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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

*Save the Dates* ★ ★ ★



FOURTH OF  
CELEBRATIONS

It's time to celebrate!  
Join the fun by attending  
the Open Houses & the 4th of July Parade

*July*

OPEN HOUSE

Ashford Volunteer Fire Department  
& DPW Town Garage

11:00-1:00PM Saturday, July 1, 2023



Pack the family in the car and come tour the Fire House & the Town Garage.  
Check out the Fire Trucks and Equipment that keep this great town running  
from summer time through all the winter storms. Of course, snacks and drinks  
will be provided. Be sure to take a picture while you're there.

★ PARADE

11:00 AM Start Time / 10:00 AM Line-Up  
Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Grab your chair and let Old Glory wave! This year is sure to be another  
fantastic community event. The parade begins promptly at 11AM starting at  
the Fire House and ending at Tremko Lane. Enjoy music by the Choraliers.

Watch all the Antique Cars drive by. The Ashford Fire Department will be  
represented as well as local Town Committees, Bicyclists, Businesses,  
Campsites, & so much more!

CHORALIERS | ANTIQUE CARS

While the Open Houses and Parade are a new tradition here, we hope to keep  
the spirit of unity and celebration alive for years to come. You are invited to  
join the planning efforts bringing new ideas while keeping the tradition alive.

Please contact the First Selectman at the Selectmen's office to participate in  
the 2023 Parade or to join the Fourth of July Celebration planning efforts.

5 Town Hall Rd, Ashford, CT 06278  
FirstSelectman@AshfordTownHall.org | William Falletti, First Selectman | 860-487-4400

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Town Offices Directory

<b>Animal Control Officer</b>	<b>860-234-4093</b>
<b>Assessor</b>	<b>860-487-4403</b>
<b>Building Dept.</b>	<b>860-487-4404</b>
<b>Emergency Management</b>	<b>860-428-0870</b>
<b>Finance Dept.</b>	<b>860-487-4405</b>
<b>Fire Marshal</b>	<b>860-208-0113</b>
<b>Housing Authority</b>	<b>860-429-8556</b>
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>860-487-4409</b>
<b>Public Works</b>	<b>860-429-6812</b>
<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**

**Juneteenth**

**Monday, June 19**

***Thank You !***



### **\*\*\*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 Editor.

\*Residents and Ashford taxpayers 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 \$24 per year fee.

\*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.

\*Summissions of ads and articles must be emailed to:

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

\*Ads must be **pre-paid**; cash, or check written to **Town of Ashford**.

\*Payments may be mailed to: Ashford Citizen, 5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, CT or left in the Town drop box.

Please Contact :

Colleen DePercio, Editor

# 860-487-4439 ext 308

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

## JOB OPPORTUNITY TOWN OF ASHFORD

The Town of Ashford will be accepting applications for the position of Director of Public Works. This is a full-time, highly responsible, municipal management position involving the direction of all elements of the Public Works Department activities Including, but not limited to:

- Engineering
- Highway maintenance
- Maintenance of town buildings and grounds
- Transfer Station management
- Oversight and coordination with multiple town boards, commissions and departments

Responsibilities also include:

- Short- and long-term road maintenance planning
- Budget preparation
- Personnel management within the department

This work requires that the Director has thorough knowledge, skill and ability in all phases of public works and construction management.

A complete job description and employment application can be found on the Town of Ashford website: [www.ashfordtownhall.org](http://www.ashfordtownhall.org) or from the Selectmen's Office.

William A. Falletti  
First Selectman

## LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ASHFORD

Notice is given that the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Regional School District #19, Edwin O. Smith High School, Storrs, CT, for the year ended June 30, 2022 as prepared by the E.O. Smith Finance Department and audited by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, West Hartford, CT, is on file in the Ashford Town Clerk's Office for public viewing during regular business hours.

Dated at Ashford, Connecticut,  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.  
Attest: Sherri L. Mutch, MCTC, MMC  
Ashford Town Clerk

## VITAL STATISTICS



### Deaths:

Andrea F. Provencher April 25, 2023  
Paul D. Mercer April 24, 2023



### Marriages:

Jacob Kirtley Maffio April 7, 2023  
Taylor Jane Hennessey

Joseph Conrad Schnaubelt April 1, 2023  
Cynthia Li Fen Boo

## Thank You

In recognition and appreciation of  
10 years of distinguished service by  
*Town Clerk Sherri Mutch and  
Assistant Town Clerk Karen Zulick*

Whereas, Sherri Mutch and Karen Zulick  
have provided consistently accurate  
and timely information, professionally,  
with integrity and impartially.

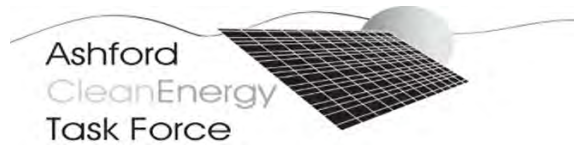
Whereas, Sherri Mutch and Karen Zulick  
have been efficient and fair in editing  
and compiling the Ashford Citizen.

Therefore, the Ashford Democratic Town  
Committee formally acknowledges and  
extends its profound appreciation to  
*Town Clerk Sherri Mutch  
and Assistant Town Clerk Karen Zulick*  
for their many years of service to the  
town of Ashford and its citizens.

Ashford Democratic Town Committee  
May 16, 2023



June 2023



## Is the Artificial Grass Greener?

Artificial turf, made of fossil fuel based materials, is a good example of the ways the fossil fuel industry has grown its plastic production as they seek ways to assure that demand for fossil fuels continues as our economy transitions to clean energy.

Right now, the Region 19 Board of Education is researching types of turf because they are faced with the need to replace their aging artificial turf field with another plastic field or return to grass.

Artificial turf is controversial. More and more evidence is emerging about its toxic impacts on the environment and potential to harm human health. A growing number of independent studies have shown that:

- Artificial turf fields, sourced from fossil fuels, cannot generally be recycled and have large carbon footprints. An average synthetic turf field adds up to 40,000 pounds of plastic carpet and up to 400,000 pounds of infill, large amounts of which are not recycled and must be incinerated or sent out of state to landfills.
- Turf and infill degrades over time into microplastics which leach off the fields and enter water resources, impacting drinking water and aquatic life. Tire crumb is estimated to account for close to 30% of the microplastic pollution in the world's oceans.
- Heavy metals and carcinogens are present in synthetic turf and plastic grass. Among these are hormone disrupting chemicals, neurotoxins, immune system disrupters, flame retardants, phthalates, antioxidants, plasticizers, lead, zinc, and cadmium.
- Exposure by users of the fields to these chemicals may occur through inhalation of particulate matter and dust, ingestion of the particles, and by absorption through skin. Once in the body they accumulate in the kidneys and liver. There have been few studies on the long term health implications of exposure.
- Synthetic turf components also contain PFAS, bioaccumulative "forever chemicals" – The EPA has proposed new PFAS standards for drinking water, identifying PFOA and PFOS as having no safe level.

The known and unknown extent of the long term health risks from exposure by players to the chemicals present in all artificial turf, the real environmental impacts, including contamination of soil, water and air, and the serious problem and expense of replacement and disposal every 8-10 years, indicate that artificial turf fields are unsustainable. We should use the "precautionary principle", and focus on a return to well-managed and maintained natural grass using best practices to reduce or eliminate use of pesticides and herbicides. Natural grass fields that are well-managed and maintained may even save costs when calculated over the life of the turf fields.

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



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## July 10-14, 2023



9am till Noon | Ages 4-12 | FREE  
Games, Crafts, Music, Bible Lessons, Snacks!  
The MOST AMAZING WEEK OF YOUR SUMMER!  
[www.ashfordchurch.org/VBS/](http://www.ashfordchurch.org/VBS/)



# SPORTS CAMP



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TEAM 45



**July 24 - 28, 2023**

8:30 am - 12:15 pm \$50/camper (ages 4 - 12)  
Signup at [www.ashfordchurch.org/SPORTSCAMP](http://www.ashfordchurch.org/SPORTSCAMP)  
Held at the Eastford Elementary School

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Living Proof Church  
Congregational Church of Eastford  
Eastford Baptist Church  
UW Sports Ministry





# Babcock Library News

25 Pompey Hollow Road

Ashford, CT 06278

*Your Center for Life-Long Learning*

Phone: 860-487-4420 \* [Website](http://babcocklibrary.org) babcocklibrary.org \* email: director@babcocklibrary.org



## June 2023

### Hours

Monday - 9-5

Tuesday - 9-5

Wednesday - 9 - 8

Thursday - Closed

Friday - 9-5

Saturday - 9-1

Summer hours start June 18 when the Library will be closed on Saturdays until August 26.

Sunday - Closed

### Library Staff

Ann Chonte' Chris  
Diane John Stacey

### Libby

Available 24 / 7!

Try Libby (formerly Overdrive) for Babcock Library card holders! [Libby](http://libby.com) offers e-books & audiobooks - accessible on mobile devices!

### *Special Events*

*Two on One Night ~ Attend One or Both*

*Pre-registration Requested*

### Babcock Library Patron Appreciation Reception



**Friday, June 9, 2023**

**Knowlton Memorial Hall**

4pm – 6pm

~All Ages~

*wine, non-alcoholic beverages  
& hors d'oeuvres will be available*

Followed immediately by

Drew Driscoll's Local History  
Presentation —>>

Compliments of the

Friends of the  
Babcock Library



### Local History Presentation

*Inspired by John Trumbull's  
Famous Painting*

**The Death of General Warren  
at the Battle of Bunker's Hill,  
June 17, 1775**

Drew Driscoll returns with his popular presentation inspired by this painting.

Lieutenant Colonel Knowlton & John Trumbull are Featured.

**Friday, June 9, 2023**

6pm – 8pm

# Find Your Voice

## Summer Reading Challenge!

How It Works:



### Children Birth-6th grade

- Come into the library Saturday June 17th from 10am-12pm to pick up your bead chain and Brag Tag and book log.
- Each time you read for 20 minutes, mark your progress on your book log.
- Then, every 20 minutes you read you may come pick out a bead at the library for your chain!
- You may trade in 3 regular beads for 1 special bead at any time during the program.
- Fill your log completely and fill out the bottom portion of this page and you will be able to pick a book at the library Friday July 28th

### Adults and Teens

- Come into the library Saturday June 17th from 10am-12pm to pick up your Bingo board
- Mark off a square for every activity you complete.
- Complete the activities on your Bingo Board and you will be eligible to select a new book for your personal library at the library on Friday, July 28th

**Saturday  
June 17  
10am to 12pm**

### Ukulele Lessons

First Wednesday of each month.  
Please call the library to register.

### Friends of Babcock Library Meeting

Tuesday, June 20 @ 2:30 pm

### Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, June 27 @ 10 am

### Embroidery & Knitters Group

Wednesdays @ 1 pm

### Children's Storytime & Craft

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

Knowlton Hall

Friends of the Babcock Library Present...

### ANNUAL BEER & WINE TASTING

YOU ARE INVITED!

SATURDAY SEPT. 9TH 3PM-5PM

Church Farm  
396 Mansfield Road  
Ashford Ct, 06278

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE



### Teen Cake Decorating Class

WEDNESDAY JUNE 21ST 11AM

Come spend the morning with Miss Chonte' and learn how to create your own edible work of art. All supplies are included but please come dressed for mess! everyone will take home their own finished cake

Class is open to young adults ages 12-17.  
Registration is REQUIRED as space is limited.  
Please contact the library to register at  
860-487-4420 or email Babcocklib@gmail.com





## June 2023 Conservation Commission News

### Waste Reduction

The Conservation Commission is concerned about the amount of waste we continue to create which is devastating our planet. Please be mindful of the waste you generate and reduce waste when you can.

Waste Tip for June: Bring your own reusable produce bags grocery shopping.



### Farmers Market

The Ashford Farmers Market opened its 17<sup>th</sup> season on Mother's Day. We are at same place on RT 44 across from the town hall every Sunday from May until the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Our market runs from 10AM-1PM. We have some new vendors and many long-time returning vendors. This year we hope to have a food truck at some of our markets. Our market will be held every Sunday rain or shine.

Please visit our market and support our local businesses.

### Pollinators Pathways

Remember that there are seeds available at the Babcock Library. Take advantage of all the efforts of our very active Pollinators Pathway group to provide food for our pollinators and enhance our town.

Register your garden and be a pollinator friend!

### Get Outdoors

We live in a wonderful resource rich town with an abundance of trails, waterways, and wildlife. Take the opportunity to go outside and enjoy mother nature. Bring a bag with you to pick up any trash that you see on the trail so we continue to live in a green litter free environment.

Our Conservation Commission meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday via zoom at 7PM.  
Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings.



Loretta Wrobel, Chair

## ASHFORD WOMEN'S GROUP EVENT

Want to make new friends, learn more about what women are doing in our area, find common interests and share experiences? Come join us for the Ashford Women's Group "**Celebrating Women**" June meeting as we continue our efforts to support and empower each other!

### **Celebrating Women**

**Sunday, June 11, 2023**

**11:00-2:00 PM**

**Ashford Senior Center**

**25 Tremko Lane, Ashford, CT 06278**

Women who would like their interests, special skills/talents or local business noted in the event handout should email contact info and a brief description to [ashfordwomensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:ashfordwomensgroup@gmail.com) or call 860.428.0011.

As always, all AWG events are free. Light refreshments will be served. (Finger foods to share appreciated!)

Also, we will be accepting donations of the following for 2 local area shelters: **Clean Used/New Clothing, Toiletries/Feminine Products, Toddler/Baby Supplies, Laundry Products, Housewares, Blankets/Sleeping Bags, Suitcases/Duffle Bags, New/Gently Used Toys.**

Find us on Facebook: [Ashford Womens Group](#)



## Greetings to the Ashford Community From Cynthia Ford, Superintendent:

Thank you for the support over this past year. I am wrapping up my first school year as the Superintendent of Ashford. I have loved serving this community. I look forward to continuing to work together with the community to drive Ashford School forward. As I reflect over the past year, I am extremely thankful for the amazing individuals I get to work with. It amazes me to see how passionate and talented the staff are who work in our small town. We all are willing to take the extra steps to strive for excellence. The families continue to partner with us and it is gratifying to see the of what happens with the youngest members of our community. The past 18 years of my career have been spent right here in Ashford and I have learned so much and have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people.

### Building Update:

The Underground Storage Tank will be delivered and installed at the end of June.  
The generator has also been ordered and we will be waiting for a delivery date.

### BOE Meeting:

June 1, 2023 and June 15, 2023 at 7 pm. The meetings are held at Ashford School in Room 16 or online via Zoom. Please come by and inquire, contact me at the school at 860-429-6419 ext. 365, or email me at [cford@ashfordct.org](mailto:cford@ashfordct.org).

### Upcoming School Events:

Our German partner students arrived in Ashford on May 20, 2023 and will be departing to return to Germany on June 1, 2023.

June 14, 2023: Commencement at 7pm (Outdoors, weather permitting and the rain location is in the gym at the school)

June 15, 2023: Last day of school, early dismissal of 12:25 pm.

### Upcoming Community Activities:

Friday Playgroups held at Ashford School hosted by Youth Services, Melissa McDonough 9-10 am.  
June 2 and 9. Contact Melissa at: [Mmcdonough@ashfordct.org](mailto:Mmcdonough@ashfordct.org) with any questions.



### THOMPSON'S CLEANING SERVICE



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Email: [businessoffice@americanscaleco.net](mailto:businessoffice@americanscaleco.net)

Happy Father's Day ! May was another spectacular month for us. We appreciate all of you for all your continued support. Our customers have rated us #1 in the area! To show our appreciation to all our valued Customers, present and future, we would like to extend our \$60. coupon for June, July, August and September.

Clip the coupon below.

Book your appointment early.

**Ashford Small Engine Repair (959) 929-5795**

**\$60.00 off your repair**

WE ARE ALSO PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE  
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# Ashford Vol. Fire Dept.

## Annual Father's Day Chicken BBQ



Sunday, June 18th, 2023

Pick up at:

**Ashford Fire Station**

**46 Westford Rd**

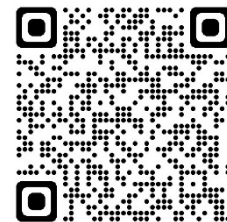
**11AM - 1PM**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- 🕯 Tickets must be purchased in ADVANCE and are on a First-Come basis. Scan code below or visit our website – <http://www.ashfordfire.org/fathers-day-chicken-bbq>
- 🕯 Limited tickets are available for cash purchase, see any AFVD member.
- 🕯 There will be a 50/50 raffle and you can add a raffle ticket to your dinner order. Winner will be selected by random drawing following dinner and notified by either phone or email.
- 🕯 Traffic patterns will be established in the parking lot, please stay in line, and follow the traffic flow. Peak pickup time is usually around 12 noon, plan accordingly.
- 🕯 When you arrive, you will present your pre-paid ticket(s) and a runner will bring your meal(s) out to your vehicle. ***TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!!!!***
- 🕯 Do not park or exit your vehicle! If there is an issue with your order, you will be instructed where to go.
- 🕯 Multiple dinners will be placed in bags, you are welcome to bring your own bags/coolers.



**Scan to order your tickets**



**The call count for April was 18 Fire/Rescue and 38 EMS. Our fiscal year total is 505.**

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 Stancil  
Firefighter/EMT  
AVFD Station 20

*This data is internal to Brunswick.*

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

### **Town of Ashford Tax Collector**

All persons liable to pay taxes in the Town of Ashford are hereby notified that taxes are due on the Grand List of Oct. 1, 2022 on real estate, personal property, and motor vehicles. The taxes are due and payable on July 1, 2023, with a mill rate of 33.085 for real estate and personal property, and 32.46 for motor vehicles. These taxes will be payable without interest through Aug. 1, 2023. (After Aug. 1, 2023, interest will accrue at 1½% per month from the due date of July 1, or a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. Hence, during August, the interest is calculated at 3%, or the minimum of \$2.00, whichever is greater.

**Payment may be paid online, deposited in the black drop box next to the front door, postmarked, or in person with check during posted payment hours. Please have your payments prepared. NO CASH.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Payments may be:

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

E-check cost is \$.95. Credit cards are 2.99%

Debit cards must be treated as credit cards.

Minimum Fee on credit/ debit cards is \$3.95.

**(Starting 6/19/23)**

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

**Mailed to:**

**Ashford Tax Collector**

**P.O. Box 173**

**Ashford, CT. 06278**

Tax questions: Call 860-487-4411, or email [taxcollector@ashfordtownhall.org](mailto:taxcollector@ashfordtownhall.org)

Assessment questions, call 860-487-4403, or email [assessor@ashfordtownhall.org](mailto:assessor@ashfordtownhall.org)

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

Dated at Ashford, this 16th day of May 2023.

Linda G. Gagne CCM

**MEDEIROS AND SONS INFLATABLES LLC**



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[medeirosandsonsinflatables@gmail.com](mailto:medeirosandsonsinflatables@gmail.com)



**Renee Schmidt**  
[rvschmidt@snet.net](mailto:rvschmidt@snet.net)

**860-377-5334**  
*Appointment Only*

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# Assessment News

## JULY 2023 MOTOR VEHICLE TAX BILLS

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If you have disposed of a vehicle since 10/1/2022 and want your July 2023 tax bill to be pro-rated, you must provide **Proof of Disposal** to the Assessor. It's best to provide proof prior to paying your taxes.

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

To receive a credit, you must provide:

- 1) proof of what happened to the vehicle (i.e., Proof of Disposal) and
- 2) a returned plate receipt from the CT DMV. **A PLATE RECEIPT ALONE IS INSUFFICIENT**

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

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

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

### Documents can be submitted by:

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

Drop Box: Using the black drop box to the left of the Town Hall entry doors

Mail: Assessor, Town Hall, 5 Town Hall Rd., Ashford, CT 06278.

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

THE DEADLINE TO FILE FOR A CREDIT FOR A VEHICLE ON THE 2021 GRAND LIST IS 12/29/2023.  
THE DEADLINE TO FILE FOR A CREDIT FOR A VEHICLE ON THE 2022 GRAND LIST IS 12/31/2024.





## Leadership Meeting Review and Commentary

A consensus among those attending the November 16, 2022 Leadership Meeting produced five critical issues to focus on moving forward. The forth was **“Protecting the Town’s environment, its history, and our rural character”**.

### What are some of the Challenges?

- Buildings are not as attractive as they could be; how buildings look help make town more appealing
- What is the definition of “Rural Character of the Town”?
- Strip Malls all look different
- The sometimes conflict between the Environment and Development
- Impacts versus benefits
- Rural appearance is also impacted by invasive plant species
- Route 44/74 Corridor is not pedestrian friendly

### What are some options to consider?

- Development should be balanced
- Need to consider Architectural Standards for building designs
- Other towns like Simsbury, Farmington, Windsor, Sturbridge have more architecturally pleasing centers
- Investigate the availability of grants to control invasives; maybe starting on town properties
- Should include native species as part of the landscape especially for any new development
- Solar may need to be advertised again as a way to reduce energy dependence
- Can Town establish a Historic District along Route 44/74 to maintain and continue older town feel?

The remaining issues from the Leadership Meeting will be presented in coming issues of the *Ashford Citizen*.

We welcome input from all who are interested in contributing to Ashford’s future. Ideas can be sent to Mike Gantick, OTOF Committee at [mgantick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mgantick@sbcglobal.net).

## State Police Report—Troop C

Monthly Report:			Calls For Service:		
April		Ashford			
* For December numbers use "December Monthly Report"					
Total Calls for Service		Total Calls This Year			
101		471			
	April	YTD			
Accidents	3	25			
Criminal Investigations	4	28			
Burglaries	1	1			
Larcenies	0	3			
Non Reportable Matters	81	349			
Total Arrests	2	12			
			Motor Vehicle Enforcement:		
			Total Traffic Stops	9	59
			Onsite DUI's	0	0
			Arrests	0	0
			Misdemeanor Summons	0	2
			Infractions	6	29
			Written Warnings	1	12
			Verbal Warnings	2	17



## **Liz and Christian Fongemie**

Announce the graduation of their daughter

### **Felicia**

from Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, CT.

Felicia will graduate as the 2023 class Salutatorian.

She is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica and received the Connecticut Seal of Bilingualism, Chemistry Award and the NECTFL Award for Excellence. Felicia has taken a rigorous load of classes, with a total of 9 AP and 8 honors classes and has been awarded the distinction of AP Scholar with Honor. She is a four-year varsity member of the girls' basketball team playing a leadership role as captain this past season.

Felicia will attend Wesleyan University this fall as a student athlete majoring in biology/pre-med on the women's basketball team. #RollCards!

While these accomplishments are extraordinary, what makes the Fongemie's particularly proud is the grace and grit Felicia continues to demonstrate when faced with adversity.

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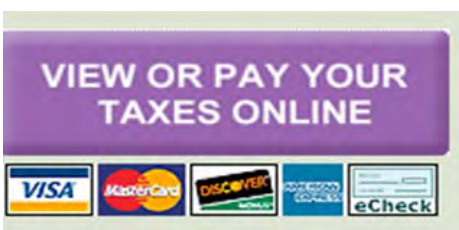
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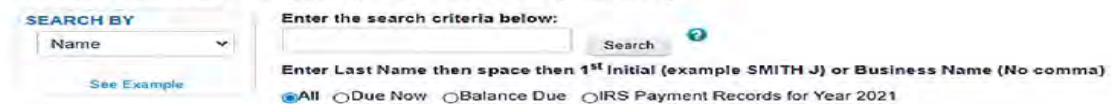
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Type in last name, a space, and then the first letter of the first name. Also, check off the bubble that says IRS Payment Records for the year 2022, and hit search. When the page comes up, there will be a box on the right side of the page in the second blue bar that says IRS. "Check it, and a View IRS button will appear.



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- Enjoy the work of many local artists and listen to performers on the garden stage including the Ashford Babcock Band.
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### Upcoming 2023 Events:

- Ongoing Online Sales
- Vanilla Bean Artist's Show (Month of June)
- A Summer's Palette Art Show at Westford Hills Distillers, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am – 4:00pm
- Holiday Artists Market, November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>
- For upcoming workshops please visit [www.ashfordarts.org](http://www.ashfordarts.org) & on [Facebook.com/AshfordArts](https://facebook.com/AshfordArts)

## 2023 Art Scholarship Awards

Each year Ashford Area Arts Council awards scholarships to EO Smith graduating arts students. This year there are three young women who have been chosen by their teachers for this year's awards. Read their complete bios at [www.ashfordarts.org](http://www.ashfordarts.org).

**Elizabeth Morris - Performance Arts.** She started participating in theater since she was ten years old. This Fall she will study musical theater at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy.

**Zhiyu Liu - Visual Arts.** Her art is about depicting her story, conveying her feelings to an audience. She will attend the UConn, where she will major in Motion Design and Animation in the Digital Media and Design Department and minor in Computer Science.

**Nora Brown - Literary Arts.** for Nora, her strong love of writing—gave her voice a chance to be heard. She will study film, theatre, and media at Mount Holyoke College.



Elizabeth Morris



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Nora Brown

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**KITCHEN HELPER:** Now that the Covid emergency is closing, our grab and go frozen meal program is scheduled to go back to congregate meals on Wednesdays and Fridays. I will need help with setting the tables, serving the food and clean-up. Can you help once a week or both days?

### **FOODSHARE**

If you are 60+ years old and fall into these income guidelines, please see Kit for an application for FoodShare. You are entitled to a free box of food monthly. The food consists of fresh fruits and vegetables, grains, cheese, and canned foods. We need ten people to make this a pickup spot in Ashford.

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Our annual **Picnic** at the Center is slated for June 9<sup>th</sup> rain or shine. Bruce John is playing again. There are a lot of trips scheduled for June.



We will still have our **Lunch Bunch 1 and 2** and of course the **Casino** trip.

But put your caps set for The **Sea Music Festival**, June 10<sup>th</sup>,



**Sea Unicorn Baseball Game** with fireworks, June 16<sup>th</sup>,

and a trip to **Hammonasset Beach**, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.



The **Birthday** party is set for June 13<sup>th</sup>. You do not have to have a June birthday to attend.

The Commission on Aging is sponsoring a **Game Day** on June 20<sup>th</sup>.



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				<b>1</b> 12:00 Dime Bingo	<b>2</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 12:00 Congregate Meals 1:00 Dominoes	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 COA  1:00 Mah Jong	<b>6</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 11:00 Crafts 5:00 Big Bingo  	<b>7</b> 11:00 Lunch Bunch One  12:00 Congregate Meals	<b>8</b> 10:00 Trader Joe's Trip  12:00 Dime Bingo	<b>9</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 11- Booster Shots 12:00 Picnic 12:00 Congregate Meals 1:00 Dominoes	<b>10</b> 10:45 Sea Music Festival Trip  
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30 Casino  11:00 Hairdresser  1:00 Mah Jong	<b>13</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Birthday Party 5:00 Big Bingo  	<b>14</b> 12:00 Congregate Meals	<b>15</b> 12:00 Dime Bingo  1:00 Footcare	<b>16</b> 9:30 Tai Chi  12:00 Congregate Meals  1:00 Dominoes 4:30 Baseball Game trip	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 1:00 Mah Jong	<b>20</b> 9:30 Tai Chi  10:45 Game Day  5:00 Big Bingo	<b>21</b> 11:00 ASCO Board  12:00 Congregate Meals  1:00 ASCO membership	<b>22</b> 8:30 Beach Trip to Hammonasett  12:00 Dime Bingo	<b>23</b> 9:30 Tai Chi  12:00 Congregate Meals 1:00 Dominoes	<b>24</b>  
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 1:00 Mah Jong	<b>27</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 11:00 Lunch Bunch Two 5:00 Big Bingo	<b>28</b> 12:00 Congregate Meals	<b>29</b> 8:30 Mammogram Van  12:00 Dime Bingo	<b>30</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 12:00 Congregate Meals 1:00 Dominoes	



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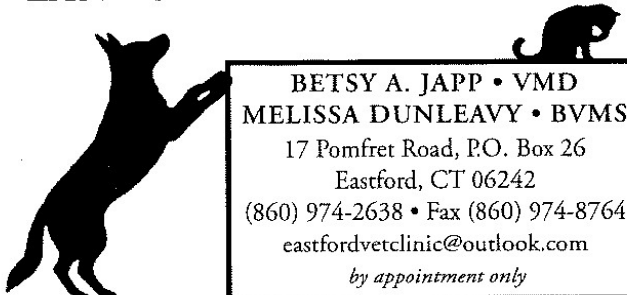
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## Ashford Pollinator Pathway News

By Jennifer Sterling-Folker, June 2023

Greetings Ashford! Besides habitat loss & overuse of pesticides, what else is displacing the native plants that pollinators need? **INVASIVES!!!** Invasives are foreign plants introduced as landscape specimens that escape into the wild and, without the natural mechanisms of their home-range to control them, can quickly out-compete native plants. Many foreign plants are respectful guests in our gardens or have “naturalized” to become wildflowers used by pollinators. But some invasives are dangerous because they spread easily & rapidly, excrete chemicals to inhibit vegetation growth, smother the root system of surrounding plants, & provide little nectar for pollinators. They can take over entire forests as they displace & kill native plants, and getting rid of them is like a combination of “pick your poison + whack a mole.” Removing them can be extremely difficult, time-consuming, costly & there are so many of them spreading so rapidly!

Some of the Worst Offenders: Barberry, which spreads along water courses & is a known vector for ticks. Garlic Mustard, which still blooms to produce 1000s of seeds even AFTER its been pulled & put in a black plastic bag for two weeks! Multiflora rose, which forms dense, towering thickets with sharp, nasty thorns. Oriental Bittersweet & Mile-a-Minute, which are capable of killing trees with their twisting, smothering vines. But the invasive that strikes terror in my heart whenever I see a new patch of it along an Ashford roadside is JAPANESE KNOTWEED, considered the “Godzilla” of invasives!



It's similar to Bamboo in that it displaces everything in its path (even other invasives) & is extremely difficult to remove. Its deep taproot & twisting root system make it difficult to dig up, multiple mowings or spraying it with Roundup will

not kill it, & even a small root piece accidentally dropped elsewhere will root & grow which means its disposal has to be carefully controlled. The UK takes its spread so seriously that home-buyers cannot obtain mortgages for properties that have unabated Japanese knotweed.

Sadly, the state of CT does little to control the spread of invasives; in fact, its road-work practices help spread them & many invasives are still available for purchase at CT nurseries! There is a CT Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG; <https://cipwg.uconn.edu/about/>) which has work parties for invasive removal, but it's an ad hoc, volunteer group & the task of managing invasive plants is overwhelming. We can help by IDing & clean up invasives on our own properties & abutting roadsides. Use phone apps such as *PlantNet*, *Seek* or *PlantSnap* to easily ID invasives & see info at the CIPWG website on how to remove them.

## Calendar

**6/3, 10AM-2PM** -- Windham Veggiestock, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Food & Garden Festival, Lauter Park, Willimantic. Local music, art, food and some free plants

**6/3-6/4 -- Grow Native Massachusetts Plant Sale**, 240 Beaver St, Waltham, MA. Must register in advance, see info at: <https://grownativemass.org/Our-Programs/plant-sale>

**6/10 & 6/11, 10AM-5PM** -- **Annual Local Art and Garden Tour**. The tour is free and self-guided. Map and info at their website: <https://artgardenct.com>



**6/24, 10AM-4PM** -- **Ashford Arts Council Summer Event at Westford Hill Distillers**. Ashford PP will host a table with info & free native plant seedlings



### We've started an online Ashford Pollinator Pathway Newsletter!

Email us to be added to the distribution list, if you have questions, if you'd like site/plant advice, for a list of local nurseries with native plants or to visit a native plant garden. Also let us know if you register your land with Pollinator Pathways so we can drop off a free medallion (courtesy of the Ashford Conservation Commission). Email: [AshfordPollinatorPathways@gmail.com](mailto:AshfordPollinatorPathways@gmail.com)



## Scout Troop 92 June Newsletter

### Activities:

The Mother's Day flower sale was well attended. This fundraiser helps pay for the cost of summer camp. Eight Scouts are registered to go to camp on the third week of July. Scouts replaced worn flags on veteran's graves with new fresh flags in our local cemeteries. Old flags will be disposed of properly.

On Memorial Day the Troop served as an Honor Guard at Veteran's Memorial Park.

The Cub Scouts enjoyed a visit and overnight stay aboard the retired battleship, USS Massachusetts in Fall River. They explored the ship and stayed overnight, sleeping in the same areas that the crew used. They reported that they were able to find the Brig. The Brig is the jail aboard ship.

Upcoming: High adventure week long hiking through the White Mountains of N.H.  
Summer Camp for eight Scouts.

Fund raiser Parking cars at the Brooklyn Fair this fall.

We hope that you all enjoy this summer. The Scout Newsletter will be on Hiatus until September. So, as Bugs Bunny would say, "That's all, folks!"

Troop 92 Ashford/Eastford/Pomfret

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# Recreation Reminders!

Programs are sponsored by Ashford Parks & Recreation Commission 860-487-4409

**Ashford Parks & Recreation**  
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**Free Summer Concert Series**



**Tuesday Nights starting July 11th**  
**@ Pompey Hollow Park**  
**6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**July 11th Centerline Band**  
**July 18th North County Band**  
**July 25th Still Kickin**  
**and the Big City Horns**  
**Aug. 1st Bruce John & Peggy Ann**  
**Aug. 8th T.B.D.**

**We're counting on our local organizations**  
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**Remember Concerts are on**  
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**T & TH 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

**TUES. EVES 4:30- 8:00 p.m.**

**or go to playtime scheduler app.**  
**for more options**



## SPECIAL EVENT!

**Sunday June 25th 2:30-5:00 p.m.**  
**at the Senior Center!**

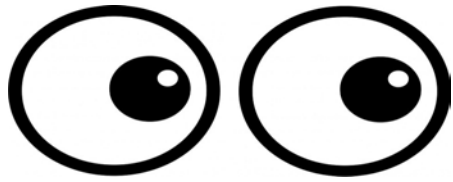
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# Looking Ahead ..... to Summer 2023!

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or go to Recreation on the Town's website [www.ashfordtownhall.org](http://www.ashfordtownhall.org).

## **BIKE CAMP, June 19th-24th, 9-11 a.m.**

**Ashford Memorial Park, Ages 4-10, Fee: \$50**

**Join Garth Bean and friends and practice riding, balancing, steering and braking!**

**BYO bike, helmet, and water each day!**



## **GYMNASTICS CAMP, June 26th –30th**

**1/2 Day, 9-12 a.m. Ashford School Gym**

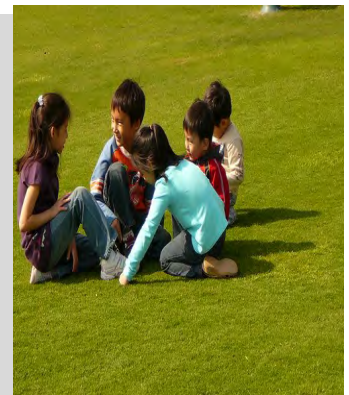
**Ages 6–10 yrs. Fee: \$100**

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## **ASHFORD SUMMER CAMP**

**July 17th-21st, Ages 5-12 (Full day) 8:30-4:30, Ashford Memorial & Pompey Hollow Park, Fee: \$200 A traditional camp program with sports, games, crafts, swimming, nature, a field trip, and more!**



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