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Early Christmas Greetings

The staff of the Ashford Citizen wishes all its readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our greetings have to come this early because we are printing only one issue in December. With the new year we hope to be back on our twice a month schedule with two new editors who answered our urgent appeal for volunteers. Bertha Knowlton and Barbara Johnson will be the two new editors. Circulation will also be taken care of by four rotating managers; Anna Tremko, Margaret Kardell, Drew Wetzel and Olga Simmons, who also volunteered to help us. We still need one or two reporters and an Advertising Manager; so if you feel that you would like to do your bit toward making the Citizen a better paper, please let us know.

This issue and the January first issue are being printed by

the Stafford Press since John Bartok is too busy with his new job as rural mail carrier to print the Citizen during the Christmas rush. We hope that John will find that he has the time to be our printer again after the holidays, for we will miss his very personal interest in the paper, and all the help beyond the call of duty that he gave the editors and staff of the Citizen.

A. S. A. MEETING

The next A. S. A. meeting will be held December 16 at the Ashford Elementary School. Mr. Alexander Plante, principal of the E. O. Smith High School, will speak on the progress of the E. O. Smith High School, the present status of the school, the time it will go into operation, and the plan of operation. Everyone is welcome.

New Year Eve Dance 1957

The Women's Auxiliary to the Ashford Volunteer Fire Dept. is sponsoring a New Year's Eve dance at Knowlton Memorial Hall with Ken Rawley's orchestra playing from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Make your reservations early as no tickets will be sold at the door. For reservations call GA 9-2520 or GA 9-2945.

Deadline is December 28. Anyone is welcome to attend.

A Buffet Supper will be served at intermission. Come and enjoy yourself and at the same time help support your Fire Dept.

Members of the Dance Committee are: Carol Makray, Olive

Rogers, Ramona Rogers, Thelma Nagy, Theresa Mamunes and Irma Kuchinsky.

by Irma Kuchinsky

Christmas Parties 1957

Ashford joy rang out with Christmas parties. Ruth Metsack's 4-H group met on Dec. 13, Sophie Chatey's and Anna Tremko's on Dec. 17., the Playhouse on Dec. 17, the Cub Scouts on Dec. 20, The Catechetical School on Dec. 21st. The Mother's Club celebrated on Dec. 4th, and gave Anne Tremko a surprize birthday party on Dec. 13. The Westford Home Ec Club partied Dec. 4 at Altnaveigh.

Ashford Elementary School celebrated with Assembly on the afternoon on Dec. 20. Grades 1 and 2 presented a play, "The Happy Christmas Tree". Grades 3, 4, & 5 presented "Twas the Night before Christmas" in pantomime and choral speaking. A chorus from grades 4-8 sang carols and gave a biblical vresion of the Nativity in choral speaking. The whole group then sang carols. Each grade had a room party, too.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ashford Town Office Building remains CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC until further notice.

Offices are staffed Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. 8:30am—3:00pm.

You may reach us by: telephone



email mail fax





Town Offices Directory

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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

DECEMBER HOLIDAY HOURS

The Ashford Town Offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, December 23rd, and will re-open on Tuesday, December 29th at 8:30 am.





The Ashford Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, December 26th, 2020.

Ashford Town Offices will be closed New Year's Day, Friday, January 1st, 2021.



The Ashford Citizen 5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, CT 06278

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production efforts of the Town Clerk's Office.

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- *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



Fellow Ashford Citizens,

As we continue to tip toe through this pandemic it becomes increasingly important to do what we can to keep each other safe. Wearing masks, social distancing, and hand washing are at the top of our list! These three basic actions are our first line of defense.

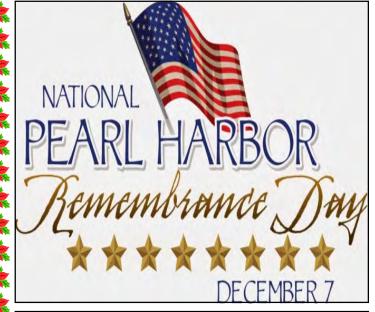
When our Town Office Building was constructed it was not built with social distancing in mind. That is one reason why in March, when the first wave of COVID-19 was sweeping our country, the decision to close this building to the public was made. Although the building remains closed to the public, all duties are still being performed by Town office staff and all public materials are still available.

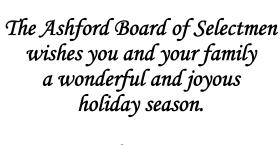
Most documents are available on the Town website. Need to pay or look up your taxes, find a property deed, read meeting agendas or minutes, or apply for a building permit? All of these and more are available on the website. If you need something more personal, such as a Notary Public, arrangements are made to meet you outside in the front of the building or at your vehicle. Plexiglas has also been fitted in the front windows to allow for the transfer of items you need to deliver in person safely through the window.

These are just of few of the many duties performed in the building every day. If you have a specific need please do not hesitate to call the offices for assistance. As always, you can contact me in the Selectmen's Office at 860.487.4400 with any questions or concerns.

Stay safe, everyone!

Cathryn E. Silver-Smith, First Selectman





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September 15, 2020 - October 15, 2020

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FEDERAL HOME LOAN CORPORATION 5000 PLANO PARKWAY CARROLTON, TX 75010	JAMES HOWARTH 154 WAGHER ROAD THOMPSON, CT 06255	\$0.00 \$110,000.00		
BRANDON S & TRACY A HAWTHORNE PO BOX 171 ASHFORD, CT 06278	MICAH R & KRISTIN A BOND 285 TURNPIKE ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$1,287.50 \$515,000.00	TURNPIKE ROAD	
ELEANOR M ZAMBO C/O THERESA GLENN 134 FOUR MILE RIVER ROAD OLD LYME, CT 06371	FREDERICK B & JUDITH A AUSTIN \$525.00 203 MANSFIELD ROAD \$210,000.00 ASHFORD, CT 06278		MANSFIELD ROAD	
KIMBERLY A IVAN & JOHN F IVAN JR PO BOX 1781 /ERNON, CT 06066	CHARLES KELLY & GINA FILEWICZ \$1,162.5 12 KIDDER BROOK ROAD \$465,000.0 ASHFORD, CT 06278		KIDDER BROOK ROAD	
CINDY R BONILLA 53 PLEASANT STREET SOUTHBRIDGE, MA 01550	DEVON WILLIAMS & AMANDA SILVA \$639.75 WILLIAMS \$255,900.00 61 OLD TOWN ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278		OLD TOWN ROAD	
MELISSA H MCDONOUGH 310 SOUTH EAGLEVILLE ROAD MANSFIELD, CT 06268	SCOTT LEFEVRE & CHERYL REENSTRA 18 MANSFIELD ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$637.50 \$255,000.00	MANSFIELD ROAD	
TANYA A COMPAGNONE 74 BIRCH TRAIL GLASTONBURY, CT 06033	RICHARD P & LYNN A SBARDELLA 88 LAKE VIEW DRIVE ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$382.50 \$153,000.00	LAKE VIEW DRIVE	
NALTER D TEMPLE JR LIVING TRUST 3 PUNKIN DRIVE ELLINGTON, CT 06029	MATTHEW & JAMIE STEINMETZ 103 KRAPF ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$400.00 \$160,000.00	KRAPF ROAD	
BRIAN R & MELISSA A GORDON 1 KENT COURT APT 1 ASHFORD, CT 06278	MATTHEW C ROSE 109 FITTS ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	09 FITTS ROAD \$350,000.00		
AUREN L GORDON 17 HARTFORD TURNPIKE EASTFORD, CT 06242	JOSH & SAORI ADAMS 120 CUSHMAN ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$989.44 \$395,777.00	CUSHMAN ROAD	
CATHERINE NORTH & STEVEN A ZINN 210 BOSTON TURNPIKE POMFRET CENTER, CT 06259	TON TURNPIKE 118 ASHFORD CENTER ROAD		ASHFORD CENTER ROAD	
ARED D HANEY 22 STAFFORD STREET STAFFORD, CT 06076	SABRINA CZELAZEWICZ \$312.5 29 HILLCREST DRIVE \$125,000.00 ASHFORD, CT 06278		HILLCREST DRIVE	
OHN & JILL SCHNEIDER 79 TOLLAND TURNPIKE VILLINGTON, CT 06279	MARTHA B WETZEL PO BOX 566 WOODSTOCK, CT 06281	\$550.00 \$220,000.00	GRAHAM ROAD	
HAWN A & JULIE A HILTON 01 NORTH WILSON AVE UKLEY, VA 25801	WALTER WIDUCH & DENISE GODDARD 50 SLADE ROAD ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$925.00 \$370,000.00	SLADE ROAD	
CICHARD J DEWEY JR 2 AMIDON DRIVE SHFORD, CT 06278	RICH. J DEWEY JR LIV. TR. DATED NOV 2,20 32 AMIDON DRIVE ASHFORD, CT 06278	\$0.00 \$0.00	AMIDON DRIVE	



From the Municipal Agent for the Elderly

I AM AT THE CENTER 9 -3 MON-FRI. 860-487-5122 OR seniorcenter@ashfordtownhall.org

We have all heard THERE IS A CURE for the COVID virus currently plaguing us. In fact, it seems that there may be more than one cure. I for one will take the shot, but I will wait until President-elect Biden has his. There is no way that the scientists will give him the shot if it is dangerous. It is truly miraculous that a vaccine has been found so swiftly.

There is still somewhat of a hill to climb. We need to wait, just a little bit longer. The FDA must still approve the formula. We must then wait for it to arrive into our community. First responders will probably have theirs administered and then vulnerable seniors. I suspect that those in nursing homes and other congregate housing will get the shot next as they are the most vulnerable. Those of us who have underlying health conditions will also be in line. Eventually, the entire population of the United States will have access to the vaccine if they want it.

I don't know what role the Senior Center will have with the roll-out in our community. We very well may be a staging area for our senior population to get the shot. The Center's role will be determined by others. I, of course, will welcome any program that brings this vaccine to Ashford and to the Center.

There are still many questions that we will need answers to. This roll-out will be an historical event. Our country, our world, has never seen the like. I believe this will be even more significant that the polio and smallpox vaccines roll-outs in our human history.

Here are just a few of the questions that have crossed my mind. How effective will the cure be? Will we need a second dose? Will a second dose be available in the window of time I need to stay immune? Will we need to prove to other people, such as managers of public places, restaurants, stores and government entities, that we have had the shot. How long should we continue to wear masks in order to not put others at risk? What are the side effects? When can we resume activities at the Senior Center again? When can I hug my grandchildren and great grands? How likely is it there will be a COVID-20 or another deadly virus in my lifetime? We have endured a new normal, will we be able to go back to the old normal or will it be the newest normal?

Stay Positive; Stay Safe. It will take just a little bit longer. Continue to wear your mask, forgo large gatherings, stay socially distant, wash your hands and sanitize. Continue to be vigilant so you don't get this horrid virus right at the end of this historic event of our lifetime.

Kit Eves

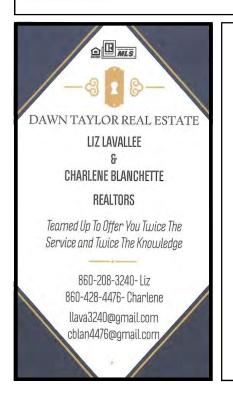




Town of Ashford Results of the Presidential Election November 3, 2020

	Democratic	Republican	Libertarian	Green	Working Families	Independent
Presidential Electors for	Biden/Harris 1,330	Trump/Pence 1,160	Jorgensen/Cohen 35	Hawkins/Walker 17		
Rep. in Congress 02						
	J. Courtney 1,342	J. Anderson 1,012	D. Reale 30	C. Martineau 30	J. Courtney 77	
State Senator						
State Schator	L. Thomas 1,195	D. Champagne 1,175			L. Thomas 53	L. Thomas 52
State Representative 53						
	P. Pheanious	T. Nuccio			P.Pheanious	T. Nuccio
	1,129	1,139			69	60
Registrar of Voters						
	L. Olson	C. DePercio		-		
	1,293	1,148				
Names on Official Check Lis	st	2,943				
Election Day Registration		39				
Grand Total of Names on A	ctive List	2,982				
Names Checked as Having	Voted	2,562 (86%)		4		

825 received - 5 rejected = 820 counted



Absentee Ballots

Shop Locally!



Yes, there still are many small businesses open in Ashford and the surrounding towns, and they need our support to make it through the tough times!

On the back cover of the Ashford Citizen is a list of the local businesses that are part of the Ashford Business Association.

Please show them your support by shopping locally!

Thank you.

Social Media's Influence on Young Voters

By Emerson Dyer

Social media is something that we use every day. Considering it is used so regularly, it is nearly impossible to avoid political comments online. Platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter help inform us of current events, trends, and other significant topics such as politics. Apps like these allow us to form an opinion and gain different views on various issues. But are we actually making our own well-informed opinion?

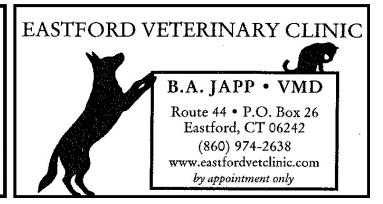
Young adults who have never voted and who may not know a lot about politics often turn to media networks to gain basic information and educate themselves. Studies show that over 57% of social media users have low political knowledge. That percentage can easily be persuaded by biased posts that use selective exposure. Selective exposure is when a media platform utilizes the theory that people generally favor messages and information that reinforce the beliefs they already have while avoiding those messages that are contradictory. Social media is known to filters the information on a person's feed based on their interests and searches which will then prevent contradictory information from being shown. This restricts an individual's ability to learn and gather several different viewpoints which could help him or her make an educated, independent opinion.

While social media filters information that comes to people, it also allows people a platform to speak. While this can be a good thing, individuals who hide behind a screen tend to write things without thinking of the repercussions. Comments made can be inflammatory and people's differing opinions are not respected which leads to a greater political divide. Instead of allowing for civil debate, it causes anger and resentment which further stagnates people's abilities to see things from a different perspective.

Although social media has a lot of positive value, it also has created a negative, biased environment for young voters to develop their political beliefs. Whether it is filtering of information that is being received or bullying from opposing political viewpoints, it has become toxic. In order to develop an educated opinion, young voters should not rely on social media as the sole source of information. Instead, independent research and a multitude of several different resources should be sought out so one can see the bigger picture. Only then will we actually be making our own well-informed opinion.

This opinion piece is by Emerson Dyer, a resident of Ashford and a freshman at E.O. Smith High School.





How to PAY Your Taxes Online

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



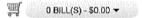
In the search bar enter your last name, space, and first initial.Ex. Name: John Smith

Enter the search criteria below:
Smith J Search

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

2002-01-37

2002 is the Grand List
2002-01-37

- 01 is Real Estate
 02 is Personal Property
 - o 03 is Motor Vehicle
 - o 04 is Motor Vehicle Supplement

2002-01-37

- 37 is the bill number
- You MUST pay the OLDEST bills FIRST
 - Oldest Grand List

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

Click

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and Check Out

6. Read the <u>Terms and Conditions</u> before you press

■ Especially if You Have Past Due Taxes



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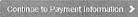
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(REAL ESTATE)

2004-01-0000040

00004200-LIEN

- 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)



Jan. 2021 tax bills on 2nd installment of real estate and personal property bills, and supplemental motor vehicle bills for vehicles registered between Oct. 2nd, 2019 and July 31st, 2020 are due Jan 1, 2021. TOWN OFFICES CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED TO All bills, except for the THE PUBLIC. supplemental motor vehicle bills, are listed on the website and are available for payment if there is a shopping cart next to it. The supplemental file will be uploaded in the middle of December. There is a service fee to pay online. An e-check costs \$.95, 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 enter, the portal looks like this:







AAC Corner

December 2020

Looking to purchase those homemade artisan gifts this year?





Stained Glass Box by Anna Harding

While we are unable to host the Holiday Artist Market in-person this year, our artisans are still available and so are their beautiful works.

Check our HAM online on our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/ashfordarts
and on our website blog
www.ashfordarts.org/category/ham/

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Council Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the Month Virtual meetings via Zoom until further notice

All AAC workshops, fundraisers, and other events are cancelled until further notice.

There will be NO
Holiday Artist Market this
year. However, both our
Facebook page and new
Members' page on our
website are designed to
showcase your work.

And even more AAC Artists can be found...

- Deb Gag, Suzy Staubach and Gretchen Geromin are at the Open Studio of Northeastern CT website is https://www.aosct.org/
- JBJ Fiber Art (Joan Johnson) and jeweler Marilyn Makuch are two AAC artists who have work in this wonderful show. https://artscentereast.org/
- Charlie McCaughtry is having an open studio same weekends as the Open Studio of NECT. (860) 429-1016 cmccaughtry@aol.com, http://mccaughtryart.com/
- Many of our members can be found at the Artisans at Middle River in Stafford Springs https://www.artisansatmiddleriver.com/



If you are a local Artisan please reach out to Deb Gag and Anna Harding for more information on how to include your works in our on-line HAM

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www.ashfordtownhall.org and read the Ashford Citizen.



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Assistance to Ashford Veterans

IN-PERSON OFFICE HOURS ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

Although office visits are currently restricted at the town hall, I encourage you to contact me about any veteran issues and questions you may have. Although it is not ideal, we are able to accomplish a lot by phone and even email. Please do no hesitate if you need help with your veteran issues. garry.brown71@aim.com and 860-928-2309. Always no cost ever for veterans and always confidential.

Veteran Notes:

Recent court findings allow Vietnam Navy veterans potential benefits. If you have medical issues currently and wish to discuss whether they may be a covered by VA disability, contact Garry Brown at 860-928-2309. Some examples are: heart disease, diabetes, cancer, etc.

Wishing you a great holiday season. Don't take foolish chances now.

Garry



Westford Congregational Church

368 Westford Hill Road, Ashford CT Rev. Steve Anderson, Pastor 860-428-4080

www.WestfordCongregationalChurch.org and on Facebook

Sunday service 10:30 a.m.

Beginning December 6, 2020 and until further notice, Sunday services will be live streamed on our Facebook page, Westford Congregational Church. Please join us.

> Galatians 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Conservative Congregational Christian Conference

Ashford School News and Happenings



The Ashford PTO collected shout outs this past month from students and parents. They really show how much the staff is appreciated! Thank you everyone for all the kind words!



Veteran's Day at Ashford School looked a little different this year as we were not able to open our doors to community. However, we still found ways to show our appreciation. We had signs by the side of the road, decorated the halls, and students wrote letters to local veterans. Our assembly this year was digital. The day began with Mr. Hopkins leading the whole school together in the Pledge of Allegiance. The assembly also included an alumnus of Ashford School, TSgt Michalia Atkinson who spoke on the history of the pledge, social studies teacher Stephen Caldwell spoke on his recent tour in Afghanistan, 4th grade teacher Allison Welz sang America the Beautiful, and two Ashford School band students played echo Taps. We look forward to hosting our local veterans again next year.

Up-Coming School Events

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday, Dec. 9 th	Lifetouch Picture Retake day	8:00 – 3:30
Wednesday, Dec. 23 rd	Early Dismissal	12:25 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 24 th – Friday, Jan. 1 st	Winter Recess – NO SCHOOL	



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Legal Notice

Ashford Tax Collector's Office P.O. Box 173 Ashford, CT 06278 taxcollector@ashfordtownhall.org 487-4411

Notice is given to Ashford taxpayers that the second installment of Real Estate & Personal Property taxes, and the Motor Vehicle Supplemental taxes on the Grand List of Oct. 1, 2019 becomes due and payable on January 1, 2021 and is payable without interest penalty through February 1, 2021. After Feb.1, 2021, interest will accrue at 1 ½% per month from the due date of Jan. 1, or a minimum interest charge of \$2.00.

Hence, during Feb., the interest is calculated at 3%, or the minimum of \$2.00, whichever is greater.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or interest penalty (CGS 12-130).

Payments may be: Mailed to: Ashford Tax Collector P.O. Box 173 Ashford, CT 06278

If a receipt is required, a self-addressed, stamped envelope must accompany your payment. Only Copy B is suggested to accompany payment.

Checks should be made out to: Ashford Tax Collector.

Payments that are postmarked on Feb.1 are considered on time.

Paid online: www.ashfordtownhall.org
E-check cost is \$.95. Credit cards are
2.95%. Debit cards must be treated as
Credit cards. Instructions on how to pay are
published in The Citizen and online on the Tax
Collector page.

Payments made online are considered on time if paid thru the evening hours of Feb. 1.

Staffed Office Hours are as follows:

Mon., Tues., Wed., 8:30 A.M. to 3 P.M. Closed for Legal Holiday: Fri. Jan. 1ST for New Year's Day, and Mon. January 18, 2021 for Martin Luther King Day

> Linda G. Gagne CCMC Ashford Tax Collector

1st Notice, dated November 9, 2020 for December Citizen



The health district urges everyone in the strongest terms to wear your mask, wash your hands, avoid gatherings of any size, and if you must engage in person to person encounters outside your family unit, be sure to stay at least 6' apart.

The most up-to-date information on COVID-19 can be found at:

CDC: http://www.ehhd.org/content/81/610.aspx
CT DPH: https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus

For general information about COVID-19 or screening for testing call: 2-1-1 or Hartford Healthcare 24-hour hotline #860-972-8100 or toll-free #1-833-621-0600.

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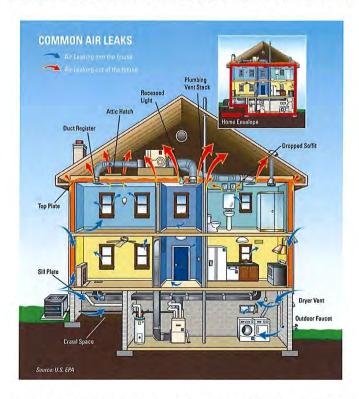
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December 2020

WINTERIZE YOUR HOME WITH A FREE ENERGY AUDIT



EnergizeCT is now offering FREE Home Energy Solutions (HES), and a new improved Insulation rebate. As an electric Ratepayer you can access the new rebates by completing an assessment. Now is the time to save on your energy bills!

The Ashford Clean Energy Task Force is working with **Energy Efficiency Solutions** (EES) to bring you safe and experienced service. Learn more at www.EnergizeCT.com or contact EES at 860-580-9076 or by email at contactus@eesgogreen.com

Completed home energy audits will earn a \$25 donation to the Ashford Fuel Bank!

The new insulation rebates and incentives, which have increased from \$1.00/sq. ft. to \$2.20/sq. ft., will help CT ratepayers save on both heating and cooling costs! Saving energy saves money for your family, and it lowers energy-related air pollution in your home.

How we keep you safe: http://eesgogreen.com/covid-19/

What to expect when we complete a virtual assessment: http://eesgogreen.com/virtual-pre-assessment/

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.



For the most accurate information on the Town of Ashford, please visit the official town website

www.ashfordtownhall.org and read the Ashford Citizen.



Blood Drive

St. Philip Apostle Church

64 Pompey Hollow Road, Ashford, CT 06278

Held in the Church Hall

Monday, January 11, 2021 8:30 am to 6:00 pm

To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-Red-Cross ~ 1-800-733-2767
Or visit us online at Redcrossblood.org
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Scout Troop 92 December Newsletter

Ongoing activities:

The November overnight campout at Camp Webster was cancelled by the Council because of Covid-19 concerns. We had a day use hike and campfire at the camp instead. Fishing in Goss pond was not successful. This time of year most fish go dormant. Too cold! The Scouts enjoyed a hearty meal of military MREs before winding up the day.

Scouts now have two evening meetings per month at St Philip's Rec Center. December meetings will feature training for advancement.



Campfire at Camp JN Webster at dinnertime.

Doug Nemeth has agreed to take over the important Troop position of Committee Chairman, replacing Dan Belanger. We thank Dan for his many years of service to the Troop, keeping us organized and our Charter up to date.

Rob Trotta is now Cub Scout Pack 92 Cub Master. Youth can enter this worthwhile program. Rob can be reached at 860-428-9407. Scouts offer training in leadership skills, communication and teamwork. Fellowship and fun are part of the program too! Scouting helps youth become self confident.

Scout meetings are at St. Philip's Rec. Center twice a month at 7:00 PM. New members and visitors are welcome. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

Happy Holidays to all. Next year will be better. It has to be!

Nord Yakovleff, Assistant Scout Master Cory Blanchette, Scout Master Chris Murphy, Assistant Scout Master Troop 92 BSA Ashford/ Eastford



Den meeting for Webelos II at the gazebo, where they attended a special town meeting.

Babcock News

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



December 2020

From the Director's Desk

www.babcocklibrary.org t. 860-487-4420 Or 959-210-8556 f. 860.540.1742

Hours:

Monday - 10-3 Tuesday - staff only Wednesday -10:00 - 7 Thursday - Closed Friday - 10-3 Saturday - 10-2 Sunday - Closed

Closed Dec. 25, 26

Carolann Mac Master, MLIS

Library Director cmacmaster@babcocklibrary.org

Staff

Susan Chris Jessica Terese

We have a notary here!!

If you need something Notarized please contact the library and we will schedule a time for you to meet with our Notary. A \$5.00 donation to the library is requested.



Our new temporary library hours are listed on the left side; these hours are subject to change. Patrons who wish to use a computer must call the library and schedule a time period. The children's computers are not available. The copier and fax machine are available with staff assistance. We have a new way to pick up your library requests which will be explained when you come in. At this time there are no in person programs. During this time, some of our collection may not be available for circulation. Book drop pick up is still available for anyone, and is available on Tuesdays when the library is closed to the public.

- Proper face covering is required to enter the building; there will be no exceptions to this rule. Anyone 2 and over must wear a face covering, that covers their mouth and nose. If you are unable to wear a face covering please call the library and we will bring your items out to you.
- ♦ All library material MUST be returned to the outside book drop. Do not bring your returned items into the library.
- Restrooms are not available at this time.
- Seating isn't available at this time, except when using the computer that you have reserved.
- No food or drinks are allowed in the library.
- We have the right to restrict the number of patrons in the building at any given time.
- Please limit family members to 2 at a time.
- Please follow the directions given to you when you enter the library, both verbal and directional instructions.
- ♦ Most important: if you are sick, or believe you may have been exposed to Covid-19, please stay home.
- Please remember not to approach library staff outside the building without a mask on.

Until we see you again, please follow the guidelines set forth by our health and public officials.

Respectfully, Carolann Mac Master, MLIS Library Director

<u>CALENDAR</u>

Have a favorite Author? No waiting on the hold list, be the first to read it! Sponsor the Author

Please stop by the library to see this month's Storywalk. This month's story is "Black is a Rainbow Color" by Angela Joy

We have resources for parents who will begin homeschooling their children this fall, as well as connections with various homeschooling groups. We are always here to provide you with any information you may need in regards to education in these challenging times.

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BABCOCK LIBRARY

December 2020

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.

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You are welcome to call the library and request these passes if they are open!

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

Connecticut Science Center Discount coupons



Storytime Take Home Kits

Please call the library to reserve your Storytime Take Home Kit, each kit comes with books, poems and / or finger plays, and art project based on that weeks theme.

Children's Themed Book Collections

As most of the world has changed, the way we educate our children may have changed as well. We know parents may be looking for supplemental educational materials for their children. Here at Babcock, we have many children's books for your needs! We have a program in which you may request a themed children's book collection, such as books with tigers. We will put together a collection of books with this theme for you. Don't forget about our E-book and E-Audio collections!

Winter Take Home Craft Projects

Please call the library to reserve your kit, children must be present to receive a kit. After the kit is completed, please take a picture of your project and send it to the library through our email babcocklib@gmail.com, and we will post it on our website and Facebook!

Reserve your child's kit by calling the library on Mondays in December. Your child's kit will be ready for pick up on Wednesday. Kits are limited and must be reserved, and are age appropriate for 5 and up.

Week of Dec. 7th Snoopy Houses
Dec. 14th Snowman Ornament
Dec. 21st Gingerbread House (teens and adults welcome)
Dec. 28th Pinecone Owl Decoration

Library Mitten Tree

The library staff is collecting hat, mittens, gloves, scarves, non-perishable food and small adult gifts to give to a local homeless shelter. Please drop your items off at the library under or on our mitten tree.

Ashford's Giving Tree

The library is assisting Melissa McDonough with the Ashford Giving tree, please either visit the library or call the library to find out what is needed on the tree.



If you have books to donate to the Friends of the Babcock Library, please let us know ahead of time so we can contact our FOBL President, Elaine Wilmes-Pandolfo.



Help a Neighbor in Need

Ashford Social Services works to support families in need throughout the year. Winter is especially hard on families. Please consider helping your fellow residents by donating non-perishable food to be used in Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. There will be a collection box in the lobby of the Babcock Library. If you would like to purchase a holiday gift for a child in town you can take a name off the tree located

at the Babcock Library; beginning Tuesday November 24th. Please bring your unwrapped gift to the library, Social Service office, or Tree lighting ceremony by Wednesday December 16th. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation checks can be made out to Ashford Social Services and mailed to 5 Town Hall Road. Call # 860-487-4417 with questions.

December 2020 Conservation Commission News

The Ashford Conservation Commission wishes to thank all the customers that visited the Ashford Farmers Market during the 2020 season. The market ran from May-November this year as the last market was held November 22. The vendors had a successful year and many markets had record amounts of customers. The Commission thanks all the customers that followed the new guidelines due to COVID and attended the market with masks and practiced social distancing. This cooperation helped us continue the market without interruption for the entire season and even enabled us to extend our season to include most of November.

We are very grateful to our energetic, competent and dedicated market masters, Julie and Todd Barton from Barton Farms. I know that we all enjoyed the fresh veggies, meat, jellies, cheeses and baked goods during a most challenging time with the ongoing issues of the pandemic.

I encourage you to take advantage of the many outdoor opportunities in our town as we move into the colder weather. Joshua Trust has many properties in Ashford and information can be found on the JT website. While walking on the trail remember to carry out all of your trash so that we maintain these precious lands and allow the next guests to appreciate these resources. Please be considerate of any other hikers and wear your mask when you encounter others on the trail.

Happy and safe holidays and may 2021 be a healthy and satisfying year.

Loretta Wrobel, chair

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Aubrey "Verne" L. Pharmer, Jr. November 6, 2020





Ashford Volunteer Fire Department

At 12:46 A.M. on Wednesday Nov. 11th, The AVFD was dispatched to the intersection of Westford Road and Turnpike Road for a motor vehicle accident. Radio reports from first arriving personnel (known as a "size-up") were of a pickup truck into the old Baptist church with heavy damage. Due to the severe vehicle damage and the initial condition of the single occupant, a call was made for LifeStar. Due to weather conditions that morning, they were not flying meaning transport by ground ambulance. As a testament to modern vehicle manufacture and passenger compartments that are protected by crumple zones, extrication using hydraulic cutting tools to gain access to the driver was not necessary. The driver was removed quickly and after some on-scene assessments by medical personnel in the ambulance, was transported to the hospital. The damage to the church was readily visible, as the granite blocks that make up the steps were moved, the column closest to the edge was splintered, and the corner of the roof above was shifted.

The house numbering program is still up and running and signs are available from AVFD. You may use the email account **findmyhouse@ashfordfire.org** to place sign orders at or you may call Station 20 at the number listed at the bottom of every month's article. AVFD will preassemble the signs (horizontal or vertical orientation) and notify residents when they are ready for pickup. AVFD personnel will be glad to assist any resident that requires help or guidance in mounting their signage in the best way. A suggested \$10 donation helps defray the cost of the sign materials only, this is not a fund-raiser. The benefit of this program has resulted in great improvement in the marking of residential properties.

To all our friends and neighbors; no matter what holiday you celebrate this season, the AVFD extends to all Best Wishes for a Joyous Season and a very Happy New Year. Remember to celebrate safely.

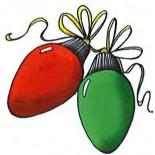
The call count for October 2020 was 22 Fire/Rescue and 23 EMS. Our fiscal year total is 184.

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

Ashford, Coventry, Mansfield, Tolland & Willington Recreation Presents...

A Tour of Holiday Lights



'Tis the season for magic and a time for fun! We are making this holiday extra special for our communities with *A Tour of Holiday Lights*.

Love to decorate for the holidays? Love a little competition? If you answered yes, then be sure to register your home in this FREE event for a chance to win a gift certificate to a local business in your area!!

Register through SignUp Genius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aaa62fa4f5ce9-atourof

All you need to do is register your home by end of day Friday, December 4th.

Then decorate the outside of your home and yard (front of home and yard only)

by end of day Sunday, December 13th. That's it!!

Members of your local recreation departments will view all homes between December 14th-18th from 5-8:00 p.m. to decide who takes home the prize! Winners in the following categories will be announced on Monday, December 21st... Best Traditional, Best Animated and Best Overall.

Once registration ends, a map will be created through Google Maps with directions to each home that is registered so that we can all take **A Tour of Holiday Lights** to view all of the decorated homes.

A link to the map will be available through your local Recreation Department.



We are glad that
we can keep the tradition of
LIGHTING THE TREE
in front of Knowlton Town Hall.
We hope this will warm your
hearts and ignite your holiday spirit!
Unfortunately, due to the pandemic and
concerns about the spread we will not be having
the Carol Sing or any gathering
to celebrate the holiday this year.
Please see the new special event a local "Tour of Lights"
sponsored by your Parks & Rec. Depts.



Ashford Parks & Recreation Commission heard your request and has voted to keep the gate at Ashford Memorial Park open this winter. (Weather permitting!) So keep exercising, walking your dogs, enjoying the park and staying healthy! The Ashford Citizen 5 Town Hall Road Ashford, CT 06278

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Our Mission

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