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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

Last Month in Ashford....

Parade



Scout Troop 92 marches in Ashford's first Fourth of July Parade (held on July 3rd). Over 200 people watched or participated on this beautiful sunny day!

Bike Camp



Ashford's Summer Bike Camp continues to teach our kids how to safely ride while having fun! APRC member Garth Bean and APRC Director Sherry York pose with this year's class of biking enthusiasts.

This year, the Board of Selectmen decided to try something new for our annual parade: holding the parade to celebrate our nation's Independence Day, instead of holding it on Memorial Day, which is meant to honor the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military. The thought was that perhaps a parade is more suitable for a day of celebration than a day of mourning.

Although it was not possible to obtain school bands due to summer vacation, the Ashford Choraliers and the Babcock Band did not disappoint. The Scouts and others folks marched; there were floats by Brialee Campground, Westford Congregational and Living Proof Churches; and our AVFD and Public Works trucks brought up the end of the line. This could be the beginning of a new tradition in Ashford, offering opportunities for new floats and activities that would not have been appropriate before.

Memorial Day will, of course, still be observed by a ceremony at Ashford Veterans Memorial honoring all soldiers who died during service to the nation.

Heat Wave!



*Nobody can deny that this July gave us some real "beach weather!" Lack of rain plus many days that were **super** hot have reduced the Mount Hope River to shallow pools among the river rocks.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Town Offices Directory

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Assessor	860-487-4403
Building Dept.	860-487-4404
Emergency Management	860-428-0870
Finance Dept.	860-487-4405
Fire Marshal	860-208-0113
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.

NOTICE:

**The Tax Collector's Office will be closed
on August 17th & August 19th.**

Please plan accordingly.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

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).
- *All items for the *Ashford Citizen* must include submitter's name, address, and telephone number for verification. Items written on behalf of an organization require the signature of an authorized spokesperson. No letters or advertising will be accepted concerning political issues or candidates. All items submitted are subject to editing, and the *Citizen* reserves the right to reject any submissions. Readers should be aware that opinions or articles by individual writers or organizations are not necessarily those of the *Citizen*. The *Citizen* will not print items it regards as offensive or slanderous.
- *All submissions must be received by the 20th of each month.
- *Ads must be **pre-paid**; cash, or check written to **Town of Ashford**.
- *The Ashford Town Clerk's Office will take payments and article and advertisement submissions. Call for details.

Your Contacts:

Sherri Mutch, Editor # 860-487-4401
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Office of the Selectmen

William A. Falletti
First Selectman

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING/SPECIAL TOWN MEETING **Monday, August 8, 2022, 7:00 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 on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the Town Office Building and virtually via ZOOM.

The Public Informational Hearing will be for the purpose of choosing a moderator and receiving comment on the following items. Thumbnail descriptions of each item are available on the Town of Ashford website (www.ashfordtownhall.org).

1. Receive information on proposed appropriations utilizing American Rescue Plan Funds as follows:
 - a) Pompey Hollow Park Pickleball/Tennis Court repairs in an amount not to exceed \$25,000
 - b) Knowlton Hall – installation of mini-split heating/air conditioning units in an amount not to exceed \$90,000
 - c) Knowlton Hall – Installation of heat coils and stamped concrete paving of access area to ensure safer access to the building in an amount not to exceed \$40,000
 - d) DPW/AVFD – Upgrade to state supported mobile radio system to provide interoperability between state, town and fire department agencies in an amount not to exceed \$80,000
 - e) AVFD – purchase of Hurst Tool (Jaws of Life) in an amount not to exceed \$16,500
 - f) AVFD – upgrade and installation of mini-split heating/air conditioning units in an amount not to exceed \$30,000
 - g) AVFD – replacement and/or addition to the AVFD supply of emergency equipment in an amount not to exceed \$11,500
 - h) Town Office Building – Installation of handicap access mechanism to front door of building in an amount not to exceed \$3,500
 - i) Town Office Building – interior/exterior lighting upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$36,500
 - j) 2023 School Bus – the estimate we received from our supplier not to exceed \$115,000

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- k) Electric vehicle charging station in an amount not to exceed \$20,000
- l) DPW/Ashford School gasoline dispenser in an amount not to exceed \$17,000
- m) DPW/Transfer Station – Installation of fencing and gate in an amount not to exceed \$14,000
- n) Ashford Memorial Park – installation of safety fencing in an amount not to exceed \$8,500
- o) Social Service Department – appropriation for family support in an amount not to exceed \$20,000
- p) Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments – ARPA reporting support - \$2,176
- q) Text My Gov – support platform, \$3,000
- r) Housing Authority Rental Subsidy - \$25,100
- s) Housing Authority Development Corp – seed money - \$20,000
- t) Broadband Buildout - \$60,000
- u) Development of bike lanes - \$15,000

Following discussion on the above funding requests, the Special Town Meeting will be called to order for the purpose of acting on:

1. Choosing of a moderator for said meeting;
2. Approval of the allocation of ARPA funding. Items (a) thru (u), in the above list will be voted on separately;
3. Approval of the conveyance by the Town of Ashford 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;
4. Approval of the allocation of \$100,000 as recommended by the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen, to represent a municipal match of funds to enhance the town’s application for \$500,000 in Small Town Economic Assistance Program funding for the reconstruction and paving of Southworth Drive.

William A. Falletti
First Selectman

Roger Phillips
Selectman

Cathryn E. Silver-Smith
Selectman

PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, August 8, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81414214535>
Meeting ID: 814 1421 4535

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August 2022 Conservation Commission News

Langhammer Trail

The Conservation Commission scheduled a work party last month to clean up the trail as we felt it may have suffered from the winter and spring winds plus the new spring growth. As it turned out there was not a lot of debris on the trail. We did clear out some of the growth that was impinging on the trail. The mountain laurel was in bloom and a pileated woodpecker serenaded us as we walked the trail. If any regular walker is tending to the trail, our thanks and appreciation. We encourage you to get out and enjoy the Langhammer Forest as it is an enjoyable walk with different terrain that hooks up to Fenton Ruby Park. Look for the delicately balanced stone creations all along the Langhammer Trail.

Farmers Market

Our market is doing well this year as more and more produce is coming to fruition each week. Our fruit vendor, Dee Ethier, is now coming to the market with her seasonal fruits and also sells corn. Many of our vendors have been part of the market for several years. The market runs every Sunday from 10am-1pm across the street from the town offices on RT 44. Melissa McDonough, social/youth services director and homelessness liaison, was able to secure a grant so that eligible families will be able to purchase food at the market this year.

Waste Reduction

The Conservation Commission will have a table at the Tuesday summer concert July 26th to educate residents about recycling, reducing waste and the issues with plastic. In addition to harming our environment the town pays a large amount to have our trash removed from the transfer station. Look for our table at the summer concerts series and chat with us about ways to reduce waste.

Conservation Commission meetings are the 4th Monday of the month at 7 PM. We are currently a Zoom meeting. All are invited.

Enjoy the summer. After being outside in our beautiful town, make sure to check yourself for ticks as they are very abundant this year.

Loretta Wrobel, chair



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Summertime is upon us and so is storm season. It's certainly not uncommon to experience occasional thunderstorms, but in recent years, these storms are becoming increasingly stronger, including more occurrences of tornados in our state.



Our last tornado to hit town, many will remember, occurred on July 17, 2018, at Ashford Lake when an EF-0 touched down, causing lots of tree damage and some damage to properties. Two weeks later, another one touched down in Woodstock. In Oct. of the same year, Mansfield experienced an EF-1. Fortunately, no one was injured in any of these storms, but we need to start being more aware of local storm warnings and take them seriously.

A "Severe Thunderstorm" is defined by producing hail 1 inch or greater in diameter, and/or winds equal to or greater than 58 MPH. The National Weather Service will issue appropriate "Watches" and "Warnings" as conditions change. A Watch is defined as the potential for severe weather, while a Warning means **it is** headed your way. Listening to and heeding watches and warnings are only part of the equation. Check the weather forecast before venturing out on summer activities and plan accordingly.

We are also in the midst of the Atlantic Hurricane season, which runs from June 1st to November 30th every year. For 2022, N.O.A.A. is predicting an above-normal hurricane season. We all know that sometimes weather forecasts are wrong just a couple of days out, never mind months in advance, so we'll see how accurate they were come December 1st.



Some safety points to consider during weather events are:

- If you can hear the thunder, a storm is close enough for you to be struck by lightning even when the center of a thunderstorm is 10 miles away and there are blue skies overhead.
- Take proper shelter indoors if possible. If on the water in a boat or swimming, get off/out immediately. If caught in an open field or golf course, lie flat on the ground, cover your head, and stay away from trees. Lightning is usually attracted to the highest point.
- During severe weather head for the basement, or center room away from windows. If a tornado is coming your way, get in the bathtub or under a sturdy structure (like a work bench). This can help protect you from heavy falling debris.
- If you have pets, plan how you will shelter them and where. Turn livestock loose and do not close them up inside a barn. Keep the barn open so, if necessary, they can escape.
- **ALWAYS** stay away from ALL downed wires. Just because it is a cable TV or phone wire, doesn't mean it didn't get energized. Wires fall in piles, and is dangerous until the power company verifies, they are safe.
- Downed trees may be energized as well. If they are anywhere near overhead utilities, wait for the power company to verify they are safe before clearing downed trees. This also applies to guard rails along the road, which could be energized from power lines falling on them.

The call count for July was 11 Fire/Rescue and 27 EMS. Our fiscal year total is 558.

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

Tracey Stancil
Firefighter/EMT
AVFD Station 20

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

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.

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Linda G. Gagne CCMC
Tax Collector

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Office of the Tax Collector

The Tax Collector's Office has been reviewing all accounts for unpaid balances. Real Estate accounts have been reviewed for possible inclusion in a tax sale. Liens have been filed on open real estate accounts from July 2021 and January 2022. There are still currently 11 accounts that are identified for sale in the next auction of property for unpaid taxes. Taxpayers will be notified by mail. A Demand Letter will be issued, and after the prescribed time listed in the Demand, the account will be turned over to our Tax Attorney to initiate the tax sale process.

The office attempts to work diligently with all taxpayers to achieve successful solutions to open balances. PLEASE make every effort to bring your account current. Check the status of open bills online.

Thank you.
Linda G. Gagne CCMC
Tax Collector

VITAL STATISTICS



Deaths:

Richard A. Millard July 2, 2022
Elaine D. Grant July 14, 2022

Marriages:

Kerry J. Cyganiewicz, Jr. May 7, 2022
Emily J. Cutler
Shirwan N. Latif July 5, 2022
Emely W. Salman

FROM THE ASHFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. (a non-profit organization)

HEADS UP

A general informational meeting of The Ashford Historical Society, Inc. will be held at the end of September 2022 in the Knowlton Memorial Hall at around 7:00PM. The specific date, time and location will be confirmed in the September 2022 *Ashford Citizen*.

This meeting is open to anyone who has an interest in preserving Ashford's history and would like to become a member. Joan Bowley, President of the Ashford Historical Society, Inc. will bring you up to date on any information you may need to understand how the society operates since we are a non-profit organization.

Face mask requirements in Town buildings are as follows: Wearing a face mask is optional in all Town buildings. As a courtesy to others, the Town asks unvaccinated individuals and those with known exposure to wear a mask. If you are ill, please do not enter Town buildings.

If you have any questions, you may contact Joan at 860-429-4568 or email her at joanie54@charter.net.

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– Terri Guillemets

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ASHFORD
OFFICIAL NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY
STATE AND DISTRICT OFFICES ONLY**

Notice is hereby given that a Primary of the political party listed below will be held in your town on August 9, 2022 for nomination to each office indicated below. Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the party-endorsed candidates, if any, for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street address of said candidate. The party-endorsed candidates, if any, are indicated by an asterisk. Additionally, the following are the names of all other candidates who have filed their certificates of eligibility and consent to primary or have satisfied the primary petitioning requirements in conformity with the General Statutes as candidates for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street addresses of said candidates.

Office	Party	Candidate	Address
Secretary of the State	Democratic	*Stephanie Thomas Maritza Bond	81 William St., Norwalk, CT. 06851 784 Quinnipiac Ave., New Haven, CT. 06513
Treasurer	Democratic	*Erick Russell Dita Bhargava Karen DuBois-Walton	215 Stevenson Rd., New Haven, CT. 06515 502 Cognewaugh Rd., Greenwich, CT. 06807 58 Pearl St., New Haven, CT. 06513

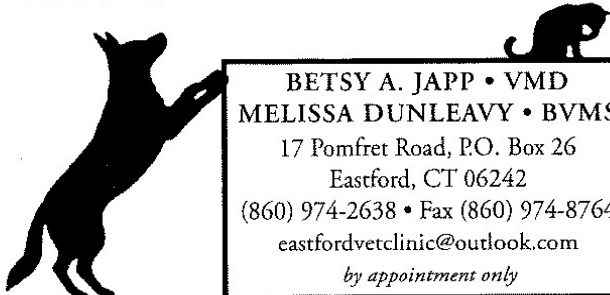
Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this day of June, 2022.

Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State

The foregoing is a copy of the notice which I have received from the Office of the Secretary of the State, in accordance with Section 9-433 of the General Statutes. As provided in said notice, a primary of the referenced party for nomination to the state or district offices therein specified will be held on August 9, 2022. The hours of voting at said primary and the location of the polls will be as follows:

Hours of Voting: 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Knowlton Memorial Hall, 25 Pompey Hollow Road, Ashford, CT 06278
Dated at Ashford, Connecticut, this 8th day of July, 2022.
Sherri L. Mutch, Town Clerk
Town of Ashford

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Office	Party	Candidate	Address
United State Senator	Republican	*Themis Klarides	66 Governors Way, Madison, CT. 06443
		Leora R. Levy	59 Pecksland Rd., Greenwich, CT. 06831
		Peter Lumaj	745 Mill Plain Rd., Fairfield, CT. 06824
Secretary of the State	Republican	*Dominic Rapini	4 Mariners Way, Branford, CT. 06405
		Terrie E. Wood	50 Saint Nicholas Rd., Darien, CT. 06820

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this day of June, 2022.

Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State

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Dated at Ashford, Connecticut, this 8th day of July, 2022.
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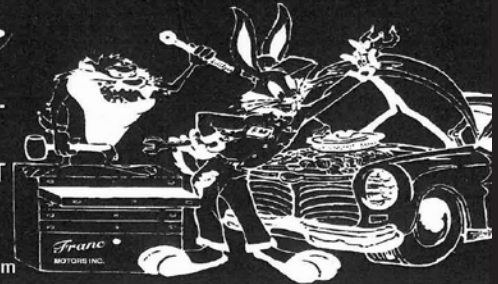
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Money counter. In the past, we have had an individual whose job it was to collect and distribute all the money for the Dime Bingo. This person was someone who wasn't playing the games but did this volunteer job so the players could concentrate on having fun. The job is for Thursdays from 12 – 3 but if several folks come forward, we can rotate throughout a month.

NEW THINGS AT THE CENTER: We now have available large print Bingo cards for those who are sight impaired. The dabbers can't be used on them, but you can mark your place with a plastic chip or a penny. This way the cards are reusable for the next game.

I am finally scheduled for my shoulder surgery on August 2nd. I will be out at least thru August 12th. That day the doctor determines whether I can come back to work or will be out even longer. Consequently, there will be no craft program this month and other programs are limited to whether there is coverage at the Center. Please note the frozen food program will continue as scheduled.

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7 	8 9:30 Walking Tape 9:30 Casino Trip 1:00 Mah Jong	9 9:30 Tai Chi	10 Food distribution day 	11 12:00 Dime Bingo	12 9:00 Walking Tape 9:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Dominos	13
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21	22 9:30 Walking Tape 1:00 Mah Jong	23 9:30 Tai Chi	24 Food distribution day	25 12:00 Dime Bingo	26 9:00 Walking Tape 9:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Dominos	27
28 	29 9:30 Walking Tape 12:30 Hairdresser 1:00 Mah Jong	30 9:30 Tai Chi	31 Food distribution day			

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Tuesday, September 13th 2022

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\$47.00 p.p.

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- ◆ **Proper face covering is optional when entering the building. As a courtesy to others we ask that unvaccinated individuals please wear a mask.**
- ◆ All library material **MUST** be returned to the outside book drop. Do not bring your returned items into the library.
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- ◆ 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.
- ◆ The children's computers are not available.

Please take note.....

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If you would like to reach the Circulation desk, please email babcockcirc@gmail.com

Governor's Summer Reading Challenge

Time to wrap up your summer reading! Complete your reading log and turn it in to the library by Friday, August 15th and receive your ticket for ice cream!

Come in Friday August 19th from 12pm-2pm and enjoy a cup of ice cream with your reading buddies!

CALENDAR

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**Storytime**

Come join us for stories and a craft, for children ages 2-5 and their adult companions. This program lasts about 45 minutes .

*Wednesdays at 10:30am!*

**Ukulele**

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

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

**Museum Passes**

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

**August**

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## Assistance to Ashford Veterans

We have re-started 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 pm. 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 to contact me if you need help with your veteran issues: [garry.brown71@aim.com](mailto:garry.brown71@aim.com) and 860-928-2309. Always no cost ever for veterans and always confidential.

### VETERAN NOTES

Clothing allowance for disabled veterans who meet the requirements for service-connected disabilities are due by 7-31-22 and the allowance this year is \$891.00. Submit VA form 10-8678. Questions? Contact Garry at 860-928-2309.

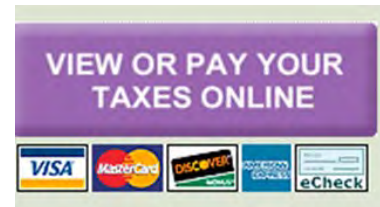


## Go Green: Pay your bills online

All Tax Bills that are payable are posted online and are available for payment if there is 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 2022 Tax Bills were available for payment on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

During July & August 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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**Wednesday: 10:00 A.M to 5:30 P.M.**

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

Dated at Ashford, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

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## Ashford Transfers: June 15, 2022—July 15, 2022

Transfer Report  
Town of Ashford, CT  
Filed Between 6/15/2022 and 7/15/2022

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| 2022-317          | 206  | 622  | 06/22/2022    | \$322,000<br>\$805.00   | MINICHELLO PAMELIA<br>KING NOAH G                                                     | CALKINS CHRISTY L<br>FERRINGTON DANNY C                | WARRANTY DEED<br>6 DEERFIELD DRIVE                 |
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| 2022-323          | 206  | 646  | 06/29/2022    | \$90,000<br>\$225.00    | LACKMAN STEPHEN G TRUSTEE<br>FLYNN NANCY L TRUSTEE<br>THOMAS R LACKMAN LIVING TRUST   | SILVIA ALINA OLIVEIRA REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST           | TRUSTEE DEED                                       |
| 2022-330          | 206  | 674  | 07/01/2022    | \$0<br>\$0.00           | FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION                                                | JOHANSEN JORDAN                                        | DEED<br>40 FITTS ROAD                              |
| 2022-333          | 206  | 695  | 07/01/2022    | \$500,000<br>\$1,250.00 | SIEGEL SHEILA TRUSTEE<br>SHEILA SIEGEL REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 30 2008      | FISHER STEVEN JOHN<br>FISHER JA-NAE ELIZABETH DUANE    | TRUSTEE DEED<br>26 ASHFORD LAKE DRIVE              |
| 2022-335          | 206  | 709  | 07/01/2022    | \$475,000<br>\$1,187.50 | GUERIN SCOTT                                                                          | MONACO PETER<br>MCHALE-MONACO ALEXIS                   | WARRANTY DEED<br>27 AMIDON DRIVE                   |
| 2022-339          | 206  | 724  | 07/06/2022    | \$439,000<br>\$1,097.50 | CONNOLLY MAUREEN<br>CONNOLLY CHRISTOPHER                                              | KING NOAH                                              | WARRANTY DEED<br>73 ARMITAGE ROAD                  |
| 2022-345          | 206  | 761  | 07/11/2022    | \$3,500<br>\$8.75       | MICHAUD MARY E                                                                        | MCKENNA TIMOTHY M<br>MCKENNA KEVIN J<br>MCKENNA RYAN J | WARRANTY DEED<br>LOT 964 ON MAP "LAKE CHAFFEE" SQL |
| 2022-348          | 206  | 766  | 07/12/2022    | \$330,000<br>\$825.00   | LAURINITIS TRACY N                                                                    | GOVONI JUSTIN THOMAS<br>HOFER ASHLEY                   | WARRANTY DEED<br>46 PERRY HILL ROAD                |

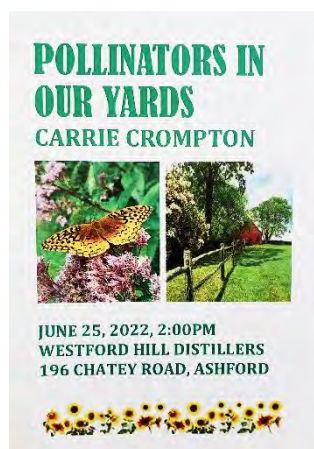




## Ashford Pollinator Pathway News

By Jennifer Sterling-Folker, August 2022

Greetings Ashford and a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who attended our June 25<sup>th</sup> Pollinator talk and/or stopped by our table at the Ashford Arts Council Event on July 9<sup>th</sup> at Westford Hill Distillers. Almost 70 people attended the June 25<sup>th</sup> talk by Carrie Crompton, Goodwin Master Naturalist, who talked about the 30-year decline of insect populations in the US and Europe, and the devastating changes to an ecosystem that occurs when insects are absent. The good news is that insect populations are resilient, mostly local, and by providing nectar, pollen and foliage for butterfly and moth larvae in our own yards, we can support insects and help reverse their decline.



We had numerous door prizes to give away, including two large baskets filled with pollinator-friendly items, a variety of native plants and gift certificates from Ashford Garden Center and Foster Hill Farm, and free Anise Hyssop seedlings to anyone who did not win a door-prize thanks to Melinda MacDonald's green thumb. Attendees had a chance to receive a free Pollinator Pathway medallion in exchange for pledging to register their gardens with the organization. They also had a chance to sign up for more

information about Ashford Garden Club. Thank you to all donors, the Ashford Conservation Commission, the Ashford Garden Club and to Lou & Margie Chatey for supporting this event.

Our table at the Arts Council's July 9<sup>th</sup> event had a steady stream of visitors stop by to talk about gardening, pollinators, and take free informational handouts, pollinator stickers, iron-on bee patches, and small plant growing kits. We also had free native seedlings to give away thanks to the agriculture students at UConn's Spring Valley Farm who are growing native plants free to distribute at events like this. We held a raffle for a free night at Henrietta House Bed & Breakfast here in Ashford; Carol Natitus of South Windsor was the winner. A huge thank you to Marian Matthews, owner of Henrietta House, for donating this item! Funds raised were divided between the Ashford Garden Club & Ashford Pollinator Pathway to pay for plants, equipment, and more native seeds free to Ashford residents at the Ashford Library.

Email us ([AshfordPollinatorPathways@gmail.com](mailto: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 out our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AshfordPollinatorPathway>) for more info & additional photos from these events.



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Fee: \$50 for 6 weeks  
(Drop in \$10 a class)

Make Your Own  
**FAIRY HOUSE**  
With Artist **SHARON PUNTY**,  
WED. AUG. 17th at ASHFORD  
MEMORIAL PARK,  
TIME: 10-12, FEE: \$5  
Call to Register by 12:00  
Monday 8/15

**PICKLEBALL**  
at Pompey Hollow Park

**Mondays at 9:30**  
Novice  
**Tuesdays at 4:00**  
Intermediates



**VOLLEYBALL**  
**CLINIC**

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

High School Players: Get a Jump  
on Tryouts and the Upcoming  
Season! Practice your Skills and  
Techniques, Pick up Pointers and  
Tips from Coach Fran  
McDonough & Sherry York.  
Register now!  
Space is limited to 18 ppl

**Summer Basketball**

**HOORAY!** COACHES JACOB  
HALL AND MATT DOMBROWSKI  
WILL RETURN TO LEAD BASKET-  
BALL DRILLS, SKILLS AND  
SCRIMMAGE PLAY IN AUGUST!  
REGISTER NOW! (Minimum 12 ppl.)

- **ASHFORD MEMORIAL PARK**
- **WEDNESDAY EVES, 5:30-7:00.**
- **AUGUST 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**
- **\$30 PER PLAYER (Grades 4-8)**



**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.  
Call by Wed. 8/17  
860-487-4409  
to confirm so we can buy the  
right amount of food.

**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 A.P.R.C. Please call 860-487-4409 with questions.

| Participants Name<br>Address & (e-mail) | Program | Phone | Age | Fee |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|-------|-----|-----|
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Please list any allergies or medical conditions  
(Write "None" if appropriate)

The signer or parent /guardian agree to waive, release and hold harmless the A.P.R.C. any persons connect-  
ed 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.

(Parent or Guardian Signature) (Date)



**PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER!**  
**ASHFORD'S POMPEY HOLLOW PARK**  
**2022 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES,**  
**TUESDAYS 6:30-8:00**

Ashford Parks and Recreation presents the Final Concert of the Year!

**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. Reserve your tickets by calling 860-487-4409 by noon on Monday, Aug. 1st.

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

**BUS TRIPS**



**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 !

**A DAY ON YOUR OWN IN SALEM, MA SAT. OCT. 15, 2022**

Join us for an exciting trip to Salem Massachusetts this October, just in time for Spooky Season! We provide the transportation you are free to explore the streets of Salem as you wish.

Bus leaves Tolland Commuter lot at 7:00 a.m. Returns about 8:30 p.m. Fee: \$60 per person.

For things to do in Salem: <https://www.salem.org/>

For Salem flip book and map [https://www.salem.org/2022Guide/Download the Salem Map](https://www.salem.org/2022Guide/Download%20the%20Salem%20Map)

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## Our Mission

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

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