

Town of Fairfield News

8/5/2022 - 8.5 TOWN UPDATE



Dear Fairfielders,

This past Sunday afternoon, my husband and I took time to enjoy dinner at the Old Post Tavern on their patio. It was a beautiful day to be surrounded by members of our community enjoying live music performed by Fairfield natives Christopher Robin, Trevor Sylvestro, their Uncle David and family.

Fairfield has so many amazing restaurants. I encourage residents to take advantage of the rest of the summer and fall to enjoy the many outdoor dining opportunities Fairfield has to offer.



As a reminder, 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 their outdoor dining. 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.

TOWN GOVERNMENT NEWS

PRIMARY ELECTION & ABSENTEE VOTING

Polls will be open on **Tuesday, August 9, 2022** from 6 AM to 8 PM for voting. **Please note your polling location may have changed.** Visit fairfieldct.org/wheredoivote to check your polling location.



If you are not able to vote in person on Primary Day – August 9, 2022 – you may vote by absentee ballot.

The Town Clerk's Office, located at 611 Old Post Road, will be open tomorrow, Saturday, August 6th for absentee balloting from 9 AM – 12 noon.

[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 have Early Voting laws. In order to vote by absentee ballot, you must meet one of the criteria listed above.

To check your party registration, [please click here](#). You may come in person and register to vote up until noon on Monday. Unaffiliated voters may affiliate with a party up until noon on Monday. The deadline to switch from Party to Party has passed.

To view Sample Ballots, please [click here](#).

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 were mailed beginning July 19th.

Absentee ballots must be received by 8 PM on Primary Day to be

counted. Completed ballots can also be placed in the absentee ballot drop box in front of Old Town Hall located at 611 Old Post Road.

Where Do I Vote?

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 your 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.

Wright-Pierce will be placing informational door hangers on residences and businesses located in the smoke testing areas next week. Alerts, through the Everbridge system will also be sent out prior to the testing. If you are not already signed up in the Everbridge system, you can sign up to receive those alerts [here](#).

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.

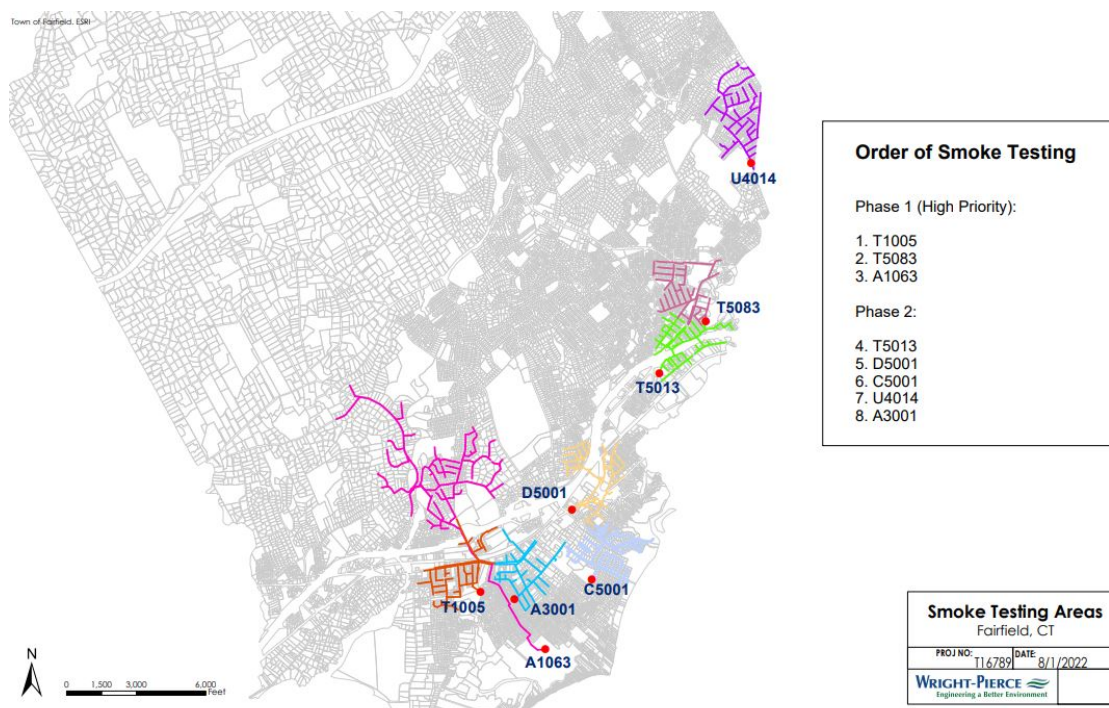
IMPORTANT! If you feel there may be a concern with individuals in your home or business who have respiratory problems or are immobile, please contact Katie Kinkade at Wright-Pierce at (860) 852-1905 when you are notified of this upcoming testing.

HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU: Most of the work will be performed on public property, usually in the street right-of-way. However, some of the work may involve personnel to walk across residential yards within the right-of-way, and the Town would greatly

appreciate our resident's cooperation in this effort. Work that requires property owner involvement is detailed below.

All field personnel will carry a photo identification badge displaying the Wright-Pierce logo. If you would like to verify the identification of a specific contractor observed in the field, please contact the Town of Fairfield Water Pollution Control Facility at (203) 256-3140.

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



OUTSTANDING BOND REFUNDING

The Town of Fairfield held a bond refunding sale on July 26th with a principal refunding amount of \$13,455,000. Bond refinancings or “refundings” are used by local governments most frequently to achieve debt service savings on outstanding bonds. The Town was able to refinance bonds issued at higher rates in 2012 and 2014. Thank you for the work of our Chief Fiscal Officer, Jared Schmitt, and the Town's Financial advisors. The timing of the refunding resulted in better-than-expected savings and exceeded industry standards.

The refunding allowed the Town to reduce its debt by more than \$740,000 over the 12-year refunding period.



REVISING OUR TOWN CHARTER

I want to sincerely thank the Charter Revision Commission for their dedication, hard work and volunteering countless hours over the last 11 months reviewing information, doing research, and listening to input from our Town's department heads, elected officials, and residents who weighed in. The Commission's effort on making informed changes to the [Town Charter](#) has created an updated governing document that will be used by all elected officials, including me, boards and commission members and all Town employees in their daily operations in service to our community.



Chairman Bryan Cafferelli, Vice-Chair Chris Brogan, Secretary Marlene Battista, RTM member Pam Iacono, BOF member John Mitola, John Wynne, Town Attorney James Baldwin, and Charter Attorney Steve Mednick

I acknowledge the Town Charter isn't a topic a majority of our residents are familiar with, it is, however, Fairfield's governing document and is important in how the Town operates. My priority from the beginning has been to ensure this process was completely transparent and our community was updated regularly with all information since the Charter Revision Commission (CRC) started its work last September.

The latest update: the CRC met and deliberated on items the Board of Selectmen (BOS) approved on [July 27th](#) and [July 28th](#). On Monday, [August 1st](#), the CRC voted on items to send back to the BOS for final approval so it can be placed on the ballot

in November for residents to vote on. You can view the last three meetings by clicking on the dates above.

All meeting information, recorded meetings, and backup information regarding the CRC's work can be viewed on their website through the link below.

Charter Revision Website

FAIRFIELD STANDS WITH FLAGMAN



I was proud to stand with the [Fairfield Fire Department](#) and the [Fairfield Police Department](#) to raise awareness for “Move Over” laws to protect those who answer the call for help. I also want to recognize Bob Smith for his dedicated work with [Flagman Inc.](#), which was founded by Cindy, Chris, and their family in memory of their brother, Cory Iodice, who lost his life answering the call.

The Fairfield Fire and Police Departments presented a \$4000 check to the Flagman nonprofit in support of the Slow Down, Move Over Law. Flagman recently worked with both departments to develop a PSA promoting SDMO and Highway Safety for Emergency Responders, Towers and DOT workers.

News 8 covered the Slow Down, Move Over story this week, which can be viewed [here](#).

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.

DUCK FARM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The Duck Farm Road Bridge project has experienced some minor delays and complications with activity expected to pick up significantly in August. The utilities are finally finishing up work that will enable the contractor to start the demolition of the bridge next week. Aquarion experienced some issues earlier this week that they have been working on resolving. The bridge contractor experienced a supply chain issue for materials that caused delays. However, the Town's consultants have revised the bridge design to utilize materials that are available which have been ordered, are being fabricated and should arrive on site by mid-August. After demolition, which typically takes 2-3 weeks, the contractor can start immediately on the foundation work. The Town is still on target for the original expected timeline of 8-16 months for bridge construction.

If you have any additional questions about this project, you can call the Town's Engineering Department at **(203) 256-3015**.

WPCA COMMISSION | SEWER USE FEES

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.

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.

INTERN RECOGNITION

It has been a pleasure having Owen Collins working as a part-time intern in my office since summer began. Owen is a rising senior at Greenwich Country Day School. I want to thank Owen for all of his hard work these past few months, and I look forward to seeing what he does next. I wish Owen success as he finishes high school next year and is off to college.



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 TO ROLL OUT NEW BIKE ROUTE IN GREENFIELD HILL



The Town of Fairfield will be launching a new bike route in the Greenfield Hill area. The [18-mile bike route](#) will connect two existing bike routes and be marked with signage intended to both guide cyclists on the route to follow as well as to inform drivers of the need to be on the lookout for cyclists and safely share the road.

The Fairfield Health Department used funds from the State's Preventative Health Block Grant (PHBG) to create Fairfield's first official bike route in 2013 in partnership with multiple community organizations. The first bike route was about three miles in length. Since that time, the Health Department and the Fairfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (FBPC), established in 2014, have partnered in the successful implementation of several bike routes: the Library to Library Route, the Lake to Beach Route, and the Shoreline Route, all of which can be found on the [FBPC webpage](#).

Signage for the Greenfield Hill Bike Route will be installed later this year. For more information about the Fairfield Health Department and Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, please visit fairfieldct.org.

FAIRFIELD'S FIRST RESPONDERS

FAREWELL & THANK YOU

I enjoyed joining our [Fairfield Police Department](#) for a retirement celebration at Colony Pizza last week to present proclamations to members of our Police Department who have retired. I thank these fine men for their long service protecting our community.



(L) Lt. Greg Gunter, Ofc. Greg Carroll, Brenda, Detective Bernie Kelley, Chief Robert Kalamaras (R)

THANK YOU FAIRFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

I want to acknowledge the work anniversary for a member of the [Fairfield Fire Department](#). I sincerely appreciate the dedication and commitment of Assistant Chief George Gomola for his 42 years of service with the Fairfield Fire Department.



COMMUNITY NEWS

FAIRFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE

[Fairfield American](#) has been keeping up an impressive winning streak. Fairfield American beat Ridgefield 3-0 in the Section 1 championship and Shelton 5-1 in the Final Four. Those two wins took them to the State Championship where they won 9-1 over East Lyme. The team is now moving on to the Metro Region Tournament with their impressive win streak.

I wish the team the best of luck on Saturday, August 6th, as Fairfield American represents Connecticut against Rhode Island at the Little League World Series Regional Tournament in Bristol. You can view the bracket [here](#). The winner will go to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA.

The Red Sea joined the team at Mill Hill Elementary School last night to cheer them on as they head to the regional tournament. I hope you will join me in rooting for Fairfield American this Saturday and tune into ESPN+.



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

LEMONADE STAND

Yesterday afternoon, while I was picking up lunch, I stopped at the lemonade stand Wyatt (8) and Annie (6) Earley were running in support of the [Center for Family Justice](#). Proceeds will be donated to the Center for Family Justice and will be directed towards supplying backpacks and school supplies for kids in need.

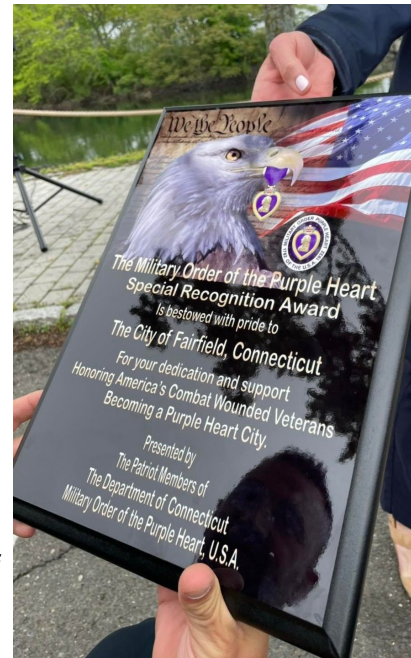
As you have probably noticed around Town this summer, there are many young Fairfielders sponsoring lemonade stands for charities. I featured a young Fairfielders' lemonade stand for the Fairfield Animal Shelter in my [July 8th](#) newsletter. It is inspiring that even at a young age, our kids are embodying the kindness that our community is known for. Thanks to members of our community who donated to Wyatt and Annie's stand, including Al DiGuido, owner of Saugatuck Sweets and founder of [Al's Angels](#), an organization that supports children and families battling cancer and other hardships, for generously contributing to Wyatt and Annie's cause.



NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY | AUGUST 7th

I was proud to announce during the Sea Memorial Day ceremony that Fairfield is officially a **Purple Heart Town** and is now listed as a Town on the [Purple Heart Trail](#). In honor of National Purple Heart Day, a Purple Heart flag will fly on Sunday, August 7th.

The Purple Heart is the oldest military award still presented to American service members and is given to those who have been wounded or killed as a result of enemy action. From the day that will forever live in infamy to the terror attacks on our soil, our members have answered our Country's call. Now, as Combat Wounded veterans, we proudly continue to serve our Country by helping America's active duty, veterans, their families and those who have borne the burden of battle.



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.

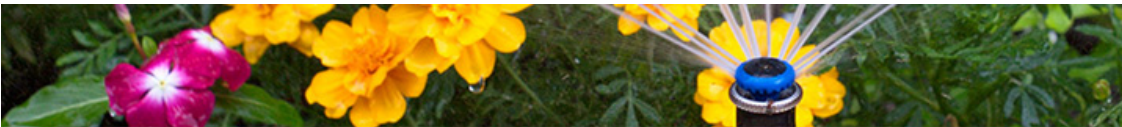
Details to follow.

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.

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.

REMINDER | AQUARION MANDATORY IRRIGATION SCHEDULE

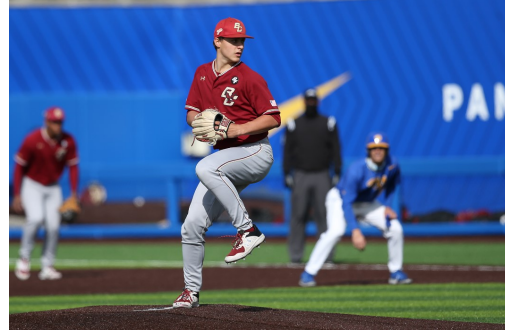


Twice-Weekly Sprinkler Irrigation Schedule	
Last Digit of Your Address Number	Please Water Only On:
0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 (even numbers)	Sunday & Wednesday 12:01 am – 10:00 am, or 6:00 pm – Midnight
1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 (odd numbers)	Saturday & Tuesday 12:01 am – 10:00 am, or 6:00 pm – Midnight
No address number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

Congratulations to Joey Mancini, 2018 Fairfield Prep Graduate, and 2022 Boston Graduate, for being drafted to the MLB Houston Astros!



A Fairfield resident, Joey was selected in the 15th round as a pitcher for the Astros. I am proud of Joey's talent and drive that got him to where he is today, and I wish him the best in his MLB career.

Photo by Boston College

CELEBRATING JULIA BERO BERNASKI

I was happy to honor resident Julia Bero Bernaski on her 100th birthday with a proclamation from the Town of Fairfield. In the 1960s, Julia and her family moved to Fairfield, where she has been a proud resident ever since. One of her fondest memories was making floats and having her children participate in the Barnum Festival Great Street and Wing Ding Parades.



Julia had the high honor of attending the January 20, 1965 Inaugural Ball of President Lyndon B. Johnson, as well as several Connecticut Gubernatorial Inaugurations. Locally, Julia was a member of the Red Hat Society and the Gaelic American Club. She was also an active volunteer at the United Church of Christ, serving as a valued and dedicated member of the Women's Guild, the Ladies Aid Society, and the Bessemer Center Seniors group.

I wish Julia a very happy and healthy 100th birthday and congratulate her on the remarkable life she has led.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

OPERATION HOPE TAG SALE

Kudos to Fairfielders, including my neighbor Patricia Kearns, who volunteered to host a sale at their homes in support of the Operation Hope Tag Sale.

The Operation Hope tag sale is always a great opportunity to seek treasures while helping our neighbors in need! Proceeds from the event go directly to help Operation Hope continue their mission to end hunger and end homelessness, one person at a time.

You can visit [Operation Hope](#) for more ways to help!



MARIA FARERI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Last Thursday, I joined members of Fairfield's Police and Fire Departments to visit Dairy Queen in support of Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. I want to especially thank Nick Frattaroli, owner of Dairy Queen, for donating 100% of Blizzard Sales to the Children's hospital.

Nick started Dairy Queen when he was 28 years old. He recently celebrated his 45th year in business and will be transferring Dairy Queen to new owners at the end of August. Nick has supported many charitable organizations in Town, including both our Fire and Police Departments, for many years. I hope you will join me in wishing

Nick Frattaroli much happiness as he retires and for his longtime support of our community.

If you weren't able to attend the event, donations can still be made [here](#) in support of advancing pediatric care.



BUSINESSES

THE BEEHIVE

It is always exciting to [cut a ribbon](#) for a successful business expanding to a brand new location! I want to offer my sincere congratulations to the owners of [The Beehive](#), Sandra Halstead and Lesley Collins.

The Beehive brings a collective and cohesive selection of curated gifts, lifestyle products, home accessories and furnishings. They provide full design services for projects large to small where customers and designers alike can schedule in-store

product consultations in selecting furnishings right off the store floor or take advantage of a product specialist to recommend pieces from hundreds of vendors from across the globe.



Equally as exciting is Mary Thornton, owner of [Party Party](#), joining The Beehive at the new location. Party Party is a stationery boutique and event planning company that offers custom invitation design, as well as wedding and event planning services.

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

THE BRICK PROJECT | AUGUST 15th

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

In Special Recognition
of our
Local Business Community



In Partnership with
The Town of Fairfield



**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 below.

I hope you have a lovely 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 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Saturday,
August 27



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

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.

SANDCASTLE CONTEST



The [Fairfield Police Athletic League \(PAL\)](http://fairfieldpoliceathleticleague.com) will be hosting its
6th annual Sandcastle Contest on August 6th from 10:30 AM – 12:30
PM at Penfield Beach. In the event of rain, the contest will be
rescheduled to August 7th.

The contest is open to individuals 18 and under and teams with at least one member
18 or under. PAL will be awarding prizes for Best Entry by a Junior, Most Original,
Most Artistic, and Most Realistic sculpture. **Registration is free.** For more
information, please click [here](#).

FAIRFIELD THEATRE COMPANY



Next Saturday, August 13th, residents are invited to join the
Fairfield Theatre Company (FTC) for a concert in support of
the [Sandy Hook Promise](#). The concert is part of a
documentary being filmed about Mark Barden and the

Sandy Hook Promise, the non-profit he founded alongside Nicole Hockley. The film is titled "A Father's Promise," and will be released in December to mark the 10th anniversary of this tragic day.

Mark tragically lost his son, Daniel, in the Sandy Hook Massacre. He has since returned to music, which has helped him and his family heal through their loss. Musical guests will also include Jimmy Vivino, The Alternate Routes, and Aztec Two Step.

All proceeds will benefit the Sandy Hook Promise. For more information on attending the benefit concert, please click [here](#).

PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER EVENTS

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



SHERMAN GREEN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

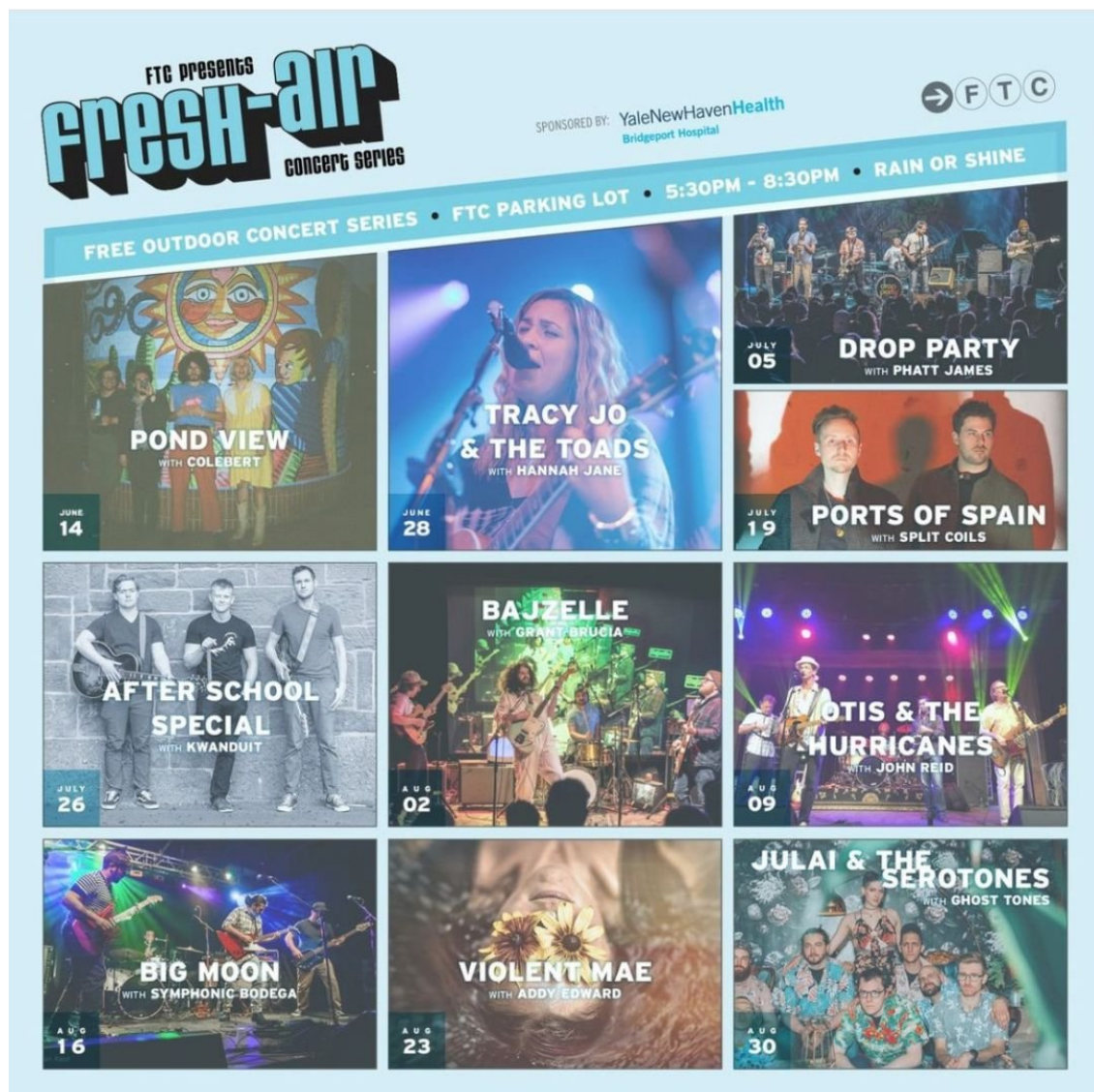
Enjoy live music on the Sherman Green on beautiful evenings throughout the summer. For dates and band information, please [click here](#).

S'MORES SUNDAY

Enjoy s'mores on the beach by a bonfire at Lake Mohegan on 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.



The poster for the FTC Fresh-Air Concert Series is a grid of nine concert dates. At the top left, it says "FTC presents FRESH-AIR concert series". To the right, it says "SPONSORED BY: YaleNewHavenHealth Bridgeport Hospital" and the FTC logo. Below this, a banner reads "FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES • FTC PARKING LOT • 5:30PM - 8:30PM • RAIN OR SHINE". The grid contains the following information:

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

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 12th**, and will run through **Sunday, August 28th**. 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 12th – Bill Crowe Quartet
- 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.*

AUGUST 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/Spaghetios
- 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



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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](#)

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

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**

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!

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.

FPL’s Summer Reading Challenge ends on August 13th. Until then, participants can log their reading minutes on our Beanstack app and participate in remaining

programs and events to win prizes! The grand prize winner will be announced shortly after the Challenge concludes on the 13th. From August 4th – 13th, participate in the Library's very own escape room, "Escape from Silliman's Mansion" at Main Library! **See our online calendar for details and to register.**

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. **The public is invited to an opening reception on Thursday, August 18th, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM in the Kershner Gallery. The artists will speak at 6:15 PM.**

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.

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