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

**ASHFORD CITIZEN 5 TOWN HALL ROAD ASHFORD CT 06278**

**TOWN OF ASHFORD  
Office of the Selectmen**

The Town of Ashford together with the Town of Willington proposes to hold a public hearing to get our collective community’s input on proposals for use the Cadlerock property. With the opening of the 2022 brownfield remediation grant round, we seek your guidance as to possible land uses for purposes of enhancing our grant application. For your convenience, the history of the Cadlerock property as reported in the July 2022 edition of the Ashford Citizen is included in the September 2022 edition as well as appearing on the Town of Ashford website. This public hearing will also help inform each of the Town Boards of Selectmen as to the next steps to take in order to provide that the property is used and/or developed in a manner that serves the best interest of each of our Towns.

We look forward to everyone sharing their ideas.

**LEGAL NOTICE  
SPECIAL SELECTMEN’S MEETINGS  
ASHFORD-WILLINGTON COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING  
Thursday, September 8, 2022. 6:30 P.M.**

Residents of the Town of Ashford and Willington are hereby notified and warned that a Public Informational Hearing will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town of Ashford Municipal Offices Lower Level Meeting Room in person, virtually via ZOOM and in hybrid format.

The Public Informational Hearing will be for the purpose of hearing and receiving input on possible uses of the Cadlerock property which came into the possession of the Towns of Ashford and Willington in November of 2021 through the tax sale process.

William A. Falletti  
First Selectman  
Town of Ashford

Roger Phillips  
Selectman  
Town of Ashford

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Town of Ashford

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Selectman  
Town of Willington

Jim Bulick  
Selectman  
Town of Willington

Ashford Board of Selectmen – Special Meeting  
Thursday, September 8, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82129707357?pwd=L0xjclRlYjFiL2VocTIWdE4xMVpJZz09>  
Meeting ID: 821 2970 7357  
Passcode: 06278

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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<b>Finance Dept.</b>	<b>860-487-4405</b>
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<b>Registrar of Voters</b>	<b>860-487-4410</b>
<b>Selectmen's Office</b>	<b>860-487-4400</b>
<b>Sexton</b>	<b>860-487-4400</b>
<b>Social/ Youth Services</b>	<b>860-487-4417</b>
<b>Tax Collector</b>	<b>860-487-4411</b>
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>860-487-4401</b>
<b>Zoning Enforcement</b>	<b>860-487-4415</b>

**Town of Ashford website:  
[www.ashfordtownhall.org](http://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 Offices will be  
closed on Monday, September 5th  
to observe Labor Day.**

### 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.

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- \*All submissions must be received by the 20th of each month.
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- \*The Ashford Town Clerk's Office will take payments and article and advertisement submissions. Call for details.

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**Information for  
September 8, 2022  
Public Hearing**

## 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.

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**Saturday, October 1st**

**10:00 to 3:00**

**Hope and Wellness**  
**39 Nott Highway (Rte 74)**  
**Ashford CT**

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**Enter a drawing to win a free Hope and Wellness service**



## Greetings to the Ashford Community:

My name is Cynthia Ford, or Cindy, as most call me. I have been a resident of Ashford since 2005 and started at the school in January of 2004 as a Special Education Teacher. In 2012, I completed my 6<sup>th</sup> year in Educational Leadership as an intern Assistant Principal and then became the full time Assistant Principal in 2013. In January of 2015, I stepped into the combined job of Assistant Principal and Director of Pupil

Services due to the death of our beloved Donna Hartigan. As those were hard shoes to fill, I have been the Director since. During my time as Director, I did continue my education and earned my certificate for Superintendent of Schools. Ashford is my home and I love this community. I have one child in the school currently and one that just graduated from E.O. Smith High School and is off to Plymouth State University in New Hampshire. I am excited to step in to assist during this time and to work together with the community to continue moving forward.

The school is coming alive with teachers preparing for the upcoming year. Custodians have been working extremely hard cleaning and making sure the building is ready for all of the students and staff. It has been a hot summer but the school community has continued pushing forward as a team.

The Board of Education had their work session on August 4, 2022 which was successful. The staff at Ashford School came together to show their gratitude for the Board's hard work and dedication over the years by preparing a potluck. It had an amazing feeling of community!

I have been working with our First Selectmen's Office, William Falletti and staff, on various tasks and they have assisted in pushing some needed projects forward for our school.

Whether you have children in the school or not I would love to hear from you. My email is [cford@ashfordct.org](mailto:cford@ashfordct.org). My door is always open and I welcome ideas.

### COVID-19 Update:

Windham County is in the Green as of August 18, 2022. If you would like to monitor COVID-19 on your own below is some information on how to do so:

Based on surveillance data available in a new tool created by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) called [COVID-19 Community Levels](#), the *municipalities within Eastern Highlands Health District are currently classified as low*, the "best" classification available based on these new metrics. Community Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID cases in a specific geographical area. CDC recommends taking precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID based on Community Levels in your area. In Tolland and Windham County, residents are advised to:

- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines.
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms.
- Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19.
- Wear a mask on public transportation.

**The CDC recently updated their COVID-19 Community Level guidance by county.** You can see those updates by following this link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

For those seeking a COVID-19 booster shot, or a primary vaccination here is the link to find vaccine providers in the area: [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov)

Our School Continuity of Services Plan is on our website at:

<https://school.ashfordct.org/ashford-school-covid-19-information/>



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

- Do you want to make a difference in the community?
- Are you looking for a fulfilling and rewarding way to spend your time?
- Would it feel good to help others?
- Does the thought of saving lives excite you?

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- Fire Police
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- Fire Ground Support
- IT Support
- Fundraising Support



## **AVFD IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD NEIGHBORS**

- Men & Women age 18 or older who live or work in Ashford.
- No prior EMS or Fire experience necessary
- Limited Membership for 16 & 17 year old's.
- Receive FREE Training
- Tax Breaks
- Insurance Coverage
- Challenging & Rewarding Opportunities

Many opportunities are available even if you don't want to be a firefighter or EMT. To find out more, stop by our monthly meeting held every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM held at Station 20 (Westford Rd), or contact one of our Membership Committee members at [membership@ashfordfire.org](mailto:membership@ashfordfire.org). Applications can be found on our website - [ashfordfire.org/join-us](http://ashfordfire.org/join-us).

**The call count for July was 24 Fire/Rescue and 36 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

## Annual Members' Meeting, Public Welcome

September 21st  
7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Knowlton  
Memorial Hall in Ashford.

**Ashford Cornet Band plays at 7:00pm.**  
The Ashford Cornet Band, under the direction of Vinnie LaMonica, will perform. The band is the oldest cornet band in the country! Following their performance our **Keynote Speaker will be 2022 Pulitzer Prize winner-Josh Adams.**

He will present his award-winning comic strip and tell of his pathway to becoming 2022 Pulitzer Prize winning comic artist and editor. Josh, along with Anthony Del Col, Fahmida Azim, and Walter Hickey, received the 2022 Pulitzer Prize "For a distinguished portfolio of editorial cartoons or other illustrated work ... characterized by political insight, editorial effectiveness, or public service value."

Their award sites last year's Insider Comic, "I Escaped a Chinese Internment Camp" where they used comic media to tell a powerful yet intimate story of the Chinese oppression of the Uyghurs, making the issue accessible to a wider public. This is the first Pulitzer in Insider's Comic's history.

Adams and his father have used comics and the platform it gave them to discuss serious topics and to fight for people in need."



## Ashford Arts Council Workshop Tea & Calligraphy: The Italic Hand

Saturday, October 22nd, 2:00-4:00pm  
Ashford Senior Center,  
Pompey Hollow Rd

Come join Kathy Lepak for a two hour excursion into the art of the calligrapher. Included in the student package is her booklet, "Notes on Calligraphy", basic materials used and a listing of online or local sources for materials. **A \$5.00 fee for nibs and pen holders will be requested, and an additional \$5 fee for non-members.** Please make certain to indicate when you register if you are right or left handed, as it makes a difference in the pen nibs that she will supply to each student. **Sign-up for this workshop by October third** so that nibs and holders may be ordered.



Register by 10/3 at [kathylepak@charter.net](mailto:kathylepak@charter.net)  
Website: [www.kathleenlepak.com](http://www.kathleenlepak.com)  
Instagram: [instagram.com/kathleenlepak](https://www.instagram.com/kathleenlepak)



Blanche Serban paints en plein air July 9th  
Photo by Dot Drobney  
more photos at:  
<https://www.ddrobneyphotography.com/Art/A-Summers-Palette-July-9-2022>

## A picture-perfect summer's day on July 9

brought nearly 400 people to "A Summer's Palette: Art and Flowers at Westford Hills Distillers" sponsored by the Ashford Area Arts Council in partnership with distillery owners Margie and Louis Chatey. Artists, artisans, and musicians collaborated to create a fun and cultural event for the attendees. Master distiller Lou Chatey gave a talk about the history of the area and offered a walk-through tour of the distillery. The property has been in his family since 1919. There was merriment wherever you looked. Attendees strolled the gardens on the beautiful and bucolic 200 acre historic property, listened to live music, sampled a cocktail, visited the 20 artisan's booths to enjoy the wide variety of media and techniques, and tried their hand at watercolors made available by the AAC. Professional plein air artists set up their easels and created masterpieces. A pollinator pathway informational booth was also popular. Visit the Ashford Arts Council Facebook page and our website, [ashfordarts.org](http://ashfordarts.org), to learn of more activities, and how to become a member or join us September 21st!

Go to see the Ashford Area Arts Council show at the Vanilla Bean Cafe in Pomfret for the month of October. About 20 members will have their artwork on display there. Enjoy the Cafe. There is also outdoor seating.

Visit us @ [www.AshfordArts.org](http://www.AshfordArts.org) & on Facebook.com/AshfordArts • The Ashford Arts Council is in partnership with Windham Arts

### WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

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

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## PUBLIC HEARING

## LEGAL NOTICE

### TOWN OF ASHFORD

The Ashford Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a virtual Public Hearing on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 7:00pm to consider the following:

1. Text Amendment Application pertaining to the Regulation of Cannabis Establishments.
1. Text Amendment Application pertaining to the town-wide prohibition of Cannabis Establishments

At this meeting public comments will be heard, and written communications will be received related to these applications.

Details for how to attend this virtual meeting will be published on the Commission's Agenda which will be available in the Town Clerk's Office and posted on the Town's website.

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for registration

Questions: phone/text 860 281 9271  
Or face-book @LTK



## TAG SALE - CRAFT SALE



**Saturday, September 17th, 2022**  
**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**



**Lake Chaffee Improvement  
Association LCIA Hall  
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**Commission**

Nick Weinstock and Danielle Larese have been operating BOTL Farm in Ashford's Westford Village since 2016. BOTL Farm is a pasture-based, sustainability-focused livestock farm situated on 41 acres of transitional [silvopasture](#). This means that the grazing animals are integrated with the trees on the farm instead of grazing on open pastures. Focusing on heritage breeds like Mangalitsa and Berkshire Pigs and Icelandic Sheep is a natural choice for the farm because they can thrive in our New England climate. Find BOTL Farm's best-selling dry-cured sopressata, and chorizo

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- Tolland Farmers Market: every other Sat 10am-noon
- Assawaga Farm stand: every other Sun 9am-noon

A full schedule and more information is available at [BOTLFarm.com/contact](http://BOTLFarm.com/contact)

*Read more about them and other businesses  
in our community at [ashfordedc.org](http://ashfordedc.org)*

**Business Owners and Operators:** Let us know about what we might do to help you! We are working with our Sustainable CT partners to update our directory of local businesses, so please be sure we know about your enterprise.

**Residents:** Are you interested in growing business in our community? The Ashford EDC is seeking members with an interest in supporting a healthy climate for local business. We meet the fourth Wed at 7:30 PM—find meeting details on the Town's website or email Vice Chair Mike Gantick: [mgantick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mgantick@sbcglobal.net)



**Ashfordedc.org**



## Ashford Pollinator Pathway News

By Jennifer Sterling-Folker, September 2022

Greetings Ashford! Dead lawn thanks to drought and summer heatwaves? Rethink it! Instead of replanting with standard non-native lawn mixes, consider using native grasses or developing a native plant garden in its place. Lawns need a lot of water to maintain (nationally up to 9 billion gallons of water per day according to the EPA!) -- their root systems are too shallow to handle drought or filter stormwater runoff. Homeowners use 10xs the amount of pesticides and fertilizers per acre on their lawns compared to crop farmers, and much of it goes into wetlands, rivers, and negatively impacts habitats and human



health. Lawns provide no habitat for pollinators and animals that rely on insects to survive. Finally, lawns are expensive – according to the National Gardening Association, Americans spend around \$50 billion caring for their lawns every year.

Native plants and grasses, on the other hand, often have deep roots that can better handle heat and drought. They require less water and no pesticides or fertilizer, keep soil and nutrients in place, and are cheaper to maintain once established. Native plants also provide food and habitats for native insects, birds, and other creatures. Converting some or all of your lawn to a native plant garden, meadow or woods saves you time, money & helps the environment. Many on-line nurseries sell plug kits to get native plant meadows and gardens started. Email us for information on drought-resistant native plants, how to start a wildflower meadow, and places to purchase plugs, other native plants & grass seeds: [AshfordPollinatorPathways@gmail.com](mailto:AshfordPollinatorPathways@gmail.com)

### Spotlight: Melinda MacDonald, Ashford PP Steering Committee Member

has been gardening for years, but her focus has evolved over time. She was raised in the suburbs of Ohio, surrounded by manicured lawns and thirsty annuals. In the late 80s she won a drawing at a local nursery for a starter perennial garden and became obsessed with garden design. She poured over garden catalogs, attended garden tours, and joined a garden club. Then came vegetables – she and her husband joined a CSA where they had to work for their share. Suddenly, flower beds seemed superficial and she began growing food while her flower beds became wild and overgrown. The pollinators were quite pleased with this shift - everything was abuzz! Today she remains a hobby gardener, but her focus has broadened to include beautiful flowers, vegetable bounty, and a sharpened focus on what makes all of this possible - the pollinators! She is also a volunteer member of the Sustainable CT committee, working on Ashford's application for recertification with a focus on actions relating to the Pollinator Pathway, community growing spaces, and homelessness prevention.



## Native Grass Alternatives

**Buffalograss:** Native across the central part of the country, it's a tough, durable alternative and very drought tolerant

**Sedges:** Some varieties of this native grass-like plant grow in well-drained, sandy or clay soils. One of the most popular varieties is Pennsylvania sedge.

**Mosses:** Ideal for homeowners with lots of shade; good for erosion control, creates a natural water-filtration system, and does not die back in the winter.

**White Clover Lawn:** Drought and disease resistant, grows in poor soil, and unfazed by dog urine!

**Other Native Grasses:** Blue Grama (western North America) and Red Fescue (west of the Rockies, New England south to the Appalachian Mountains).

**Non-Grass Ground Covers:** Bearberry, Lowbush Blueberry, Barren Strawberry (in shade), Partridge Berry and Creeping Juniper. None look like lawn, but they are low growing, attractive, beneficial to wildlife & drought resistant.

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Ex. Name: John Smith

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Search input field containing 'Smith J' and a 'Search' button.

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- 2002-01-37
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6. Read the Terms and Conditions before you press **Especially if You Have Past Due Taxes**

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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. 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. All payments will then include attorney fees as well as any tax sale costs incurred.

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

## FROM THE ASHFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

A general informational meeting of The Ashford Historical Society, Inc. (a non-profit incorporation) will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 7 P.M. in Knowlton Memorial Hall.

As stated in the August *Ashford Citizen*, this meeting is open to anyone who has an interest in preserving Ashford's history and would like to be a member. The Board of Directors of the Ashford Historical Society, Inc. will be available to inform you on how the society operates as a non-profit incorporation and bring you up to date on what has been happening between COVID in March 2020 and the present.

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, please contact Joan Bowley, President of the Ashford Historical Society, Inc. at 860-429-4568 or email her at [joanie54@charter.net](mailto:joanie54@charter.net). Thank you.

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## Conservation Commission News

### Farmers Market

Our market is doing well this year and this month is the time to begin to enjoy the fall veggies. Our meat vendor from BZB Farms has healthy locally grown meats plus other goodies. 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 have been able to purchase food at the market this year.



*Farmer Dee Ethier and her large variety of South Glastonbury produce.*



*Loretta Wrobel mans the waste reduction table at the Farmers Market.*

### Waste Reduction

The Conservation Commission had a table at the Tuesday, July 26th summer concert 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. We also had a table at the Ashford Farmers Market on July 31. Look for our display at local events and chat with us about ways to reduce waste.

**Waste reducing tip for September: If possible, purchase eggs in cartons made from a paper product..**

### Sustainable CT News

By the time you read this, we will have submitted our application for recertification for Bronze Status. I want to thank the entire sustainable team that worked extremely hard to get our application in top shape. Our team members are Christine Acebo, Janet Bellamy, Stephanie Dubinsky, Susan Eastwood, Kathryn Edison, Kit Eves, Marian Matthews, Melinda MacDonald, and Melissa McDonough. Plus, big thanks to all the workers at Town Hall who gave us assistance as we muddled through this very difficult process. Gratitude goes to our sustainable fellow (intern) Haylee Scibek.

As part of our work, we looked at the amount of waste generated in our town and how many tons of waste was carried from our transfer station to Willimantic Waste. Here is what we discovered and posted on our town website:

#### Sustainable News

Residential Solid Waste Generated Per Capita Per Year (in pounds)

Year 2021-2022 834.61

Year 2020-2021 837.61

The Sustainable Team (with Conservation Commission + the Ashford Clean Energy Task Force (ACETF) is working on educating residents regarding reducing waste and plastic generated by Ashford residents. We post a tip in our *Ashford Citizen* monthly and have a waste reduction display which we have set up at concerts and our Farmers Market.

Hopefully the town will reap the benefits of all our work and all residents will work to help our town stay vibrant, green and sustainable.

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## **Solar Statement**

*Solar statement and photo submitted by Joe Pandolfo.*

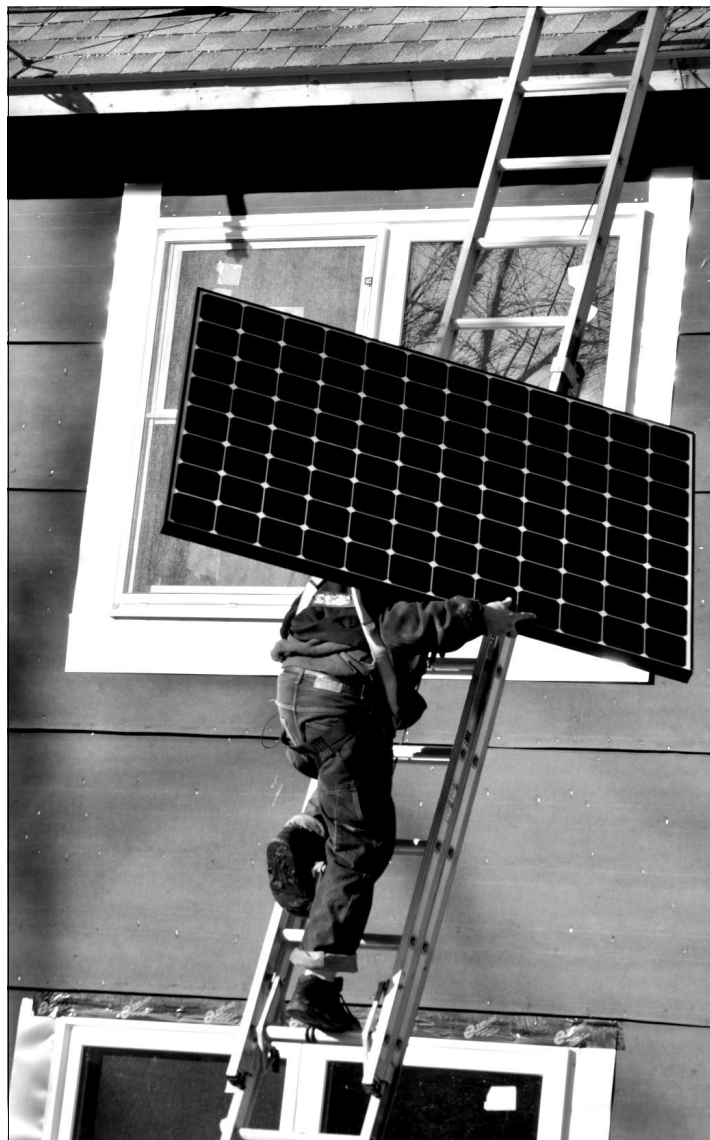
After years of dreaming and scheming where to build our green home, a number of things led us to settle in Ashford. As we honed in, we were fortunate to find the perfect hill with a tapered slope facing due solar south. We were also fortunate to discover that our building schedule coincided with a three-town Solarize program – perfect timing! The smart incentives of this program in tandem with regular state and federal rebates allowed us to solarize our new home for just over 50% of the normal cost.

So many energy-saving puzzle pieces are easy to fit together when building new. Orienting our saltbox style frame on the tapered slope, we were able to place a tall wall *and* a long roof in the solar south direction. The traditional tall “front” has passive solar windows on three levels thanks to a walkout basement and a second-floor dormer. The long saltbox roof, non-traditionally, also faces south thanks to a basement walkout on the downslope, and it provides a perfect platform for solar panels. The continuing slope of the hill allowed us to leave some tall trees for summer ground shade, without shading the roof panels. With the ample solar panel platform, it made the most sense (for the fewest dollars) to choose electric mini-split heat pumps for our air heating and cooling system and even to go with electric heat pump technology for our hot water. The improved cold-climate engineering and performance of the heat pumps proved too hard to resist, and this technology keeps improving.

Something that still needs improving is Connecticut’s solar incentive policy. Our utilities and regulators provide incentives only for the limited amount of electricity needed for a household, placing an illogical cap on sites that could produce lots more juice. Under the smarter policies of other northeastern states we could have put our entire long saltbox roof to use, harvesting clean electricity and feeding surplus to the grid. Nevertheless, building new did allow a flexible formula (in place of past household electric bills) to tally up the solar array size that was eligible for incentives. With frugal use of our two-ton heat pump system, careful choice of efficient appliances, and the simple use of natural daylighting and shading, we consume less electricity each year than our 9.8kW solar array generates. We’re filling our own need, and also feeding some clean energy back to the grid.

Happy September!  
Loretta Wrobel, Chair

*Photos of Farmers Market by Christine Acebo.*





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## Assessment News

### **Exemption program for motor vehicles currently registered in the Town of Ashford that are adapted for persons with a disability**

The Town of Ashford has an ordinance exempting certain vehicles specially adapted for persons with disabilities. The ordinance, as amended, was adopted at the December 6, 1982 Town Meeting:

*The Board of Assessors, in accordance with this Ordinance, adopted under the authority of Section 12-81(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, shall exempt from personal property taxation any ambulance-type motor vehicle which is used exclusively for the purpose of transporting any medically incapacitated individual, except any such vehicle used to transport any such individual for payment. Said exemption to be retroactive to the October 1982 Grand List.*

The above ordinance became effective fifteen (15) days from date published in newspaper.

ATTEST: Barbara B. Metsack, Town Clerk

The key eligibility criteria are:

- the vehicle must be registered with the CT Department of Motor Vehicles and must most frequently leave from and return to a property located in Ashford, CT;
- the vehicle cannot be used to transport any individual for payment;
- the vehicle must be inspected by the assessor before the exemption is granted. The assessor may inspect the vehicle at least once every Grand List year but is not required to; and,
- the modifications must have cost at least \$1,000.

Applications are available in the document holder on the wall outside of the Assessor's Office, and under Documents, Assessor on the town website. Questions? Call 860-487-4403 or email [assessor@ashfordtownhall.org](mailto:assessor@ashfordtownhall.org).

### **PA 490 Forest and Farm Use Classification – Reminders**

Persons seeking to classify land under Farm, Forest or Open Space for the first time must file an application between September 1, 2022 and October 31, 2022 with the Assessor. Persons seeking to classify land as Forest must include a PA 490 certified forester's report dated on or before October 1, 2022.

New owners of formerly classified land must file a new application.

Changes to the original filing (e.g., ownership, use or acreage) must be reported annually.

### **Exemption for Veterans and Active Duty with Prior Service Periods**

As a veteran or member of the armed services on active duty with prior service periods, you may be eligible for several exemption programs under the Connecticut General Statutes.

*Filing Requirement:* To be eligible for a basic veteran's exemption under CGS §12-81(19) and §12-81g, the first step is to file an original long-form DD214 in the Town Clerk's office showing an honorable discharge. If you do not have a copy, one can be requested at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>. The DD214 must be filed no later than 3 pm on Friday, September 30, 2022.

If you are unable to file the DD-214 prior to the 10/1/2022 assessment date due to active duty service, the serviceman can forward to the Town Clerk annually a written statement, signed by a commanding officer, or submit a notarized statement from a parent, guardian, spouse or legal representative of prior service. These documents must be received prior to 10/1. Contact the assessor for more information.

If you have an Other-than-Honorable discharge, you may still be eligible if you were discharged due to post traumatic stress disorder, a traumatic brain injury, or military sexual trauma. Contact the assessor for more information.

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**Disabled Veterans:** If you have a disability rating from the VA of at least 10%, the exemption increases. To be eligible you will need a disability rating slip or letter from the US VA that specifies the percentage of disability. It is filed with the assessor once, unless the disability percentage changes.

**Low Income Veterans:** You may be eligible for a higher exemption if your 2021 calendar year household income was under \$38,100 if you are single and \$46,400 if you are married. If you are 100% VA-determined disabled, the income limits are \$18,000 for unmarried households or \$21,000 if married. Income for this program does not include VA disability benefits or economic stimulus payments.

**Active Duty Members of the Armed Forces:** You may be eligible for the exemption of one motor vehicle from taxation. The deadline to file an application for vehicles on the 2021 Grand List is December 31, 2023.

## **Upcoming Meetings of the Board of Assessment Appeals**

### September Meeting – Only for Motor Vehicles on the 2021 Grand List

Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Appeal applications can be filed in the Assessor's Office  
prior to 3:00 pm, Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

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### March 2023 Meeting – For Motor Vehicles, Real Estate and Personal Property on the 2022 Grand List and Motor Vehicles on the Supplemental 2021 Grand List.

Appeal applications **must** be received in the Assessor's Office  
prior to 3:00 pm, Friday, February 17, 2023.

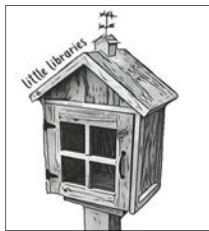
You will be contacted with the hearing date and time  
no later than Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

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All meetings are held in the Lower Level Conference Room, Ashford Town Hall,  
5 Town Hall Rd., Ashford, CT 06278.

Appeal applications are available on the BAA's page of the town's website, [www.ashfordtownhall.org](http://www.ashfordtownhall.org) and in the document holder on the wall outside of the Assessor's Office in the Town Office Building.

## **Friends of Babcock Library News**



The F.O.B.L. purchased a little free lending library for our Ashford community. It will be placed at the Post Office plaza. Please drop by and browse through its stock of adult and children's books.

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## **Volunteer Needed**

Windham Region Transit District (WRTD) serves Ashford as the provider for public transportation. WRTD is seeking a volunteer who will be willing to serve as the representative for Ashford on its Board of Directors. WRTD Serves Windham, Mansfield, Ashford, Chaplin, Coventry, Columbia,, Willington and Scotland as well as providing transportation for the UConn HuskyGo service. The Board meets once a month a on a Friday. Meetings usually last two hours.

This is a wonderful way to give back to the community. WRTD appreciates your consideration. Please contact the Selectmen's Office if you are interested in volunteering for this position.



## From the Municipal Agent for the Elderly

**Kit Eves 860-487-5122**

Ashford is a truly wonderful town. You may remember that last month I asked for help transporting a gentleman to visit his wife in a nursing home. I got five phone calls from citizens of the Town willing to volunteer. How wonderful!!! I was unable to reach one of the callers as the answering machine mangled their phone number. For that person, please accept my apologies; you stepped up and it is appreciated.

My surgery went better than expected. I did not have a torn rotator cuff after all. I just had lots of osteoarthritis. The surgery cleaned this out of my right shoulder, and I am on the mend. I had so very many well wishes that I felt very much loved by colleagues, clients, and friends. A special shout out to Sherri York and Linda Falletti who covered the frozen food distribution program.

We have some terrific programs scheduled for September. The Probate Court Judge is doing outreach visits. Judge Leah Shad will be at the Center on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. She will meet with you individually for free.

On the same day, during the ASCO membership meeting, Linda Hapeman the Executive Director of WRTD will be talking about **How to Use Dial-A-Ride**. The Town through your taxes pays WRTD a certain amount to provide transportation for Ashford residents. Come and learn how to use the Dial-A-Ride vans.

While we are on the subject of WRTD, there is an opening on the Board of Directors for an Ashford representative. They meet once a month for about an hour on a Friday. You can zoom the meetings or attend in person. The next meeting is on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact Linda Hapeman at 860-456-2223 for more information.

We have another trip to the Aqua Turf on September 13<sup>th</sup>. This is so popular we must limit the seating.

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### Notice of Republican Caucus

Notice is hereby given that a Caucus of all enrolled Republican electors of the Town of Ashford will be held 7:00pm on Monday evening September 26, 2022, in the lower level meeting room of the Ashford Town Office Building, 5 Town Hall Road in Warrenville. The purpose is to amend the By Laws for the Ashford Republican Town Committee (ARTC). Upon adjournment the ARTC will hold its regular September meeting at the same location. For more information, or to inquire about joining the ARTC, please contact Chairman Gerald Nagy at [nagy.gerald@gmail.com](mailto:nagy.gerald@gmail.com) or 860-429-2973. This notice is signed by the Chairman on August 19, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ashford Republican Town Committee

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John Wolfe	August 5, 2022
Gary H. Lawrence	August 7, 2022

**Marriages:**

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Nancy Freeman	
Marc M. Seyfried	August 8, 2022
Kelsey E. Pierro	
John G. Daleb, Jr.	August 9, 2022
Victoria A. Smith	
Tyler D. Bryant	August 13, 2022
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Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>  
at Chaffee Hall.**

**For more information  
or to  
register as a Vendor  
contact Kay Warren @**

**[kwarren1943@yahoo.com](mailto:kwarren1943@yahoo.com)**

### **BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE**

Per CGS §12-110, the Town of Ashford Board of Assessment Appeals will meet Tuesday, 9/6/2022 from 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm in the Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room, to hear motor vehicle appeals on the 2021 Grand List. **ONLY REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE APPEALS WILL BE HEARD.** Appeal applications can be filed in the Assessor's Office prior to 3:00 pm, Tuesday, 9/6/2022. Appeal applications are available on the BAA page of the town's website, [www.ashfordtownhall.org](http://www.ashfordtownhall.org) and at the Assessor's Office.

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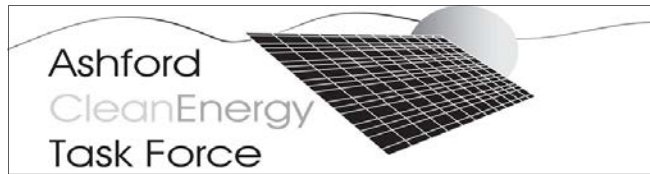
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September 2022

## The Importance of Indoor Ventilation Or Why is Thanksgiving Dinner an Airborne Toxic Event?

Ventilation is the process of bringing in new air to replace old, stagnant air. In humans it's called breathing. But houses need to breathe too in order to keep the air inside clean and healthy. New building standards ensure that we keep cold or hot air inside which increases the efficiency of heating and cooling and reduces the cost. That indoor air is most likely far more polluted than the air outside.

In America we spend 90% of our lives inside where we cook, breathe, bathe, clean up, and come and go. All of this "life activity" produces air pollution in many forms. Breathing, bathing, and cooking, for example, all result in moisture in the air which can cause mold and mildew. We use chemicals to clean our home, soaps, and detergents to clean ourselves and our belongings, cosmetic and deodorant products to keep us looking and smelling nice. Chemical components of these, as well as many other, daily use items become part of the air we breathe. Tobacco smoke and wood smoke are well known pollutants. Meal preparation and cooking can produce high levels of noxious gases and particulate matter. Scientists set up a test house where they constantly monitored air quality during daily life. Most notable was Thanksgiving dinner preparation day when CO<sub>2</sub> reached 4,000 ppm, enough to decrease cognitive functioning (normal is ~1,000 ppm), and airborne particulates exceeded the monitor's measuring capability at over 100,000 ppc<sub>m</sub><sup>3</sup> (normal is ~2,000 ppc<sub>m</sub><sup>3</sup>). In other words, if the test house was a city, it would have been labeled polluted and a public health alert triggered for "very unhealthy air".

Ventilation is one way to clear out and dilute accumulated pollutants. The easiest way to do this is to open windows or doors for at least 15 minutes daily, install and use an exhaust ventilation hood over the stove, and use an exhaust system in the bathroom. If possible, cook with electricity (stove, microwave, crock pot). If you have an HVAC system, check that the ducts are tightly sealed, and that the system produces 6 air exchanges per hour. We've learned through experience during the pandemic that we're safer outside than inside and that ventilation reduces the spread of airborne germs. We do know that outdoor air pollution is linked to heart disease, lung disease (including asthma and allergies), and cancer and there have been connections made to low birth weight, diabetes, and cognitive damage. Unfortunately, there have been almost no studies about the short- or long-term effects of indoor air pollution on health. We can't stop cooking, bathing, and cleaning, but at least we can open a window.

Note: For a full description of the Thanksgiving dinner scenario see—N. Twilley, "The Hidden Air Pollution in Our Homes." The New Yorker, April 8, 2019.

The ACETF thanks you for your interest in our work, and welcomes your input. If you have questions, concerns, or comments, or to join us, please contact Susan Eastwood at [sceastwood@yahoo.com](mailto:sceastwood@yahoo.com).

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September 2022

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 - 1-5  
Sunday - Closed

Library will be closed  
Monday September  
5th for Labor Day

## Staff

Chonte', Chris, John,  
Diane, Stacey, Susan  
& Sammy!

## We have a notary here!!

If you need something  
Notarized please con-  
tact the library and we  
will schedule a time for  
you to meet with our  
Notary. Please call the  
library!

A \$5.00 donation to the  
library is requested.



## From the Admin Desk...

**The Library is FULLY open.**

**The library will be open on Saturdays  
after Labor Day**

- ◆ You may return books inside the library again.
- ◆ Masking is optional.
- ◆ 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.....

the Library has a new contact email.  
If you would like to email the office or  
admin. team, please use:  
**[babcocklib@gmail.com](mailto:babcocklib@gmail.com)**

If you would like to reach the Circulation Desk,  
please email:  
**[babcockcirc@gmail.com](mailto:babcockcirc@gmail.com)**



## CALENDAR

Have a favorite Author?  
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*Knitters Club*  
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## FRIENDS OF BABCOCK LIBRARY

Meetings will resume in  
the fall.

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BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES  
September 27th  
10am



**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 .

*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**

*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

*Florence Griswold Museum* Sponsored by the Friends of Babcock Library

*Connecticut's Old Statehouse*

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**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.

**September**

September 2nd is National Food Bank Day!

Please consider dropping of any non perishable items. They will be donated to out local food bank.

The American Library Association's Banned Books Week 2022 will be held September 18-24. The theme of this year's event is "Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us."

Stop in and check out our Banned Books display!

**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!

**Friends of the Babcock Library**

Please join us for a Wine Tasting on September 17th 3pm-5pm  
396 Mansfield Road

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the library.

**Save The Date...**

October 8th- Paw's Cat Shelter adoption event  
October 28th- Trunk or Treat

**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.





Ashford School District  
 Office of the Superintendent  
 440 Westford Rd. Ashford, CT 06278 860-429-1927 Phone 860-429-3651 Fax  
 website: [www.ashfordct.org](http://www.ashfordct.org)

The Ashford School district announced today its policy for determining eligibility of children who may receive free or reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP), or free milk served under the Special Milk Program (SMP). The following income guidelines will be used in Connecticut from **July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023**, for determining eligibility of participants for free and reduced-price meals and free milk in the Child Nutrition Programs.

Income Guidelines for Child Nutrition Programs: July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023*											
Free meals						Reduced-price meals					
Household size	Annual gross income	Monthly gross income	Twice per month	Every two weeks gross income	Weekly gross income	Household Size	Annual gross income	Monthly gross income	Twice per month	Every two weeks gross income	Weekly gross income
1	17,667	1,473	737	680	340	1	25,142	2,096	1,048	967	484
2	23,803	1,984	992	916	458	2	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
3	29,939	2,495	1,248	1,152	576	3	42,606	3,551	1,776	1,639	820
4	36,075	3,007	1,504	1,388	694	4	51,338	4,279	2,140	1,975	988
5	42,211	3,518	1,759	1,624	812	5	60,070	5,006	2,503	2,331	1,156
6	48,347	4,029	2,015	1,860	930	6	68,802	5,734	2,867	2,647	1,324
7	54,483	4,541	2,271	2,096	1,048	7	77,534	6,462	3,231	2,983	1,492
8	60,619	5,052	2,526	2,332	1,166	8	86,266	7,189	3,595	3,318	1,659
Each additional family member	+ 6,136	+ 512	+ 256	+ 236	+ 118	Each additional family member	+ 8,732	+ 728	+ 364	+ 336	+ 168

Students residing in households with income at or below the levels shown in the chart above are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk. Application forms have been sent to all homes with a letter to parents. To apply for free or reduced-price meals or free milk, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. The application is available to download on the Ashford School website, [school.ashfordct.org](http://school.ashfordct.org), paper copies are available in the school office.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility and for administration and enforcement of the lunch, breakfast, milk, and P-EBT programs. Additionally, all school-aged students in income-eligible households can receive school meal benefits regardless of a student's immigration status, and the district/school does not release information for immigration-related purposes in the usual course of operating the CNPs.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year, a student's eligibility (free, reduced, or paid) as of June 2022 will be the eligibility that will be carried over for the first 30 operating days into SY 2022-23, starting with the first day of school. When the carry-over period ends, unless the household is notified that the students are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved for free or reduced-price meals, the students must pay full price for SBP and NSLP school meals during SY 2022-23. Households will not be sent a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility in those districts participating in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Programs.

Special notice: During the transition back to normal school operations in school year 2022-23, the Ashford School district has opted in to the School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) funds providing meals (breakfast and lunch) at no cost for all students at the beginning of the school year. Please note that meals at no cost to all students are unlikely to last all year and are subject to the availability of district funds. Since the availability of meals at no cost will expire when all funds have been expended, it is critical that households submit a free and reduced-price meal application as soon as possible to determine a student's eligibility for this school year and avoid unpaid meal charges.

No application is required if the district directly certifies a student based on a household member receiving assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program, Medicaid (HUSKY A). Households receiving assistance under the SNAP/TFA or Medicaid programs will be notified of their eligibility in writing. Households receiving SNAP, TFA or Medicaid benefits for their children should only submit an application if they are **not** notified of their eligibility by **October 1, 2022**. If a student is not directly certified, the household should complete a free and reduced-price meal application form. The application for the SNAP or TFA households require the SNAP or TFA case number and the households may be asked to provide proof of the SNAP or TFA case number. The signature of an adult household member is also required.

When known to the district/school, households will be notified of any student's eligibility for free meals if the individual student is Other Source Categorically Eligible because the student is categorized as either: Homeless; runaway as defined by law and determined by the district or school's homeless liaison; or enrolled in an eligible Head Start or pre-kindergarten class as defined by law.

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Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the determining official or school if it chooses to decline the free meal benefits. If households/students are **not** notified by the district/school of their free meal benefits and they receive benefits under qualifying public assistance programs or under Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs, the parent/guardian should contact the determining official or their school.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes at any time, the household should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the students of the household eligible for reduced-price meals, free meals, or free milk, if the household income falls at or below the levels shown in the Income Guidelines.

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the determining official at **860-429-1927x365**.



## Scout Troop 92 September Newsletter

We all enjoyed our summer vacation despite the heat and drought conditions. We hope that your summer went well also.

We had 9 Scouts attend a week of summer camp.

They worked on 35 merit badges.

We had great weather, much better than last year.

Last year I remember that we had a lot of mud!

Our Troop was also invited to attend a pig roast that week, provided by a Troop from Quincy, Massachusetts.

During the summer most Scouts have been working on the personal fitness merit badge.

We will also be doing a car parking fundraiser at the Brooklyn fair.

We had seven Cub Scouts attend Cub Scout day camp and despite the heat they had a great time.

The kids enjoyed swimming, fishing, crafts and crushing the competition when it came to the obstacle course. Our Scouts swept the top three fastest spots out of the entire camp!

This fall we hope to have activities that take advantage of Fall Foliage in this area.

Foliage color may be a little early this year because of the drought conditions.

Hope for the best!

Troop 92 BSA  
Ashford/Eastford/Pomfret

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



*Cub Scouts at Camp 2022*



## Assistance to Ashford Veterans

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

Were you exposed to Agent Orange? New countries and hypertension were added to VA disabilities. Call Garry at 860-928-2309.



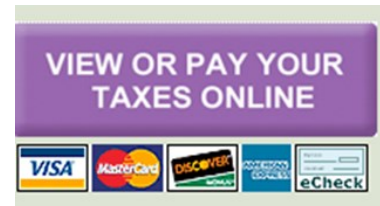
## Go Green: Pay your bills online

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>.

All Town Offices are closed on Thursdays.

Please check for the correct amount that is past due if you choose to mail in a check.

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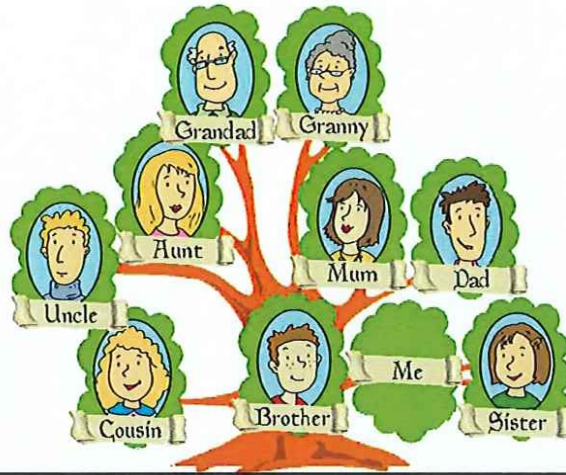
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## THE GREAT PUMPKINS' HALLOWEEN PARTY SATURDAY OCT. 29TH 1-4 PM AT CAMP CONNRI



Join us for the fun games tricks and treats! Watch for details



## Turkey Trot

Saturday Nov. 12th, 10:00-11:30  
Ashford Memorial Park

You can walk, jog, sprint, or trot around the stone dust trail,  
each lap earns a ticket in the drawing for a turkey!

## Carol Sing

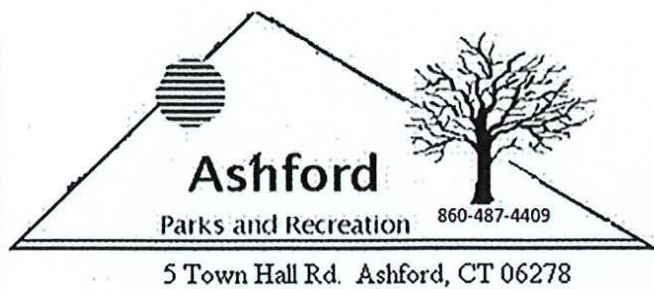
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Come  
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Wednesday Eves at the Evangelical Christian Center Pool,  
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Parent Tot/ Preschool 6:00-6:30  
Preschool & Level I 6:30-7:00  
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Level IV & V 7:30-8:00  
Register early, class sizes are limited, times subject to change based on groupings.

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For boys and girls in **Grades K-4**

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Build your strength, practice cartwheels, scales, hand stands and learn new tricks.

6 week session runs from September 22nd through

Oct.27th. **Fee: \$60**



# YOGA

**HATHA YOGA** classes will be offered by certified instructor Karrie Kirchner on Tuesday Mornings from 8:15-9:15 in Knowlton Memorial Hall. Fall session I will run from Sept. 13th-Oct. 18th. Fall session II will run from Oct. 25th—Nov. 29th. Come Breathe, Stretch, Strengthen and Relax! Get Centered.

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Transportation within the city: <https://www.salem.org/blog/getting-around-salem-ma/>



**Date:** Saturday, October 15, 2022

**Time:** 7:00 am Tolland Commuter Parking Lot (Exit 68 off of I-84) **Arrive** in Salem approx. 9:00 am, at the Salem Train & Bus Station: 252 Bridge St, Salem, MA 01970. **Departs** 6:00 pm from Salem Train & Bus Station, return to Tolland Commuter Lot approx. 8:00 -8:30 pm.

**Fee:** \$60 per person **Register by:** Sept. 30th



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Enjoy a day in the Big Apple with friends and family! Get a jump start on your holiday shopping, visit museums, see a Broadway show or just enjoy the sights of the city. What's your pleasure?

Bus will drop off & pick up near Rockefeller Center.

**Date:** Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022

**Departs From:** Tolland Commuter Lot, I-84 Exit 68 (Near Dunkin Donuts)

**Time:** 7am, Returns Approx. 10:30 pm

**Fee:** \$87 Per Person (includes bus transportation only) **Register by:** Friday 11/18.

## 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 Address & (e-mail)	Program	Phone	Age	Fee

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 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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