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November 1, 2021

"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

A Message from the Selectmen's Office

Fellow Ashford Citizens,

During October, we:

- Completed repairs to roads damaged by summer storms, engaged an engineer to assist with additional storm runoff issues, and started preparing our dirt roads for winter.
- Completed re-paving at Pompey Hollow Park, which is where our Earl W. Smith Building (Senior Center), Pompey Hollow Senior Housing and tennis/pickleball courts are located.
- Appointed an advisory committee to assess current Transfer Station operations and develop an improvements plan.
 Many thanks to Committee members Charles Atkins, Thomas Welch, Keith Lipker, Charles Busse and Christine Abikoff for volunteering to serve!
- Acquired 2 solar-powered speed display signs. These signs will record data in iCloud for analysis and follow up with state police.
- Met with Eversource management regarding tree/power outage issues. Their 2022 plan for tree trimming/vegetation management is expected to cover virtually every road in town.

Road Safety: We are working with UCONN's T2 Center circuit safety rider and the CT Department of Transportation to assess traffic speed/safety concerns on some of our roads.

COVID Update: As of October 13, 61% of Ashford residents were fully vaccinated. October 21st the CDC approved booster shots for anyone 65 and over, high risk individuals under 65, and anyone who interacts regularly with the public (e.g., service counter workers). Pfizer, Moderna and J&J boosters can be mixed/matched.

November: As part of our ongoing effort to expand communications with the community, we are encouraging residents to sign up for the following services.

- **CT ALERT powered by Everbridge** (our regional 911 system), which will text, phone and/or email residents when a life-threatening emergency occurs in their area.
- TEXTMYGOV (Phase 1), which will text alerts for any/all of the following:
 - ♦ Local storm-related issues (blocked roads, power outages)
 - ♦ COVID clinics and testing sites
 - ♦ Upcoming Senior Center/Services, Social Services and Parks & Recreation offerings and events.
 - Town Office and Senior Center closings, and event delays and cancellations

SEE PAGE 3 of this Ashford Citizen for details!

We have received input from 32 residents about how to invest the approximately \$1.2 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds Ashford will receive. <u>Please continue to send suggestions</u> to <u>ARPAsurvey@ashfordtownhall.org</u> or by mail to the Selectmen's Office at 5 Town Hall Road. You can also call the Selectman's office at 860.487.4400 to get clarifications about ARPA funding and/or to provide your suggestions verbally. (Note, ARPA funds may only be used for COVID-related, one-time expenses. They cannot be used to offset taxes or hire a resident trooper.) We will compile the results and schedule a Public Hearing to share them and to solicit additional input from the community.

Warm Regards,

Cathryn E. Silver-Smith, First Selectman

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Town Offices Directory

Animal Control Officer 860-234-4093 Assessor 860-487-4403 **Building Dept.** 860-487-4404 **Emergency Management** 860-428-0870 Finance Dept. 860-487-4405 Fire Marshal 860-208-0113 **Housing Authority** 860-429-8556 Parks & Recreation 860-487-4409 **Public Works** 860-429-6812 860-487-4410 **Registrar of Voters 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 860-487-4415 **Zoning Enforcement**

Town of Ashford website: www.ashfordtownhall.org

Ashford Town Offices Public Hours:

Assessor, Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector,

Town Clerk:

Mon., Tues., Fri. 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Wed. 10 am - 6 pm

Land Use Dept.:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., 8:30 am-3:00 pm or by appt.

Social Services: Mon. & Tues. 9 am - 3 pm or by appt.

Transfer Station: Wed. 2-8 pm, Sat. 8 am-4 pm,

Sun. 10 am - 4 pm

For other depts. not listed, please call for hours.

The Ashford Town Office Building is open to the public. Masks are required.



The Town Drop Box is always available.



Ashford Town Offices will be closed on Friday, November 12th for Veterans Day.



Ashford Town Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, November 24th, and will re-open on Monday, November 29th.



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 7th.

Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour!

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.

Your Contacts:

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If you haven't already...

Register for CT ALERT to receive phone, email and/or text messages when a life-threatening emergency occurs in your area

CT Alert is the state's Emergency and Notification System. Sign up is easy and quick! Just go to https://portal.ct.gov/ctalert and follow the directions to set up your CT Alert account.



TextMyGov

91896

STORM-UPDATES

Receive Town of Ashford notifications via text message!

Opt-in to any of the following notification lists by texting a "keyword" to 91896

GROUP	KEYWORD	DESCRIPTION		
COVID	COVID-UPDATES	COVID alerts, clinics, testing	Text Minisage 0	
PARKS AND	PARKS-REC-CXL	Parks & Rec event and program cancellations		
RECREATION	PARKS-REC-UPCOMING-PROGRAMS	Notifications about new Parks & Rec programs, events		
	PARKS-REC-VOLUNTEER	Volunteer opportunities		
SENIOR	FOOT-CARE	Podiatry care		
SERVICES	FROZ-MEALS	Senior Center meal distribution program		
	MEDICAID	Medicaid enrollment		
	MEDICARE	Medicare enrollment		
	SR-CTR-EVENTS	Upcoming Senior Center events New Senior Center programs and services Senior Center delayed openings, closings Van trips sponsored by the Senior Center		
	SR-CTR-WHATS-NEW			
	SR-CTR-DELAY-OR-CLOSE			
	SR-CTR-VAN-TRIPS			
SOCIAL	BACK-TO-SCHOOL	Back to school help (backpacks, supplies, shoe gift cards)		
SERVICES	DIAPERS	State-sponsored diaper program		
	FOOD	Food pantry, mobile food share		
	HEAT	Heating assistance services		
	HOLIDAY-GIFT-HELP	Gift assistance for families in need		
	HOUSING	Housing assistance services		
	HOLIDAY-GIFT-HELP	Gift assistance for families in need		
	INSURANCE	Medical insurance for low-income households State rebate for renters 65 and older, or disabled State benefit food program Notifications about new social services		
	RENTER-REBATE			
	SNAP			
	SS-WHATS-NEW			
	THANKSGIVING-FOOD	Thanksgiving food boxes		
	UTILITIES	Financial assistance for electrical and water of	utilities	
WEATHER	STORM-UPDATES	Storm information, local power outages, blocked roa		
	TOWN-DELAY-OR-CLOSE	Town office late openings, closures due to inclement		
		weather. (Does NOT include school delays ar	nd closures)	
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- To opt-out type STOP. This will remove you from <u>all</u> lists. To join again text in keywords for the desired notification lists.
- View terms and privacy policy info at <u>textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions</u>

Important information from the Ashford Registrars of Voters

Lauren Olson / Democratic

Colleen DePercio / Republican

November 1, 2021: The Registrars of Voters in the Town of Ashford will be holding a limited registration session from 9am-5pm to admit those seeking to vote in the November 2 election whose qualifications as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since the October 26 deadline.

November 2, 2021: The polls will be open from 6:00am- 8pm. Any elector in line by 8:00pm will be permitted to vote.

Note: All special voter registration sessions will be conducted at the Registrar of Voters office located in Room 306 of the Ashford Town Office Building, 5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, CT. Please bring proof of residency to the voter registration session.

LEGAL NOTICE

Town of Ashford Municipal Election

The legal electors of the Town of Ashford, State of Connecticut, are hereby warned and notified to meet at Knowlton Memorial Hall, 25 Pompey Hollow Road, (Route 44), in said Town of Ashford on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to cast their votes in the biennial election in said town to elect the following officers:

First Selectman (Vote for One)

Selectman (Vote for One)

Board of Finance Full Term (Vote for Up to Two)

Board of Finance To Fill Vacancy for Four Years (Vote for One)

Board of Finance Alternate Full Term (Vote for One)

Board of Finance Alternate To Fill Vacancy for Four Years (Vote for One)

Board of Education (Vote for Up to Two)

Board of Assessment Appeals (Vote for One)

Planning and Zoning Commission (Vote for Up to Three)

Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate (Vote for Up to Three)

Zoning Board of Appeals (Vote for Up to Three)

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate (Vote for Up to Three)

Library Trustee (Vote for Up to Two)

Regional Board of Education (Vote for Up to Two)

The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Electronic voting machines will be used for the biennial election.

Absentee ballots will be available at the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours beginning October 1, 2021.

Dated at Ashford, Connecticut this 25th day of October, 2021.

Attest,

Sherri L. Mutch, MCTC, CMC

Ashford Town Clerk



Ashford School Plans for Honoring Veterans Day

Ashford School is once again setting time aside to honor our veterans. We will be producing an "in house" video featuring the Ashford School chorus and band, individual children will be interviewed answering the question "Why is Veterans Day important," and one of our own teachers will be performing a patriotic musical piece. Our guest speaker this year will be Marty Cantrell, a retired 20 year Marine Corp Veteran. The Ashford School Art Department will be featuring art work honoring our veterans. Our students will be preparing a wall of honor to recognize family members who have served in the U.S. Military as well as a letter writing campaign thanking veterans. These will be mailed to veterans in Ashford as well as brought to the Veterans Base Camp/Ashford Veterans in Chaplin.

We will be taking donations for the Veterans Base Camp in Chaplin. They are providing Thanksgiving meals for 160 families in the area and they are requesting donations of Thanksgiving "sides" to complete the meal.

We will be placing student-made signs and military flags outside the building and we invite all Ashford and local veterans to please drive by the building and enjoy the students' work. We hope that next year in 2022, we will be able to return to our in school assembly. We miss seeing all of you and look forward to seeing everyone when we are able.

Martha Sibley-Jett Ashford School Nurse

Charles McCaughtry Autumn Studio Open House

Saturday, December 4, 2021 10am - 5pm Sunday, December 5, 2021 10am - 5pm 44 Portland Drive (off Rt 89) Ashford, Connecticut 860-429-1016

The studio is open other days by appointment

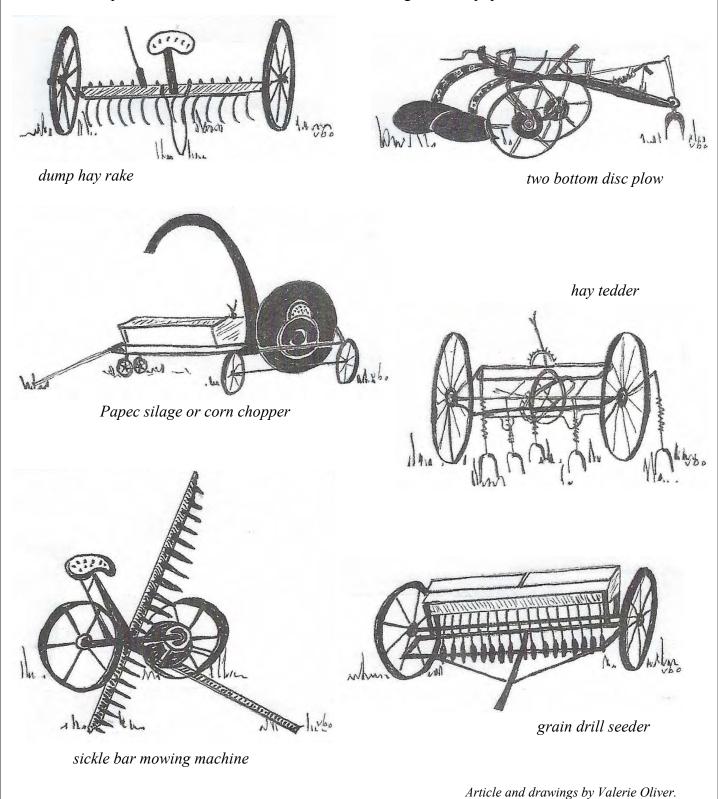
Please wear your mask, and social distance. There is plenty of room in the studio and the galleries.

"Summer Breeze"



Ashford's Zaicek Antique Farm Equipment Exhibit

The mostly horse drawn farm equipment put on display by Daniel Zaicek some 10-15 years ago is a fascinating look at what farmers had to deal with in order to raise and harvest their crops. Even today farmers must be masters not only of their farming methods but also have the skills to deal with equipment malfunctioning and repairs. Imagine having the care of horses and their needs too. We all owe much respect to the farmers and to those also who designed the equipment. Seen in the exhibit are:







November 20-21st, 2021 10am – 4 pm

Knowlton Memorial Hall (home of the Babcock Library)
Route 44 @ 25 Pompey Hollow Rd.

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www.WestfordCongregationalChurch.org and on Facebook

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Summer hours July 4th through September 5th

(Summer hours July 4th through September 5th: Sunday Service at 9:30 and no Sunday School)

Services have resumed in person.

Please join us.

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

Conservative Congregational Christian Conference

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65 Ashford Center Road 860-429-0144 860-597-0662

SALE: Items related to greenhouse or farm or home growers

Cinderblocks \$ 1.00

Pro-mix soil \$35.00/bale

Rain barrels \$50.00

Greenhouses

Pots, seed trays, plastic covers

Trays

Heating mats

Grow lights

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Come make an offer.

No reasonable offer refused.

Remember - Spring is coming!

Call for appointment to see items for sale.

The Harvest Moon



It is the Harvest Moon! On gilded vanes
And roofs of villages, on woodland crests
And their aerial neighborhoods of nests
Deserted, on the curtained window-panes
Of rooms where children sleep, on country lanes
And harvest-fields, its mystic splendor rests!
Gone are the birds that were our summer guests,
With the last sheaves return the laboring wains!
All things are symbols: the external shows
Of Nature have their image in the mind,
As flowers and fruits and falling of the leaves;
The song-birds leave us at the summer's close,
Only the empty nests are left behind,
And pipings of the quail among the sheaves.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, November 13, 2021 3pm-6pm at Camp CONNRI

Learn S'more about the hidden gem in Ashford, CT.

Visit The Lodge & Conference Center, The Lakeside Pavilion, Stark Pavilion, Staff Lounge, Cabins & so much more! What the Hey-rides on the CONNRI Trail, s'mores around the campfires & refreshments will be served.



LOOKING AHEAD:

January 21-23, 2022: WELLNESS WEEKEND February 5, 2022: WINTERFEST 2022

Summer Camp 2022 opportunities: We are currently looking for Camp Counselors, Nurses, waterfront staff with competitive salaries.



AAC Corner

Join us at our Monthly Meetings Public Welcome

Our November 10th meeting location: Knowlton Memorial Hall on rte. 44 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Charles McCaughtry will be our presenter.



Stained Glass Workshop November 3rd, 7-9pm (full) or December 1st, 7-9 pm

Make a stained glass ornament in time for the holidays! Choose from a few different designs (pre-cut) and learn to use the "Tiffany" method of copper foil and solder.

Contact Anna c_annal@yahoo.com
Class is free for members, \$5 for non-members
Materials fee: \$5.

Location: Ashford Senior Center.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT:

Charles McCaughtry

Charles has exhibited paintings in galleries, museums, and universities in the United States and Canada, recieving many awards and honors for his work. His paintings can be found in many corporate and

private collections in the United States, Canada, and Europe. Charles will give a presentation on color compatibility, fugitive color, and a limited palette.



Pennsylvania German Fraktur Workshop

Saturdays, December 15, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Patterns can be used for many purposes: cards, bookplates, letterheads, ornaments. The work is accomplished with ink and watercolors.

Class is free for members, \$5 for non-members

Materials fee: \$5.

Contact Valerie directly burnham.valerie.feb@gmail.com Location: Ashford Senior Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Council Meetings 2nd Wednesday of the Month 7:00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME **Masks Required**

Stained Glass Workshop Nov. 3rd 7-9pm (full) or Dec. 1st 7-9pm

Holiday Artist Market November 20-21 Knowlton Memorial Hall

Gallery Show
East Brook Mall
Coffee Break Gallery
Dec. 6-30

Fraktur Workshop Dec. 15, 9am-noon

AAC Holiday Artist Market November 20th and 21st from 10-4

24 accomplished artists and craftspeople will grace Knowlton Memorial Hall with their beautifully made products just in time for the holidays. Gallery Show East Brook Mall/ Coffee Break Gallery December 6th-30th, Opening Reception December 9th
Our talented artists and craftspeople will show their work.
Volunteers needed to help out. Please contact Deb Gag
debragag@hotmail.com

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WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

You do not have to be an artist or live in Ashford. Join our fun dynamic group!

Membership: \$20 Donation October 1st – September 31st

For more information contact our Membership Director, Darcie Boiano at Boiano.Darcie@gmail.com or (860) 798-1738

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The Town of Scotland presents:

Understanding Connecticut's Freedom of Information Act

Please join us for an informational workshop to gain a better understanding of your duties and responsibilities with respect to the CT Freedom of Information Act.

Speaker: Tom Hennick, CT FOI Public Education Officer

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 7:00 pm Scotland Volunteer Memorial Hall 47 Brook Road, Scotland, CT

This workshop is open to all Windham County municipal employees, elected officials, board members and commission members.

Please RSVP by November 29th to: townclerk@scotlandct.org



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ASHFORD SCHOOL TO HOST SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR EVENT MONDAY, NOV. 15th - FRIDAY, NOV. 19th

What: Ashford School will be hosting a Fall Scholastic Book Fair. All Funds raised will help purchase books for classroom libraries, Birthday Books, Reading Program, and the main school library. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

When: Monday, Nov. 15th, from 9 am - 5 pm; Tuesday, Nov. 16th, from 9 am - 5 pm; Wednesday, Nov. 17th, from 9 am - 5 pm; Thursday, Nov. 18th, from 9 am - 6 pm; and Friday Nov. 19th, from 9 am - 2 pm

Where: Ashford School rear parking lot, under tent, beside basketball court; 440 Westford Road, Ashford, CT.

More: The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, awardwinning titles, new releases, and other great reads from dozens of publishers. Come and shop for the Holidays-Books make great Holiday gifts!

Volunteers Needed! Please call or text Paula Boyles at (860) 746-1812 or Lisa Hassett at (860) 576-3208. EVERY VOLUNTEER WILL RECEIVE A FREE BOOK OF THEIR CHOICE.

Holiday Wishes Gift Card Drive



Give the gift of choice and help empower your neighbors in need by donating a gift card for Ashford's "Holiday Wishes" gift card drive.

Ashford Social Services is hosting a gift card donation program for our local families in need. While we have collected physical gifts in prior years, gift card donations allow families to personally select specific items which would be best suited for their own children. Purchasing gift cards from area merchants is a great way to support local businesses, and many other gift cards can be conveniently purchased online. To allow enough time for shopping please consider donating before 12/03/21.

Please bring your gift card to the drop box located outside the Town Office Building, mail it to Ashford Social Services, or drop off in person on Mondays & Tuesdays. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation checks can be made out to Town of Ashford and mailed to Ashford Social Services, 5 Town Hall Road.

Looking for Holiday Help?

Through the generosity of community organizations and residents Ashford Social Services provides Thanksgiving food baskets and holiday gift help for those in need. If you find yourself in need of theses services please reach out to the Social Service office at (860)487-4417 or mmcdonough@ashfordct.org for an application.

From the Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Volunteer Opportunities at the Senior Center

The Commission on Aging is looking for new members. This is a town committee so party affiliation is an issue. If you are a Republican or Unaffiliated voter there is a vacancy for you. The committee meets the first Monday of the month at 10:00 at the Senior Center. The Committee plans special events for the senior population of Ashford. Please contact the First Selectman for more information.

The Center is still looking for one more person to call Bingo on Thursday's at 12:00. We have a couple of volunteers but want one more so all can rotate out and take turns.

Are you an artsy person? The Center is looking for someone who will design a bulletin board for each month. It is suggested that a holiday theme be used but not required. The new board should go up as near to the first day of the month as possible. Other volunteers are available to help with the taking down and putting up each month. This could easily be a committee project.

Here are some tips from the IRS to help taxpayers recognize a scam and avoid becoming a victim:

- Some thieves pretend they are from a charity. They do this to get money or private information from well-intentioned taxpayers.
- Bogus websites use names like legitimate charities. They do this scam to trick people to send money or provide personal financial information.
- Scammers even claim to be working for or on behalf of the IRS. The thieves say they can help victims file casualty loss claims and get tax refunds.
- Instead disaster victims can call the IRS toll-free disaster assistance line at 866-562-5227. Phone assistors will answer questions about tax relief or disaster-related tax issues.
- Taxpayers who want to make donations can get information to help them on IRS.gov. The <u>Tax Exempt Organization Search</u> helps users find or verify qualified charities. Donations to these charities may be tax-deductible.
- Taxpayers should always contribute by check or credit card to have a record of the tax-deductible donation if they choose to give money. individual taxpayers can deduct up to \$300 and married couples can deduct up to \$600 in qualifying charitable contributions for tax year 2021 even if they don't itemize.
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Victor M. Rivera September 18, 2021 Tabarek W. Salman

Deaths:

Robert Sedlak September 30, 2021 Markus Williams October 10, 2021 Sister Francesca Pagani October 13, 2021

LUNCH BUNCH TO GEORGINA'S



Wednesday, November 3rd

BUS LEAVES THE SENIOR CENTER AT 11:00 AM

Call 860-487-5122 to reserve a seat on the bus.

MASKS MUST BE WORN ON THE VAN



CASINO TRIP

Monday, November 8th

Leave at 9:30 AM from the Senior Center for MOHEGAN SUN

MASKS MUST BE WORN ON THE VAN

860-487-5122

The Ashford Senior Center presents

PAINT YOUR OWN BIRDHOUSE

free craft project to take home



Tuesday November 9th at 1:00 pm 25 Tremko Lane 860-487-5122

The Center was fortunate to have received a donation of wooden birdhouse craft kits to paint and enjoy. There is a limited number of them so signing up for the project is necessary.

LOW IMPACT AEROBICS IS BACK AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Thursdays at 10:45

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Ashford Transfer Report

9/15/2021 - 10/15/2021

PRICE	GRANTOR/SELLER	GRANTEE/BUYER	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION
LOCAL CONV			DESCRIPTION
\$245,000 \$612.50	CANTY SUSAN	SCOULAR ZACHARY A	WAR 5 MAPLE DRIVE
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\$35,000 \$87.50	KEANE SHEILAH	GALVIN WILLIAM	WAR 35 CAMPERT LANE
	SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC	FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION	DEED 40 FITTS ROAD
\$0 \$0.00	COWEN SUE A	COWEN GREGORY D COWEN SCOTT D COWEN KENNETH A	DEED 44 OLD TOWN ROAD
\$345,000 \$862.50	GROSS JESSICA D GROSS ROBERT H IV	SMITH SAMUEL JOSEPH	WAR 13 NORTH ROAD
\$0 \$0.00	HICKS MICHELLE M	KRUKOFF MICHELLE KRUKOFF NICHOLAS	DEED 469 SQUAW HOLLOW ROAD

The Old Toll House Sign

In the Ashford Town Clerk's Office you will see an old wooden sign on the wall by the door. The right half with prices is sadly missing, but on the half that remains one can clearly make out the different categories that were charged for passing the toll house.

This sign was found in the attic of the Baker-Sabo House that stood on the site of the new Town Office Building. While we do not know its exact provenance, we do believe that it came from one of the toll houses here in town.

Note: "*Do*" = "*ditto!*"



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Thank You Everyone Who Helped at SHRED DAY October 2nd!

A total of 82 cars and walk-ins came through. We shredded their papers and filled the bed of a standard pick-up truck with non-perishable food, which was delivered to the Ashford Food Bank.

THANK YOU!



Assistance to Ashford Veterans

IN-PERSON OFFICE HOURS ARE BACK

We will be re-starting the Veteran's Hour again at the Town Office Building after many months. If you are in need of advice for Veteran benefits, questions on assistance such as health care, burials, disability compensation, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund, or pension, please visit on the first Wednesday of the month with the new hours of 5:00-6:00. Appointments are preferred, especially if Wednesdays are a conflict, but walk-ins are welcome. Call Garry at 860-928-2309 and leave a message. Please do not 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

The COLA increase for VA benefits will be 5.9% effective December. We will see the increase in the January direct deposit.

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.

Enter the search criteria below:

Ex. Name: John Smith

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

0 BILL(S) - \$0.00 -

4. Find which bill you want to pay

2002-01-37

■ 2002 is the Grand List

2002-01-37

■ 01 is Real Estate

o 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

o Oldest Grand List

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

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

6. Read the Terms and Conditions before you press Especially if You Have Past Due Taxes

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2007-01-0000038

00004200-LIEN

(REAL ESTATE)

2004-01-0000040

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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)



Scout Troop 92 November Newsletter

Activities:

Scouts put together a scarecrow for the Babcock Library scarecrow contest. We had to tone it down due to complaints from parents that last year's entry frightened younger patrons of the library. It was a monster riding a bicycle.

The Scout Troop turned out in full force to help the Friends of Babcock group move the unsold books out. There were tons of books and a lot of heavy lifting.

The Troop elected Jacob Murphy from Eastford for the new Senior Patrol Leader. We wish him well in the important leadership position.

Cub Scouts hiked in the Natchaug Forest and learned how to erect a tent all by themselves. Being in Scouts helps youth become more self-confident. They learn leadership, teamwork and communication skills as well as learning to live in harmony with nature and the importance of good citizenship.

Don't forget to vote, November 2nd!

To become a Scout, contact Doug Nemeth, Committee Chairman, or Cub Master Kurt van Heiningen.

Scout meetings are most Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in Babcock Memorial Hall in Ashford, next to the Cumberland Farms store. New members and visitors are welcome. Please wear a mask indoors.

Nord Yakovleff, Assistant Scout Master Cory Blanchette, Scout Master Chris Murphy, Assistant Scout Master Doug Nemeth, Committee Chairman Kurt van Heiningen, Cub Master



Conservation Commission News

Trash Cleanup

Weekends November 6th & 7th,13th & 14th

The Conservation Commission is again sponsoring 2 cleanup weekends in November. We will be at the town hall with supplies both weekends in the morning from 8:45AM-9AM to handout vests, garbage bags and pickup sticks. Please let us know what road you intend to clean so we can arrange for bags to be picked up. You can choose a road to clean or we can assign one to you. Get your neighbors together and make our town sparkle. Our town of Ashford is so beautiful, we want to have no cans, bottles and other detritus littering our roadways. Thanks for your help in keeping our town magnificent.

New Look for Ashford Oak

Ashford Oak has a new split rail fence showcasing our beloved tree. The Conservation Commission and Joshua's Trust worked together to purchase the supplies and build the fence. Thanks to Steve Morytko (CC) and Rob Beech (JT) for coordinating this project and all the volunteers who worked hard to build the fence. A wonderful example of working together to enhance our natural environment and honor our history. Don't miss the picture of our Ashford Oak and the new gorgeous fence.

Pollinator Pathway Coordinator

We now have a coordinator for Pollinator Pathway, Jennifer Sterling-Folker. Jennifer's contact information is 860-634-7700, jsfolker@yahoo.com. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Jennifer. We hope to plan more events in the spring and have a web page. Thank you Jennifer for volunteering to be our town coordinator.

Farmers Market

Good news! Our Farmers Market will be extended until Sunday November 21st. The market will continue to be held every Sunday for the first three weeks in November. Visit the market and support our local farmers. We are grateful to have a successful market for 15 years! Thanks to Julie Barton for again being a super market master.

Happy November. Enjoy Thanksgiving! Loretta Wrobel, chair



Ashford Oak with its new fence.
Picture by Steve Morytko

Babcock News

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



November 2021

www.babcocklibrary.org t. 860.487.4420 f. 860.744.5531

Hours:

Monday - 9-5 Tuesday - 9-5 Wednesday - 9 - 6 Thursday - Closed Friday - 9-5 Saturday - 9-1 Sunday - Closed

Closed

2nd, 12th, 26th Closing at 3pm on the 24th

Carolann Mac Master, MLIS

Library Director cmacmaster@babcocklibrary.org

Staff

Susan Chris Jess Chonte Sara Stacey Diane Meghan

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.



From the Director's Desk

We are open! Our library hours are listed on the left side; these hours are subject to change. Patrons who wish to use a computer should call the library and schedule a time period, if you just come in the computers may not be available for you to use. The children's computers are not available. The copier and fax machine are available with staff assistance. During this time, some of our collection may not be available for browsing or circulation.

- 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.
- 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.
- Most important: if you are sick, or believe you may have been exposed to Covid-19, please stay home.
- Book drop pick up is still available for anyone.
- Please keep in mind masks are required for all library programs.

Please remember not to approach library staff outside the building without a mask on.

Respectfully, Carolann Mac Master, MLIS Library Director

Mitten Tree

Our Mitten Tree will once again be set up in the main library, starting Monday, November 22nd. Please bring new or gently used hats, mittens, socks, and scarves to place on our tree. We will also be collecting items to donate to the Veteran's Base Camp. Deodorant, toothpaste, lotion, toothbrushes, shampoo, new pillows, bath towels, wash cloths, kitchen towels, dish soap, gently used comforters, gas cards and monetary donations, food (must be unopened and not outdated) arts and craft supplies, such as drawing pencils, pads, watercolor paints, brushes, markers and such.

CALENDAR

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

Our Knitters are back! Wednesdays 1 to 3 pm All are welcome!

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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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Please check website



BABCOCK LIBRARY



November 2021

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.

Storytime

Come join us for stories and a craft, for children ages 2-5 and their adult companions. This program lasts about 45 minutes and registration is required. Tuesdays at 10:30am!

Ukulele

This program will be offered the first Wednesday of every month. Please call the library to schedule your time.

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

Museum Passes

New Britain Museum of American Art-Sponsored by the Friends of Babcock Library

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art-Free and open to the public until end of June The Bushnell Park Carousel & Museum-Sponsored by the Friends of Babcock Library

Story Theme Bags

Please check the library website or Facebook page for a list of bags available.

Sammy the Library Turtle

Stop by and meet Sammy our turtle. Sammy is always happy to meet new friends and he enjoys answering questions. Come to the library and write your question down on our form, place it in the box and Sammy's scribe will write back!



Pokémon Go Club

We will meet in the library and spin and visit the Gym, trade with our Pokémon Friends. You must have your own cell phone, children under 10 must have an adult caregiver remain with them. Friday, November 5th and November 19th at 3:30pm

Drop in and Pick up a Craft Project

Come to the library any time on Mondays with your child and pick up a craft project to do at home. Child must be with you to pick up the craft.

Thanksgiving Leaf Bowl Centerpiece

Create a Thanksgiving centerpiece using leaves to keep for years to come. This program is for adults. Saturday, November 6th at 11am. Please call the library to register.

Thanksgiving Pinecone Turkey

Create a Thanksgiving Pinecone turkey. Saturday, November 13th at 11am. This program is open to all, 4 years old and up. Please call the library to register.

Craft Supply Swap Day

If you have any new/gently used, good/still useable art and/or craft items, bring them to the library to swap with others. Drop off the items Monday-Friday at the library. Small items should be bundled into clear bags, All items should be clean, new or gently used. Items will be given a value by the organizer of 1, 2, or 3. You will be given tickets at the time for the swap. We will also have a free items table. Your unclaimed items may be picked up at the library on Monday the 8th; any items not picked up by November 10th will be added to the library craft supplies.

The Swap will take place Saturday, November 6th from 11 to 1pm.

Small Business Saturday Shop Small Market

Please come and shop Small Business Saturday, November 27th from 10 to 2. Visit the library table and purchase a library book bag to do your shopping with.

Join the Friends of Babcock Library!

Membership drive is underway. Pick up a brochure at the circulation desk, or call the library to have one sent to your home. Help out at the Book Sale and Wine Tasting which support the library. Book donations are always welcome.

Email ewilmespandolfo@gmail.com
Please do not leave them outside Knowlton Memorial Hall or in the library book drop.



Dyer-Clark Hotel near the end of its days. This historic Ashford hostelry was located on the south side of the intersection of North Road and Rte. 44.

Photo courtesy of Ralph Fletcher

ASCO NEWS

Ashford Senior Center Organization

- We meet the <u>third</u> Wednesday of the month at <u>1:00 pm</u> at the Ashford Senior Center, 25 Tremko Lane.
- We look forward to planning our annual Spring fair in 2022. Please contact Pauline Attardo for information at 860-428-6502.
- Current and new members Dues for the 2022 year is \$5.00 which will defray expenses for our newsletters and cards we send to members. Drop by the Senior Center to renew your membership or to become a new member.

Please call the Senior Center for more information, 860-487-5122

We look forward to meeting you!



All Tax Bills are posted online. TOWN OFFICES CONTINUE TO BE STAFFED. There are times when staff must attend virtual meetings. Bills that are payable are listed on the website with a shopping cart next to it. 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. The July 2021 Tax Bills are now delinquent. The January Installment of the Real Estate and Personal Property Bills are available now. Please contact the office if you are trying to make a partial payment and are having difficulty.

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Ashford Volunteer Fire Department

Hello! My name is Tom Borgman, and since this past June, I have the privilege of being the Chief of our town's Fire Department.

Again, I want to thank retiring Chief Wayne Fletcher for 19 years of service as Chief and nearly 50 years to the Department. Ashford owes Wayne and the entire Fletcher family much gratitude for over a century of combined, distinguished service.

Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services are team sports. Like baseball, basketball and football, teams of capable people playing their positions is what it takes to succeed.

You may be one of those people who can fill a key role in the protection of your neighbors!

The Ashford Fire Department is looking for people to train as firefighters and EMTs, but we also need people in support roles, such as data systems, radio, bookkeeping, mechanics and others. What it requires above all, is a sense of service to your community. Come see for yourself. The station on Route 89 is usually staffed most days and you can always find us there on Tuesday night. Consider this your invitation to serve with us!

In the coming months, you can expect to see a regular column with safety tips, news and maybe some fun.

See you out there!

Tom

From the Editor:
Times have changed,
the building has changed,
but the need for support from
the community is still there!



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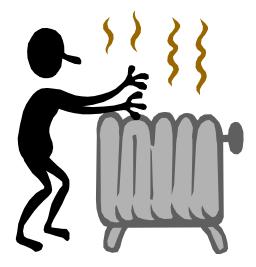
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John Boiano - 860.798.5692 - john@zensolar.net



Home Heating Assistance



Help may be available to assist in home heating bills this winter. Call Ashford Social Services for more information or to apply. 487-4417

Income guidelines:

Family size of 1: \$39,027 Family size of 2: \$51,035 Family size of 3: \$63,044 Family size of 6: \$99,069

Asset limits: No asset limits

Required Documentation:

Proof of previous 4 weeks income (including child support, unemployment, family support)

Social Security #s for all household members

Most recent Eversource bill

Proof of rent or mortgage

Proof of SNAP benefit (food stamps)

*The CT Energy Assistance Program is designed to help offset the winter heating costs of CT's lower income households. Heating Assistance is available for all forms of heat including oil, electricity, propane, kerosene, wood, and gas.



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November 2021

The Ashford Clean Energy Task Force thanks Cindy Moeckel for her dedication: Cindy wrote Green Tips for the Ashford Citizen for years.

Last month, ACETF held a special meeting to present Cindy Moeckel with a gorgeous wooden box made by local artisan, Bill Dubinsky, as a thank you for her many years of service to our town. Cindy has been in charge of the ACETF Green Tips column in the Ashford Citizen for over 5 years and has helped us all to become more green and energy efficient through her informative columns. She has been a dedicated member of our Clean Energy Task Force and is always there to help with our events or projects.

Cindy compiled the past Green Tips in a notebook, which can be read at Babcock Library. You can read more recent tips on our website, which also posts our meeting Agendas and Minutes. There is also information about our work, clean energy links and resources, photos of solar installations and much more. Check it out at:

https://www.perryhillpublishing.com/ACETF/#

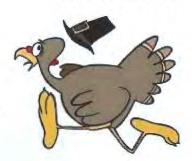


The ACETF thanks you for your interest in our work and welcome your input. And we would welcome your participation by joining us as a member. If you have concerns or comments, or to join us, please contact Susan Eastwood at 860-487-5903 or sceastwood@yahoo.com.

ASHFORD PARKS & REC. SPECIAL EVENTS for more info call 860-487-4409

TURKEY TROT

Join us for this Fun Family Fitness Event! Sat. Nov. 13th at 10 am, Ashford Memorial Park.



Walk or jog laps on the trails. Each lap earns a ticket in the drawing for a frozen Thanksgiving turkey compliments of your local grocery stores.

Earn an Extra Ticket by Wearing a Thanksgiving Themed Outfit!

All Ages Welcome Including Dogs on Leash!

Garol Sing

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 5th
4:30 p.m.
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MEMORIAL HALL

Tree Lighting!

Sing Along, Have a Treat, & See Santa!

Enjoy Live Music by the Babcock Band! Jingle Bells.

Oh, Come All Ye Faithful!



Join us for this nostalgic, hometown holiday tradition, sure to light your holiday spirit and warm your heart!

ADULT PROGRAMS





'NAMASTE'

Start the day with Hatha Yoga; classes offered on Tuesday Mornings in Knowlton Memorial Hall from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. All Levels are welcome! 6 week Session runs 11/9—12/14, Fee \$50 for the session or \$10 per class to drop in.

Autumn Holistic Health



Gentle Tai Chi, guided meditation and qigong health techniques. Tune your body, mind & spirit to the season!

Monday evening adult classes, 5:45-6:45 pm, Knowlton Memorial Hall. Beginners welcome. Classes through November. \$42 for five sessions, \$10 drop-in fee if space allows.

Joe Pandolfo, is a certified Tai Chi & Qigong Instructor, Reiki Practitioner and Acupuncture Detoxification Specialist EXCITING NEWS!

Ashford Park and Rec. has permission to use the Ashford School Gymnasium for our Winter Youth Basketball Leagues!

LAKES REGION LEAGUE

Teams for Girls and Boys in Grades 3/4, 5/6, & 7/8.

* Registration Runs Oct. 18th—Nov. 12th

Fees: \$75 grades 3/4 & 5/6, \$85 grades 7/8

COACHES & ASSISTANTS NEEDED call 860-487-4409 if interested!

<u>Instructional Program</u> - for 1st & 2nd Graders, (2 Sessions) 1) Sat. mornings at 8:30 am begins Jan 8th and 2) weekdays after school will be in Feb. when the school teams finish, dates TBD.

High School Rec. League -organizes from Hebron Rec. Dept. in early December.

Boys: JV Teams 9th & 10th grade, Varsity 11 & 12th grade, Girls: one level of play for grades 9-12.

H/S Fee: \$120 pp

5th &6th Grade Boys interested in trying out for a Competitive Travel Team contact Jacob Hall at 860-543-3114.

For a copy of our <u>Basketball Flyer</u> with details and registration form go to <u>www.ashfordtownhall.org</u> or the Ashford Parks & Recreation Facebook Page.

Current State mandates require facemasks for all players, coaches, & spectators in school buildings.

Support your Recreation Department, the Benefits are Endless!

- Get involved in Programs that Improve your Families Health
- Meet New People with Similar Interests
- Invest in your Community
- Bring new ideas and help them become a reality

Upcoming Programs to Watch for:

- Youth Christmas Craft Program
- Ice Skating at the UConn Arena or Bolton Ice Palace
- Indoor Adult Pickleball

Register Now

• Tiny Tumblers (Preschool Gymnastics)

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Information: You may register for all activities at the Recreation office in Town Hall or by mail to: 5 Town Hall Rd. Registration and payment are required prior to the start of a program. Permission slips and waivers must be signed before participating in programs. Out of town residents are welcome if space is available and are charged an extra \$5 fee. Refunds are not given once a program begins except for medical reasons. Credits or refunds are given for cancelled programs. Checks may be made out to the Town of Ashford Please call 860-487-4409 with questions.

Please list any allergies or medical conditions

Participants Name Address & (e-mail)	Program	Phone	Age	Fee

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The signer or parent/guardian agree to waive, release and hold harmless the A.P.R.C. any persons connected with A.P.R.C. and or any volunteers from any claims of bodily or property damage resulting from the use of facilities or activity during an A.P.R.C. sponsored program.

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To promote and provide support to all businesses within the Towns of Ashford, Willington, and Eastford
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To address common business issues within Town governments