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

ASHFORD CITIZEN 5 TOWN HALL ROAD ASHFORD CT 06278

**TOWN OF ASHFORD
Board of Finance**

**LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020, 7:00 P.M.**

Virtually via GoToMeeting

**To join the meeting, please use the information provided at the bottom of this agenda
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 virtually via GoToMeeting (connection information below) on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The Public Hearing will be for the purpose of receiving information regarding the proposed fiscal year 2020-2021 town budgets.

Copies of the proposed budget can be obtained on the Town of Ashford, Connecticut website or picked up outside the Ashford Town Office Building during current business hours.

Dated at Ashford, Connecticut this 16th day of April, 2020.

Charles E. Funk, Chairman
Ashford Board of Finance

If you have concerns about your ability to attend this virtual meeting, please contact Michael D'Amato at 860-885-1047 or email ZEO@ashfordtownhall.org.

Please send written testimony or your intent to present at the Public Hearing to bofashford@ashfordtownhall.org.

Public comment time may be limited to accommodate more presentations prior to the Boards of Finance and Selectmen holding Special Meetings after the Public Hearing.

Ashford Board of Finance Hearing and Special Meeting 050620
Wed, May 6, 2020 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (EDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/188803573>

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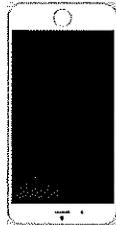
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<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/188803573>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ashford
Town Office Building is
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until further notice.



You may reach us by:



Town Offices Directory

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Assessor	860-487-4403
Building Dept.	860-487-4404
Emergency Management	860-428-0870
Finance Dept.	860-487-4405
Fire Marshal	860-429-6222
Housing Authority	860-429-8556
Public Works	860-429-6812
Registrar of Voters	860-487-4410
Selectmen's Office	860-487-4400
Sexton	860-487-4400
Social/Youth Services	860-487-4417
Tax Collector	860-487-4411
Town Clerk	860-487-4401
Zoning Enforcement	860-487-4415

Educational Notes:



HEAD OF SCHOOL SCHOLAR HONORS
Pomfret School, Pomfret
Eleanor Sangree

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ASHFORD AUDIT REPORT

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Financial Report of the Town of Ashford, Connecticut for the year ending June 30, 2019, which was audited by King, King & Associates, P.C., 170 Holabird Avenue, Winsted, CT, is on file and open for inspection in the office of the Ashford Town Clerk during regular office hours.

Dated at Ashford, Connecticut this 20th day of April, 2020.

Sherri L. Mutch, MCTC, CMC
Town Clerk, Ashford

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 \$18 per year donation (as of 1/1/2020).
- *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.

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A Message from the Selectmen's Office

Here we are – it's May and we're still immersed in the COVID-19 Pandemic and the resulting health precautions that fortunately most of us are following.

By this time, those of you with children at home are looking for innovative ways to keep them active while keeping school-aged children engaged in on-line learning. At some point I foresee spring weather descending upon us more consistently (like, no more snow). Better weather should open up the possibilities for outdoor activities while keeping social distancing in the forefront our minds.

To those who have been laid off or furloughed be assured that we are encouraging our legislators to get the unemployment system moving. At our meeting of April 20, 2020, the Board of Selectmen adopted a resolution instituting a tax deferment program pursuant to Governor Lamont's Executive Order 2020-7S. The resolution directs the Tax Collector to offer a deferment of three months, (until October 1, 2020), from the time such taxes are due on real estate, personal property, or motor vehicles, to all eligible tax payers. Exclusions to the deferment resolution include landlords and financial institutions escrowing taxes for residential, commercial, or industrial properties.

As I'm sure you are all aware, based upon Executive Orders issued by Governor Lamont, guidance from Eastern Highlands Health District, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Homeland Security, we have closed all Town of Ashford buildings and public facilities, including parks, to the public while staffing the offices between the hours of 8:30 to 3:00 Monday through Wednesday. Each Town office may be contacted either by phone or email. Employees who are able to are working from home.

In an effort to comply with statutory requirements and keeping the business running, all necessary Board and Commission meetings (e.g., Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen, Planning & Zoning, Housing Authority, Board of Education) are being held virtually utilizing "GoToMeeting," "Zoom" or one of many other virtual venues. Meeting information (and how to participate) may be found on the agenda for each meeting on the town website, www.ashfordtownhall.org/agendas-and-minutes/.

In the midst of this scary time, remember to keep yourselves, your families, your friends and all of those other folks you come across, safe and healthy.

Ralph H. Fletcher
First Selectman



VITAL STATISTICS



Deaths:

<i>Sharon Kazokas</i>	<i>March 5, 2020</i>
<i>Robert E. Tamsin</i>	<i>March 13, 2020</i>
<i>Beverly Carlson</i>	<i>March 20, 2020</i>
<i>Charles J. Woytik</i>	<i>March 30, 2020</i>
<i>Nancy Bizlj</i>	<i>April 3, 2020</i>
<i>Shelley J. Smith</i>	<i>April 6, 2020</i>
<i>Andrew Gabriel Horila Jr.</i>	<i>April 9, 2020</i>
<i>Dana P. Mortenson</i>	<i>April 15, 2020</i>
<i>Caroline L. Shaney</i>	<i>April 17, 2020</i>
<i>Barbara L (Tremko) Sledjeski</i>	<i>April 20, 2020</i>

Marriages:

<i>Glen A. Nemeroff</i>	
<i>Sherri L. Mutch</i>	<i>April 3, 2020</i>
<i>Raymond F. Prest</i>	
<i>Gloria J. Tetreault</i>	<i>April 4, 2020</i>
<i>Henry Correa-Melendez</i>	
<i>Jacquelyn A. Bell</i>	<i>April 18, 2020</i>

Important information from the Ashford Registrars of Voters

Lauren Olson / Democratic

Colleen DePercio / Republican

The Presidential Preference Primaries have been moved to August 11, 2020 from 6:00am-8:00pm. This is the same date as possible State Primaries.

May 11, 2020: The last day an elector can transfer from one party to another and be eligible to vote in the primary of the new party.

July 21, 2020: Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk, for the primaries.

July 28, 2020: The Registrars of Voters in the Town of Ashford will be holding a registration session from 1PM-3PM for registration or enrollment of electors entitled to vote in the Democratic or Republican Primaries.

August 6, 2020: This is the deadline for registering or enrolling for voting in the presidential preference primaries unless you register in person with the Town Clerk (8:30-3:00PM) or with the Registrars of Voters. Any mail-in application of a new voter must be received by this date or a mail-in application must be postmarked by this date and received by August 10, 2020 at 12:00 noon.

August 10, 2020: The Registrars of Voters in the Town of Ashford will be holding a limited registration session from 9am-12pm to admit those seeking to vote in the August 11, 2020 Presidential/State Primary, whose qualifications as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since the August 6, 2020 deadline. In addition, any *unaffiliated* voter may file an application for enrollment in a party and vote in that parties primary. The deadline to join a party from unaffiliated is on this date, by 12:00 noon.

August 11, 2020: The polls will be open from 6:00am- 8pm for the Democratic and Republican Presidential Primaries. Any elector in line by 8:00pm will be permitted to vote.

To check your voter registration, please visit:
<https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/lookup.aspx>

To register to vote or change your party affiliation, please visit:
<https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do>

TRIVIA

1. What does John Steinbeck refer to as the "Mother Road" in The Grapes of Wrath?
2. What is SoHo short for?
3. Which is the most densely populated country in the world?
4. Who was Muhammad Ali's opponent when he regained the world title in what became known as the Rumble in the Jungle?
5. Who was the first modern athlete picked to play on pro football and baseball All Star games?
6. How many states does the Appalachian Trail traverse?
7. What state after Idaho grows the most potatoes each year?
8. What is the only continent without any bees?
9. What is a dromophobiac afraid to cross?
10. What name is given to domesticated cats that have escaped to live in the wild?



Assistance to Ashford Veterans

**IN-PERSON OFFICE HOURS ARE
TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.**

If you have VA or Veteran questions, you don't have wait until COVID-19 goes away. Call 860-928-2309 and we will try to resolve your issues "from a distance."

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.



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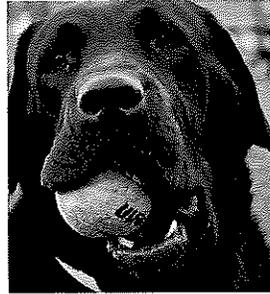
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June is Dog Licensing Month!

Due to COVID-19, this year we will be conducting dog licensing strictly by mail. You may mail your materials beginning mid May. We will start depositing checks and mailing tags and licenses on June 1st, in the order materials were received.

Owners of **LICENSED** dogs in Ashford will be sent reminder letters in mid May. Please mail to us:

- **personal check or money order (note dog's name in the memo section)**
- **updated rabies certificate if necessary**
- **SASE**

Owners of **UNLICENSED** dogs may go to the Town Clerk's page at www.ashfordtownhall.org for an application form. Please mail to us:

- **application**
- **personal check or money order**
- **SASE**
- **copy of rabies certificate**
- **copy of spay/neutering certificate**

CT Dog Licensing Facts:

- Dog license year runs from July 1st—June 30th.
- **Fee: neutered male/spayed female-\$8.00 male or female - \$19.00**
- 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 with that 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.

**Ashford Town Clerk
5 Town Hall Road
Ashford, CT 06278**

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

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	BILL #
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 2002 is the Grand List 	→ 2002-01-0000037 00004200-LIEN (REAL ESTATE)
2002-01-37	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 01 is Real Estate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 02 is Personal Property ○ 03 is Motor Vehicle ○ 04 is Motor Vehicle Supplement 	2003-01-0000038 00004200-LIEN (REAL ESTATE)
2002-01-37	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 37 is the bill number 	2004-01-0000040 00004200-LIEN

- You MUST pay the OLDEST bills FIRST
 - Oldest Grand List

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)



Go Green: Pay your bills online

2nd installments of real estate and personal property tax were due Jan. 1, 2020, as well as Supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax bills for vehicles registered between Oct. 2, 2018 and July 31st, 2019. The Tax Office is closed to the public. Please consider using the online system for payment.

There is a service fee to pay online. An e-check costs \$.95, and the credit card fee is 2.95%. If you use a debit card, you must treat it as a credit card, and the 2.95% fee applies.

You can use the system 24/7. You do not need to register, but you need to give an email address in order to obtain a receipt.

Go to: www.ashfordtownhall.org to view and/or pay bills online. The button to enter the portal looks like this:



**STAY SAFE
STAY HOME
#COVID-19**

TRIVIA ANSWERS

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2. SoHo is short for South of Houston.
3. The most densely populated country in the world is Monaco.
4. George Foreman was Muhammad Ali's opponent when he regained the world title in what became known as the Rumble in the Jungle.
5. The first modern athlete picked to play on pro football and baseball All Star games was Bo Jackson.
6. The Appalachian Trail traverses fourteen states.
7. The state after Idaho which grows the most potatoes each year is Washington.
8. The only continent without any bees is Antarctica.
9. A dromophobia is a person who is afraid to cross a street.
10. The name given to domesticated cats that have escaped to live in the wild is feral.



ASHFORD DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Ashford Citizen - May 2020

- **ADTC Special Meeting Wednesday, May 20, 7:30 PM in lieu of caucus**
- ***This will be a Virtual Meeting as authorized. Only Members & Alternates will be invited. Cannot identify others.***
- To endorse Justices of the Peace
- To endorse Democratic Register of Voters
- **Federal and State Primary: August 11**

Those Registered Democrats who are interested in becoming a Justice of the Peace should email their request to:

AshfordDTC@gmail.com

Submitted April 21, 2020

Bill Becker
Chair, ADTC

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Scout Troop 92 May 2020 Newsletter

All Scout meetings and activities have been cancelled due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus and hopefully will resume soon.

From Nord:

Because of the temporary halt in Scout activities due to the COVID-19 virus, I am submitting this campfire story that may amuse you while we are waiting to resume our normal lives. This is a "true story" ...a Tall Tale or Campfire Story, based on actual events, with some added flavor. It is in the same style as tales about Paul Bunyan or John Henry and Pecos Bill.

How the Town of Ashford got its Name

The town of Ashford was named after a cat. It's kind of embarrassing, but here is how it all happened.....

The first people that lived in Ashford were known as the "Nipmucks." They only lived in Ashford in the winter. They were also known as the "Woodland Indians." They found that game was plentiful here, so they could hunt and do well. In the summer months they lived by the shore, where they could catch fish and dig up clams.

When the first Europeans came here they saw things that they had never seen before. The native people would tell them what it was. The Nipmucks spoke the Algonquin language. Now we have many Algonquin words for places and things, like "Connecticut, moccasin, raccoon, Housatonic" and lots of others. Some things the Europeans named after things that reminded them of their own home, too. That's where New London, CT, on the Thames River got its name.

The Europeans that first came to Ashford came from many different countries. They came from England, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, and all over. Most of the first Europeans that came here did not know how to read or write. They were not common skills during these times.

So, when they came to Ashford, and they wanted to know what to call it, they went to the Sachem of the Nipmuck Peoples. The Sachem was a wise man and a leader of his people. We might call him the "chief." One of the best known Sachems in this part of the country was named Uncas. Uncas was known for his negotiating skills. There is even a town here named after him, "Uncasville."

So, when the Europeans wanted to know what this place was called they went to the Sachem of the Nipmucks. Now, they did have some problems communicating, as you can imagine. They couldn't read or write, and they only knew a few words in Algonquin. When they came up to the Sachem, they asked him "What do you call this?" and then they waved their hands to show what they meant. The Sachem looked over towards where they were pointing and he saw his pet cat, Ashford, prowling through the tall grasses looking for mice. He thought that they were pointing at his cat. He answered "That's Ashford." The Europeans nodded their heads and walked away.

Later when the Europeans started calling this place "Ashford," the Nipmucks thought that was pretty funny, but they were too polite to say anything more.

So that's the "true story" of how the town of Ashford got its name!

Scout meetings are most Thursday Evenings at 7:00 PM at Knowlton Memorial Hall, next to the Cumberland Farms store. New members and visitors are welcome.

Nord Yakovleff , Assistant Scout Master; Cory Blanchette, Scout Master

TOWN OF ASHFORD

Office of the Selectmen

Ralph H. Fletcher
First Selectman

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 2020

Ashford takes great pride in bringing our community together each year to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. "Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance" and we shall not take for granted the freedoms won for us by those who gave their lives in the ultimate sacrifice.

With Memorial Day less than one month away, the Memorial Day Committee hopes to be able to announce that the parade and ceremony will be able to go forward on Monday, May 25, 2020.

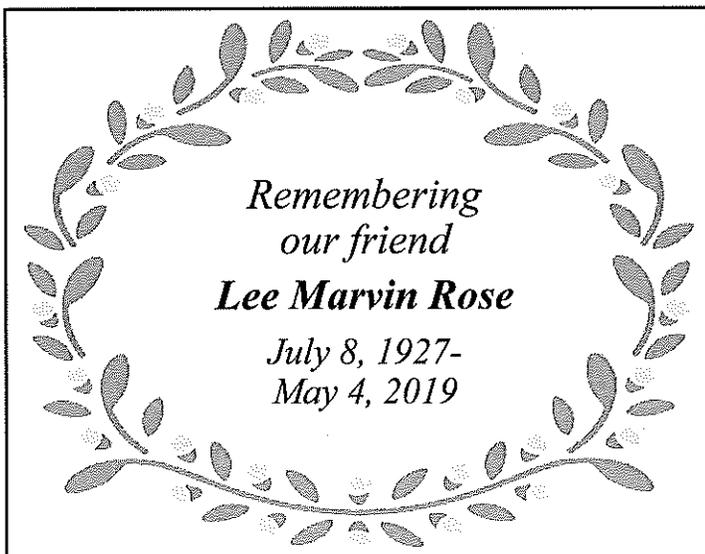
But in an effort to keep our residents safe and healthy, our ability to hold this annual event will be based on consideration of the following: the Governor's Executive Orders relating to public gathering and safe distancing and the level of community participation we have come to rely on - the Ashford Choraleers, the Babcock Band, the E.O. Smith Marching Band, the Connecticut State Police, the Ashford Volunteer Fire Department and, of course, the scouts.

Please check the Town of Ashford website, www.ashfordtownhall.org, for the status of this event.

Ralph H. Fletcher
First Selectman

William A. Falletti
Selectman

Cathryn Silver-Smith
Selectman



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Spring has come a little
early this year!

Our stand will open
May 9th.

We have a large selection
of tomato, vegetable and
herb plants. Also, a large
selection of annuals and
perennials.

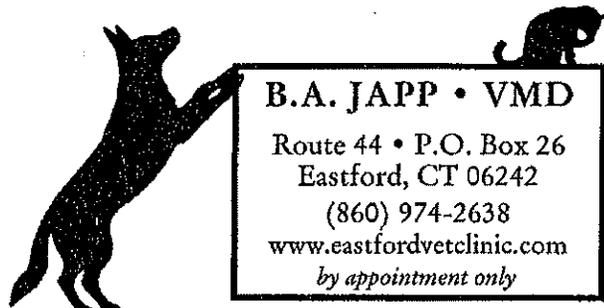
Our hanging baskets will not be at full
bloom, but will be showing some color.

Hope to see you soon!

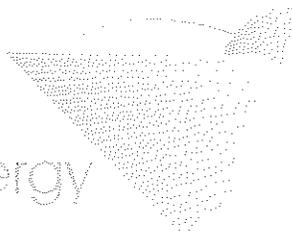
Carl & Evelyn Pfalzgraf



EASTFORD VETERINARY CLINIC



Ashford Energy Task Force



May 2020

The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May. (Edwin Way Teale)

The U.S. Department of Energy* has provided tips on home energy use as we welcome Spring. The DOE notes that for every degree of Fahrenheit you adjust the thermostat (down in Winter, up in Summer) you save about 2 percent on costs. And that's the dollar cost to you -- which is based on usage. Perhaps more important are the savings on environmental impact.

Some other simple steps are recommended (with many useful year-round):

- *Appliances and lighting heat your home.* On hot days, avoid using the oven. Instead, cook on the stove, use a microwave, or grill outside. Take advantage of daylight instead of artificial lighting, but avoid direct sunlight coming through windows.
- *Wash full loads* of dishes if you use a dishwasher, and of clothes (using cold or warm water for most items). And consider air drying both dishes and clothing.
- *Take short showers instead of baths.*
- *Don't keep your refrigerator or freezer too cold.* Recommended temperatures are 35-38 degrees F for the fresh food compartment and 0 degrees F for the freezer for long-term storage.
- *Make sure the door seals are airtight.* To test: close the door over a piece of paper or a dollar bill so it is half in and half out of the refrigerator. If you can pull the paper or bill out easily, the latch may need adjustment, the seal may need replacing, or you may want to consider buying a new unit.
- *Cover liquids and wrap foods stored in the refrigerator.* Uncovered foods release moisture and make the compressor work harder.
- *Regularly defrost manual-defrost freezers and refrigerators;* frost buildup decreases the energy efficiency of the unit. Don't allow frost to build up more than one-quarter of an inch.

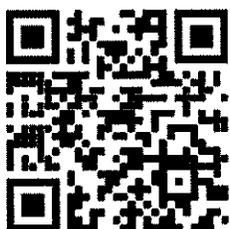
* www.energy.gov/energysaver/spring-and-summer-energy-saving-tips

The ACETF thanks you for your interest in our work, and welcome your input. And we would welcome your participation by joining us as a member. If you have concerns or comments, or to join us, please contact Cindy Moeckel at 860-487-3827 or clmoeckel@gmail.com.



Ashford Volunteer Fire Department

There is very little activity in the department right now, other than answering emergency fire and medical calls. The station on Rte. 89 in Warrentville is manned from 06:00 to midnight everyday as usual. We are working closely with the Selectman's Office and Emergency Management with information and support flowing in both directions. Almost weekly, Deputy Chief Tom Borgman makes the trek to state PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) distribution points to receive our allotment of state provided PPE. Luckily we are holding our own with the amount of PPE we have on-hand compared to our call volume requiring it. Our officer and monthly meetings have been held on-line using Zoom video/teleconferencing technology. All department training and other activities have been suspended. No decision has been made regarding the annual Father's Day Chicken BBQ yet. If it is to be held, it will probably be a much different event than what everyone is used to. Watch for announcements regarding the BBQ. The CT state Office of Emergency Medical Services (part of DPH) has issued an order on March 30th suspending the requirement for license renewal until the "COVID-19 State of Emergency" is lifted. This is only an administrative issue, but applies to every healthcare provider in the state. DPH is obviously very busy with the COVID-19 pandemic right now to handle the hundreds of renewal requests each month. Rest assured, just because an EMR or EMT credential goes out of date during this time, all AVFD EMS personnel remain competent and able to provide the top quality patient care everyone is used to.



If you want the latest data and announcements from the state regarding COVID 19, go to the following website: ct.gov/coronavirus or use the QR code to the left on your smartphone to take you right to it. The site is updated constantly. Click on the "Test Data" radio button for all the latest COVID-19 stats. At the bottom of the page is a link to read all of the governor's executive orders for yourself.

In the meantime, keep doing what you have been doing. Ashford as well as Windham County as a whole still have the lowest number of positive tests in the entire state. Granted we are far away from the virus hotspot of NYC, but in circumstances such as these, isn't there is a lot to be said for rural living?

The call count for March 2020 was 21 Fire/Rescue and 24 EMS. Our fiscal year total is 436.

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



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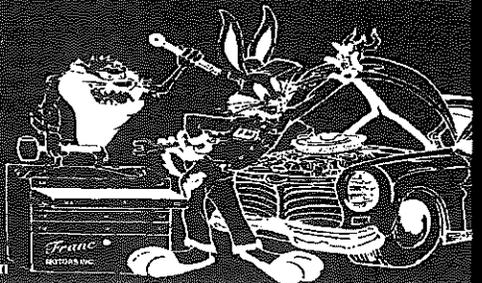
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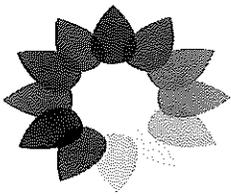
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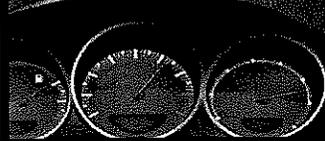
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Click on it, *your information should be there.*

This site is available 24/7.



**MID-NORTHEAST CHEMICAL WASTE
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HAZARDOUS WASTE CENTER
WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL AT LEAST JUNE, 2020.**

2020 SCHEDULE WILL RESUME: TBD

The Mid-NEROC Household Hazardous Waste facility is *normally* open on the first and third Saturdays of each month from late April through early November from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (closed holiday weekends). The facility is located at 57 Hancock Road in Willington, CT.

FROM THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

On **April 17, 2020**, Secretary Merrill and Governor Lamont decided to postpone the June 2, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary to August 11, 2020. Secretary Merrill's most important concerns are allowing every Connecticut voter to make their voice heard in the selection of the presidential candidates, and ensuring that they are able to cast their ballots as safely as possible

On **August 11, 2020**, there will be a statewide Presidential Preference Primary for both the Democratic and Republican parties, along with possible State Primaries.

To vote in either primary, you **MUST** be registered as a party member.

May 11, 2020 is last day an elector can transfer from one party to another and be eligible to vote in the primary of the new party. If you are not registered with a political party, you are an Unaffiliated voter. As such, you may change your party affiliation to Democratic or Republican up until noon on **August 10, 2020** and be able to vote in the primary on **August 11, 2020**.

To check your voter registration,
please visit:

<https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/lookup.aspx>

To register to vote or change your
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Presidential Preference Primary

POSTPONED AGAIN!!!

New Date: August 11, 2020

(same date as for State, District
& Municipal Primary)

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee Ballots will be available on July 21st, 2020 for registered electors unable to vote in person due to:

- a) military service
- b) out-of-town
- c) his/her illness
- d) physical disability
- e) religious beliefs
- f) service as an election official in a polling place other than his own.

Applications are available now; you do not have to wait to fill one out and return it.

1. An application for an absentee ballot must be completed and signed by the applicant and mailed to the Ashford Town Clerk.

You may get this application by going online to www.sots.ct.gov, or you may call the town clerk's office and we can either mail, scan, or fax it to you.

The application containing the **original signature** of the applicant must be received by the Town Clerk's office (either separately or with the absentee ballot) by the close of the polls, or the ballot shall not be counted.

2. Upon receipt of a qualifying application, the absentee ballot will be mailed to the applicant (be sure to check the box "To be Mailed to Me.").

3. Please mail your absentee ballot back ASAP to the Ashford Town Clerk. Absentee Ballots **MUST** be received by the Town Clerk's office by 8:00 PM on the day of the PPP, August 11th, 2020.



Ashford Town Clerk
5 Town Hall Road
Ashford, CT 06278



Hello Ashford Residents!

Here's the latest from your Parks & Recreation Dept.

- Spring Programs have been cancelled. For those of you who have registered, watch for a refund check in the mail.
- Our new playscape for Ashford Memorial Park has arrived! We hope to have it installed in the next month. Sorry, no chance for a "Community Build" at this time. Unfortunately, the park is not officially open. Please respect social distancing regulations and stay safe.
- Ashford Summer Camp We are hopeful that we will be able to run our 2 week small Day Camp from June 22nd through July 2nd for Ashford kids ages 5-12. Watch for more information as updates become available.
- Tai Chi participants should check e-mail for an invitation from your instructor for a live stream class through Zoom. Call 860-487-4409 with questions.

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March 20, 2020 - April 20, 2020

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FREE Small Business Consultations

Local Ashford resident, Carli Gidman, is a small business consultant and expert in small business marketing. She is offering all Ashford residents FREE business consultations this month. Contact her directly at Carli.Gidman@gmail.com or check out her website at www.CarlaineJaye.com.

BLOOD DRIVES 2020

May				
1	8:00-1:00	Windham Hospital	112 Mansfield Rd	Willimantic
4	1:00-6:00	First Congregational Church of Pomfret	Route 169 13 Church Rd	Pomfret Center
4	1:00-6:00	Elks Club	198 Pleasant St	Willimantic
4	1:00-6:00	First Congregational Church of Vernon	695 Hartford Turnpike	Vernon
6	12:00-6:00	Putnam Elks Club	64 Edmond St	Putnam
12	11:15-5:00	St Joseph's Church	99 Jackson St	Willimantic
14	11:00-5:00	Staffordville Fire Station	226 Upper Rd	Stafford
15	11:15-4:15	Asnuntuck Community College	170 Elm St	Enfield
20	1:00-6:00	Rockville General Hospital	31 Union St	Rockville
27	1:00-6:00	Eagleville/Mansfield Fire Dept	879 Stafford Rd	Storrs
28	11:00-4:00	Natchaug	189 Storrs Rd	Mansfield Center

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Ashford Inland Wetlands Agent on March 17th, 2020 issued an Agent approval concerning the application of Mrs. Marie Busiere for the repair of a septic system on the property located at 72 Ashford Lake Drive with conditions.

Dated at Ashford, CT this 17th day of March, 2020.

Joseph R. Theroux
Wetlands Agent,
Town of Ashford

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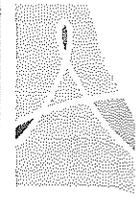
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The AAC Corner

May 2020

CALL TO ARTISTS

Introducing our Online Gallery

In these troubled times, the Ashford Arts Council is committed to helping our local artists the best we can. Many artists, who rely on sales of their work to keep themselves going, are having trouble finding places to show their treasures.

We are beginning a project to showcase our local artists on our website and Facebook page. Although we will not be involved in the sale of any work, we hope we can help send viewers and customers to you and your personal website.

If you would like a small showcase on our sites, please email the following to Anna Harding at: c_anna1@yahoo.com.

- Up to 3 jpeg images of works you are selling, along with prices you are asking. (if you want to show something special as a teaser only, just note it as NFS)
- A brief biographical paragraph (3 or 4 sentences). This can be anything that you think describes who you are, for example, where you live and work, your background, where you come from artistically, how long you have been involved with your particular art, or anything else you think would make the reader want to know you and your art.
- A sentence about what inspires you to create your art.
- A link to your own website if you have one.
- Contact information: How you would like people to contact you; e.g. email, phone.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Council Meetings
2nd Wednesday of
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**All AAC workshops,
fundraisers, and other
events are cancelled
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Need to Create a Website?

AAC Member, Carli Gidman, is making a special offer to all Ashford Arts Council Members! \$150 for complete branding and website creation of their art and/or business. This website can be used to showcase your art and even sell direct to consumers. Carli is a small business consultant and expert in small business marketing.

Contact her directly at Carli.Gidman@gmail.com or check out her website at www.CarlaineJaye.com.



MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

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

Membership with the AAC helps us continue our mission of bringing the art, artists, and the community together. This coming year we are offering even more events for our members and the community.

Including; monthly artist workshops, a Holiday Artist Market, Spring Dinner Dance, Summer Showcase, writing strolls, and more.

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BRINGING THE ARTS TO OUR COMMUNITY



May 2020

Conservation Commission News

Obviously, the Conservation Commission activities has been on hold for the last several weeks due to the virus. The good news is that our Farmers Market will be starting up on Sunday Mother's Day, May 10th for the 14th season! We will be at the usual place, Pompey Hollow Park, across the street from the Town Office Building on Rte. 44.

The market will run every Sunday through October. Due to the restrictions in place in our state, we are reconfiguring our market to protect our vendors and customers. **Please wear mask, gloves, practice social distancing (maintaining a 6ft space in line) and do not linger at the market.** We acknowledge that this is contrary to our philosophy that we have cultivated, seeing the market as gathering place to meet our farmers, and chat with friends and neighbors. Hopefully this is a temporary measure to lessen the impact of the virus. Julie and Todd Barton are again returning as our competent market masters. Support the market by visiting weekly and keeping yourself safe.

Because of the sheltering in place orders, we have not been able to schedule our annual clean up in April. We encourage all of you as you are walking your neighborhood to pick up any trash/litter you see and help keep our roadways attractive. Please be careful and wear gloves when you pick up any trash and be mindful of sharp objects. Wear a vest so that cars can easily view you. Thank you for helping us keep our environment beautiful.

Our monthly Conservation Commission meetings will resume when the present necessary restrictions are lifted.

Stay healthy and take the opportunity to be outside on one of many trails and appreciate the abundance of natural resources found in our town. Stay safe and enjoy the colors of spring.

Loretta Wrobel, chair

Babcock News

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May 2020

From the Director's Desk

As I sit in my office on this the 4th of April, I am not sure what our world will be like 3 weeks from today so I wanted to share where our world is at now and assist you with resources that may help with your growing concerns.

For those of you who have a Babcock Library card you may access e-books and audio books through our website, on the main page under catalog, click on Overdrive, follow the directions on that page. If your card is more than 6 months old your username is your library card number (no spaces) and the password is the last 4 numbers of the phone number you gave to us when you registered for your card. If your card is less than 6 months old your username is still the library card number, however the password is what was set-up at the library. If you have a library card from another town, please go to their website for directions to access their online resources. The New York Public Library will allow anyone in the United States with a valid library card to use their online collection; Boston Public Library has also opened their online collection to the general public, please go to their websites and follow directions on there. (We thank both library systems for their generosity)

At this time we are once again asking all of our patrons to keep their library materials that you have out, no fines will occur. Also, please understand that Holds are not possible during this crisis. Library materials will be due back to the library one week after we open back up.

Until we see you again, please follow the guidelines set forth by our health and public officials. If we all do our part, we will be able to reopen soon and welcome you back to the Babcock Library.

Respectfully,

Carolann Mac Master, MLIS
Library Director

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Wednesday - 10-8
Thursday - Closed
Friday - 10-6
Saturday - 9-2
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## **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, Wednesday 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.  
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## **Museum Passes**

**State Parks and Museums**-Sponsored by Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protections No Child Left Inside initiative

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## **COVID-19 Resources**

If you are looking for accurate, reliable information about the novel coronavirus, visit <https://www.nih.gov/health-information/coronavirus>

Connecticut Department of Public Health, <https://portal.ct.gov/dph>  
Connecticut's Official State Website, <https://portal.ct.gov/>

Centers of Disease Control and Prevention page specifically focused on Covid-19: how to protect yourself, a self checker, what to do if you are sick, and much more, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

## **When we reopen!! 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.  
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## **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.

## **Maker Space**

The library, is looking for donations! Our Maker Space will have items that will be used for cooking, crafting and handyman work. If you have something at home that you are not using and you think it would make a great addition to our collection please contact the library. Please understand that the item is being donated to the library and thus will become part of the library collection.

## **VEGETABLE SEED PROGRAM**

Come check out a book and grab some seeds. Seeds will be out in order of planting time, so make sure to come back every few weeks, check out another book, and grab more!

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\*\*\*\*\***SAVE THE DATE!!**\*\*\*\*\*

We are on the Connecticut Library Author Trail  
Wednesday, July 22nd at 6:30

"Galaxy of Sea Stars" Book signing and refreshments will be served  
12 years and up by Ashford's own, Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo



**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.

Book donations are always welcome in the bins down stairs from the library.

## From the Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Our Congregate Meals program at the Senior Center has been extended. You can pick up frozen meals here at the Center on Wednesday. Each person who is eligible will get three meals a week.

Criteria: You must be 60 or over or the spouse of someone who is 60 years or older and participating. There is paperwork. You can do the paperwork the first time you get the meals. This is a federal program so paperwork is required.

If possible, you must pick up the meals at the Center. I will put them on a cart and roll the cart to you outside the Center. The cart is sanitized between delivery. No contact delivery. Time of delivery to the Center will be in the AM. Seniors should pick up from 12-3. If your family member or friend picks up for you, and they cannot pick up on Wednesday, I can put the food in the freezer and pick up can be on Monday or Tuesday instead the following week.

There is a suggested donation of \$3.00. If you can afford less, you pay less, if you can afford more, you should try to pay more. The donation is done anonymously via sealed envelope.

If a person is **homebound** for other reasons than COVID-19 they can get more meals and they will be delivered top their door on Friday through the Meals on Wheels program. I can give folks the number to sign up for this.

I am at the Senior Center 9-3 Mon.-Wed. # 860-487-5122 or [seniorcenter@ashfordtownhall.org](mailto:seniorcenter@ashfordtownhall.org)

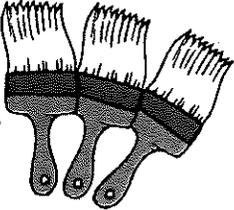
Also, please note: I sew and have masks for free at the Center. You do not have to be a senior. I will give them via the cart as described above. Monday thru Wednesday. This is on a first come-first served basis.

I am also looking for elastic either ¼ or 3/8 inches. I can also use bias tape, either single fold or double fold or 1/2 inch twill tape. It doesn't matter what color. I will be running out of my supply, so I am not going to worry about matching colors to cloth. I can sew small pieces together. Supply companies are virtually out. Please ask your friends, Facebook and other wise, if they have any supplies that can be sent to me. Folks often have a stash of elastic for making repairs. I have plenty of cloth but can't guarantee prints. I can try colors, so if you have a friend who wants masks, ask what color they prefer. I'll take orders, first come-first served, until I run out of supplies. Donating elastic or bias tape is not necessary in order to receive a mask but would certainly help.

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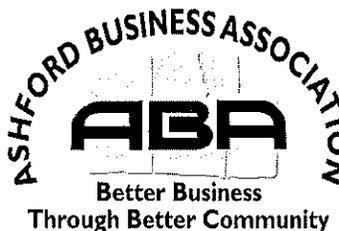
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