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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



CELEBRATE!



OUR INDEPENDENCE!

OPEN HOUSE

Sat. July 2nd
11:00- 1:00

Fire Dept.
Station 20

All are Welcome!



OPEN HOUSE

Sat. July 2nd
11:00-1:00

Dept. Public Works

All are welcome!

PARADE, SUN. JULY 3rd 1:00 PM

Route: from the Fire House to Pompey Hollow Park

See
Uncle Sam

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Honor our Fire Dept. and DPW!

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Notice: Transfer Station stickers that expire June 30, 2022 are still good!

The Town is currently considering alternate methods of controlling compliance at the Ashford transfer station. Until you receive notification in the mail, the current stickers will be honored.

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
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

**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.

Independence Day Closings:



**The Ashford Town Offices
are closed on
Monday, July 4th.**

Face Mask Requirements in Town Buildings



The Town Office building is open to the public. Effective March 8, 2022, wearing a face mask is optional in all Town buildings. As a courtesy to others we ask that unvaccinated individuals and those with a known exposure please wear a mask. As always, if you are feeling ill please do not enter town buildings.

The drop box at the front doors is always available and checked three times daily during office hours.

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).
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- *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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TOWN OF ASHFORD

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PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING SPECIAL TOWN MEETING To be held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in the Town Meetings in the Town of Ashford, Connecticut, are hereby notified and warned that a Public Informational Hearing and Special Town Meeting will be held virtually, via Zoom, on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

The Public Informational Hearing will be for the purpose of choosing a moderator and receiving comment on the following item:

1. Choosing a moderator for said hearing; and
2. Receive information on appropriations utilizing American Rescue Plans Funds as follows:
 - (a) an amount not to exceed \$24,000 for repair of the tennis/pickleball courts;
 - (b) an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for mini split units for Knowlton Hall;
 - (c) an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for CLMRM radios for Dept of Public Works and AVFD;
 - (d) an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the replacement of mini split units at Station 20/AVFD;
 - (e) AVFD - durable medical equipment \$11,000;
 - (f)) an amount not to exceed \$3,300 to install handicap access to the front door of the Town Office Building;
 - (g) \$36,165 for Town Office Building lighting upgrades inside and outside;
 - (h) an amount not to exceed \$115,000 for a 2023 91-passenger school bus;
 - (i) \$68,000 for Knowlton Hall patio paving;
 - (j) an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for an electric vehicle charging station;
 - (k) \$16,570 for a DPW/Ashford School gasoline dispenser;
 - (l) \$25,080 for Housing Authority rent subsidy;
 - (m) \$20,000 for Housing Authority Development Corp. seed money; and (n) an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for broadband buildout.

Brief descriptions relating to the proposed ARPA expenditures will be posted on the town website (www.ashfordtownhall.org).

At the close of the Public Informational Hearing, the Special Town Meeting will be called to order.

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The Special Town Meeting will be called for the purpose of:

1. Choosing a moderator for said meeting;
2. To approve the allocation of American Rescue Plan Funds as follows:
 - (a) an amount not to exceed \$24,000 for repair of the tennis/pickleball courts;
 - (b) an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for mini split units for Knowlton Hall;
 - (c) an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for CLMRM radios for Dept of Public Works and AVFD;
 - (d) an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the replacement of two of mini split units at Station 20/AVFD;
 - (e) \$11,100 for durable medical equipment for AVFD;
 - (f) an amount not to exceed \$3,300 to install handicap access to the front door of the Town Office Building;
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 - (m) \$20,000 for Housing Authority Development Corp. seed money; and
 - (n) an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for broadband buildout; and
3. To approve the conveyance by the Town of the former roadbed of Grant Road to Paul E. Belanger and Pamela B. Belanger, Trustees of the Paul E. Belanger Trust, and to accept the conveyance to the Town of the current roadbed of Grant Road from Paul E. Belanger and Pamela B. Belanger, Trustees of the Paul E. Belanger Trust, to reflect the prior relocation of said roadway.

William A. Falletti
First Selectman

Roger Phillips
Selectman

Cathryn E. Silver-Smith
Selectman

Topic: Ashford Special Town Meeting 070522
Time: July 5, 2022 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom/j/89779199934>

Meeting ID: 897 7919 9934

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MAKING CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE TOWN OF ASHFORD, ANY DEPARTMENT?

Please use black or blue ink only, preferably black. Check scanners are set to read this dark ink, and not pastels and colors. Thank you for your attention to this detail!

It's Dog Licensing Time!



The dog licensing year in CT runs from July 1st - June 30th. It does NOT run one year from the date that you register your dog. When you register your dog during the month of June, it is effective that July 1st through June 30th of the next year. There is a late fee of \$1 per month after June 30th. If you register your dog anytime *after* June 30th, the license still expires June 30th of the next year.

There are three ways to license your dog in Ashford:

1. **NEW!!!! Extended by the vendor until AUGUST 31st!** Pay online with a credit card by going to the link on the Town Clerk's page on the Town of Ashford's website: www.ashfordtownhall.org. (Dog must have been licensed in the last tag year. Rabies vaccination must be up-to-date in the Town Clerk's records. \$1.75 convenience fee.)
2. Register by mail. Mail required documents and a SASE. Make check out to "Town of Ashford."
3. Register in person at the Town Clerk's office (cash or check only!).

What is required to register your dog?

- Rabies Vaccination certificate.
This can be the original certificate, a copy of the original certificate, or you may email a scan to: smutch@ashfordtownhall.org
- Proof of spaying/neutering (if applicable)
- Fee: neutered male/spayed female - \$8.00; intact male or female - \$19.00
- Registration Application from Town Clerk's page if registering dog for the first time.



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Agency Owner

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and on Facebook

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Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m.
*(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

2022 ECSC Kid's Fishing Derby

The Eastern Connecticut Sportsman's Club in Ashford recently sponsored the 52nd. annual ECSC Kid's Fishing Derby at their club pond on Sunday, May 22nd. The derby saw kid's ages 1 through 12 vying for prizes and trophies for largest fish, second largest fish, and first 3-fish limit in each category as well as overall largest fish. These young anglers were treated to a breakfast of donuts and breakfast sandwiches by club members as well as a lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers. Club members were also available to teach the youngsters the art of trout fishing and measured and recorded each catch. It was a great sunny day with many of the young anglers displaying true sportsmanship by returning their catches back into the pond.

This year's winners include:

Age Group 9 – 12

Aiden Furbhy – Largest Fish
Evan Rylander – 2nd. Largest Fish
Katrina Ouelette – First 3-Fish Limit

Age Group 5 - 8

Lilly Benoit – Largest Fish
Grace Shea – 2nd. Largest Fish
Adam Ouellette – First 3-Fish Limit

Age Group 1 – 4

Colton Bergeron – Largest Fish
Lauren Kjos – Second Largest Fish
Christopher Knight – First 3-Fish Limit

Overall Largest Fish

Braxton Parent



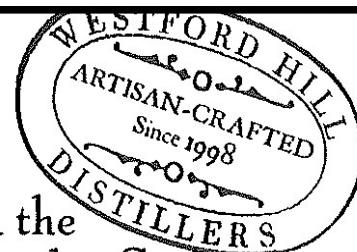
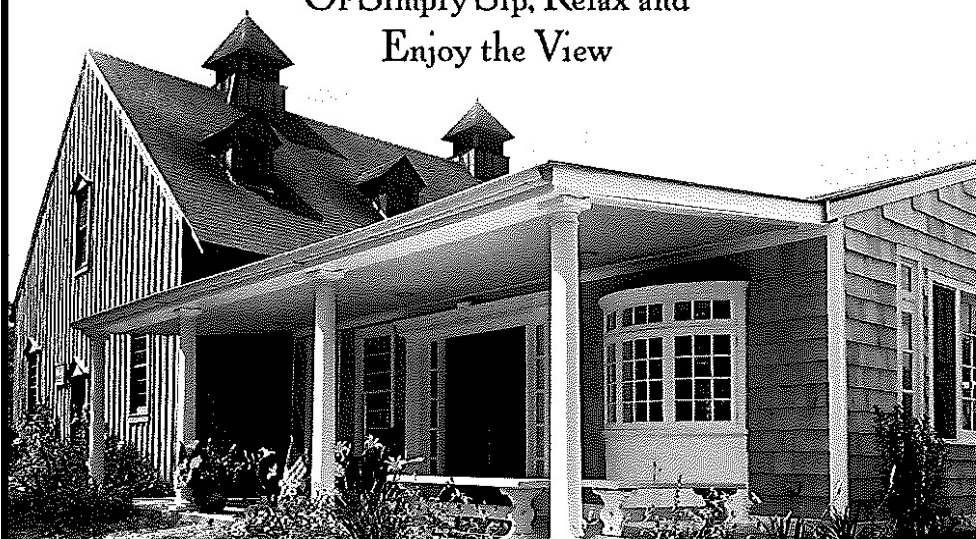
ECSC would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations:

Counterweight Brewing Co., West's Service Center, Kristin Guglielmo, Terry's Transmissions, Jim Gilligan – Dentistry, Indian Rock Nature Center, Willington Pizza & Willington Pizza Too, Franc Motors, Inc., Midway Restaurant, Village Springs Water, Fiberoptics Technology, Inc., Gun Sensei, Tony's Garage, Anthony Raggi Insurance Agency, Rettenmeier Woodcarving, Elegant Edge Hair Salon, Villa Spirit Shop, E & F Wood, Ellington Agway, Ashford Fire Department, Earth Dynamics, Distinctive Tree Care, D Kyle Sterns Contracting Inc., D's He / She Sheds and Stuff, Ct. Mole Pro, Windham Golf Course, Villari's Martial Arts of Mansfield, JT's Fly Shop, My Neighbor's Honey, Ferrigno – Storrs Realtors, Cable Technology, Inc., Hastillo Electric, Cash's Country Store, and Home Selling Team.

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Or Simply Sip, Relax and
Enjoy the View



In the Garden Series

"A Summer's Palette:
Art and Flowers"

Saturday, July 9 ~ 10am to 4pm
(Rain Date July 10)

Art Sale and Demonstrations by
15+ Local Artists - See Plein Air Artists
at Work. Live Music. View Private
Daylily Garden. Snacks & Beverages.

Co-hosted by the Ashford
Arts Council- Ashfordarts.org
for participation details

Please, no dogs.



CALL 860-429-0464

INFO@WESTFORDHILL.COM



SUMMER OF HOPE



JOIN US FOR CHURCH IN THE FIELD

Every Sunday 10:00am in person or online

38 Pompey Hollow Rd, Ashford, CT 06278

(Across from Cumberland Farms)



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New Pavilion Coming Soon

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www.AshfordChurch.org/summerofhope



Interested in preschool for next school year?

In the next few weeks, we will begin making preschool placements and we don't want to miss anyone. (Children must turn three on or before 12/31/22)

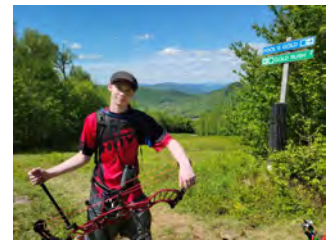
If your child is not already enrolled in the Ashford School Preschool and they did not attend this year's screening, please let us know if you're interested in a preschool spot for next year.

We will need your child's name, birthdate, address, phone number, parent name(s) and email address.

Please contact Ashford School at (860) 429-6419 x355 or through email sschillinger@ashfordct.org



The Friends of Babcock Library Ashford Senior Scholarship Winners



The Friends of Babcock Library is pleased to announce the Ashford Senior scholarship winners. There were so many excellent responses to our application that we voted to award two \$500.00 scholarships.

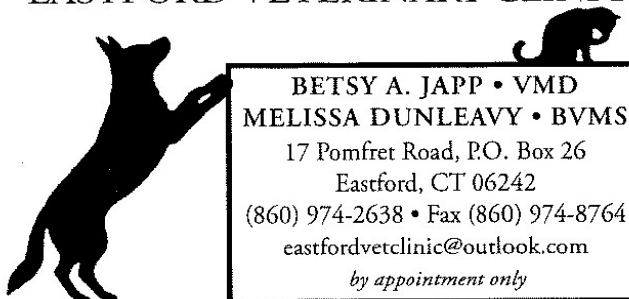
Grace Balogh volunteers at the Hungarian Social Club. It is important to her to represent her cultural background as well as informing and bringing together Ashford residents. She is currently assisting with the stuffed animal drive for children in the Ukraine and has previously run food collection and stuffed animal drives during the holiday season at Ashford School. She has also volunteered at the local food bank held at her church. Grace is passionate about helping others & being a positive role model.

Grace has been active in her local 4-H Club since she was 9 years old. She has been the president for the past 3 years, and has held a number of executive positions as well as serving on committees, including one which helps to plan the New London County 4-H fair. Grace purchased her first cow at age 10 and now runs her own farm in Ashford, a cattle operation of 16 head of cattle. Post-graduation, Grace will participate in an on-line program which will lead to a career as a veterinary technician.

Tucker Rice was the team captain of the Halls Arrows All Stars archery team, until he aged out this year. This is a nationally competitive team whose members have won regional and national competitions, leading to sponsorship by major archery companies. After college he hopes to take up residency in CT. Tucker is interested in working with the local archery community as a tournament judge and is also interested in restoring, reopening and maintaining the Nye Holman field archery course.

Tucker is currently finishing an independent study whose goal is to create a full flight simulator set-up at E.O. Smith High School. This project involved creating a desk from scratch using his own blueprints and acquiring a computer capable of running a flight simulator. Tucker intends to earn a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering at the University of Hartford, then transfer to Embry Riddle University with the goal of earning his PHD in aerospace engineering. He will seek employment as an airframe designer at Lockheed Martin or Pratt & Whitney.

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The AAC Corner

July 2022

Join us at our Monthly Meetings

Our July 13th meeting will be 7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Knowlton Memorial Hall in Ashford. Kathy Weigold will be our Presenter. The public is welcome to attend.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: Kathy Weigold

Kathy Weigold has made a career of production weaving. Subcontracting work from designers of handwoven fabrics, she makes their designs become a reality. Spanning 40 years plus, many miles of fabrics have been produced.



Kathy learned production weaving skills at The Marshfield School of Weaving in VT. A lifetime of honing those skills, both in operating the loom and seeing how colors interact. Kathy also developed her own line of woven goods. First with rugs, having a practical bent and using things on hand. What better use for old worn out clothes, sheets, blankets and the like then to make them into something usable again. Dish towels that are 100% cotton and really work. Scarves that have their own personality; no two alike. Wooly ponchos, soft, light and warm.

Color interactions that simply amaze. These are some of the things that comprise her work and life.

Kathy will be our Presenter at our July 13th meeting.



A Summer's Palette

July 9th, 10AM-4PM
Rain Date July 10

on the beautiful grounds of
Westford Hill Distillers
196 Chatey Road Ashford, CT

The Ashford Arts Council is sponsoring A Summer's Palette at Westford Hill Distillers from 10:00 - 4:00 on July 9th (Rain date 7/10). Artists will be drawing painting en plein air and others, including you, may stop by to join in. There will be a paint and paper table for those who wish to try their hand at en plein air. The location is incredibly inspiring, with an over 100-year-old home and a lovely pond. The lilies and other flowers will be in bloom. There will be live music, and drinks and snacks will be available. Several artists will be displaying their work and offering some for sale. We appreciate the collaboration with Margy and Lou Chatey who operate the distillery and are kind enough to share their beautiful location. The Chatey's will be creating a signature beverage for the event. Lou will be talking about the history of the local area and a little about the distillery.

So far, these wonderfully creative people are registered:

Debora Aldo, mosaics
Lance Arnold, Glassware and Fairy houses
John Boiano, Pottery
Judy Doyle, original art
Debra Gag, paintings
Gretchen Geromin with Lauren Merlo, woodwork
Freitha Lawrence, artwork and her book
Dan Merlo, woodturner

Dana Monaco, fabric covered containers
Charles McCaughtry, paintings
Mike Metsak, HyHope soaps and lotions,
Dan Rackliffe, pottery
Jane Rackliffe, fused glassware
Mike South, luthier
Suzy Staubach, pottery, and author
Kathy Weigold, weavings.

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WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

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Business Name & Website:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Darcie Boiano
AAC Membership Director
196 Oakes Road
Ashford, CT 06278

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TOWN OF ASHFORD

Office of the Selectmen

William A. Falletti
First Selectman

CADLEROCK PROPERTIES

On November 19, 2021 the Town Clerks of both Ashford and Willington were presented with Quit Claim Deeds transferring a total of 12 land parcels (10 in Ashford and 2 in Willington totaling 351.68 acres) to their respective town. These transfers of ownership, initiated by an adjourned tax sale first held in October of 2011, came as the result of the reopening of that tax sale in May of 2021. At that time, the various owners of these parcels had 6 months to make current on their tax arrears and applicable penalties or forfeit the properties to the towns.

Failure on the part of Cadlerock Properties Joint Venture, L.P. and Cadlerock Properties of Connecticut, Inc. to redeem the 12 parcels resulted in the towns of Ashford and Willington assuming ownership. Thus, on November 19, 2021 the Towns of Ashford and Willington became the owners of the subject properties.

As a result of investigations undertaken by Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection in 1991 a consent order (ordering targeted sites to be cleaned up) was placed on all 12 parcels. Based upon DEP's findings on lot 11 (located in Willington), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was called in to further investigate and perform a remedial action.

The bundling of the 12 parcels by the DEP was looked upon favorably and made it possible for Willington and Ashford to regionalize their brownfield assessment application. In 2017, the towns of Ashford and Willington filed a joint application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, Remedial Action and Redevelopment Municipal Grant Program to assess the extent of contamination remaining on the Cadle parcels. In order to access the site, the towns relied on Section 22a-133dd of the Connecticut General Statutes which allowed us "to perform environmental site assessment or investigations on behalf of the municipalities." Shortly after award of the \$200,000 assessment grant, the towns contracted with BL Companies to perform an in-depth site assessment, in two phases, which was completed in December of 2020.

Another consequence of the bundling was the placement of two, non-specific liens placed against the entire 12 parcels by the DEP and the EPA. Some form of negotiating release of these liens (\$282,000 to the DEP and \$4,394,562.87 to the EPA) will have to be taken into account when use options are considered.

In preparation for applying for a remediation grant in the fall of 2020, the towns authorized BL Companies to prepare a remedial action plan, targeting areas around the property that remain to be investigated and/or cleaned up. Unfortunately, our remediation application was not awarded. We surmise that one of the reasons we were denied related to the fact that the towns did not own the property so would have no legal entry onto the property,

Connecticut's Office of Policy and Management has announced the opening of a remediation grant round in July or August of this year. With ownership now resting with the towns, the Boards of Selectmen (of both Ashford and Willington) have voted to authorize submission of a remediation grant application in the amount of \$300,000 (which is reimbursable – both the expenditure and the reimbursement have been included in the Capital Projects section of Ashford's 2022-2023 budget).

If awarded and we are allowed to continue working on bringing this acreage into productive use, be it some kind of development or recreational, we plan to hold a series of public hearings to share ideas with you on future plans for the property.



Ashford School
Class of 2022

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!	
Ashford School - Class of 2022	
Brodie Albert	Caolan Johnson
Cameron Bangs	Florian E Johnson
Shyann Bedore	Emmett Kennedy
Esther Bowersett	Ze I Kerr
Anna Rose Burnham	Malerye Rose Knowlton
Kierra Deborah Ann Busse	Kailee Lynn Kouatly
Elizabeth Byers	Hunter Krukoff
Dylan M Carvalho	Corbin Lappen
Noah Chaloult	Emily Kristina Leszczynski
Aerian Jewel Cooper	Addyson Margelony
Mollie Crane	Brian M Marsh
Gabriel Alexander Crespo Velazquez	Lorelei Kaya Medeiros
Katelynn Damble	Phoenix Daniel Megas
Ava Ann Draczynski	Anna R Paterno
Nathaniel Duprey	Joseph Paul Peppin
Dominick Frank	Owen William Philips
Kamden Andrew Garrison	Sean Scott
Bella Giubardo	Elena Torres-Russell
Noah Baynes Gordon	Travis James Tougas
Stephanie Heslin	Lauren M. Trotta
Adrian Joel Jimenez	Campbell V. Urban
	John B Zulick



Commencement Awards
Class of 2022

Award	Recipient
Music	Anna Burnham
Art	Shyann Bedore
Physical Education	Emily Leszczynski
Physical Fitness	Dylan Carvalho
WINGS	Aerian Cooper
Reading	Emmett Kennedy
Language Arts	Anna Paterno
Social Studies	Campbell Urban
World Language	Anna Burnham
Mathematics	Elizabeth Byers
Algebra	Kailee Kouatly
Science	Caolan Johnson
Technology	Lauren Trotta
Community Service	Anna Burnham
Academic Effort	Brian Marsh
WAM United Soccer Club Award	Kierra Busse
Danny Kuhn Memorial Award	Malerye Knowlton
Dayson E. Wrubel Memorial Award	Brian Marsh
Democratic Town Committee Award	Elena Torres-Russell
Republican Town Committee Award	Kamden Garrison
George Lovell II Memorial Award	Katelynn Damble
Francis L. Busse Jr. Memorial Award	Kailee Kouatly
Deborah Sullivan Award	Shyann Bedore
Edwin A. and Mabel O. Buck Citizenship Award	Anna Burnham
Barbara Lincoln Lake Award (valedictorian)	Kailee Kouatly
Charles Apinis Award	Noah Chaloult
Richard Butler Award	Phoenix Megas
Friends of the Babcock Library	Mackenzie Kerr
Arthur Breault Award	John Zulick
Deborah Tatro Award	Kierra Busse
Gilbert Armitage Award	Kierra Busse
Core Values Award	Corbin Lappen
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Click that button to add as many bills to your cart as you want



- Find which bill you want to pay

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Ashford Pollinator Pathway News

By Jennifer Sterling-Folker, July 2022

Greetings Ashford! In a prior issue I talked about native plants, but what exactly is a pollinator? What is their relationship to native plants? And why are they so important? According to the US National Park Service, “a pollinator is anything that helps carry pollen from the male part of the flower to the female part of the same or another flower” which is a necessary process for most flowers to reproduce.

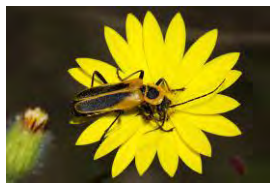
A pollinator’s role in transferring the pollen is typically accidental. Bees visit flowers to obtain nectar/pollen to feed their young; as they move from flower to flower, they are also spreading the pollen necessary for plant reproduction. This win-win relationship developed over time so that native insects have an anatomically easier time accessing native flower nectar/pollen than they do cultivated or non-native plant species.

Pollinators are any kind of animal that transfers pollen. This can include birds (particularly humming birds), bats, rodents, and even humans, but typically insects do most of pollination’s heavy-lifting. Nearly 90% of wild flowering plants need insect pollinators in order to reproduce. These plants are critical to ecosystem functioning because they provide food and habitats for many animal species, and crop pollination is essential to our own food chain.

According to the US Forest Service “without pollinators, the human race and all of earth’s terrestrial ecosystems would not survive. Of the 1,400 crop plants grown around the world (those that produce all of our food & plant-based industrial products), almost 80% require pollination by animals. Visits from bees and other pollinators also result in larger, more flavorful fruits and higher crop yields.” This is also why it’s so important not to use pesticides and herbicides that indiscriminately kill all insects, including the pollinators we need.

While most people think of honey bees as our major pollinators, in fact solitary bees and bumble bees do most of our garden and wild-flower pollination. Connecticut is home to over 300 native bee species, most of whom are stingless and non-aggressive. For more information on pollinators, check out these organizations: **Pollinator Partnership** (<https://www.pollinator.org/>) and **Xerces Society** (<https://www.xerces.org/>). Xerces also publishes books on the topic such as: *Attracting Native Pollinators* and *100 Plants to Feed the Bees*.

Email us (AshfordPollinatorPathways@gmail.com) with questions, if

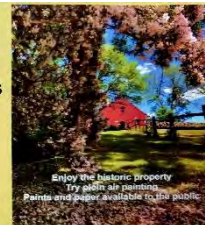


you’d like site/plant advice, a list of native plant nurseries, or to visit a native plant garden. Also let us know if you register your land with Pollinator Pathways so we can drop off a free medallion courtesy of the Ashford

Conservation Commission. Check our Facebook page for more info & events (<https://www.facebook.com/AshfordPollinatorPathway>). And a big THANK YOU (!) to all who attended our June 25th Pollinator Talk at Westford Hill Distillers (event photos will be in the next Citizen issue).

Calendar

A Summer's Palette
Art and Flowers
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Common Pollinators

Solitary Bees: Most bees lead solitary lives as the female constructs/provisions her own nest, without others’ assistance.

Bumble Bees: These social bees form colonies & are able to fly in cooler temperatures & lower light than many other bees.



Butterflies & Moths: Butterflies and moths visit flowers to drink the flower's sugary nectar & spread pollen in the process.

Wasps: Wrongly maligned for being aggressive, in fact, wasps manage insect pests and keep insect populations in balance.

Flies: Although they can be crop pests & disease carriers, many flies are beneficial & essential pollinators for specific plants.

Beetles: Fossil records suggest that beetles, along with flies, were probably the first insect pollinators of prehistoric flowering plants in the late Jurassic era, around 150 million years ago.



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From the Municipal Agent for the Elderly

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Volunteer Need: Party Coordinator. It has been suggested that the Center have a birthday party with cake each month to honor all the people who have had a birthday. This type of party can be simple or elaborate, as long as it is consistent month to month. To bring this type of program to you, a volunteer or volunteers will be needed to organize and make the cakes and purchase and wrap some inexpensive gifts. The Center will reimburse for the costs involved. Does this sound like something that would be fun to organize and arrange to you? Give me a call.

Volunteer Need: Money counter. In the past, we have had an individual whose job it was to collect and distribute all the money for the Dime Bingo. This person was someone who wasn't playing the games but did this volunteer job so the players could concentrate on having fun. The job is for Thursdays from 12 – 3 but if several folks come forward, we can rotate between.

The Lunch Bunch is going to Thai Basil in Woodstock July 6th. There are still seats available on the van at this writing. Lunch cost is on you.

I have three seats available for the Aqua Turf Italian music and cuisine on July 12th Cost is \$47.00.

The Probate Judge is returning on July 14th. She can answer questions and give you good information on how to prepare your papers for your family upon your death.

The Area Agency on Aging is sponsoring a Senior Expo on July 15th. There is no cost for the van and admission is free to all. This is like the Health Fair we had at the Center in May, but it will be huge in comparison.

The hairdresser has returned and is scheduled for July 18th.

The AARP Driving Class is back. The instructors have been on hiatus due to Covid. Class is scheduled for July 19 at 11:30. Seats are limited. AARP Members are \$20.00, Non-Members are \$25.00. You pay at the door to the instructor. This is a great way to save money on your car insurance. I am going to take the class.

Finally, if you like to color, the Center had donated a large poster that is designed for several people to color as a group and individually. I call this program Color Me Fishes and the poster and supplies will be available on July 26th for a group coloring fest.

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During July 2022, the office will be closed to the public on Fridays in order to process mail and online payments, and post any adjustments that are necessary. All Town Offices are closed on Thursdays.

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- ◆ Book drop pick up is still available for anyone.
- ◆ The children's computers are not available.
- ◆ During this time, some of our collection may not be available for browsing or circulation.

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**Sammy the Library Turtle**

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



**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.

**500 Books before Kindergarten**

500 Books Before Kindergarten is a commitment you make to your child that will prepare them to succeed in school and beyond! Stop by the library and pick up your 500 Book entry form and start reading, reach a milestone and earn a special prize.

**July**

July 9th is National Sugar Cookie Day! Stop by the library and check out one of our new cookbooks. Try a new cookie or two and tell us what your new favorite is!



July 20th is National Lollipop Day. Stop by the circulation desk and pull a treat from our lollipop tree!



**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.

There is an area inside the building when you first enter on the right, to leave in bin.

Email [ewilmespandolfo@gmail.com](mailto:ewilmespandolfo@gmail.com)

Please do not leave them outside Knowlton Memorial Hall or in the library book drop.



**Town of Ashford Tax Collector**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**

All persons liable to pay taxes in the Town of Ashford are hereby notified that taxes are due on the Grand List of Oct. 1, 2021 on real estate, personal property, and motor vehicles. The taxes are due and payable on July 1, 2022, with a mill rate of 32.265, and will be payable without interest through Aug. 1, 2022. (After Aug. 1, 2022, interest will accrue at 1½% per month from the due date of July 1, or a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. Hence, during August, the interest is calculated at 3%, or the minimum of \$2.00, whichever is greater.

**Payment may be paid online, deposited in the black drop box next to the front door, postmarked, or in person with check during posted payment hours. Please have your payments prepared.**

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

For the purpose of collecting said tax, I shall be at the Ashford Town Offices as follows:

**Mon., Tues., 8:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

**Wednesday: 10:00 A.M to 5:30 P.M.**

**The Office is closed to public on Fridays in order to process mail and online payments. CLOSED EVERY THURSDAY.**

**PLEASE** have checks made out to the Ashford Tax Collector. **INCLUDE** one copy of the bill with payment. If a receipt is requested, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with payment.

Payments may be:

**1. Paid online @[www.ashfordtownhall.org](http://www.ashfordtownhall.org)**

E-check cost is \$.95. Credit cards are 2.95%

Debit cards must be treated as credit cards.

**2. Put in the black drop box, checks only.**

**3. Mailed to:**

**Ashford Tax Collector**

**P.O. Box 173**

**Ashford, CT. 06278**

Tax questions: Call 860-487-4411, or email

[taxcollector@ashfordtownhall.org](mailto:taxcollector@ashfordtownhall.org)

Assessment questions, call 860-487-4403, or email

[assessor@ashfordtownhall.org](mailto:assessor@ashfordtownhall.org)

View bills online at: [www.ashfordtownhall.org](http://www.ashfordtownhall.org)

Dated at Ashford, this 16th day of May 2022.

Linda G. Gagne CCMC

Ashford Tax Collector

**VITAL**  
**STATISTICS**



**Deaths:**

Arthur S. Yanke, II  
Edward Frank Russell, Jr.

June 3, 2022  
May 28, 2022

**Tax Payments**

**Public Hours for Processing Payments in Person during Collection Months of July and August:**

The Tax Collector's Office will receive *in person* payments during collection time as follows:

Monday: 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Tuesday: 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Wednesday: 10:00 A.M to 5:30 P.M.

Please remember that you may make online payments at: [www.ashfordtownhall.org](http://www.ashfordtownhall.org)

If you are coming in person, you are asked to have your bill stubs with you, and your check made out to the Ashford Tax Collector. **NO CASH PLEASE. If there is a line** & you do not have any paperwork with you, you may fill out a form with your name and phone number or email, and you will be contacted at the end of the business day with the amounts due.

The office will be closed to the public on Fridays in order to process the volume of mail and online payments.

Your payment can also be made out, put in an envelope, and deposited in the black drop box in the front of the building. If you wish to have a receipt, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you in advance for helping to streamline the payment process. We appreciate your efforts.

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# Pompey Hollow Senior Housing Accepting Applications

Ashford Housing Authority

Office Hours: T, Th, Fr 9-12

49 Tremko Lane

Ashford, CT 06278

Tel- (860) 429-8556

Fax- (860) 487-4500



Application  
Deadline  
July 29, 2022



**Ashford Housing Authority is accepting applications for our waitlist.**

To qualify you must be 62 years old or disabled and meet required income limits.

Pompey Hollow Senior Housing offers spacious one bedroom apartments in an idyllic rural setting, with shopping and services nearby.

Applications can be found on our website or mailed by request.

#### **Amenities Include:**

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[www.ashfordhousingauthority.org](http://www.ashfordhousingauthority.org)

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# Assessment News

## MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES

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### **I. To have the July 2022 tax bill for a Motor Vehicle Pro-Rated:**

If you have disposed of a vehicle since 10/1/2021 and want your July 2022 tax bill to be pro-rated, you must provide **Proof of Disposal** to the Assessor. The best way to get the **Proof of Disposal** to the Assessor is to provide the proof prior to paying your taxes:

- Email: [assessor@ashfordtownhall.org](mailto:assessor@ashfordtownhall.org)
- Fax: 860-487-4432
- Drop Box: Using the black drop box to the left of the Town Office Building entry doors
- Mail: Assessor, Town Hall, 5 Town Hall Rd., Ashford, CT 06278.

### Plan Ahead:

Credits and all other changes to motor vehicle assessment and taxes will only be processed on Fridays in July and the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August, when the Tax Collection and Assessment offices will be closed to the public. The new assessment and tax due will be available in the online lookup on Saturdays (<https://www.mytaxbill.org/inet/bill/home.do?town=Ashford>).

To receive a credit, you must provide:

- 1) proof of what happened to the vehicle (i.e., Proof of Disposal) and
- 2) a returned plate receipt from the CT DMV. If you transferred the plates, provide a copy of the new vehicle's registration to the Assessor.

#### **A PLATE RECEIPT ALONE IS INSUFFICIENT**

**1. Proof of Disposal** depends on what happened to the vehicle. All documents should include the vehicle's VIN and a date.

- i. Registered in another state: proof is a copy of the registration in that state showing the initial date of registration.
- ii. Sold: proof is a dated bill of sale
- iii. Total loss: proof includes a letter from the insurance company indicating the date of loss or a receipt from person hauling the vehicle away for the insurance company.
- iv. Repossession: proof is a letter or notice from the repossessing company indicating the vehicle's date of repossession
- v. Junked: proof is a receipt from the hauler or junk yard.
- vi. Traded-in: proof is the bill of sale or invoice for the new vehicle showing the car being valued in trade.
- vii. Stolen: proof is a copy of the police report.

**2. Plates can be cancelled** using the DMV Online Services at <https://portal.ct.gov/DMV/Online-Services/Online-Services>. Print a copy of the completed cancellation as your receipt.



THE DEADLINE TO FILE FOR A CREDIT FOR A VEHICLE ON THE 2020 GRAND LIST IS 12/30/2022.

THE DEADLINE TO FILE FOR A CREDIT FOR A VEHICLE ON THE 2021 GRAND LIST IS 12/29/2023.

## **II. Motor Vehicle Values for the 2021 Grand List**

Motor vehicle assessments for most newer models (model years from the early 2000s and newer) increased from 2020 to 2021. Statewide, based on a survey of 129 town assessors, the average increase in motor vehicle lists for 10/1/2021 was 26.4%. In Ashford, the motor vehicle portion of the Grand List increased 26.8%. For vehicles on the 2020 and 2021 MV lists with a model year of 2002 or newer, the average increase was 16.50%.

By class, the average increases for vehicles with a model year of 2002 or newer that was on both the 2020 and 2021 Grand Lists was:

| <u>Class</u>                          | <u>Avg increase</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Passenger vehicles (Class 01)         | 13.10%              |
| Commercial vehicles (Class 02)        | 17.30%              |
| Combination vehicles (Class 03)       | 12.40%              |
| Motorcycles (Class 12)                | 21.40%              |
| Recreational vehicles (Class 11 + 31) | 60.22%              |

The reason for the increase is basic economics of supply and demand. Some of the factors affecting supply were:

- shipping delays related to Covid-19 and congestion at ports of entry,
- shortage of computer chips that go into vehicles,
- the reduced supply of vehicles sold into the wholesale market by rental car companies.

Some of the factors affecting demand were:

- for recreational vehicles, the safety of having one's own portable vacation home during a time of Covid,
- hesitancy to use public transportation,
- the limited supply of new vehicles pushed up values of existing vehicles

**Any questions? Call 860-487-4403 or email [assessor@ashfordtownhall.org](mailto:assessor@ashfordtownhall.org)**

# YOGA



Archa Padmasana

## HATHA YOGA with Karrie Kirchner

Tuesday Mornings  
from 8:15-9:15.  
at Knowlton Memorial Hall  
Summer Session runs  
June 6th—July 12th.  
Fee: \$50 for 6 week session  
(Drop in \$10 a class)

## PICKLEBALL at Pompey Hollow Park

Mondays at 9:30  
Novice

Tuesdays at 4:00  
Intermediates



## ASHFORD

# Summer Camp!

July 11th – 15th, 8:30-4:30

For more information or to check on availability call 860-487-4409

## VOLLEY- BALL CLINIC



Tuesday Aug. 16th  
& Weds Aug. 17th  
6:00-8:00 pm Fee: \$40  
Halls School in Willington

High School Players Get a Jump  
on Tryouts and the Upcoming  
Season, Practice your Skills and  
Techniques with Coach Fran  
McDonough & Sherry York.

### Coming in August!

### Make Your Own FAIRY HOUSE

With Artist SHARON PUNTY,  
WED. AUG. 17th at ASHFORD  
MEMORIAL PARK,  
TIME: 10-12, FEE: \$5



## CAMP OUT!

At Ashford Memorial Park  
Friday Aug. 19th at 5:00  
to

Saturday Aug. 20th at 12:00  
BYO TENT!

Burgers and Dogs Friday  
Night and a Campfire with  
S'mores and Dan's Famous  
Pancakes in the Morning!  
\$10 pp or \$20 for a family

## A DAY ON YOUR OWN IN BOSTON, MA SAT. AUG. 13, 2022

Plan a fun day in Boston! We'll take you to Boston on a coach bus, drop you off at Quincy Market and pick you up there at the end of the day. Public transportation is available for many attractions. **Coach Bus Leaves at 7:00 a.m. from Tolland Commuter Parking Lot (Exit 68 off of I-84) Estimated Return Time 8:30 p.m.**  
**Fee: \$57.00 per person**

**Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall:** participants can walk around, shop and get great food at this historic area in Boston. More information can be found at [www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com](http://www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com).

**Boston Science Museum:** participants can easily spend an entire day exploring this museum. More information about exhibits and special events can be found at [www.mos.org](http://www.mos.org).

Public Transportation information can be found at: [www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com)

Also, the New England Aquarium, Duck Tours, Children's Museum, the North End, Boston Gardens, and the Freedom Trail, are also great nearby attractions !





## **PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER!**

### **ASHFORD'S POMPEY HOLLOW PARK**

#### **2022 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES, TUESDAYS 6:30-8:00**

Ashford Parks and Recreation, (860-487-4409) is pleased to present:

**JULY 5<sup>th</sup> THREE 5 7** is a CT based 6-piece band bringing you an upbeat mix of Classic Rock, Country and Blues. Covering a wealth of hits from artists such as BOC, Johnny Cash, Springsteen, Aerosmith, Steely Dan, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Gretchen Wilson, Randy Houser, Bon Jovi, The Cars, Rod Stewart, The Doors, and the list goes on. This group of fun-loving misfits are guaranteed to keep your toes tapping and your hips moving from the first note to last riff. The meal this evening will be kielbasa and hotdogs, sauerkraut, baked beans, garden salad and a beverage served by the Democratic Town Committee. The meal will be served from 6-7 only.

**JULY 12<sup>th</sup> NIGHTSHIFT** This really fun 60's 70's and 80's cover band features 5 of Connecticut's most well-known and experienced musicians. Kenny Hicks of Coventry makes sure their playlist includes the most popular songs that audiences of all ages love to listen to, dance to and sing along with. In fact, they say "If you're not having the BEST time, then you are not listening to NIGHTSHIFT." Living Proof Church will be serving Pizza tonight.

**JULY 19<sup>th</sup> GOPHERBROKE** This talented acoustic duo has a broad crowd-pleasing repertoire. Their mix includes some folk, country, and a variety of still popular music from Creedence, Van Morrison, The Beatles, Tom Petty, Jimmy Buffet and more. Let Don Caven, and Dave Barton lighten your mood on this sweet summer night in the quiet corner. The menu and vendor this evening is (TBD) to be determined.

**JULY 26<sup>th</sup> ALREADY GONE** For the past decade, Already Gone, a tribute to The Eagles has been dazzling audiences with their meticulous reproduction of the great music of The Eagles. The 5 musicians are dedicated to the music and legendary harmonies of one of rock and pops favorite bands of all time. Few tribute bands achieve the authenticity of Already Gone! Come listen and see for yourself "...cause honey you can't hide your Lying Eyes" Food will be hamburgers, hotdogs and root beer floats served by the E.O. Smith Girls Volleyball team.

**AUG 2<sup>nd</sup> RED SATIN** Playing the best swing, jazz, contemporary, funk and big band music from over 7 decades. Red Satin guarantees an energetic, lively, dynamic, amazing musical performance. Val Rogers and Frank Papalardo and their talented musicians offer a rich musical journey sure to entertain and delight. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss Red Satin. Ashford Parks and Recreation will serve BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, coleslaw, corn on the cob, ice tea or lemonade and dessert. Fee: \$10 adults and \$7 child.

**REMEMBER CONCERTS ARE ON RAIN OR SHINE! BRING YOUR FRIENDS, BLANKETS, LAWN CHAIRS & BEVERAGES!**

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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

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