

ASHFORD CITIZEN 5 TOWN HALL ROAD ASHFORD CT 06278

Volume 50

Issue 5

May 1, 2019

"The purpose of the Ashford Citizen is to keep Ashford citizens informed on what is going on in town." (August, 1952)

**TOWN OF ASHFORD
Board of Finance**

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING

**MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019, 7:30 P.M.
ASHFORD MUNICIPAL OFFICES
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM
5 TOWN HALL ROAD
ASHFORD, CONNECTICUT 06278**

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Ashford, Connecticut, are hereby notified and warned that a Public Hearing will be held at the Ashford Municipal Offices, 5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, Connecticut on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

The Public Hearing will be for the purpose of receiving information regarding the proposed fiscal year 2019-2020 town budget.

Copies of the proposed budget can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Ashford, Connecticut this 18th day of April 2019.

Charles E. Funk, Chairman
Ashford Board of Finance

NOTICE:

The Town of Ashford's budget process has been delayed due to uncertainty regarding the revenues we can expect to receive from the state. Notice for an upcoming "Town Meeting/Annual Budget Meeting to be Adjourned to Referendum" will be published on the Town of Ashford website, in the *Ashford Citizen*, and in the *Chronicle*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Tax Collector's Office will be closed
Wednesday evening, May 1st, 7 - 9 pm
and also Friday, May 24th, 2019.

Ashford Town Offices will be closed
Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

Parade forms at Ashford Vol. Fire Dept.
46 Westford Road (Rte. 89) at 10:00 am.



The parade will start when
the E.O.S. Band arrives.

June is Dog Licensing Month!

CT Dog Licensing Facts:

- All dogs must be vaccinated against Rabies and owners submit a certificate to the Town Clerk when licensing their dog, per CGS Sec. 22-338.
- All dogs 6 months or over must be licensed & wear collar & tag at all times.
- A dog without a tag is presumed to be unlicensed and is not protected by law.
- A tag must not be used on any other dog than the dog described in the license bearing corresponding number.
- You are liable for damage done by your dog, including damage to shrubs, flowers or trees.
- Owners of roaming dogs are liable to prosecution.
- When a spayed or neutered dog is licensed for the first time, a certificate from a licensed veterinarian must be presented.
- Fee: neutered male/spayed female-\$8.00
male or female - \$19.00



ASHFORD SCHOOL IS HOLDING THEIR SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

When: The book fair will be open:
Monday, May 20th - Wednesday, May 22nd
8am to 5:30pm

Thursday, May 23rd 8am to 12pm

Where: Ashford School Library
440 Westford Road, Ashford, CT.

Questions...call or text;
Lisa Hassett @ (860) 576-3208 or
Nicole Fusco @ (860) 539-3009

The Ashford Citizen

5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, CT 06278

- *The *Citizen* will be delivered by the 1st of each month (monthly).
- *The *Citizen* is made possible by town taxes & advertising, and the production efforts of the Town Clerk's Office.
- *Residents and Ashford tax-payers will receive the *Citizen* at no charge (every mailbox and p.o. box). Non-profit groups and **tax-payers** who live out of town should contact the *Citizen* to be put on the "no charge" mailing list. All other parties may receive the *Citizen* for a \$12 per year donation.
- *All items for the *Ashford Citizen* must include submitter's name, address, and telephone number for verification. Items written on behalf of an organization require the signature of an authorized spokesperson. No letters or advertising will be accepted concerning political issues or candidates. All items submitted are subject to editing, and the *Citizen* reserves the right to reject any submissions. Readers should be aware that opinions or articles by individual writers or organizations are not necessarily those of the *Citizen*. The *Citizen* will not print items it regards as offensive or slanderous.
- *All submissions must be received by the 20th of each month.
- *Ads must be **pre-paid**; cash, or check written to **Town of Ashford**.
- *The Ashford Town Clerk's Office will take payments, and article and advertisement submissions. Call for details.

Your Contacts:

Sherri Mutch, Editor 860-487-4401 smutch@ashfordtownhall.org
Karen Zulick, Ads/Subscript. 860-487-4401 kzulick@ashfordtownhall.org
Beverly Ference, Gen. Info. 860-487-4404 bference@ashfordtownhall.org

PICARD AND SONS
www.picardandson.com HOME IMPROVMENTS

DAVID PICARD
OWNER
1-860-429-5077
CELL 1-860-305-6163
picardsons@yahoo.com
27 Daina Lane
ASHFORD CT 06278

Now Accepting Applications!

Ashford Housing Authority is accepting applications for Pompey Hollow Senior Housing. Spacious one bedroom apartments with heat and hot water included. Applicants must be 62 years old or disabled and meet required income limits.



*FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL OR STOP IN TODAY AT:*

Ashford Housing Office:
49 Tremko Lane
Ashford, CT 06278
(860) 429-8556



172 Varga Rd.
Ashford, CT. 06278

GREG PECK

860-465-7366

Light Excavation & Landscaping



**Lawn mowing
Lawn installation
Mini excavator
Bobcat work
Snow plowing
Gravel driveways
Light tree work
Pavers
Bush hogging
Field restoration
Fencing**

E.O. Smith High School Roof Replacement Project- Explanatory Text

This explanatory text is intended to provide a general overview of the question to be presented to eligible voters of Regional School District 19 at a referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. A copy of the resolution approved by the Regional School District 19 Board of Education is available for public inspection at the offices of the Town Clerks in Ashford, Mansfield and Willington, respectively, during normal business hours. Three posters of this explanatory text will be available at each polling location.

This explanatory text was approved for printing and dissemination by the Regional School District 19 Board of Education.

Question

“SHALL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 APPROPRIATE \$5,250,000 FOR REPLACEMENT OF ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE E.O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL ROOF AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND WORK, AND AUTHORIZE BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES TO FINANCE THE PORTION OF THE APPROPRIATION NOT FUNDED FROM GRANTS?

YES NO”

Voters approving the resolution shall vote “Yes” and those opposing the resolution shall vote “No”.

Background

By action at its Tuesday, March 26, 2019 meeting, the Regional School District 19 Board of Education voted to present the E.O. Smith High School roof replacement project to the voters of Ashford, Mansfield and Willington at a referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Planning Process

The Regional School District 19 Board of Education, through a competitive Request for Qualifications process, retained the services of Silver Petrucelli & Associates (“Silver Petrucelli”). Silver Petrucelli’s services include:

- The development of designs and cost estimates for a new roof in compliance with all required codes and State requirements.
- Representation before the State of Connecticut Office of School Construction & Grants Review.
- Revising plans and drawings, as needed.
- Preparing construction documents, including notices, special provisions, and detailed unit price bid proposals.
- Participating in the roofing contractor scope review and selection process.
- The on-going inspection of the roof as the installation progresses to ensure compliance with the agreed upon specifications.

Scope of Project

The new roof at E.O. Smith High School is estimated to be 210,900 sq. ft.

Types of roofs currently

117,000 sq. ft. of modified pitched Bitumen installed in 1985-1987
89,500 sq. ft. of buildup ballasted flat roof installed in 1999
4,400 sq. ft. of metal roofing 1999

The new roof project includes replacing all areas/sections of the roof and will include the following features:

- Installation of Kalwall translucent panels, installation of ten (10) 6’x’6’ sky lights, removal of old curbs, creating roof access, ensuring primary and secondary water drainage, addressing roof snow load and snow drift issues, and planning for the possibility of photovoltaic systems being added in the future.

Project Budget

The total estimated cost of this project is \$5.25 million. This includes design, construction and contingency costs. The estimated school construction grant reimbursement from the State is approximately \$4.1 million.

Estimated Cost to Taxpayer

The estimated cost for the next three fiscal years is shown below based upon the following assumptions:

- 20 year level principal, 3.17% projected interest rate
- Estimated net project cost of \$1.15 million
- Member Town contribution rates as of October 1, 2018
- Grand List of October 1, 2018

(continued on next page)

(continued from previous page)

Fiscal Year	Annual Debt Service	Ashford Share	Mansfield Share	Willington Share
FY 2020/21	\$ 81,661	\$ 15,811	\$ 47,793	\$ 18,057
FY 2021/22	\$ 101,658	\$ 19,683	\$ 59,496	\$ 22,479
FY 2022/23	\$ 99,615	\$ 19,287	\$ 58,301	\$ 22,027

Estimated Tax Impact for FY 2020/21:

Member Town	10/1/18 GL	Cost per \$1,000 of Assessment	Median Home Assessment	Annual Tax Impact Based Upon Median Home Assessment
Ashford	\$ 303,671,964	\$ 0.05207	\$ 141,335	\$ 7.36
Mansfield	\$ 1,107,809,350	\$ 0.04314	\$ 156,800	\$ 6.76
Willington	\$ 441,651,220	\$ 0.04089	\$ 148,660	\$ 6.08

The District is assuming that it will receive a State grant of approximately \$4.1 million for the roof replacement project. If the District does not receive a State grant or the grant is significantly less than the estimated \$4.1 million total, the District will likely be forced to cancel or significantly alter the roof replacement project to reduce the total cost to the District.

Annual debt service and cost per assessed value will decrease as the debt principal is retired.

Schedule

Subject to approval by the voters at referendum on May 7, 2019, final design is expected to begin in May 2019. Construction is expected to occur throughout the summer of 2020.

**WARNING
REFERENDUM VOTE
Regional School District No. 19
Town of Ashford
May 7, 2019**

A referendum vote of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Ashford, Connecticut will be held in the Town of Ashford at the following polling place:

Knowlton Memorial Hall, 25 Pompey Hollow Road (Rte. 44), Ashford, CT

and simultaneously in the other Towns in Regional School District No. 19 on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. pursuant to Section 10-56 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, upon a resolution adopted by the Regional Board of Education at meeting held March 26, 2019, which will be placed on the ballots as the following question:

SHALL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 APPROPRIATE \$5,250,000 FOR REPLACEMENT OF ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE E.O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL ROOF AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND WORK, AND AUTHORIZE BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES TO FINANCE THE PORTION OF THE APPROPRIATION NOT FUNDED FROM GRANTS?

Voters approving the resolution shall vote "Yes" and those opposing the resolution shall vote "No". Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office. The full text of the resolution adopted by the Regional Board of Education is on file and available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's office.

Dated at Ashford, Connecticut this 26th day of April, 2019.

Sherri L. Mutch, Town Clerk
Town of Ashford

LEGAL NOTICE

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 19 – EDWIN O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL

NOTICE AND WARNING

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 19 ANNUAL MEETING

The electors of the Towns of Ashford, Mansfield and Willington and all persons who are entitled to vote in a town meeting pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes are hereby warned and notified that the Regional School District Number 19 (the "District") Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at the Edwin O. Smith High School library media center at 7:00 p.m. At the Annual Meeting, the Board of Education will present the District's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2020, which was adopted by the Board of Education on April 2, 2019.

Following the Annual Meeting, a vote on the District's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2020 will be held at a referendum on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

A machine vote of "Yes" or "No" shall be taken at the referendum on the following question:

"Shall the total amount of \$22,237,320 (\$3,674,973 for the Town of Ashford; \$11,108,441 for the Town of Mansfield, and \$4,196,986 for the Town of Willington) be appropriated for the operation and maintenance of the Regional School District Number 19 Public School System for the July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 fiscal year?"

Polling places shall include:

Ashford:	Knowlton Memorial Hall, 25 Pompey Hollow Road (Rte. 44)
Mansfield:	Audrey P. Beck Building, 4 South Eagleville Road, Rte.195
Willington:	Willington Town Office Building, 40 Old Farms Road

Polls shall be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Absentee ballots will be available in the Office of the Town Clerk in Ashford, Mansfield and Willington, respectively, during their regular office hours.

Dated and signed at Mansfield, Connecticut this 26th day of April, 2019.

James Mark
Chairman, Regional School District Number 19 Board of Education
Statutory Authorization CGS 10-47 and 10-51

2019-2020 Budget Summary Estimated Revenue:

Member Town Assessment-----	\$ 18,980,400
State Aid-----	\$ 383,400
Tuition from CT School District-----	\$ 2,853,520
Other-----	\$ 20,000
 Total Estimated Revenue -----	 \$ 22,237,320

Estimated Expenditures:

Salaries -----	\$ 12,991,770
Employee Benefits -----	\$ 3,036,440
Purchased Services -----	\$ 4,469,910
Supplies-----	\$ 980,910
Lease Purchase -----	\$ 250,000
Debt Service-----	\$ 135,000
Other Operating Expenses-----	\$ 373,290
 Total Estimated Expenditures-----	 \$ 22,237,320

Copies of the budget are available at the superintendent's office, Edwin O. Smith High School and at the office of the town clerks in Ashford, Mansfield and Willington.

JOSHUA'S TRUST



Saturday, May 4 at 10:00: Wild Flower Walk at Pigeon Swamp Preserve in Lebanon..Join Deb Russell in identifying beautiful spring wildflowers while hiking the trails of the Preserve. Sign up at activities@joshuastrust.org

Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 pm: Welcome May at the Atwood Farm in Mansfield. Enjoy the music of the Mansfield Middle School Fiddlers and dancing around the May Pole. Rain cancels, sorry..Sign up at activities@joshuastrust.org

Saturday, May 11 at 8:00 am: Where is Mama Bird? A bird walk will step off at the Church Farm Preserve on Rt. 89 in Ashford. Walkers will be looking for "Mama Bird". Sign up at activities@joshuastrust.org

Trivia

Q?

1. What is the name for the popular Australian food spread used on sandwiches, toast and pastries?
2. 76% of people eat which part of a chocolate Easter Bunny first?
3. What does the word 'April' mean?
4. Jellybeans are the second most popular candy at Easter. What's the most popular color of jellybeans?
5. Which famous fictional character celebrates a birthday on the 17th of April?
6. The Titanic hit the infamous iceberg on which day in April?
7. This day, created to make people aware of environmental problems, was first celebrated internationally on April 22, 1970. What day is it?
8. Which U.S. President was born on April 13, 1743?
9. If you were born in April, what would your birthstone be?
10. The 1st of April is April Fool's Day. We call someone who is tricked an April Fool. What do the French call such a person?



Clean Out Your Closets
& Basements!

Don't Store It -
Sell It!

Spring Tag Sale

Saturday, May 18th, 2019
9am—1pm

Eastern CT
Sportsmen's Club

Seles Road
Ashford, CT

Everyone welcome!

\$20 to sell

\$10 to rent a table (if needed)

Call Gary Stevens

860-428-6112 for more information
or to reserve a spot.



Ashford Volunteer Fire Department

We are once again in the midst of the Spring brush fire season. AVFD has been monitoring the state DEEP “Daily Forest Fire Danger Report” and it has been going from “LOW” on rainy days, to “HIGH” as soon as the sun comes out. This is all due to the lack of foliage on the trees yet, and the sun curing the fuels on the forest floor. Cured fuels are very flammable and will allow for rapid fire spread, and this is only made worse by any wind conditions. As of this writing, there have not been extended dry and sunny periods, and we have not responded to any brush fires in town. One of the best ways to prevent brush fires is by good housekeeping practices. Keeping your gutters clean, and brush and leaves at least 30 feet from your home will help protect your property in the event a brush fire does break out. The fires we get stay on the ground, and will be stopped by a line of grass or dirt. On Sunday April 7th, we did receive a mutual aid call to Chaplin for a brush fire, but were cancelled before we could respond. As a reminder, burning permits in the Town of Ashford are available through the fire department, but permits are not valid in “HIGH” “VERY HIGH” “EXTREME” or “RED FLAG” fire danger conditions. Burning is also not allowed on days of poor air quality (AQI of 75 or higher) Check state fire conditions before you start to burn, whether you have a burn permit, or want to have a simple backyard recreational campfire. The state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) website is www.ct.gov/deep; the air quality index and fire danger advisories links are right on the home page in the “Advisories” panel. The forest fire danger is updated daily in the morning, usually before 08:00 AM.

The house numbering program is progressing nicely and proving to be popular. At this time there are plenty of sign blanks available, so feel free to order them. Email us at findmyhouse@ashfordfire.org or call Station 20. The suggested donation is \$10 per sign.

An ongoing problem the AVFD faces, occurs when we close a road or tape off a property. Whether it is our yellow “FIRE LINE DO NOT CROSS” tape, orange cones, or “ROAD CLOSED” barriers placed by Ashford DPW or state DOT, it needs to be respected and an alternate route used. For a fire scene, everyone needs to stay out until proper authorization is arranged between the town and property owner. First, this is always done only in the interest of the safety of those going in and out of the restricted area. Second (and most important to AVFD) is to keep ourselves safe by not having to go into a potentially dangerous area to rescue someone injured or trapped. Large amounts of water can weaken a structure just as effectively as fire. So even if the building is still standing, it must be considered unsafe to enter until determined otherwise. We will close roads that have power lines down, because we assume every downed line to be live. Once Eversource arrives and ensures the power is off, a road may be re-opened as long as it doesn’t interfere with line crews making repairs. We have had instances of drivers attempting to pass through roads blocked by downed trees, pushing their cars through the branches instead of going around. As long as wires are not involved, AVFD or Ashford DPW will quickly cut up a tree and re-open the road. We try to block the roads using the least amount of roadway closest to the incident, to make it easy for drivers to find an alternate route.

The call count for March 2019 was 20 Fire/Rescue and 31 EMS. Our fiscal year total is 420.

If you have any non-emergency questions or concerns, you may contact Station 20 at (860) 429-9862 6 AM to midnight every day, or the Tolland County Fire Mutual Aid Fire Service at (860) 875-2543 24 hours a day, and they will contact an AVFD duty officer for you.

Dave LaPorte
Captain, AVFD Station 20

THE ASHFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



“Inter-Active” Open House Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th 1 PM until 4 PM

Have you ever wondered what it is that we actually do, how we do it, and wanted to try it for yourself? Here is YOUR opportunity! Join us at the Station 20 Firehouse, located at 46 Westford Road (RT. 89) in Warrenville for a series of hands-on activities for adults supervised and guided by AVFD personnel. Bring the kids so they can watch; they will be kept a safe distance away where they can cheer you on! From the operation of a fire engine, a fire hose spraying water, our extrication rescue tools (Jaws of Life), the power stretcher and VacuSplint on the ambulance, and more. Registration will take place at the event and all activities are first come/first served. The event is free to attend, but donations will certainly be accepted. Light refreshments will be served in the form of snacks, water, and soft drinks. Be sure to bring a camera to capture the memories. Membership applications will be available, just in case you want the fun to continue.



Sean Patrick's Plants

Buy it where it's grown!

*Annuals, Perennials, Hanging Baskets,
Shrubs, Herbs, & Veggies*

Patrick Stenglein
(860) 205-9868

seanpatrickplants@gmail.com.

Wholesale / Retail

34 East Howey Road
Ashford, CT
www.seanpatrickplants.com
Find us on Facebook and Instagram!



QS:9000 Service
ISO:9000

AMERICAN SCALE COMPANY, INC.

Electronic • Mechanical • Analytical
Service • Sales • Rentals • Systems • Test Weights • Balances

LYNNE C. ALLEVO
Office Manager
(860) 429-8268

P.O. Box 64
Ashford, CT 06278
Fax: (860) 429-2187

Email: businessoffice@americanscaleco.net



Assistance to Ashford Veterans

The American Legion offers financial assistance to veterans through the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines Fund (SSMF). Veterans Representative Garry Brown will hold office hours at the Ashford Town Office Building on the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room. No appointment is necessary, as walk-ins are welcome, but call 860-928-2309 if you wish to schedule a more convenient time. All information is free and completely confidential. If you have any questions regarding the SSMF, or your veterans benefits or disability, contact Garry at garry.brown71@aim.com.

Veteran Notes:

Interested in obtaining your service medals and decorations? Often you have earned some you aren't even aware of. Every veteran is entitled to get one "duplicate". Bring a copy of your dd214 to the town hall the first Wednesday of the month 7:00-8:00 P.M. and we can submit for you.



ASHFORD SENIOR CENTER ORG.

PRESENTS:

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

EVENING

AT THE ASHFORD SENIOR CENTER

25 TREMKO LANE, ASHFORD, CT

OPEN TO PUBLIC!!!

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 PM

BINGO AT 6:00 PM

FROM THE ASHFORD TAX COLLECTOR

How to PAY Your Taxes Online

1. Go to <http://www.ashfordtownhall.org/> and click this button on the right side of the page,



2. In the search bar enter your last name, space, and first initial.

Ex. Name: John Smith

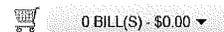
Enter the search criteria below:

Smith J [Search]

3. If there is a shopping cart under the pay section then there is an outstanding balance.



Click that button to add as many bills to your cart as you want



4. Find which bill you want to pay

Ex.

2002-01-37

- 2002 is the Grand List

2002-01-37

- 01 is Real Estate

- 02 Is Personal Property

- 03 is Motor Vehicle

- 04 is Motor Vehicle Supplement

2002-01-37

- 37 is the bill number

- You MUST pay the OLDEST bills FIRST

- Oldest Grand List

BILL #
2002-01-0000037 00004200-LIEN (REAL ESTATE)
2003-01-0000038 00004200-LIEN (REAL ESTATE)
2004-01-0000040 00004200-LIEN

5. When all of the bills are in your shopping cart

Click 0 BILL(S) - \$0.00 and Check Out

6. Read the [Terms and Conditions](#) before you press

- Especially if You Have Past Due Taxes

7. Make sure the next cart is the same as the previous one and choose

how you would like to pay. Then press

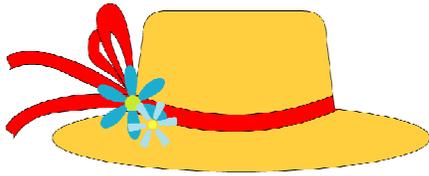
- Treat All Debit Cards As Credit Cards

8. Enter Payment information, Review, and Submit.

- There is a 2.95% fee for Credit and Debit Cards

- There is a \$.95 fee for Checking Account (Reduced from \$1.95)

HATS FOR WEARING OR DECORATION



The month of May brings May Day, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. It is now Spring. Why not try your hand at decorating hats with silk flowers and ribbons for your favorite female relative, friend or yourself? When finished your hat may be worn; or you may add a hanger for displaying it.

Come join us on May 21, 2019 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. The cost is \$15 per person, due at the time of registration. Registration deadline is May 13, 2019. Please sign up at the Senior Center.

COMMISSION ON AGING NEWS

SPA DAY



It's time to pamper ourselves & go to our Spa Day which is Monday, May 20th from 1PM to 4PM.

All services are free for Ashford seniors. Tips are accepted by these talented ladies who give of their time to make us beautiful and relaxed. (Not mandatory though.)

Services offered this year are the following:
Mini Facials, Reiki, Reflexology, Pedicures, Manicures, or a relaxing Chair Massage.

All are done by highly experienced people. So mark your calendars and call or go the Senior Center to reserve a time. You must be an Ashford senior to attend.

Please sign up at the center to schedule your appointments or call the center at 860-487-5122.

"DON'T BE LEFT IN THE DARK"

Call TODAY for a FREE Quote on an Automatic Stand-by GENERATOR!

We also do hookups for portable generators certified by **GENERAC**

DEALER * INSTALLER * TECHNICIAN

WOODSTOCK VALLEY ELECTRIC LLC

License #
185790



For All Your Electrical Needs

860-974-3601 * 860-428-3196
www.woodstockvalleyelectric.com

CRAFT FAIR-BAKE SALE-PLANT SALE

Saturday, June 29, 2019

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Lake Chaffee Improvement Association, Inc.

LCIA Hall– 15 Old Town Rd, Ashford, CT

Quality Artisan & Craft Exhibitors!

Delicious Baked Goods!

Beautiful Plants!



For vendor information contact Lise Silverstein

silversteinlise@gmail.com

Vendor Registration Deadline June 22, 2019

TOWN OF ASHFORD

Office of the Selectmen

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

The Mid-NEROC Household Hazardous Waste facility begins their open season on the first and third Saturdays of each month through early November from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (closed holiday weekends). The facility is located on Hancock Road in Willington, CT.

Willimantic Waste has forwarded an updated list of what are acceptable and/or unacceptable recyclable materials.

Acceptable Items

Newspapers and inserts
Magazines/brochures
Cardboard–paperboard (cereal & egg boxes)
Paper bags
Junk mail
Phone books/catalogs
Office paper
Glass food/beverage containers
Tin cans
Aluminum cans
Aluminum foil
Plastic containers, milk jugs, soda and
Detergent bottles

Unacceptable items

Trash or food waste in any items
Needles or syringes
Hazardous or biohazard waste
Any items in plastic bags
Shredded paper
Garden hoses
Styrofoam
Electronics\Bulk waste
All other non-recyclable items belong in
Trash or bulk waste



39 Nott Highway (Route 74), Suite 2, Ashford, CT 06278
www.HopeandWellnessOnline.com • 860-477-0994

Like us on Facebook



HopeAndWellnessCT

FOR SALE:

Carnival Glass
(all colors)



Betty Boop
Collectibles

Elvis
Collectibles



MUST SELL!

Please call 860-576-7644.



Boy Scout Troop 92 May, 2019 Newsletter

March-April Activities:

Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. Exciting competition for gravity powered race cars!

At our Court of Honor : (1) Scout was advanced to 1st class Scout, (2) to Tenderfoot and (1) to Scout.
Applebee's Fund raiser.

Lego Factory tour.

Easter flower sale.

Spring Hike, joint with Pomfret Troop.

Upcoming May/June events:

Friday, May 3: Cub Scout Crossover ceremony.

Cubs advance into Scouts.

Monday, May 6: Committee meeting at St. Philip's Hall.

Sat-Sun., May 11, 12: Mother's Day flower sale at the old Post Office. Stop by. Lots of hanging baskets and spring/summer flowers too!

Cub Scout Arrow of Light advancement ceremony.

Saturday, May 18: Eastbay Bike ride. Rain date Sunday.

Monday, May 27: March in the Memorial Day Parade.

Saturday, June 1: local bike ride TBD.

June wrap up and Court of Honor/cook out: TBD.



(l. to r.) Xavier Green (Eastford), Enzo Migliatta (Eastford), Jacob Chrnowski (Mansfield), Jacob Murphy (Eastford), Nord Yakovleff (Ashford), Cooper Desrocher (Ashford), Cory and Cody Blanchette (Eastford)

We have a lot going on in May!

Scout meetings are most Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM at Knowlton Memorial Hall next to Cumberland Farms store.

Scouts in Troop 92 are from Ashford, Eastford and Mansfield and Union. New members and visitors are welcome.

Support the Scouts fundraiser at the flower sales. They are our future leaders!

Nord Yakovleff, Assistant Scout Master

Cory Blanchette, Scout Master

H.H.H. Property Maintenance, LLC

Lawn care, Snow Removal, Clean outs, Dump runs. Spring and Fall Clean up, Leaf Removal and other property maintenance as needed

John Henderson, Proprietor

87 Floeting Road
Ashford, CT 06278

hhhpropmntllc@gmail.com
860-487-1054
860-918-0890



North VETERINARY CLINIC

118 Ashford Center Road • Ashford, CT 06278
www.northvetclinic.com

Catherine North, D.V.M.
Phone (860) 487-0479
Fax (860) 429-6340



Live from Ashford It's Friday Night...

(otherwise known as the Variety Show)

May 31, 2019
7:00 PM

Ashford School
Cafeteria

Teacher/Staff
Entertainers

**Tickets: \$7.00 Adults, \$4.00 Students/Seniors,
Free under 3, (\$25 per family maximum)**

Doors open at 6:00 PM
Refreshments will be sold before and after
the show

**LIMITED
SEATING**

(tickets sell out quickly)



Purchase tickets by calling Ginger Lusa at 429-6419 ext 301
or stop by the office to get an order form.

We hope to see you there!

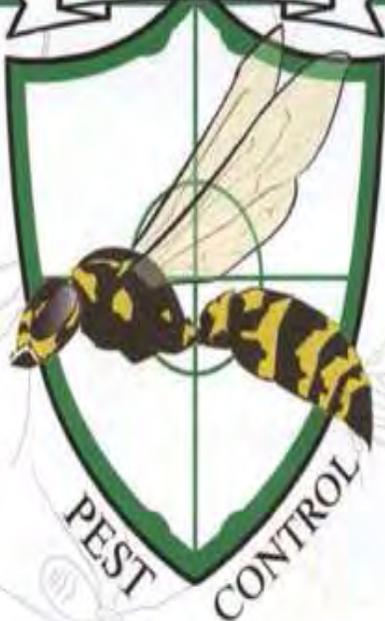
BLOOD DRIVES 2019

May

- 1 11:00 – 4:00 Staffordville Fire Station 266 Upper Rd, Stafford
- 3 8:00 – 6:00 Windham Hospital 112 Mansfield Ave, Willimantic
- 3 7:30 – 1:00 Manchester Memorial Hospital
71 Haynes St, Manchester
- 7 12:00 – 6:00 Willington Hill Firehouse
24 Old Farms Road, Willington
- 8 1:00 – 6:00 Putnam Elks Club 64 Edmond St Putnam
- 14 11:15 – 5:00 ECSU Student Center 83 Windham St, Willimantic
- 15 8:00–1:00 Windham Technical School 210 Birch St, Willimantic
- 21 1:00 - 6:00 Elks Club 198 Pleasant St, Willimantic
- 21 9:00 -2:30 Cabelas 475 E Hartford Blvd N, East Hartford
- 28 1:00 – 6:00 Rockville General Hospital 31 Union St Rockville
- 29 1:00 – 6:00 Eagleville Fire Dept Route 32 Storrs
- 30 11:00 – 4:00 Natchaug Hospital 189 Storrs Rd Mansfield

Register on line at www.redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-877-287-3327

INTEGRITY



*Pest control,
done with Integrity,
at affordable prices!*

**20% OFF
QUARTERLY SERVICE
SET UP**

**Pest Control | Rodent Control
Bed Bugs | Tick Service**

860-800-9911

Lic# B-3424

Integrity-PestControl.com

May 2019 Conservation Commission News

Whew, finally we finished our Trash Clean-Up weekends! We ended up having 3 days of trash pick-ups as the first weekend it snowed and the April weekend was wet on Saturday. The March 30th & 31st weekend we focused on Perry Hill, Rte. 89, Varga, and James Rd. April 7th was a perfect day and we picked up along Pumpkin Hill, and Rte. 89. We collected 112 bags of trash and had 26 people involved. Special thanks to Pamm Summers for all her passion and energy in organizing this town clean-up. Thanks also to the 4 high school women who joined us on April 7th. We appreciate the helpful assistants who picked up our bags and brought them to the transfer station. These kind neighbors make me proud to be an Ashford resident. We are encouraging people to help maintain their own roads. We plan to have another town event in the fall. I encourage you to continue to let us know your trash stories. Please recycle for the good of all.

We are forming a Committee to Ban Plastic Bags. Anyone who has an interest in working on decreasing the amount of plastic we use, can contact Pamm Summers at <80barnowl@gmail.com>. See June's *Citizen* for an article written by Pamm Summers about plastics.

The commission resumed working on the Tremko Trail Link to the Rankin JT Trail. We had a productive morning working on the trail on April 4th. See picture of four of the commission members. We are nearly complete and hope to have an opening soon. Thanks to Terry Wakeman for use of JT rakes and gloves. If you have any interest in working with us, please contact Loretta.



L-R: Steve Morytko, Loretta Wrobel, Bill and Stephanie Dubinsky on Tremko Trail link workday.

As you are aware, it is spring and that signals the start of the Ashford Farmers Market. Our market will begin as usual on Mother's Day May 12th, 9AM-1PM as we join with the Boy Scouts and Pfalzgrafs to open our market. Same place, back to regular time 10AM-1PM on May 19th, and every Sunday until the end of October. Julie and Todd Barton will return as market masters and most of our vendors are returning. We are located on Rte. 44 (Pompey Hollow Road) across from the Town Office Building.

A minor correction--last month it was incorrectly written that open beer containers in cars are illegal in CT. CT law actually states the driver can not have an open alcohol container in his car but passengers can. Most states prohibit open alcohol containers but our state does not, only if the driver is under 21. Most troubling is the amount of bottles, cans and nips we found along Ashford roads during the trash clean-up.

The CC has openings. Anyone interested in joining, please let me know. We meet the fourth Monday of the month at 7PM in the Town Office Building.

Loretta Wrobel, chair
birdeye123@charter.net, 860-429-2629



G.M. Thompson & Sons, Inc.
54 Middle Turnpike
Mansfield Depot, CT 06251

"We Deliver"

*Full line of pet and farm supplies
for all your animal needs.*

www.gmthompson.net

Phone: (860) 429-9377
Fax: (860) 429-9378



REGISTERED & INSURED
FREE ESTIMATES

WILSON'S ROOFING CO.

NEW ROOFING & REROOFING
WE SPECIALIZE IN REBUILDING ROOFS
FROM THE TRUSS UP.

Asphalt, Metal & Single-Ply Rubber

ASHFORD
(860)-487-3537

CELL PHONE: 860-450-6236



Better Business
Through Better Community
www.ashfordbusiness.org



Automatics • Standard • Foreign • American
Transfer Cases • Rear Ends • New Clutches • Transmission Tune Up
860-429-6571
Fax - 429-0246
M-Fri 8 AM-5:30 PM
Rt. 44 • Ashford, CT
WE KEEP YOUR REAR IN GEAR!



Residential & light commercial roofing & repairs
Asphalt, cedar, metal, EPDM, slate, skylights, custom gutters & flashings

Daniel McClintock, owner 1142 Windham Road
860-423-7620 (office) South Windham, CT 06266
860-428-3015 (cell) CT HIC #603600
danielmclintock@sbcglobal.net www.mcclintockroofing.com

Willow Valley Farm



Fresh, Local Produce
NO Pesticides or GMOs
Located in Willington

Find us at the Ashford Farmers Market
Farm Stand Open Seasonally on Weekends
wvfcsa@gmail.com | wvfcsa.wordpress.com

FUNK AND LITTLE, INC.

Building and Renovation

Quality workmanship takes craft.
Quality style takes art. Quality living takes both.

Chuck Funk

381 Browns Road Phone: 860-729-2321
Mansfield, CT 06268 Reg.# HIC.0541185
www.funkandlittle.com • chuck@funkandlittle.com



Charles D. Bizilj, MD
Medical Director/Principal

39 Nott Highway, Unit 7
Ashford, CT 06278
Phone 860-477-1267(9)
Cell 860-335-0588
Fax 860-477-1268
Email anterocb@gmail.com

Treatment of
Tick Borne Diseases



331 River Road
Willington, CT 06279
860.429.1244
pam@anythingprinted.org
www.anythingprinted.org

Great Pricing • Great Service
Exceptional Quality

County Line Septic LLC

INSPECTIONS • INSTALLATIONS • REPAIRS • PUMPING

7 RIVER ROAD
WILLINGTON, CT 06279
860-331-0444
860-477-0880 FAX
MNORCROSS@COUNTYLINESSEPTIC.COM



OPEN 7 DAYS

174 Ashford Center, Rt. 44
Ashford, CT 06278

Dinner Area: 860-429-1932
Lounge Area: 860-487-0827

Franc
MOTORS INC.

RT 32
WILLINGTON CT
(860) 429-2614

www.francmotorsinc.com



Mike Kovarovics

Building, Remodeling and General Contracting
Ashford, CT.

Quality Homes, Additions and Renovations



Home 860-429-7727
Cell 860-208-1099

License # 577426

Henrietta House Bed & Breakfast

Modern Living in a Historic Setting

Marian Matthews
Proprietor

125 Ashford Center Rd
Ashford, CT, 06278
(860) 477-0318
henriettahousebnb@gmail.com
historichenriettahousebnbct.weebly.com





Count It All Joy Studio

Frietha Lawrence
Certified Zentangle Teacher

38 Pumpkin Hill Road
Ashford, CT 06278
frietha@alljoystudio.com

860-429-4134

www.alljoystudio.com

MANSFIELD TREE SERVICE

Fully Insured



Free Estimates

TREES-IT'S WHAT WE DO!

John Balogh

860-429-4696

North East Builders Roofing Co.
FULLY INSURED LIC #0631506

Roofing Specialist

Scott Perry
860-377-7656



NORTHEASTBUILDERSROOFING.COM

SERVING

EASTERN AND CENTRAL CT.



Stoney Maple Carpentry

127 Krapf Road
Ashford, CT 06278

Home Improvements • Additions • Garages
Snow Plowing/Sanding (Residential & Commercial)

Douglas Krapf

Owner

dougk127@gmail.com

860.429.5599

860.428.2522

HIC Reg# 567024

Latham Automotive LLC

Quality Auto Care
Licensed & Insured

James Latham

doctorjam4514@charter.net
860-933-4514

9 Chaplin Rd

Eastford, CT 06242

Pfalzgraf Pfarm

Carl & Evelyn Pfalzgraf

65 Ashford Center Rd. • P.O. Box 31
Ashford, Connecticut 06278
860.429.0144 • Cell: 860.595.7321



HANKS LAWNMOWER REPAIR & SERVICE



BELTS, TUNE-UPS, BLADES SHARPENED & REPAIRED,
ENGINE WORKS, ETC LEAF BLOWERS, CHAINSAWS,
SNOWBLOWERS, ROTOTILLERS, WEED WACKERS, ETC.

FREE DIAGNOSTICS

(860) 974-1516

HENRY DOBRINSKI

58 HARTFORD TPK (RTE 44)

EASTFORD, CT 06242



JORDAN LAMARRE

Owner

JCL LAWN CARE LLC

Pavers, Retaining Walls, Mowing, Gravel Driveways
860-558-0320

39 Busse Rd Willington CT 06279 | Lawncare1203@gmail

For All Your Flooring Needs!



64 Westford Road
Eastford, CT 06242



VINYL ♦ TILE ♦ HARDWOOD
LAMINATE ♦ CARPET

Shop: in store or at your home

Kevin Basto, Owner

Store: 860-315-5590

bastoflooring.com

bastoflooring@gmail.com



LAWRENCE REAL ESTATE

"WE CARE"

FARMS, LAND, ESTATES & HORSE PROPERTIES
BUYERS AGENT

GARY H. LAWRENCE, CRB, OWNER/BROKER

www.glawrencesells.com • gary@lawrencesells.com

Cell 860-428-9126

126 Storrs Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Evamanda
Hand Painted Canvas
Wall and Floor Cloths
Place Mats and Table Runner
Custom Pieces Made to Order

860-487-3553

Tolland County Foundation Replacement

Specializing in Crumbling Foundations

Fully Licensed & Insured
CT Contractors Since 1986

Jeff Love

860-463-3735



Jon Beaulieu

860-458-9164

foundationreplacement@gmail.com



ASHFORD SUMMER CAMP REGISTER NOW!

Ashford Park & Recreation and Ashford Youth Services will be teaming up once again to offer a two-week summer camp program for children 5 to 12 years old. Sign up for one week or both weeks, sign up for full day or half day!

June 17th to June 21st & June 24th to June 28th

Camp continues in Wellington from July 8th to August 16th for those families looking for additional camp weeks!

**Full Day Camp: \$200 per week (\$150 each additional sibling)
Half Day Camp: \$100 per week (4th of July week discounted \$40)**

Registration & half the total fee due by May 17^h (20 campers need for camp to run.)

- Drop off at Ashford Memorial Park
- Pick up at Pompey Hollow Park/Warrenville Post Office
- Mid-day bus transportation provided by Ashford School to change camp locations, get to swimming locations & to field trips.

Activities Include:

Sports Games
Crafts Nature
Cooking Hikes
Swimming (2 days per week)
Free Time Local Trips

REGISTER BY MAY 17TH!

For all questions

Call Sherry York @ 487-4409

Melissa McDonough @ 487-4417

Maureen Parcell Wellington Park & Rec. @ 487-3108

Sign up separately for Wellington Summer Camp.
Call the numbers above with any questions.

All Registration forms available online at www.ashfordtownhall.org
in the Main Office at Ashford School, Babcock Library, APRC Office

TRANSFER REPORT

3-15-2019-4-12-2019

<p>Browning Construction LLC 580 Providence Rd Brooklyn CT 06234</p>	<p>Marc J Rigatti & Nicole L Wagner 430 Ference Rd Ashford CT 06278</p>	<p>\$282,500.</p>	<p>Ference Rd</p>
<p>Gregg Giannattasio 4 Long Wall Rd Redding CT 06896</p>	<p>Ronald & Tammy Standley 249 Kennerson Reservoir Rd Ashford CT 06278</p>	<p>\$330,000.</p>	<p>Kennerson Reservoir Rd</p>
<p>Phitsamay Sourinho 360 North Rd Ashford CT 06278</p>	<p>Jeffrey M Cosman 327 Ference Rd Ashford CT 06278</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>Ference Rd</p>
<p>Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co 3415 Vision Dr Columbus OH 43219</p>	<p>Paul Cesana 1925 New London Tpke Glastonbury CT 06033</p>	<p>\$148,500.</p>	<p>Mansfield Rd</p>
<p>P&G Realty LLC 174 Ashford Ctr Rd Ashford CT 06278</p>	<p>P&G Realty LLC 174 Ashford Ctr Rd Ashford CT 06278</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>Ashford Ctr Rd</p>
<p>P&G Realty LLC 174 Ashford Ctr Rd Ashford CT 06278</p>	<p>P&G Realty LLC 174 Ashford Ctr Rd Ashford CT 06278</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>Ashford Ctr Rd</p>
<p>P&G Realty LLC 174 Ashford Ctr Rd Ashford CT 06278</p>	<p>P&G Realty LLC 174 Ashford Ctr Rd Ashford CT 06278</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>Ashford Ctr Rd</p>
<p>Antonio & Socorro Bergeron 125 Ledge Rd Plainville CT 06062</p>	<p>John & Karen Bergeron 109 Jericho Rd Pomfret Ctr CT 06259</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>Perry Hill Rd</p>
<p>Margaret M Harrison 145 Mihaliak Rd Willington CT 06279</p>	<p>L&M Property Holdings 7 Doratzak Rd Willington CT 06279</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>Snow Hill Rd</p>
<p>Kenneth R Kelly 514 Mashamoquet Rd Pomfret Ctr CT 06259</p>	<p>Phitsamay Sourinho 327 Ference Rd Ashford CT 06278</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>North Rd</p>
<p>Tye W Allen 39 Southworth Dr Ashford CT 06278</p>	<p>Tye W & Stacey L Allen 39 Southworth Dr Ashford CT 06278</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>Southworth Dr</p>

ATTENTION ASHFORD PARENTS Preschool Screening May 15 and May 16

The Board of Education, through the Ashford Preschool Program, is offering a free screening for children who will be three or four years old by December 31, 2019. This screening includes hearing, vision, motor skills, speech, language and cognitive development. The screening will last approximately one hour. An appointment is required for this screening. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the development of your child and to indicate if you are interested in the preschool program.

Children who will be entering Kindergarten this fall should **not** be brought to this screening.

WHERE:

Ashford School Library
440 Westford Road

WHEN:

Wednesday, May 15 and
Thursday, May 16
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

To make an appointment for your child, please the school secretary at 429-6419.

If you have any questions about the development of a child below the age of three, please call 429-6419 and ask for Ginger Lusa (ext 301) or Jadey Longo (ext 311).



JUSTIN CYR

(860) 818 - 3909

JMCYRCONSTRUCTION@YAHOO.COM

WWW.JMCYRCONSTRUCTION.COM

EASTFORD VETERINARY CLINIC





**Local teens to perform in production of
"The Merry Wives of Windsor"**

Shakespeare Conquest, a regional Shakespeare homeschool program, is pleased to announce our upcoming production of "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

"The Merry Wives of Windsor" will perform May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at 7:00p.m. at the auditorium of the LDS Church, 525 Route 44, Ashford, CT. Tickets are free and donations are appreciated.

Come join us for an uproariously funny retelling of this Shakespearean comedy, in which Falstaff attempts to fix his financial woes by seducing the wives of two wealthy merchants only to find himself at the center of a scheme for revenge filled with trickery and double-dealing. In its fourth year, Shakespeare Conquest continues its tradition of high-quality storytelling complimented by original costumes and set design.

"The Merry Wives of Windsor" stars local performers Joseph and May Adams, Claribel Connor, Alexandria Hay, Jared and Lindsay Nielson, Adrienne and Paige Owen, Jared and Marcus Palumbo, Brigid Pierson, Audrey-Ann Pothier, and Gabe and Jacob Wurst. This production is directed by Jennifer Owen and features musical accompaniment by Jesse Owen and Marcus Palumbo.

RM Bar & Grill

**362 Ashford Center Road
860-477-0723**



Winter Hours:

**Monday-Wednesday: 3:00pm-8:30pm
Thursday-Saturday: 11:30am-9:00pm
Sunday: 1:00pm-8:00pm**

- **Thurs.-Sat. Fresh Fish & Chips**
- **Friday Prime Rib**
- **Daily Specials**

**Visit us on Face Book
for our complete menu.**

Visit us! Take a tour!

*Learn About Volunteering
With Cats & Dogs at
our Animal Sanctuary*

**Our Companions
Animal Sanctuary**

Visiting Hours:

**Every Saturday
1-3pm**

**46 Floeting Rd
Ashford
(off of North Rd)**



**Our
Companions**
Animal Rescue & Sanctuary

860-242-9999 • OurCompanions.org

Third Annual Delightful Dinner Dance



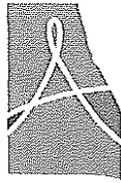
**ASHFORD
ARTS COUNCIL**

Patty Tuite, Lou Chatey, Larry Gag, Jan Jungden, and John Boiano (Patty Tuite and the Allstars) will grace the stage as Knowlton Memorial Hall in Ashford transforms once again into a ballroom with twinkling lights. A catered Italian dinner complete with vegetarian and gluten free entrees will be followed by Anna Harding's famously decorated cupcakes.

Many local artists have donated their artworks to the Silent Auction table: Christine Acebo, Dorothy Drobney, Joan Johnson, Frank Krasicki, Valerie Oliver, Linda Rogers, Ruth Sangree, Helen Malchow, Anna Harding, Suzy Staubach, Charles McCaughtry, Lance Arnold, Maggie Kendis, John Rettenmeier, Pat Morris, Debra Gag and the list is growing.

The AAC is an offshoot of the grassroots local tourism group Ashford's Our Town Our Future and will be four years old in October. We do everything in gratefulness for our partnership with Windham Arts Org and CT Office of the Arts who give us our 501c3 status.

Our mission is to support all of the arts, artists and to bring the arts to our communities.



**ASHFORD
ARTS COUNCIL**

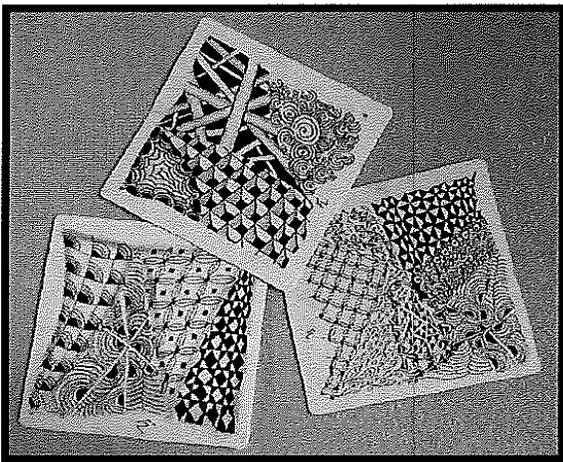
The AAC Corner

May 2019

“A Taste of Tangle” – Zentangle Workshop May 9th with Frietha Lawrence

This workshop will include the history, benefits and uses of the Zentangle drawing method. The participants will have a fun hands-on experience. Please join us as we create some beautiful designs together on the special Zentangle tiles.

There is a materials fee of \$5 cash to be given at the time of the workshop to the presenter, Frietha Lawrence CZT.



Please register for the workshop by contacting
Frietha – or if you have any questions.

Frietha@alljoystudio.com

Home – 860-429-4131; Cell – 860-428-6126

All workshops will run from 7-9pm and be
located at The Old Warrenville Post Office
across from the Ashford Town Hall

AAC Members – FREE; Non-Members - \$5
Payment due at time of workshop; Checks
made out to Windham Arts Org. Memo Line:
AAC Workshop; Cash: Exact amount only

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 9th, 2019

Art Workshop
ZENTANGLE
Freitha Lawrence

May 11th, 2019

*3rd Annual
Delightful
Dinner Dance*

June 1st 2019

WRITING STROLL
Marian Matthews

June 13th, 2019

Art Workshop
PHOTOGRAPHY
Christine Acebo

About Frietha Lawrence Frietha grew up in a family of artists and could always be found joyfully creating something. Frietha and her husband, Gary, raised their family on their Ashford farm. She worked as an RN and retired after 40 years. Wanting now to intentionally pursue art, she went to Eastern Connecticut State University. Frietha earned a Bachelor’s degree in Studio Art. Working in a variety of mediums she found pen and ink a favorite. When introduced to Zentangle drawing method and its pen and ink work, she found it a natural fit. Frietha was personally trained by the Zentangle developers, Maria Thomas and Rick Roberts, and is certified to teach Zentangle drawing. Frietha has taught group and private classes, as well as conducted workshops. Her award winning work has been shown in numerous galleries, a museum, and is found in many private collections. Her studio, Count It All Joy, is located on their Ashford farm.

May 11th, 2019 6-10pm

3rd Annual Delightful Dinner Dance

Italian Dinner, BYOB, Silent Auction, & Dancing the night away to the
Patty Tuite and The Allstars Band

Money raised from this event in 2018 generously supported the Cultural Arts program and Art Club at Ashford School, and two scholarships to EOSmith Arts seniors, all adding up to about \$1,000. Our organization will be four years old this October. So come, enjoy Patty Tuite and the New Years Allstars Band and dance the night away.

Contact Deb Gag or Jim York for more information and to purchase tickets, debragag@hotmail.com; (860) 933-2987

****A FEW TICKETS LEFT - available at the Ashford Town Clerk’s Office****

Are you an artist? Would you like to become a member of our local artist community?
We are always welcoming new members.

Visit us online at www.AshfordArts.org for more information.



LED lighting has come a long way! There are now a variety of bulbs in different sizes and shapes, even dimmable. And now they're affordable. We had such a good response to past bulb swaps that we're doing it again. Thanks to the Board of Selectmen for allocating funds from our Bright Ideas grant to support this and other activities by the Ashford Clean Energy Task Force!

BULB SWAP

**Saturday, May 4 - 11 AM to 1 PM at the Senior Housing Authority
(49 Tremko Lane, across the Green from the Senior Center)
Free and open to all Ashford residents.**



Bring up to 5 incandescent and/or CFL bulbs to swap for up to 5 FREE 10W LED bulbs (replace 60W incandescent, screw-in type bulbs). LED bulbs will also be available for sale for a discounted price from TechniArt. Many types of LED bulbs are now available, including 3-way, floods, and chandelier types, also at a discount. Bring your bulbs and ask the TechniArt representative what will work for you.

Here's an update on how Ashford is using its second Bright Ideas Grant of \$5000.00:

The Ashford Clean Energy Task Force worked with Lantern Energy to do energy audits of three Town Buildings: the Senior Center, Knowlton Memorial Hall, and the Public Works Building. As a result, the Town purchased and installed LED bulbs in the Public Works Building, providing brighter, safer lighting for our hard-working employees, and saving money on electricity for the Town, and you!

Currently (little joke there!), the Public Works department is installing LEDs in Babcock Library and will soon receive the bulbs to upgrade the lighting in the Knowlton Hall auditorium as well. The Senior Center lighting will be next! All the bulbs are purchased at a large discount from Eversource and installed by Town employees, so we still have funds to make more energy savings improvements in other Town buildings. Stay tuned for our next steps!

All current members of the ACETF thank you for your interest in our work, and we encourage your input any time. *And we would welcome your participation by joining us as a member.* If you have suggestions, questions about the event, or to join us, please contact Cindy Moeckel at 860-487-3827 or clmoeckel@gmail.com.

**CONNECTICUT IS
AN IDLE-FREE
STATE**

Turn Off Your Engine

Did You Know...

Please Don't Idle!

Idling for more than **3 minutes** (except in traffic or extreme temperatures) is against the law in Connecticut.

10 seconds of idling uses about the same amount of fuel as restarting your engine.

12 million gallons of fuel is wasted by idling in the US every day.

Even in cold weather, engines only need **30 seconds** to warm up.

Pollutants & toxic gases from tailpipe emissions* **exacerbate asthma & other respiratory diseases, especially in children, & worsen climate change** as well.

"If you're stopped for more than ten, turn it off and on again!"**

Sign the no-idle pledge at <http://iturnitoff.com/#/the-issue>

*Ozone, benzene, sulfur dioxide, lead, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, hydrocarbons such as ethylene, formaldehyde, methane, benzene, phenol, 1,3-butadiene, acrolein and polynuclear aromatics plus CO2, particulate matter and volatile organic compounds. — SustainableAmerica.org

**Little People Big Changes. More info at willfongogreen.org

Answers to Trivia **A!**

1. **Vegemite** is the popular Australian food spread used on sandwiches, toast, and pastries.
2. The chocolate Easter Bunny's **ears** are the first thing to get eaten for 76% of people.
3. The Romans called the month April; it is from the Latin word **aperire** to **open**.
4. **Red** is the most popular color of jellybeans at Easter.
5. On April 17th 1937, **Daffy Duck** first appeared to the public. He debuted in *Porky's Duck Hunt*.
6. The Titanic hit the infamous iceberg on its maiden voyage from England to New York on **April 14th**.
7. **Earth Day** was created to make people aware of environmental problems and was celebrated internationally on April 22, 1970.
8. **Thomas Jefferson** was born on April 13, 1743 and took office in 1801.
9. If you were born in April, your birthstone would be a **diamond**.
10. The French call the person a poisson d'Avril, which translates to **April fish**.

5th Graders
at
Ashford School
present

Revolutionary War History Day



At the Ashford Town Office Building and Knowlton Hall

Wednesday, June 5th
4:30-6:30 pm

Townpeople of all ages are invited to attend this showcase of learning. Students have prepared period costumes, plays, reenactments, traditional foods, games, and more to entertain and educate others about the events leading up to and during the American Revolution.

Free Admission

"Taxes" may apply. We encourage you to bring loose change.

Donations will be given to the Ashford Historical Society for projects that will preserve Ashford history

Building Permits

March 20, 2019 – April 12, 2019

Hours: Mon, Tue, Fri 8:30am – 4:00pm

Wed: 8:30am – 3:00pm & 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Closed Memorial Day May 27, 2019

Nagy Rd	Summers	windows
Pumpkin Hill Rd	Lawrence	barn
Ashford Lake Dr	O'Connell	roofing
Lake View Dr	Layton	renovation
Pembroke Dr	King	window/patio door
Kennerson Reserv	Brock	roofing/ siding
Westford Rd	Bryne	chimney liner
Amidon Rd	Rozsa	garage
Amidon Rd	Bowen	propane
East Howey Rd	Stenglein	pool
Frontage Rd	Roy	demo garage
Amidon Rd	Baker	generator
Sand Hill Rd	Aukerman	electrical
Ference Rd	Fyler	propane
Campert Dr	Michel	solar
Fitts Rd	Shinoski	electrical
Lakeside Dr	Preble	siding/windows
Westford Rd	Wakefield	renovations
Circle Dr	Mazur	mechanical



RECYCLING BOTTLES AND CANS

....to help the town save money

....to help the environment

....to make Ashford a cleaner place to live

I will come to your home and pick up your RETURNABLE (5 cents in CT) recyclable aluminum, glass, and plastic bottles and cans.

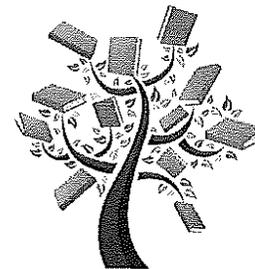
You need to have about twenty *clean* bottles or cans, neatly gathered in a safe place. I will come periodically and pick them up.

My name is Rick Marlin and my phone number is 860-882-2286.

Thank you very much.

Babcock News

Babcock Library
25 Pompey Hollow Road
Ashford, CT 06278
Your Center for Life-Long Learning



May 2019

www.babcocklibrary.org
t. 860.487.4420
f. 860.487.4438

Hours:

Monday - 10-6
Tuesday - 10-6
Wednesday - 10-8
Thursday - Closed
Friday - 10-6
Saturday - 9-2
Sunday - Closed

Closed Monday, May 27th

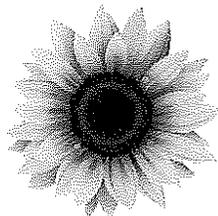
Carolann Mac Master, MLIS
Library Director
cmmaster@babcocklibrary.org
Staff

Terese Mayer, AS
Susan Way, BGS
Jessica Douglas, MA
Rick Peck
Bonnie Chemerka
Tennille Waldo, BA

Save the Date!

The Babcock Library is proud to announce that we are part of the Connecticut Authors Trail 2019! Our Author will be Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo and her book **Ruby in the Sky** Wednesday, July 31st at 6:30.

Remember to plant a sunflower to enter in our Largest Sunflower Head Contest!



Spring Reading Program

Spring Reading READO is open to ages 0-13.
When you get a "READO" (one row complete) bring your card to the library to get a small prize. Your card can be found at the library.
When you get a "Blackout READO" (complete the entire card) bring your card to the library to get entered in the grand prize drawing.
No more than 8 blocks per week, all books read must be checked out from the Babcock Library.
Participants will have the opportunity to turn in two "Blackout READO" cards total - one in April and one in May for the grand prize drawings. Winners will be announced May 31st.

Deadbolt Mystery Society Club

Do you like solving mysteries? Have an eye for detail? Come to the library and join us as we solve mysteries! We will meet each week on Monday at 3:00 to work on our box, and when we solve one there are more!

Overdrive Training

The Library now has a subscription to Overdrive for Babcock Library card holders! Overdrive offers e-books and audiobooks that you can access on your mobile devices. Bring your phone, iPad, tablet, Kindle, or NOOK to the library and we will teach you how to get started! If you require other dates, please let us know and we can accommodate you. Wednesday, May 1st at 3:30

Wowbrary

We are very excited to announce that the library now has Wowbrary! Wowbrary is an email alert that showcases the library's newest items each week. The free alerts feature the latest bestsellers, movies, music CDs, audio books, children's titles, cookbooks, mysteries, travel guides, health books, science fiction and more! Sign up for the Wowbrary newsletter and each Wednesday an email newsletter will arrive showcasing new books, audiobooks and movies that have been purchased in the past week. From the web-based newsletter, you can place items on hold by clicking the item's title to be redirected to the library catalog or take a look at Amazon.com reviews by clicking "more info." The newsletter breaks down new arrivals by categories, such as biographies, cooking, and mysteries, and features top choices based on Amazon sales rank, complete with brief summaries. We have links on our website to sign up! Ask at the library for more details.

CALENDAR

Babcock Book Club:

Wednesday, May 8th at 3:30
~~~~~

Teen Meet Up:  
Friday, May 24th at 4:00  
~~~~~

FRIENDS OF
BABCOCK
LIBRARY
Tuesday, May 21st at 3:00

BOARD OF
TRUSTEES
Tuesday, May 28th at 2:30
~~~~~

Storytime  
Ages 0-5  
Tuesdays  
at 10:30  
~~~~~

STITCH AND
CHAT
Come bring your
knitting or other
yarn work and visit
with friends.
Wednesdays
at 1:00
~~~~~

UKULELE CLUB  
Tuesdays and Fridays  
at 12:30  
Registration is  
required!  
~~~~~

Deadbolt Mystery
Club
Mondays at 3:00
Can't make the
club? Come take a
kit home with you.

Drop-In Crafts

Stop by the library anytime during the week and make the craft project for the week. This is a self directed activity, usually for ages 4 to 8, although younger children may enjoy it with help from an adult. Crafts are available throughout the week until they are gone!

Join the Teen Meet Up! (Registration is required)

Are you 12-16 and like spending time at the library? If your answer is yes, then the Teen Meet Up is for you! You will assist with collection development, programming for all ages and set up book displays. Of course we have snacks! Friday, May 24th at 4:00

Learn to play the Ukulele

Sue Way will instruct students on how to play and tune a ukulele. Participants must have a valid library card in good standing for this program. Program is designed for participants 9 years old and up. (Yes, adults are welcome!) Registration is required. Tuesday is now full if you wish to learn to play, Friday has openings!

Knitting Club

The knitting club meets every Wednesday at 1:00, everyone is always welcome whether you already know how to knit or you want to learn.

Museum Passes

- State Parks and Museums*-Sponsored by Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protections No Child Left Inside initiative
- Florence Griswold Museum*-Sponsored by the Friends of Babcock Library
- New Britain Museum of American Art*-Sponsored by the Friends of Babcock Library
- Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art*-Sponsored by the Wadsworth Atheneum
- Mystic Aquarium*-Sponsored by the Mystic Aquarium
- The Bushnell Park Carousel & Museum*-Sponsored by the Friends of Babcock Library

VHS to DVD Conversion

Bring in your home VHS tapes and we will transfer them to a DVD for you. Please note that we cannot convert VHS tapes containing copyrighted material. Converted DVDs are \$5.00 each and generally take a week to process.

Storytime

Come join us for games, stories, and a craft, for ages 3 to 5 and their adult companions. This program lasts about 45 minutes and registration is not required at this time. Tuesdays at 10:30 in the children's room.

Lego Club

We'll supply the LEGOs, you bring your creativity! Build with other LEGO fans and then tear down your creations. Club meets Saturday May 18th at 11:00

Teen Reads:

"The Hazel Wood" by Melissa Albert

Seventeen-year-old Alice and her mother have spent most of Alice's life on the road, always a step ahead of the uncanny bad luck biting at their heels. But when Alice's grandmother, the reclusive author of a cult-classic book of pitch-dark fairy tales, dies alone on her estate, the Hazel Wood, Alice learns how bad her luck can really get: Her mother is stolen away—by a figure who claims to come from the Hinterland, the cruel supernatural world where her grandmother's stories are set. Alice's only lead is the message her mother left behind: "Stay away from the Hazel Wood." Alice has long steered clear of her grandmother's cultish fans. But now she has no choice but to ally with classmate Ellery Finch, a Hinterland superfan who may have his own reasons for wanting to help her. To retrieve her mother, Alice must venture first to the Hazel Wood, then into the world where her grandmother's tales began—and where she might find out how her own story went so wrong. **Friday, May 10th at 4:00**

Adult Book Discussion:

"Frog Music" by Emma Donoghue

Summer of 1876: San Francisco is in the fierce grip of a record-breaking heat wave and a smallpox epidemic. Through the window of a railroad saloon, a young woman named Jenny Bonnet is shot dead. The survivor, her friend Blanche Beunon, is a French burlesque dancer. Over the next three days, she will risk everything to bring Jenny's murderer to justice--if he doesn't track her down first. The story Blanche struggles to piece together is one of free-love bohemians, desperate paupers, and arrogant millionaires; of jealous men, icy women, and damaged children. It's the secret life of Jenny herself, a notorious character who breaks the law every morning by getting dressed: a charmer as slippery as the frogs she hunts. In thrilling, cinematic style, Frog Music digs up a long-forgotten, never-solved crime. Full of songs that migrated across the world, Emma Donoghue's lyrical tale of love and bloodshed among lowlifes captures the pulse of a boomtown like no other. **Wednesday, May 8th at 3:30**

The Babcock Library Cookbook is available for purchase, the cost is \$10.00. The cookbook is an accumulation of out of print recipes and was created by the staff at the Babcock Library.

Become a Friend of the Library

Our Friends group is always looking for new members willing to assist the library with activities. Book Sale, Wine Tasting and other fun activities await you.



The Friends will be holding their Annual Book Sale in October. Please drop off donations in good condition in the blue bins in the lobby. VHS tapes and textbooks are not accepted.

Assessment News

INCOME AND EXPENSE FORMS - Connecticut General Statute 12-63c requires all owners of rental real property to annually file Income and Expense reports with the Assessor's Office. The forms were mailed April 11, 2019 to owners of property that is primarily held to produce rental income. The form must be returned to the Assessor's Office by June 1, 2019 to avoid a 10% penalty.

If you receive this form and do not think it applies to you, check the appropriate box on the first page and return the form by June 1, 2019. If you need a 30-day extension to file, your request must be received by May 1, 2019.

The information you file and furnish with this report will remain confidential in accordance with CGS 12-63c(b), which provides that actual rental and operating expenses shall not be a public record and is not subject to the provisions of 1-210 (Freedom of Information Act).

ELDERLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED TAX RELIEF PROGRAM - Connecticut law provides for tax relief for certain homeowners. Credits (reductions in taxes) are determined as a percentage of taxes and range from \$150 - \$1,250. The deadline for receipt of a complete application is Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

To be eligible for the abatement on the 2018 Grand List:

- 1) You, or your spouse, must have been at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2018; or you must be permanently and totally disabled (per Social Security or VA).
- 2) You must reside as the owner, or have life use, of the property as of October 1, 2018, and you must have lived in Connecticut for one year.
- 3) Your 2018 income cannot exceed \$43,900 if you are married or \$36,000 if you are unmarried. Qualifying income is defined as taxable income for IRS purposes AND non-taxable income, with limited exemptions.
- 4) You must provide the assessor with a copy of your Federal Income Tax Return if you file one. Proof of all 2018 income must be provided.

Applications are filed with the Assessor biennially from February 1st - May 15th. Persons already enrolled in the program were mailed an application package in the last week of January 2019. New applicants can download an application from the Assessor's page of the town's website at www.ashfordtownhall.org. You can also request an application package by leaving a message with the Assessor at 860-487-4403 or by email at assessor@ashfordtownhall.org.

Mailed applications are no longer being accepted. From April 16, 2019 - May 15, 2019, you or your agent must apply in person at the Assessor's office. Please call 860-487-4403 to make an appointment.

REMINDER - TO RECEIVE A CREDIT ON A MOTOR VEHICLE TAX BILL - You must provide the assessor with two documents:

- 1) Proof of disposal, e.g., if sold, the bill of sale; if totaled, a letter from the insurance company; if repossessed, a letter stating such; if junked, a receipt from the junk yard; if traded in, the bill of sale for the new car showing the car being valued in trade.
- 2) Returned plate receipt from the CT DMV or proof of plate transfer to another vehicle.

Only vehicles on the 2017 and 2018 Grand Lists are eligible for credit. For vehicles disposed of between 10/2/2018 and 6/1/2019, if you provide the documents before Friday, May 31, 2019, the credit will be reflected on the tax bill mailed to you for July 2019 payment.

Renters Rebate



Are you over 65?
Are you Disabled?
Are you a Renter?

Did you earn less than \$43,900 if married or \$36,000 if single?

Then you may qualify for a Renters Rebate from OPM

Call Ashford Social Services to make an appointment:
(860)487-4417

Required Documentation: (all for calendar year 2018)

Proof of Income Including:

- Social Security income (form SSA 1099) & SSI if applicable
- Copy of 2018 Federal Income Tax Return, if filed
- 1099 forms for pension, dividends, interest, stocks & bonds, etc.
- W-2's from employment
- Veterans Disability or Railroad Retirement

Proof of Expenses Including:

- Rent receipts for 2018 (all 12 months)
- Utility bills paid in 2018 (heat, gas, electric only)

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Let's pray together for the people of
America to Love One Another.

Prayer, Worship and Breakfast at
Bakerwoods, 513 Bebbington Rd.,
Ashford, CT at 9:00 am.

Prayer and Worship at
Living Proof Church, Route 44,
Ashford, CT at 5:30 pm.

For additional information or questions,
call Sandra Clark at (860)-429-0597.

Charles McCaughtry

Spring

Studio Open House

Saturday, May 4, 2019
10am - 6pm

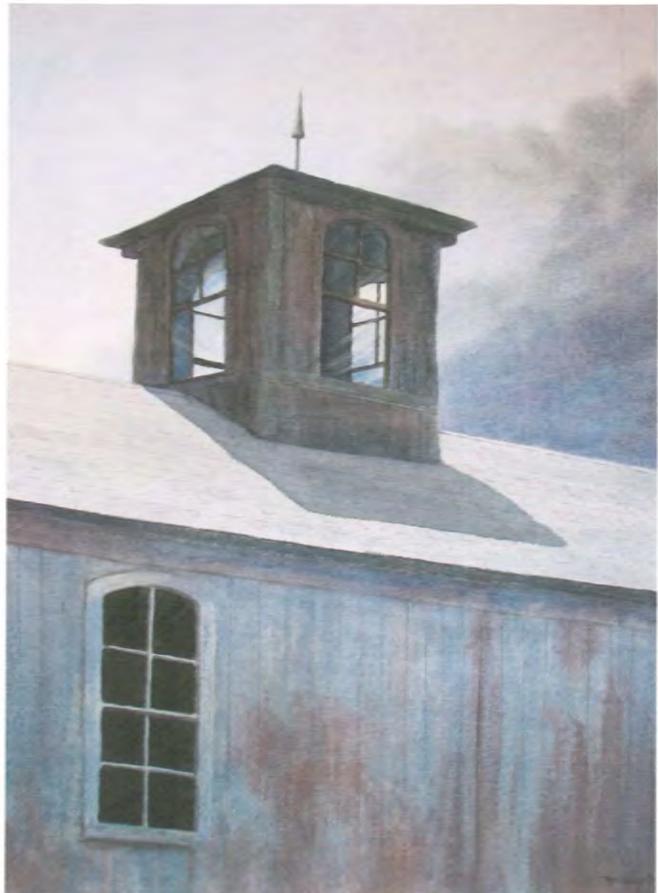
Sunday, May 5, 2019
10am - 6pm

44 Portland Drive (off Rt 89)

Ashford, Connecticut

860-429-1016

The studio is open other days
by appointment



Ashford School's Amazing Year!

By: Dr. James P. Longo

I am presenting this month's article as a wrap up of the year's accomplishments since we are approaching the end of the 2018-2019 academic year at Ashford School. In many ways it has been a year of amazing achievements, unforeseen accomplishments, and once in a lifetime opportunities for students and staff. That may seem like an overstatement of what has happened over the past year, but the reality supports this view of our incredible year. I apologize in advance for the fact that I cannot list all of the student and faculty achievements, but will review as many as I can.

First, Our students were able to speak with the astronauts on the international space station. We were one of fewer than a dozen schools in the country afforded that opportunity. Imagine...our students asked great questions and engaged in live conversation with astronauts who were on the International Space Station. A memory that will last a lifetime, and it happened at Ashford School.

In April, we conducted a student travel experience to Costa Rica helping students develop cultural competency and provide opportunities to practice Spanish language skills while traveling through five different towns and villages. Additionally, they learned about plant growth and food production based upon climate and environmental influences by visiting several coffee and banana farms and plantations. They also learned about geology at Arsenal Volcano National Park and at EARTH University, where they participated in two educational programs on sustainability.

In November, a group of students and faculty visited the Einstein Gymnasium, our partner school in Germany. We are developing this relationship through the German - American Partnership Program, which currently has 1,600 schools paired. In June, students and faculty from our partner school are coming to Ashford!

Ashford School students have participated in the International Model United Nations Conference in NYC and Boston where they presented and developed resolutions on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals while collaborating with student delegations from around the world. At the conference, Ashford students exhibited the four domains of cultural competence by investigating the world, recognizing perspectives, communicating ideas, and taking action.

Ashford School provides a variety of opportunities for our community to develop global competence. Every month we have cultural arts assemblies. This year the assemblies included artists from Kenya, India, the Caribbean, and Brazil. Middle School students also have the opportunity to participate in free and low cost international exchanges. They collaborate on solutions to the previously mentioned United Nations Sustainable Development Goals ranging from creating interactive maps of green energy initiatives to designing underwater gliders to help mitigate the impact of invasive species. But most importantly, global competence is integrated into the classroom.

Recently, Empatico awarded Ashford School with the distinction of being an Empathy School. Empatico partners classes around the world to build empathy and learn about each other's cultures while participating in live video interactions aligned to the content students are learning in class. This spring classes at Ashford School are partnering with classes in Argentina, India, Pakistan, Nigeria, and more. So, if you happen to drop by a class at Ashford School, don't be surprised if on the Smartboard you see students from around the world joining in too.

Ashford Art students won awards and placed at the top of a juried exhibit of photography in Ridgefield where students from throughout the state competed. An incredible showing for such a small school. Robotics students won their regional competition and traveled to Virginia to compete and represent our region nationally.

Once again, I apologize to those whose accomplishments were not mentioned here. There are just too many to mention.

Several faculty members from Ashford School have received regional or national recognition this year, demonstrating an overlooked aspect of our school's environment. This is important because it shows that a true culture of excellence has developed at Ashford School. Having an environment where achievement through effort and inspiration has developed into a mindset that feeds creativity, curiosity, and the drive to learn, is the environment that the children of Ashford come to every day. A climate of trust, respect, and joy has become the goal and the hallmark of our school. Principal Troy Hopkins is Connecticut's Elementary Principal of the Year and the National World Language Teacher of the Year is our Spanish teacher, Rebecca Aubrey. Imagine how significant that actually is? Two significant award recipients in the same small school.

Kate Craven participated in an expedition to the Upper Arctic, and Katie Knecht participated in an expedition to the Galapagos Islands, as two of the 40 educators selected nationally as the 12th group of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic Grosvenor Teacher Fellows. Kellie Gauvin was chosen to go to Italy as a National Fund for Teachers Fellow. She participated in research in Reggio Emilia, Italy. She joins Katie Knecht, Jennifer Lindsay, Dory Moore, Carly Imhoff, and Kate Craven as alumni of this program. Carly Imhoff, the creative and energetic force behind so many of our school's achievements, has received a National Educational Association (NEA) Global Learning Fellowship, where she represented the United States education system in South Africa.

(continued on following page)

(continued from previous page)

Hopefully, this article has achieved its goal of demonstrating how we have created a culture of exceptionalism at Ashford School. When you consider the quality of our staff, and their aspiration for excellence, it is no surprise that it has resulted in so many awards, it is also no wonder that our students excel as well. It is often said that success breeds success. Ashford School is an example of how a successful educational culture can be the foundation of a successful learning community. Ashford School is “*A Place of Excellence.*” And I am proud of it and I hope that you are as well. I thank our PTO for their constant support and our community for providing us the funds to continue to give our students these exceptional opportunities and experiences. It truly takes the entire community to make Ashford School the wonderful place that it is.

Ashford School News and Happenings



Melissa McDonough with Ashford’s Youth Services brings Yoga into the classrooms of our elementary students once a week. Mrs. McDonough also runs a full afterschool Yoga Club for students in grades 5-8.



Second Grade’s Farmer’s Market STEAM project presentation was Thursday, March 28th. The students set up booths to sell products they made from Ashford’s natural resources.



Family Nutrition Night was held Tuesday, March 26th. Families with students in grades PreK – 2 were invited to come learn about nutrition and try new healthy foods and recipes. The evening was led by a dietitian from Big Y Supermarkets.



Ashford School 8th graders are working with Geologists at Trinity College in a partnership funded by a National Geographic Grant. The students are collecting bedrock samples in Ashford, submitting them for testing, and mapping the presence of the mineral pyrrhotite in town. This info. will help determine if there is a need to update geology maps with more detail to help prevent quarries from mining rock with pyrrhotite.

Date	Event	Time
Friday, May 3rd	Cultural Arts Assembly – Rachna Agrawal	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 15 th	PreK Screening (By appointment only)	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 16 th	PreK Screening (By appointment only)	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 16 th	Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 17 th	SWINGS	
Monday, May 20 th – Wednesday, May 22 nd	Book Fair	8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 23 rd	Book Fair	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 22 nd	In School Concert	9:15 a.m.
Thursday, May 23 rd	Spring Concert	7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 24 th	SWINGS Jr.	
Monday, May 27 th	No School	

VITAL STATISTICS



Deaths:

Lillian D. Johnston March 20, 2019
Laura E. Soucie April 4, 2019

Marriages:

Jamal Daniels
Krystle Marie Breault February 14, 2019
Christopher M. Magistri Jr.
Taylor Lin Tangari March 27, 2019

Ashford Historical Society

The May meeting of the Ashford Historical Society will be held on
May 28th at 7:00 pm in the
Town Office Building, Lower Level,
Selectmen's Meeting Room.



Things to Know about FAWNS

*Shared by Linda Wenner
CT Dept. of Agriculture*

It's Fawn Season! Fawns are born between May & June. They start out very wobbly and don't have their "sea legs" for about 48 hours. Moms will give birth to them virtually anywhere.

Fawns are born with no smell. Their poop is actually encapsulated with this stuff that makes them not smell. Their urine doesn't smell, either, therefore as long as they're not disturbed, they're safe! Moms leave them in places they feel are safe and will ONLY return at night when they see no human / dog activities. They purposely stay away from their babies to protect them. Babies cannot outrun anything until they're at least a month old, so this time is crucial.

We get calls from people who have found them and think they're abandoned or in danger so they pick them up and bring them somewhere they think is safe. Problem is, now Mom will literally freak out if she can't find her baby. It's horrible to watch. She'll even freak trying to get a dead baby to wake up. Picture someone kidnapping your baby. That kind of freak out.

There are two schools of thought in returning a fawn to the area. First, you have 48 hours before Mom stops looking. So this time is VERY important. First school is to rub the fawn down with dirt / debris to remove any smells you may have given the fawn. Second theory is that just leaving the smells on the fawn will let Mom know it's too close to humans and she'll move it. Your call.

Now, if you DO have to take a fawn - PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE know that they can get something called Capture Myopathy. This comes from being stressed beyond capacity. Being chased by predators / dogs / people can start it. Being put in a dog crate (dog smells can trigger it) or in a dog kennel can all start this. Simply put, it's a progressive paralysis brought on by stress. It starts in the back legs and progresses forward until the fawn is not able to move. It can come on fast or slow.

How to tell if your fawn needs "rescue": Dead mom within 1/4 mile (Mom can hear her baby from 1/4 mile away, so any further means it probably isn't that fawn's mom). Fawn freaking out, screaming, wandering, bleating.... A fawn with flies. Mom won't allow this so if you see one and it has flies, it's alone and in need. A fawn just following people isn't abandoned. It's curious! Just like a yearling bear, they want to know what that 2-legged thing is. If that's the case, have the finder "lead" the fawn back to the original spot and then run away *very* fast. They also love the taste of sweat (salt) so they will lick sweaty arms / legs.

Use your judgement, not your heart!!! They look so fragile and sweet and needy. I know - but please leave them! Or at least call a rehabber and ask. And thank you!!! Most of the fawns we take in have been kidnapped, so the more we can educate the public, the better!!!!

Liz Bennett, President
Bandit's Place Animal Rescue
East Hartford, CT



TOWN OF ASHFORD

BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS



May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Veteran's Assistance, ATO, 7pm	2 Board of Education, Ashford School, 7pm Board of Finance ATO, Rm 104, 7pm Ashford Business Association (ABA), Midway, 6:30pm	3	4
5 Cinco De Mayo	6 Commission on Aging, Senior Center, 10am Board of Selectmen, ATO, 7pm	7 R-19 Referenda Knowlton Memorial Hall 6am – 8pm Board of Ed., Reg. #19, EOS Media Center, 7:30pm Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, ATO, Rm 104, 7pm	8 Zoning Board of Appeals, ATO 7pm	9 Board of Finance ATO, Rm 104, 7pm	10	11
12 Mother's Day Farmer's Market 10am – 1pm	13 Planning & Zoning Commission, ATO, Rm 104, 7pm Ashford Arts Council, Knowlton Memorial Hall, 7:15pm	14 Housing Authority, Pompey Hollow 7:30pm	15	16 Board of Education, Ashford School, 7pm Agriculture Commission, ATO, Rm 112, 7:30pm	17	18 Armed Forces Day
19 Farmer's Market 10am – 1pm	20 Board of Selectmen, ATO, 7pm Parks & Recreation Commission, APRC, 7pm Conservation Commission, ATO, Rm 112, 7pm	21 Our Town Our Future, ATO, Commissions Rm, 7:30pm ADTC ATO, Rm 104, 7:30pm	22 Economic Development Commission, ATO, Rm 112, 7:30pm	23 Board of Finance ATO, Rm 104, 7pm	24 NECCOG Dayville 8:30am	25
26 Farmer's Market 10am – 1pm	27 Memorial Day Town Offices Closed	28 Library Board of Trustees, Babcock Library, 2:30pm	29	30	31	

The Ashford Citizen
5 Town Hall Road
Ashford, CT 06278

PRSR STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM RETAIL

Local
Postal Customer

Alexander Hastillo Electric
American Scale Company Inc.
Antero Health Care
Anything Printed
Ashford Dairy Bar
Ashford Garden Center
Ashford Spirit Shoppe
Bakerwoods Farm
Basch Stone Masonry LLC
Basto Flooring LLC
Black and White Pet Care LLC
Cool-Grind Technologies, LLC
Count it All Joy Studio
County Line Septic
Eastford Building Supply
Evamanda
Franc Motors Inc.
Funk & Little Inc
Gary Stevens Remax Destination
GM Thompson & Sons Inc.
Greg Peck Landscaping
Hall Davis Marketing Strategies
Hanks Lawnmower Repair and Service
Henrietta House Bed & Breakfast
and Red House Farm
HIBU Sue Supina

Home Selling Team, LLC- Noah King
Hope and Wellness
Insurance Engineering Solutions LLC
Integrated Neurology of CT/NEC Health & Nutrition
Integrity Pest Control
J.M. Cyr Construction LLC
JCL Lawncare
Lance Glass
Latham Automotive
Lawrence Real Estate
Little Things Contracting
Love Construction
Lunging Tiger Karate
Lyman Real Estate Carolyn Trotta
Made and Formed Foundations
Mansfield Supply
Mansfield Tree Service
Mary Kay Tina Fradette Independent
Beauty Consultant
McClintock Roofing
Midway Restaurant
Mike Kovarovics Contracting
Mobile Animal Clinic

NAPA Autoparts of Tolland
Neighbors Paper LLC
North Veterinary Clinic
Northeast Builders Roofing Company
Northeast Painters LLC
Pet-Law Farm
Pfalzgraf PFarm
Preston Family Property Maintenance
Renewal by Anderson
Rettenmeier Woodcarving
Rivers Edge Sugar House
Rogerson Masonry Inc.
Savings Institute
Sean Patrick Plants LLC
Shooters Services
State Farm Anthony Raggi
Stoney Maple Carpentry
Terry's Transmissions
The Last Green Valley
Tolland County Foundation Restoration
Vacation Property Check LLC
Veterans Base Camp
Village Springs Distributors
Westford Hill Distillers
Wilmington Pizza
Willow Valley Farm



Our Mission

To promote and provide support to all businesses within the Towns of Ashford, Eastford and Willington.
To act as a collective resource of business information and education.
To create awareness of Ashford, Eastford and Willington business within the community.
To address common business issues within Town governments.

The Ashford Citizen is printed by Anything Printed Copy Center.