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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

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ASHFORD
NOTICE AND WARNING
November 8, 2022 State Election**

The Electors of the Town of Ashford are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the following purposes:

- I. To cast their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, and Judge of Probate.
- II. To vote on the following question for the approval or disapproval of a proposed AMENDMENT to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of "YES" being a vote for approval, and a vote of "NO" being a vote for disapproval:

Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting?

The full text of such proposed question with explanatory text, printed in accordance with §2-30a of the General Statutes, is available at the town clerk's office for public distribution.

The vote on the proposed question is taken pursuant to the Constitution of Connecticut.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

Knowlton Memorial Hall 25 Pompey Hollow Road, Ashford, CT 06278

Election Day Registration (EDR) will take place in the Selectmen's Conference Room of the Town Office Building from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

Absentee ballots will be available at the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours beginning October 7, 2022.

Dated at Ashford, Connecticut, this 24th day of October, 2022.

Sherri L. Mutch
Ashford Town Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Town Offices Directory

Animal Control Officer	860-234-4093
Assessor	860-487-4403
Building Dept.	860-487-4404
Emergency Management	860-428-0870
Finance Dept.	860-487-4405
Fire Marshal	860-208-0113
Housing Authority	860-429-8556
Parks & Recreation	860-487-4409
Public Works	860-429-6812
Registrar of Voters	860-487-4410
Selectmen's Office	860-487-4400
Sexton	860-487-4400
Social/ Youth Services	860-487-4417
Tax Collector	860-487-4411
Town Clerk	860-487-4401
Zoning Enforcement	860-487-4415

**Town of Ashford website:
www.ashfordtownhall.org**

Ashford Town Offices Public Hours:

Assessor, Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector,
Town Clerk:

Mon., Tues., Fri. 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Wed. 10 am - 6 pm

Land Use Dept.:

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

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

Transfer Station: Wed. 2-8 pm, Sat. 8 am-4 pm,
Sun. 10 am - 4 pm

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



**Ashford Town Offices will be
closed on Friday, November 11th
for Veterans Day.**

**Ashford Town Offices will be
closed for the
Thanksgiving holiday
at 3:00 pm on
Wednesday, November 23rd,
and will re-open on
Monday, November 28th.**



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:

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**Ashford School Breakfast & Assembly
for Ashford Veterans**

Ashford School would like to invite all Ashford Veterans and an adult guest to an in-person breakfast and assembly at Ashford School to honor our local veterans. This will take place on November 11, 2022 at Ashford School. Breakfast will be at 9:00 and the assembly will begin at 10:00. We will have music from our chorus and band. The guest speakers will be the Director and Staff from the Veterans Base Camp in Chaplin CT.

Please RSVP to Ashford School by November 4, 2022. Call 860-429-6419 x 355 OR email Elissa Turcotte at eturcotte@ashfordct.org

This year Ashford School will also be collecting items for Backpacks for Life. This is a nonprofit to help homeless and at-risk veterans. All donations will go to the Veterans Base Camp for distribution.



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ends
Sunday,
November
6th!**

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forget
to
set
your
clocks
BACK
one
hour!**

TOWN OF ASHFORD
Office of the Selectmen

William A. Falletti
First Selectman

LEGAL NOTICE

**PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING/SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022, 6:30 P.M.**

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in the Town Meetings in the Town of Ashford, Connecticut, are hereby notified and warned that a Public Informational Hearing and Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the Town Office Building in person, hybrid and virtually via ZOOM.

1. Receive information on proposed adjustments to previously approved appropriations utilizing American Rescue Plan Funds as follows:
 - a) Knowlton Memorial Hall – Installation of heat coils and stamped concrete to meet ADA standards \$70,000 (reflecting an upward adjustment of \$30,000)
 - b) Town Office Building – Installation of handicap access mechanism to front door of building in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 (reflecting an upward adjustment of \$1,500)
 - c) DPW/Ashford School gasoline dispenser in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 (reflecting an upward adjustment of \$18,000)
 - d) Social Service Department – appropriation for family support in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 (reflecting an upward adjustment of \$20,000)
 - e) Town Office Building security implementation in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 (new appropriation request)

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 adjustments. Items (a) thru (e), in the above list will be voted on separately.

William A. Falletti
First Selectman

Roger Phillips
Selectman

Cathryn E. Silver-Smith
Selectman

**PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, November 7, 2022, 6:30 P.M.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88567785714>

Meeting ID: 885 6778 5714

Dial by your location

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+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 885 6778 5714

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcym8swhFx>

TOWN OF ASHFORD

Office of the Selectmen

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Leon Gardner and Jack Barclay, two men who, over many years, contributed much of themselves and their expertise to the Town of Ashford.



Leon R. Gardner, Jr.

November 9, 1922 -
October 11, 2022

Raised in Ashford, Leon performed many roles within the Town. He served as the town's Sexton for twenty years, held a seat on the Conservation Commission, worked as a voting machine mechanic, worked with the Assessor to keep assessment maps up to date, served as a member of the Ashford Volunteer Fire Department, held various church-related positions, and became a go-to source of Ashford information. In real life Leon worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service where he finished his career as a planning engineer.

Mr. Gardner and his wife of 72 years, Betty, raised three children – Michael, David and Sharon, who provided him with numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.



John S. Barclay

March 20, 1940 -
October 6, 2022

Ever the passionate conservationist, Jack Barclay contributed much of his expertise to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (formerly known as the Ashford Conservation Commission) serving on that body from 1986 to his death.

“He was a scientist who believed we have a spiritual obligation to protect natural places and their denizens.”

Following his stint with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Jack served as a Professor of Natural Resources Management at UCONN and was the director of its Wildlife Conservation Research Center.

They will be missed.

State of Connecticut
Official Ballot

Ashford, Connecticut

State Election

November 8, 2022

Congressional District: 2
Senatorial District: 35
Assembly District: 50
Voting District: 1

OFFICE PARTY	1 Governor and Lieutenant Governor Vote for One	2 United States Senator Vote for One	3 Representative in Congress Vote for One	4 State Senator Vote for One	5 State Representative Vote for One	6 Secretary of the State Vote for One	7 Treasurer Vote for One	8 Comptroller Vote for One	9 Attorney General Vote for One	10 Judge of Probate Vote for One
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	1A <input type="radio"/> Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz	2A <input type="radio"/> Richard Blumenthal	3A <input type="radio"/> Joe Courtney	4A <input type="radio"/> Lisa Thomas	5A <input type="radio"/> Pat Boyd	6A <input type="radio"/> Stephanie Thomas	7A <input type="radio"/> Erick Russell	8A <input type="radio"/> Sean Scanton	9A <input type="radio"/> William Tong	10A <input type="radio"/> Leah Schad
REPUBLICAN PARTY	1B <input type="radio"/> Bob Stefanowski and Laura Devlin	2B <input type="radio"/> Leora R. Levy	3B <input type="radio"/> Mike France	4B <input type="radio"/> Jeff Gordon	5B <input type="radio"/> Aaron Soucy	6B <input type="radio"/> Dominic Rapini	7B <input type="radio"/> Harry Arona	8B <input type="radio"/> Mary Fay	9B <input type="radio"/> Jessica Kordas	10B <input type="radio"/> Gabrielle Labonte
GRIEBEL FRANK FOR CT PARTY	1C <input type="radio"/> Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz	2C <input type="radio"/>	3C <input type="radio"/>	4C <input type="radio"/>	5C <input type="radio"/>	6C <input type="radio"/>	7C <input type="radio"/>	8C <input type="radio"/>	9C <input type="radio"/>	10C <input type="radio"/>
INDEPENDENT PARTY	1D <input type="radio"/> Robert Holding and Sewant "Chip" Beckett	2D <input type="radio"/>	3D <input type="radio"/>	4D <input type="radio"/> Lisa Thomas	5D <input type="radio"/>	6D <input type="radio"/> Cynthia R. Jennings	7D <input type="radio"/> Jennifer Baldwin	8D <input type="radio"/> Sean Scanton	9D <input type="radio"/> A.P. Pascarella	10D <input type="radio"/>
WORKING FAMILIES PARTY	1E <input type="radio"/> Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz	2E <input type="radio"/> Richard Blumenthal	3E <input type="radio"/>	4E <input type="radio"/> Lisa Thomas	5E <input type="radio"/>	6E <input type="radio"/> Stephanie Thomas	7E <input type="radio"/> Erick Russell	8E <input type="radio"/> Sean Scanton	9E <input type="radio"/> William Tong	10E <input type="radio"/>
LIBERTARIAN PARTY	1F <input type="radio"/>	2F <input type="radio"/>	3F <input type="radio"/> William Hall	4F <input type="radio"/>	5F <input type="radio"/>	6F <input type="radio"/>	7F <input type="radio"/> JoAnna Laiscell	8F <input type="radio"/>	9F <input type="radio"/>	10F <input type="radio"/>
GREEN PARTY	1G <input type="radio"/>	2G <input type="radio"/>	3G <input type="radio"/> Kevin Blacker	4G <input type="radio"/>	5G <input type="radio"/>	6G <input type="radio"/>	7G <input type="radio"/>	8G <input type="radio"/>	9G <input type="radio"/> Ken Krayeske	10G <input type="radio"/>
WRITE-IN VOTES	1H <input type="radio"/>	2H <input type="radio"/>	3H <input type="radio"/>	4H <input type="radio"/>	5H <input type="radio"/>	6H <input type="radio"/>	7H <input type="radio"/>	8H <input type="radio"/>	9H <input type="radio"/>	10H <input type="radio"/>

SAMPLE

Be sure to read the instructions
on the reverse side of this
ballot. It will help you in voting.

Vote on the Question ↓

1. Shall the Constitution of the
State be amended to permit the
General Assembly to provide for
early voting?

YES NO

October 20, 2022

Important information from the Ashford Registrars of Voters

Lauren Olson / Democratic

Colleen DePercio / Republican

The Federal/ State Election will be held on November 8, 2022 from 6:00am-8:00pm.

November 1, 2022: The final day to register to vote in the November 8, 2022 Federal/ State Election. The Registrars of Voters will hold a registration session from 9am-8pm. Any mail-in applications must be received by the Registrars of Voters, or postmarked by this date. This is also the deadline to register to vote using the Online Voter Registration System. The online voter registration system closes at 11:59pm.

To register to vote online: <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do>

November 7, 2022: The Ashford Registrars of Voters will be holding a limited registration session from 9am-5pm to admit those seeking to vote in the November 8, 2022 Election, whose qualifications as to age, citizenship or residence were attained since the November 1, 2022 deadline.

November 8, 2022: The polls will be open from 6:00am- 8pm at **Knowlton Memorial Hall**. Any elector in line by 8:00pm will be permitted to vote. If you miss the deadline to register to vote, you may register and vote at the Town office building, in the Selectmen's conference room on Election Day from 6am-8pm. You must provide documents to prove your *identification* and *residency* in the Town of Ashford. **Please note that this is a change from the previous notice from the Registrars.**

To check your voter registration, please visit: <https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/lookup.aspx>

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION: Absentee ballots are in the Office of the Town Clerk. If you need a ballot, you can download the application and either mail it to Ashford Town Clerk, 5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, or bring it to the Town Clerk's Office. Please be certain that you are registered to vote before submitting the absentee Ballot Application to the Town Clerk.

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SOTS/ElectionServices/AB-Application/AB_Application_20220922/ED-3-Rev-English-20220922.pdf

Absentee Ballot Applications and Absentee Ballots for the November 8, 2022 Municipal Election

Absentee Ballot Applications and Absentee Ballots may be deposited in the large, white State of Connecticut Official Ballot Drop Box on the front porch of the Ashford Town Office Building.

For more information about Absentee Ballots, please call the Town Clerk's Office at # 860-487-4401.

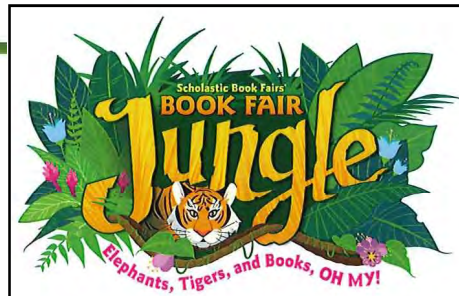




Ashford Recognizes World War II Veteran George Celotti

Army Sergeant George Celotti recalls hearing of Pearl Harbor while seeing a movie at Paramount Theatre in New York with his brother Oresto—who was in the Army at the time. They stopped the movie to request all service members report to their bases. He recalls not seeing his brother for years to come. At 18 George was drafted and assigned 1A—which meant he would be drafted quickly. He went to the Grand Army Terminal in New York and then Fort Dix, where he would get his gear and a haircut. He was then sent for training at Camp Claiborne Louisiana where he focused in electrical work. After approximately 15 weeks of training he was sent to Stockton California to get on a ship to Yokohama. During his time in Japan, he moved up in rank to Sergeant and controlled their message center.

Information submitted by the Celotti family



ASHFORD SCHOOL TO HOST SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR EVENT

What:

Ashford School will host a “Jungle” themed Scholastic Book Fair. Funds raised will help purchase books for Birthday Books, Summer Reading Program, and classroom libraries. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

When:

Wednesday, Nov. 16th, from 8 am - 5.00 pm;
Thursday, Nov. 17th, from 8 am - 5.00 pm;
Friday, Nov. 18th, from 8 am - 5.00 pm;
Monday, Nov. 21st, from 8 am - 6.00 pm; and
Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, from 8 am - 6.00 pm

Where:

Ashford School Library; 440 Westford Road, Ashford, CT.

More:

The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases, and other great reads from dozens of publishers.

Please Note - Scholastic now requires that we charge sales tax on all purchases

Volunteers Needed!

If you are available to help setup on Monday November 14th or Tuesday November 15th from 3.30 pm, or help during the Book Fair, please call or text Lisa Hassett at (860) 576-3208.

Greetings to the Ashford Community from Cynthia Ford, Interim Superintendent

- **We are Celebrating our Teacher of the Year Christine Marinelli on November 15, 2022!**
- **Coffee and Conversation:** The Administrative Team would like to invite anyone from the community to join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:45-8:10am for Coffee & Conversation. The schedule is as follows:
 - November 2 - Meet with Interim Superintendent, Cynthia Ford, Topic: Budget
 - December 7 - Meet with Principal, Polly Borysevich
 - January 4 - Meet with Assistant Principal, David Eichorn

Upcoming School Activities:

Our Annual Veterans Day Breakfast to thank our veterans for their service. If you know of a veteran that would like to attend, please contact Elissa Turcotte by November 4, 2022 eturcotte@ashfordct.org. Our guest speaker will be Cindy Archibald, the Director of the Veterans Base Camp in Chaplin. Staff and students have been working hard to put together an amazing morning. Please come join us! We are also collecting donations for the "Backpacks for Life" Project. This non-profit organization provides a unique and personalized support system to homeless and at-risk veterans and their families that effectively bridges the gap between veterans and available resources. Backpacks are filled with toiletries and necessities to support them in self-sufficiency. Collection boxes are in the front of the main office until November 11, 2022. Please contact Martha Sibley-Jett for a list of donatable items or if you have any questions about the collection, msibleyjett@ashfordct.org.

Ashford Students Heading to Germany:

From November 8th through 21st, fifteen students and two teachers will be attending school with our partners at the Einstein Gymnasium school in Rheda Wiedenbrück, Germany. Unique to Ashford, this grassroots experience is completely facilitated by Ashford and German teachers. This means the cost to our students is low in an effort to keep the trip attainable for everyone. Together the two schools chose a theme to focus on, this year it is the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal #17 (*Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalization the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development*). Projects are planned to work towards that particular goal. The group will meet the mayor, visit the German parliaments, do experiments at a German University, and even visit the Berlin Christmas markets. The students from Germany will be visiting our school from May 20th through June 1st. This partnership can only be strengthened by the hiring of a German teacher, significantly increasing interest in the exchange for upcoming years. Our German Teaching Assistant from Einstein-Gymnasium, Katja Baumgartner, is also significantly helping with the planning of the exchange and preparing our students.

Parent Teacher Conference Dates: November 21st & 22nd, both are half days for students with dismissal at 12:25pm.

Thanksgiving Break: Half day of school on November 23rd **No School:** November 24th and 25th

November BOE Meetings and Budget Sessions:

Saturday November 12th from 10am to 12pm

Superintendent Cynthia Ford and Business Manager Deana Chrzan will be holding a Saturday budget session for community members to come by and share thoughts and ideas as we begin the Ashford School budget process. Please stop in!

Regular Board Meetings

November 3rd at 7pm. The Finance Committee will meet along with the Curriculum Committee, who will be discussing Science.

November 17th at 7pm. Come share ideas around the budget. We are beginning to plan for the next school year and what the focus will be for the district.

Upcoming Community Activities:

Friday Playgroups held at Ashford School hosted by Youth Services, Melissa McDonough 9-10am. Contact Melissa at: Mmcdonough@ashfordct.org with any questions.

Save the Date:

The community is welcome to come see our children perform at our Winter Concert on December 8, 2022. More information will be coming.

COVID-19 Information:

Ashford School has launched a new page on the website for Ashford School that has the running tally of current to date cases of COVID-19. The page is: <https://school.ashfordct.org/covid-19-cases-2022-23/>

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Conservation Commission News

Farmers Market

The Ashford Farmers Market plans to extend its 16th year of operation to the Sunday before Thanksgiving as we have done the past few years. Our market had a good year in spite of the long drought this season. Most of our vendors have been participating in the Ashford market for many years. Our small town has been extremely supportive and many of our residents are loyal customers who visit the market weekly. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the long-term success. Come visit the market during the first three Sundays in November.

Waste Reduction

The Conservation Commission encourages everyone to consider reducing your trash footprint by recycling, reusing, and being more aware of packaging when you shop.

Waste reducing tip for November: If plastic packaging is reusable repurpose it: plastic tubs reuse for storage containers until they wear out.

Sustainable CT News

We were notified in October that we had achieved our goal of gaining recertification status for our town. Our Sustainable CT team worked diligently to earn the necessary credits for becoming a Bronze certified town. We are thrilled to celebrate our award and will attend the annual award ceremony November 14th in West Hartford.

Hopefully all our residents will gain more awareness of sustainability and work to nurture a strong community dedicated to maintaining Ashford's beauty and creating an inclusive and green environment.

Trash Cleanup Day

By the time you read this, our CC will have had their fall trash cleanup day on Saturday October 22th with a rain date of Sunday October 23rd. We hope more citizens will join our cleanup crews to periodically pick up roadside trash to keep our town beautiful and free of litter.

Happy November.

Loretta Wrobel
chair



Amy McCarthy, CIC
Agency Owner

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Ashford Volunteer Fire Department

November has officially arrived and that usually means, so has heating season. With the rising cost of home heating fuels this year, it's expected that many, if not most residences, will be using supplemental heat sources this year to offset some of those high costs. More home fires occur during the cold winter months than any other time of the year, with 32% of all house fires being caused by space heaters.

We encourage you to follow these important safety tips to keep you and your family safe!

Electric Space Heaters –

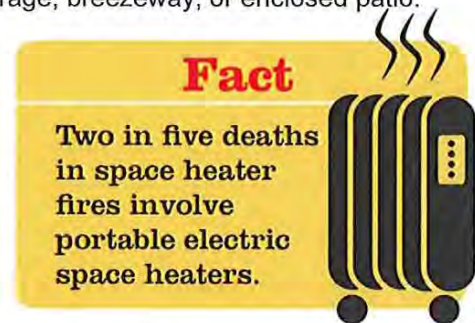
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure the heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep children and pets away from the space heater.
- Plug heater directly into wall outlet, **NEVER** use an extension cord.
- Always turn off and unplug heaters when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Make sure your heating equipment has the label showing that it is listed by UL testing laboratory.

Wood/ Pellet/Coal Burning Stove and Fireplaces –

- Burn only dry, well-seasoned wood.
- Use artificial logs according to manufacturer's recommendations.
- Use only newspaper and kindling wood to start a fire. Never use flammable liquids, such as lighter fluid, kerosene, or gasoline to start a fire.
- Have your chimney cleaned and inspected annually.
- When disposing ashes, allow ashes to cool before disposing in a metal bucket and store outside away from building. **Never** place them in the garage, breezeway, or enclosed patio.

Fuel Burning Space Heaters –

- Always use the proper fuel as specified by the manufacture.
- When refueling, allow the appliance to cool and refuel outside.
- Make sure all fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside, And be sure the venting for exhaust is kept clear and unobstructed. This includes removal of snow around the outlet to the outside.



No matter what type of heater you're using, remember to always keep and maintain a 3-foot clearance between all heating equipment and anything that can burn. Make sure your smoke alarms are in working order and install carbon monoxide detectors if you don't already have them.

Later this month, watch for our holiday wreath to go up! From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, our wreath will be lit with red lights. For every fire we have, a red light will be changed to white. For the past 3 years, our holiday wreath brings awareness to fire dangers through the holiday season. Our goal is to remind you of those dangers each time you see a white light, which is why each year, we ask you to help us keep our wreath RED throughout the season.

The call count for Sept. was 16 Fire/Rescue and 35 EMS. Our fiscal year total is 172.

If you have any non-emergency questions or concerns, you may contact Station 20 at (860) 429-9862 from 6AM to 6PM 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 Stencil
Firefighter/EMT
AVFD Station 20



Charles McCaughtry
Autumn
Studio Gallery Open House

Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022
 10am - 5pm
 Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022
 10am - 5pm
 Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022
 10am - 5pm
 Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022
 10am - 5pm

44 Portland Drive (off Rt 89)
 Ashford, Connecticut
 860-429-1016

The studio Gallery is open other days by appointment.

Ashford – Great Location

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Fall Schedule Begins September 11
Sunday School - Adults/Children 9:30AM
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30AM
Wednesday Prayer - 7:00PM
Moms In Prayer International - TBD



Noah King
King Real Estate Team
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SRS, SFR, E-PRO

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

3. If there is a shopping cart under the pay section then there is an outstanding balance.



Click that button to add as many bills to your cart as you want



4. Find which bill you want to pay

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	00004200-LIEN
	(REAL ESTATE)
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■ 01 is Real Estate	00004200-LIEN
○ 02 is Personal Property	(REAL ESTATE)
○ 03 is Motor Vehicle	2004-01-000040
○ 04 is Motor Vehicle Supplement	00004200-LIEN
2002-01-37	
■ 37 is the bill number	
■ You MUST pay the OLDEST bills FIRST	
○ Oldest Grand List	

5. When all of the bills are in your shopping cart Click 0 BILL(S) - \$0.00 and Check Out

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

7. Make sure the next cart is the same as the previous one and choose how you would like to pay. Then press **Treat All Debit Cards As Credit Cards**

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Ashford Social Services is hosting a gift card donation program for our local families in need. While we have collected physical gifts in previous years, gift card donations allow families to personally select specific items which would be best suited for their own children. Purchasing gift cards from area merchants is a great way to support local businesses, and many other gift cards can be conveniently purchased online. To allow enough time for shopping please consider donating before 12/02/22.

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

Looking for Holiday Help?

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

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Deaths:

Leon R. Gardner, Jr.	October 11, 2022
John S. Barclay	October 6, 2022
Patricia Dumas	October 3, 2022
Robert A. Burchfiel	April 27, 2022
Roger G. Dumas	October 16, 2022

Marriages:

John W. Page, Jr Vicki L. Lovely	October 9, 2022
Gerald C. Knowlton, III Elizabeth L. Pilkington	October 8, 2022
Vincent W. Gieck, Jr. Sarah J. Berthiaume	September 10, 2022

The Tax Collector's Office will be closed on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8th. Please consider using the other options available for payment.



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 1st.

All Town Offices are closed on Thursdays.

The Tax Collector's Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 8th, in addition to Friday, Nov. 11th, and Friday, Nov. 25th

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Our Town Our Future - Ashford, CT

All residents, businesses, churches, and civic and community organizations –
Everyone with a vested interest in Ashford, you are invited to bring your ideas!

What: LEADERSHIP ROUND TABLE meeting to be held to review accomplishments since our 2019 meeting and solicit the Community's input on ideas for Future Ashford initiatives.

When: November 16, 2022 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Where: Knowlton Memorial Hall

Agenda

1. A welcome by –Bill Falletti, First Selectman
 - a. Introduce moderators and their role: (PZC and OTOF)
2. Participant Introductions:
 - b. Introduce yourself and tell us about the organization you represent (2 Minutes per person)
3. P&Z and the OTOF Moderators:
 - a. Relate to the 2015 Plan of Conservation and Development(POCD)
 - b. Highlight POCD Accomplishments
 - c. Follow up to November 2019 Meeting
 - d. Our purpose tonight is to identify potential Future Goals and Objectives
4. Breakout discussion groups (Four or Five depending on number of attendees)
5. Questions to keep in mind:
 - a. Do we like what Ashford has accomplished in past 5 years?
 - b. What are the three most important things you want to see in Ashford's Future?
 - c. How will planning help you? What obstacles do you anticipate?
 - d. Do you have an interest in supporting and being a part of this Process?
6. Summarize Input from Breakout Groups:
 - a. Review Breakout Ideas (listing major results and conclusions)
7. Proposed next steps and general comments:
8. Close meeting

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: The wonderful volunteer Laurie Testa will be moving, Thus, she will no longer be able to put up and take down the decorations that make the Center festive and seasonal. I am looking for someone to come in once a month and do the change out. It takes about an hour.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTER: MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER:

Lunch Bunch to the Golden Greek, Nov. 2nd
Hairdresser, Nov. 7th, \$20.00 cash
Christmas Tree Craft, Nov. 8th, free
Casino Trip, Nov. 14th
Aqua Turf- Bob Hope USO tour with meal Nov. 15th, \$47.00
Footcare, Nov. 17th, \$25.00
Little Theatre at Manchester, In The Heights, Nov. 20th \$25.00

DECEMBER

Log Cabin van trip, Jimmy Sturr Christmas Show with meal, \$79.00
Lunch Bunch, Dec. 7th
Hairdresser, Dec. 12th \$20.00 cash
Aqua Turf-Holiday fun with the Cartells with sing-along, with meal \$47.00, Dec. 13th
Christmas Lights and Bidwell Tavern, Dec. 16th. This is currently full but if there is enough interest, we can schedule another day,
Bradley Playhouse, A Christmas Carol, Dec. 18th, \$20.00,
Holiday Luncheon with excellent entertainment, Dec. 19th, menu and price to be determined,
Cookie Swap & Ornament Crafts for nursing home seniors, sponsored by the Comm. on Aging, Dec. 20th

ASSESSOR & TAX COLLECTOR NEWS

The Assessor's and Tax Collector's Office will be closed to the public on Fridays during January.

During January 2023, both the Assessor's Office and the Tax Collector's Office will be closed to the public on Fridays in order to process mail, online payments, post any adjustments that are necessary, and work on finalizing the Oct. 1, 2022 Grand List. If you bring in paperwork to the assessor for adjustments on the Supplemental Motor Vehicle Bills, they will be processed on Fridays and available for lookup on the website over the weekends. You may contact us by email or phone. We encourage you to use the black drop box at the front door, and the online options (www.ashfordtownhall.org). All Town Offices are closed on Thursdays. The Offices will also be closed on Monday, January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day, and Monday, January 16th, 2023 for Martin Luther King's Day.



Holiday Tree Craft

November 8th,
1:00 pm

Free Craft
Volunteers needed!!!!

These finished products will be table decorations for our Holiday Party. Come help us make the party festive by painting the table decorations. There are enough so everyone who helps can take one home.

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Tuesday, November 22nd

Reservations and payment by Nov. 16th

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John and I were fortunate to have purchased land (and by the way a house) in 1997 here in Ashford. We spent the first few years getting the house designed and built so we could live comfortably on our new land. However, we were always seeking help in understanding the care needed for our woodland and other parts of the property. We were contacted by forest land owners who invited us for a woodland walk that was sponsored by Eastern Connecticut Forest Land Owners Association (ECFLA). As we became immersed in the programs and walks ECFLA sponsored, we made contacts with many different people who own, work, or are passionate about the forests of eastern Connecticut. Along the way, we were introduced to the Coverts project to which we applied. As graduates of the Coverts Class of 2000, we were still really neophytes when it came to managing the forest.

Coverts is an intense study of habitat in the woodlands of Connecticut. Participants are educated on the different species of trees, how to identify them, what the best way is to manage for specific animal and bird habitat, and how to manage invasive plants and insects. We learned invasive plants are detrimental to the health of wildlife since, although they provide food for the birds particularly, it is not as nutritious as native plants.

Twenty-two years later, we have gained a greater understanding of the management of the forest, but had become a bit complacent in its management due to working with our daycare business. Although, we have had two management plans and at least three timber harvests on the land, we felt it was time for a refresher. I was fortunate enough to be accepted into the Coverts class of 2022.

In the Coverts class we spent time talking about the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer and the effect it has had on the ash trees here in eastern Connecticut. Additionally, we learned a great deal about the history of Connecticut forests and their habitat. We spent time with several wildlife biologists who spoke about threats to biodiversity and habitat management. A forest owner is able to manage the forest to encourage the kind of wildlife in which they are interested. The resources available to woodland owners and/or managers are varied and widely available if one knows the best place to start.

In the eastern part of the state, we have a CT district forester who is willing to visit property with the owners and to walk their land making observations and suggestions about the health of the forest. We have had the privilege of working with Frank Cervo, the district forester, and his predecessor, both of whom have helped us make decisions about the forest. We have also worked with two independent foresters who helped us with the timber harvests. When we have harvested timber it has been to improve certain stands within the forest in order to raise up quality saw timber. By thinning inferior stems, we have been able to see healthy growth of quality timber as well as providing us firewood. We heat almost exclusively with wood and go through a significant amount of wood each year.

In our zeal to share some of our knowledge, we are hosting a woodland walk with Frank Cervo, the CT district forester, and Tom Worthley, the UConn extension forester, on Sunday afternoon, November 13th at 1 p.m. at the Leavitts', 194 Old Town Rd., Ashford. Please RSVP if you are coming to susanleavitt@sbcglobal.net or text 860 836-0394. We hope to see you in the woods!!

Join us at our Monthly Meetings Public Welcome

November 9th

7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Knowlton Memorial Hall in Ashford. Dan Merlo will be our meeting presenter

The public is always welcome to attend presentation & is free to leave before meeting

Holiday Artist Market Nov. 19 & 20

WORKSHOP: Mini Mosaic Ornaments November 12, 2022 • 2 pm to 4 pm



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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: Dan Merlo

Dan Merlo is a contractor who had always found wood turning to be very interesting. In 2013 he decided to purchase a lathe and try to figure it out. It was a challenge, but he found it very exciting to turn a piece of wood from a log and have it transformed into a beautiful bowl. He was also excited to find out what beauty was hidden within the piece of wood. Every piece is unique. Dan started to include his bowls to his display of cutting boards at craft fairs. As he improved over the years, bowls became the primary items that he would make. In 2019 he added salt and peppermills, and bottle stoppers.

At the November 9th Ashford Area Arts Council meeting, Dan will be displaying several of his pieces. He will also be doing a live demo on turning a wooden bowl.

An exploration of colors and textures. Materials include glass, stone, shell, pebbles, plastics and other miscellaneous. You will work in a round plastic cap that is filled with adhesive. You'll add hanging hardware and assemble your ornament 1 or 2 hanging ornaments can be made in 2 hours. Hands on, this class will begin with a guided explanation and demo. All materials & tools on loan for the day. Class is limited to 9 students.



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Holiday Artist Market

November 19 & 20
25 Pompey Hollow Road, Ashford, CT
(Babcock Library Hall)
10 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Free to attend

The Ashford Area Arts Council is so excited to host the 7th Annual Holiday Artists Market. These artisans will have unique handmade items for you just in time for your Holiday Shopping.

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Mark your calendars! Pass the word!

Saturday Artists

- Lance Arnold:** Glassworks and Fairy Houses
- John Boiano:** pottery
- Cindy Curry:** Photography art cards,
- Lorraine Foster:** gourd luminariums
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- Joan Blade Johnson:** botanical prints, fiber arts
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- Pat Morris:** wildlife art, feather painting
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Sunday Artists

- Deb Aldo:** Mosaics
- Christine Acebo:** photography
- Nancy Bunnell,** pastel paintings, photography
- Mark Drobney:** laser cut objects
- Deb Gag:** Oil Paintings
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Friday: 9 - 5
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Library Staff

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- Susan
- Diane
- Stacey
- Chris
- John

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Nov. 22th 10am

Friends of Babcock Library: TBA

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- Chonte'

Club News

Knitting Club

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NOVEMBER EVENTS



**Saturday, Nov.12th,
10am-12pm**

Children's Cookie Decorating

Bring your little one in to do some edible artistic expression. All supplies will be provided and each child will take home their own cookie tray.

**Wednesday, Nov.16th,
5pm**

Adult Flower Pot People

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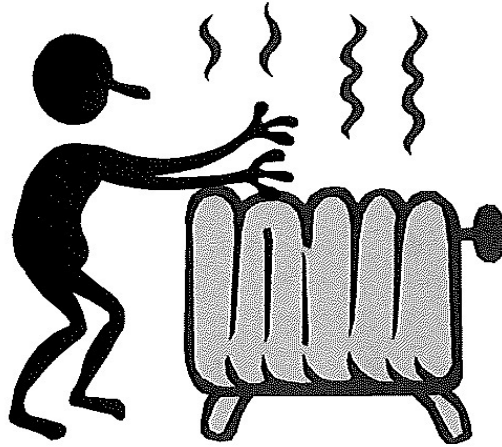
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Asset limits: *No asset limits*

Required Documentation:

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

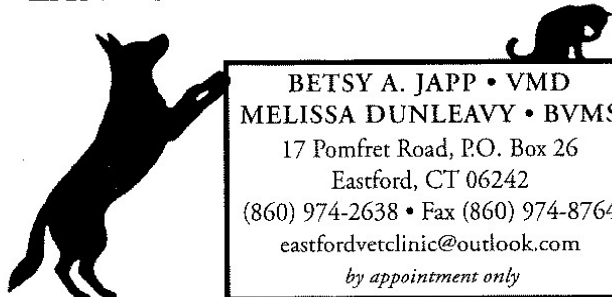
Social Security #s for all household members

Most recent Eversource bill

Proof of SNAP benefit (food stamps)

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

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Scout Troop 92 November Newsletter

October Activities:

Nine Scouts earned the Citizenship in Society merit badge. This topic covered Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. These are all interesting and important things to think about.

The October campout was cancelled due to hazardous weather-high winds.

Our first bicycle ride in almost three years was on Oct. 22nd. Scout Troop 92 rode bicycles 12 miles on the Airline Trail in Pomfret. They enjoyed the fall foliage and a pleasant sunny day. There were no injuries.



Asst. Scout Master Nord Yakovleff explaining the Citizenship in Society merit badge to the Scout Troop.

Sunday Oct. 23rd Scouts earned credit for community service helping out at the Friends of Babcock book sale at Knowlton Memorial Hall.

At regular Scout meetings, topics will be First Aid, also useful knots.

Rob Hany has taken the position of Committee Chairman. We thank Doug Nemeth for handling this important position in the past.

November yet to come: Scouts and Webelos Cub Scouts Campout at Wolf Den State Park. Scouts will cook breakfast Sunday morning consisting of bacon and eggs, toast, hot cocoa. More than cooking, they learn leadership, teamwork and communication to get the job done. No Pop Tarts this time! A hike is planned at this event.

Cub Scouts will be running a Scouting for Food event in November to assist the Ashford Food Pantry. Please support this worthwhile cause.

Cup Pack meeting will be on November 4th, 7:00 PM in the lower level meeting room of the Town Office Building.

Troop 92 BSA
Ashford/Eastford/Pomfret

Nord Yakovleff, Assistant Scout Master; Cory Blanchette, Scout Master; Chris Murphy, Assistant Scout Master; Kurt van Heiningen, Cubmaster; Rob Hany, Committee Chairman

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for more information
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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 and 860-928-2309. Always no cost ever for veterans and always confidential.

VETERAN NOTES

The town will have a short program honoring our veterans on November 12th at 10:00 AM. We invite all veterans and the community to come down and honor them and Veterans Day at the Veterans Park at the entrance of Tremko Lane.

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We are proud to announce that Ashford has received the Bronze designation from SolSmart!

SolSmart is a national program led by the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office. The purpose of SolSmart is to make it faster, easier, and more affordable for homes and businesses to go solar. As a SolSmart designee, Ashford’s goal is to help reduce the cost of solar installations which will allow more local homes and businesses to obtain affordable, clean, and reliable electricity through solar while regulating their placement and size for safety.

To receive the Bronze designation the Ashford Clean Energy Task Force was required to complete a Solar Statement and have it approved by a town official, complete a solar permitting checklist to insure there are no unnecessary roadblocks to obtaining a solar permit, and complete a solar zoning regulations review. Ashford's Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) authorized the Task Force to review the current zoning regulations and make recommendations on updating them.

At the July 11, 2022 meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Clean Energy Task Force presented a draft of proposed new solar zoning regulations to the Commission for its review. The Task Force used model solar regulations from other states and towns, along with best practice suggestions from SolSmart, to draft solar regulations that would fit the needs of our town.

Ashford has previously been commended for using solar panels on selected town owned buildings. This is a good beginning toward making Ashford solar-friendly in the continuing need for energy sustainability.

The ACETF thanks you for your interest in our work and welcomes your input. If you have questions, concerns, or comments, or want to join us contact Susan Eastwood at 860-487-5903 or sceastwood@yahoo.com

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



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! It's a challenge-by-choice fitness event for all ages. To add to the fun, you can earn an extra ticket if you wear some Thanksgiving themed apparel! Snacks provided!

Carol Sing

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Registration runs October 27th - Nov. 10th!



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Coaches are needed at many levels please contact Sherry if you are interested or can assist at 860-487-4409. **Coaches meeting 11/3, 7:00 p.m. at Ashford School lower lobby.**

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