](#). Captain Ferrara retired as a Shift Commander at the Eastchester N.Y. Fire Department and has served our community since 2004. Our Town is fortunate to have such dedicated first responders, and we wish Captain Ferrara a happy and healthy retirement.



I also want to acknowledge the work anniversaries for members of the Fairfield Fire Department. I sincerely appreciate their dedication to our community.

26 Years of Service:

Lt. John Calandriello – Lt. Bob Smith – Lt. Scott Trembley

17 Years of Service:

Administrative Assistant Denise Sherwood

FAIRFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

I want to give a warm welcome to Richard "Will" Garbus for joining the staff at the [Fairfield Regional Fire School](#) as a Part-Time Fire School Training Assistant. Will is a career New Canaan Firefighter, and I know the department is excited for him to join as an educator. I wish Will the best as he enters his new position.



FAIRFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

On Wednesday, I had the honor to administer the oath of office to Officer Justin Young who was promoted to the rank of Detective. I wish Detective Young congratulations and best of luck in his new position.



COMMUNITY NEWS

FAIRFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE

[Fairfield American](#) had a major 3-1 win against Rhode Island in the first game of the Little League World Series Regional Tournament. The team faced a loss to NY Massapequa Coast LL 7-5 and to New Jersey Toms River East 3-1 in the Metro Region semifinal game, taking the team out of the finals. Win or lose, this is an

experience these boys will never forget!

I want to express how proud I am of the team for the hard work and commitment they have put into this season. It is extremely impressive how far they made it into the tournament, and I know they will have the same drive as fall baseball season begins in the coming months. Fairfield is proud of your effort and hard work!



Photos from Fairfield Amerian's [Facebook post](#)

CONNECTICUT SHELLFISH PRESERVATION

On August 8th, the Town of Fairfield [Shellfish Commission](#) hosted a Connecticut Shellfish Restoration celebration and press conference. The Shellfish Commission welcomed Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, members of USDA, NOAA, CTDEEP, DOAG, UCONN, Bureau of Aquaculture, The Pew Charitable Trust, State and local representatives and community environmental groups. The conference focused largely on the oyster restoration efforts in Ash Creek and the new Connecticut Shellfish Restoration Plan. This plan is intended to foster the preservation of shellfish beds in Long Island Sound.



I want to sincerely thank Fairfield's Shellfish Commission and Conservation Director Tim Bishop for donating their time to the betterment of our environment and the preservation of our historical coastal lands. You can read more about the press conference and the Commission's work [here](#).

Photo by Judy Benson

SEEKING PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS

The Town of Fairfield is looking to locate and recognize WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, OEF, OIF and other Purple Heart recipients, Gold Star families and families of deceased Purple Heart recipients. There are many Purple Heart recipients and families in our community. We would like to recognize and celebrate each one at an upcoming Veterans Day Celebration. Details to follow.

To submit a name, email Veterans@fairfieldct.org or call Julie DeMarco, Human Services Department, (203) 256-3169, to share the name of a Purple Heart recipient.

GUSTAVE WHITEHEAD | FIRST IN FLIGHT

The Town of Fairfield proudly joined the City of Bridgeport to [honor and recognize](#) the 121st anniversary of Gustave Whitehead's historic "[First in Flight](#)" which took place August 14, 1901, *prior* to the 1903 flight of the Wright Brothers in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

Whitehead, who had lived in both Fairfield and Bridgeport, performed preliminary flight tests from May through July of 1901, in Bridgeport's West End and the surrounding towns of Fairfield and Stratford. On August 14, 1901, Whitehead invited the press to watch him fly the world's first, successfully manned, powered aircraft. He left Bridgeport around midnight and drove his plane, the "Condor No. 21", to Turney Farm in Fairfield. Whitehead took off at dawn, flying half a mile at a height of up to 50 feet before smoothly landing in the area about ½ mile northeast of what is now Jennings Beach.

After this unprecedented flight, Whitehead continued to make short flights before developing a more robust diesel engine, naming his new plane "No. 22" and piloting longer flights. He made a circular flight between Charles Island off Milford, Connecticut and Bridgeport in January 1902.

The history-changing events of Whitehead's pioneering achievements resulted in the world's foremost authority on aviation history, *Jane's All the World's Aircraft*, formally recognizing Whitehead based on the total evidence, for making history's first flight in a heavier-than-air aircraft. The Connecticut State Legislature then officially

recognized Whitehead, the “Father of Flight,” predating the Wright Brothers’ flight when both the House and Senate unanimously approved a bill that was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 26, 2013.

[The Fairfield Museum](#) has the largest Gustave Whitehead archive in the United States and currently has an exhibit on him in their library.



Photo from Gustave Whitehead Research Committee

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SANDCASTLE CONTEST



The [Fairfield Police Athletic League \(PAL\)](#) hosted its 6th annual Sandcastle Contest on August 6th. There was a wonderful turnout for this family-fun community event. I want to thank PAL for organizing and hosting the contest for residents to enjoy and share their creativity.

1st Place Winners:

- Most Artistic: The Powers, Schmalzle & Anns families for "Oliver the Octopus"
- Most Original: The K Team for the "Recycling Whale"
- Most Realistic: Katherine Derosé, Danny Derosé & Maks McKenna for "Easter Island"

- Junior Division: Akbar Bekmurodov, Ali Bekmurodi, Kamold Rabbimovall & Akmal Mahatov for "Temple of Sand"

Congratulations to all of the winners for their creative work! Please click [here](#) to view the 2nd and 3rd place winners and more event photos.



Photos courtesy of the [Fairfield Police Athletic League](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CATCH A LIFT | INAUGURAL GOLF & TENNIS OUTING



Founded in 2010, [Catch a Lift \(CAL\)](#) was established to help post 9/11 combat-injured veterans across the United States to recover and rehabilitate both physically and mentally through physical fitness, motivation and support.

This year, Fairfield will join Westport in a friendly rivalry to support the foundation's Inaugural Connecticut Golf & Tennis Outing. The event will take place on Monday, September 12th at the Patterson Club in Fairfield. Please click [here](#) for more

information on how you or your team can sign up. Watch the fun video below created by Fairfield resident, Alex Vishno.



Logo by Catch a Lift

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Safe & Free Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

Fairfield Residential Waste Only
Veterans Park, 909 Reef Road
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A program brought to you by the
Regional Water Authority and the Town of Fairfield

HOUSEHOLD HAZWASTE CENTRAL

Working with Communities to Protect the Environment

Preregistration required. Visit rwater.com/hazwaste to register and for more information, or call **203-401-2712**.



For information on what materials are accepted please click on the above image or visit fairfieldct.org/hazwaste/collectionday.

TAX FREE WEEK

Calling all shoppers! I encourage you to take advantage of the upcoming tax free week August 21st – 27th and shop local for back-to-school or treat yourself to something new. Please visit [Experience Fairfield](#) for more information.



There are more upcoming events, including free concerts, paddlefest, farmers markets, glow on the green, you can see by scrolling down below.

BUSINESSES

ISLA & CO

This Wednesday afternoon, we officially welcomed Isla & Co to Fairfield with a [ribbon cutting](#)! You can visit them at 11 Unquowa Road, next to the SHU Community Theatre, and check out their delicious menu [here](#).



Photos by Mike Lauterborn

CRUMBL COOKIES

Welcome to Fairfield, [Crumb! Cookies](#)! You can start your weekend with a sweet treat by visiting them at 2261 Black Rock Turnpike.





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THE BRICK PROJECT | SEPTEMBER 15th

**Fairfield and Southport businesses, nonprofits & restaurants only ...
ORDER YOUR COMMEMORATIVE BRICK TODAY!**



**Leave a lasting legacy in Fairfield's downtown streetscape
for all to see now, and in the future!**

PLEASE CLICK THE IMAGE ABOVE FOR MORE INFORMATION

I do my best to identify news and announcements that may be helpful for our residents. I hope you will scroll through the resources and more upcoming events below.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

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 all 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.

The Fairfield Health Department will be hosting two COVID-19 1st booster ONLY clinics.

- Pfizer 5 to 11-year-olds, 1st boosters ONLY on Wednesday, August 24th from 10 AM – 1 PM.
- Pfizer 12+, 1st boosters ONLY on Thursday, August 25th from 10 AM – 1 PM.

Boosters are recommended five months after completing the primary series.

Both clinics will take place at our Public Health Nursing Office located at 100 Mona Terrace in the white portable behind the Senior Center. Appointments for both clinics can be made through the [VAMS website](#).

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

FTC FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

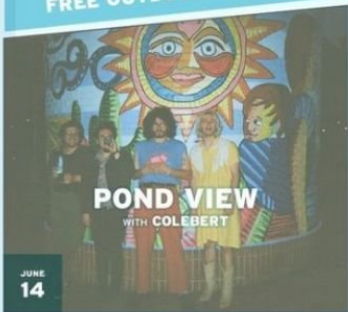









Have you checked out The Fairfield Theatre Company Fresh-Air Concert Series yet this summer? Head over to the FTC parking lot on select Tuesdays through August 30th to enjoy music, friends, food, and fun! For more info, check out their website at www.fairfieldtheatre.org.

FTC PRESENTS **FRESH-AIR** CONCERT SERIES

SPONSORED BY: YaleNewHavenHealth
Bridgeport Hospital

→ FTC

FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES • FTC PARKING LOT • 5:30PM - 8:30PM • RAIN OR SHINE

 <p>POND VIEW WITH COLEBERT JUNE 14</p>	 <p>TRACY JO & THE TOADS WITH HANNAH JANE JUNE 28</p>	 <p>DROP PARTY WITH PHATT JAMES JULY 05</p>
 <p>AFTER SCHOOL SPECIAL WITH KWANDUIT JULY 26</p>	 <p>BAJZELLE WITH GRANT BRUCIA AUG 02</p>	 <p>PORTS OF SPAIN WITH SPLIT COILS JULY 19</p>
 <p>BIG MOON WITH SYMPHONIC BODEGA AUG 16</p>	 <p>VIOLENT MAE WITH ADDY EDWARD AUG 23</p>	 <p>LOTIS & THE HURRICANES WITH JOHN REID AUG 09</p>
		 <p>JULAI & THE SEROTONES WITH GHOST TONES AUG 30</p>

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 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 Line Up:

- Friday, August 19th – Isabella Mendes
- Friday, August 26th – Chris Coogan

- Sunday, August 28th – Brian Torff

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.*

LINCOLN PARKAPALOOZA

Lincoln Parkapalooza, a community music fundraiser hosted

by the [Stratfield Village Association \(SVA\)](#), is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to the beautification of the Stratfield neighborhood in Fairfield.



Join the community and enjoy the 15+ bands, 10 host homes, 6+ food trucks, 25 local artisans, children's entertainment, trolley, cotton candy, face painting, and more!

All proceeds will go to the SVA for the benefit of the Stratfield community. Please visit the [ticket site](#) for more information on the September 10th event.



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SOUNDWAVES CONCERT

[The Fairfield Public Library](#) will host a Soundwaves Concert on Saturday, September 10th at 2 PM featuring the internationally acclaimed Lions Gate Trio. The Library's trio-in-residence features Darrett Adkins on cello, Katie Lansdale on violin, and Florence Millet on piano. Peter Alexander is the musical director.

The Library is fortunate to host this special concert through the generosity of the [Friends of the Fairfield Public Library](#). The Friends have graciously underwritten the Soundwaves concerts each year, as well as the reception that follows – an

opportunity to meet the artists and enjoy some light refreshments. For information about becoming a Friends' Music Sponsor, please click [here](#).



All programs at the Fairfield Public Library are free. Early registration is recommended as seating is limited. [Register online here](#), or for more information, call **(203) 256-3160**. The concert will be held in the Memorial Room of the Main Library, 1080 Old Post Road.

Photo courtesy of Friends of the Fairfield Public Library



GLOW ON THE GREEN!!

HOLE IN ONE CONTEST & OUTDOOR EVENT!
\$10,000 CASH PRIZE!



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
WWW.FAIRFIELDRECREATION.COM

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

NicholsMD of Fairfield

IvyRehab Network

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OPEN HOUSE AT THE FAIRFIELD MUSEUM

Come check out all of the historic properties on the Museum Commons every Saturday this 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](#).



AUGUST UPDATES



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

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 August, Operation Hope is in need of the following items:

- Juice
- Canned Fruit
- Jelly & Honey
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Toilet Paper, Paper Towels & Tissues
- Cleaning Products
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Chili & Stew
- Sugar & Oil & Flour
- Canned chicken & Spam
- Dried Fruit & Nuts
- Ramen Noodles & Instant Soup Cups

- Deodorant & Toothpaste
- Soap & Body Wash
- Cookies, Crackers & Snacks
- Dried Potatoes

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

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



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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.

[Heartsaver Layperson](#)

[CPR/AED Certification](#)

Tuesday Evening, September 6th

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

or

Saturday Morning, November 17th

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



REBATES & RELIEF

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**
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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

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!

HOME HOSPITAL

Bridgeport and Yale New Haven Hospitals received State approval for a program that was recently launched, called Home Hospital. This program not only allows patients who are hospitalized to leave the hospital sooner but also provides hospital-level care at home. Please click [here](#) for additional information.

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](#).

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 is excited to announce “BrainHQ,” a new database available through the Fairfield Public Library website. *BrainHQ* is your “personal gym for brain training,” where you can improve your memory, attention span, brain speed, and navigation skills with over two dozen scientifically-proven exercises! All you need is your Fairfield Public Library card to access this great site and start thinking faster, focusing better, and remembering more. Use [this link](#) to get started.

From August 13th through October 8, 2022, the public can view the new show from the Bruce S. Kershner Art Gallery Committee at Main Library. “Poetic Journeys” features the work of local artists Kristin Ambrosi, Zvi Goldman, and Steve Magee; the exhibit can be viewed during regular Library hours.

FPL’s Town-wide Summer Reading Challenge has officially concluded! 334 adults, 441 teens and 1,716 children participated in our Challenge, which this year had the theme “Fairfield”! Children who participated can keep adding to their reading log until August 26th; prizes will be awarded as supplies last. Congratulations to our raffle winners, and congratulations, Fairfield, on “reading local,” logging all those minutes, and attending all of our fabulous programs!

Coming in September:

- **First Friday Jazz** with pianist Mark Edinberg (Main Library: September 2nd, 3:00 – 4:30 PM)
- **Soundwaves Concert with Lion’s Gate Trio** (Main Library: September 10th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM) **Register now** [here](#).

- **Voter Registration at both Libraries on September 20th** (Main Library: 12 noon – 6:00 PM; Woods Branch: 3:00 – 6:00 PM) *Sponsored by the League of Women Voters.*

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.



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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.

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