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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

If you haven't already...

**Register for CT ALERT to receive phone, email and/or text messages when a life-threatening emergency occurs in your area**

CT Alert is the state's Emergency and Notification System. Sign up is easy and quick! Just go to <https://portal.ct.gov/ctalert> and follow the directions to set up your CT Alert account.

**NEW!**

**TextMyGov**

**Receive Town of Ashford notifications via text message!**

Opt-in to any of the following notification lists by texting a "keyword" to 91896



GROUP	KEYWORD	DESCRIPTION
COVID	COVID-UPDATES	COVID alerts, clinics, testing
PARKS AND RECREATION	PARKS-REC-CXL	Parks & Rec event and program cancellations
	PARKS-REC-UPCOMING-PROGRAMS	Notifications about new Parks & Rec programs, events
	PARKS-REC-VOLUNTEER	Volunteer opportunities
SENIOR SERVICES	FOOT-CARE	Podiatry care
	FROZ-MEALS	Senior Center meal distribution program
	MEDICAID	Medicaid enrollment
	MEDICARE	Medicare enrollment
	SR-CTR-EVENTS	Upcoming Senior Center events
	SR-CTR-WHATS-NEW	New Senior Center programs and services
	SR-CTR-DELAY-OR-CLOSE	Senior Center delayed openings, closings
	SR-CTR-VAN-TRIPS	Van trips sponsored by the Senior Center
SOCIAL SERVICES	BACK-TO-SCHOOL	Back to school help (backpacks, supplies, shoe gift cards)
	DIAPERS	State-sponsored diaper program
	FOOD	Food pantry, mobile food share
	HEAT	Heating assistance services
	HOLIDAY-GIFT-HELP	Gift assistance for families in need
	HOUSING	Housing assistance services
	HOLIDAY-GIFT-HELP	Gift assistance for families in need
	INSURANCE	Medical insurance for low-income households
	RENTER-REBATE	State rebate for renters 65 and older, or disabled
	SNAP	State benefit food program
	SS-WHATS-NEW	Notifications about new social services
	THANKSGIVING-FOOD	Thanksgiving food boxes
	UTILITIES	Financial assistance for electrical and water utilities
WEATHER	STORM-UPDATES	Storm information, local power outages, blocked roads
	TOWN-DELAY-OR-CLOSE	Town office late openings, closures due to inclement weather. (Does NOT include school delays and closures)

- Message and data rates may apply. Check with your carrier for more details. Message frequency will vary.
- To opt-out type STOP. This will remove you from all lists. To join again text in keywords for the desired notification lists.
- View terms and privacy policy info at [textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions](https://textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions)

## 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](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.

## CLOSINGS

The Ashford Tax Collector's Office  
will be closed on  
**Friday, August 11, 2023**  
We are sorry for any inconvenience !

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Deaths:



*Carol Meiling Yee* June 19, 2023

*Jessica Soricelli* July 1, 2023

*James Kidney* July 12, 2023

### \*\*\*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 \$30. 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)

## TRANSFER STATION NEWS



**As you may have noticed, there are several changes in process at the Transfer Station, they include:**

*ch-ch-ch-changes*

- **New entrance gate has been installed.**
- **Resurfacing, widening of entrance roadway to accommodate new guard station that is being installed for tighter security regarding verifying stickers, special permitting, information, etc.**
- **New stickers will be issued to residents in the near future. Resident will be informed through the Town's website and departments regarding specific timing, etc.**
- **Improvements to various signage to clarify usage.**

**Please contact the Selectmen's office at (860) 487-4400 if you have any questions. Thank you !**

**Terry Wakeman, Transfer Station Committee, Chairman  
Bill Falletti, First Selectman**

**REVISED**



### ATTENTION ASHFORD CITIZEN ADVERTISERS

Effective **September 1<sup>st</sup>**, there will new advertising requirements initiated.



They include:

- Maximum space size for paid ads will be one half (1/2) of a page.
- New Advertising Rates:

**Please note revised yearly cost reflecting discount.**

Business Card (3.75" wide x 2" tall)

\$20. per month      \$220. per year



1/4 Page -      \$30    "    "      \$330.    "    "

1/2 Page -      \$60    "    "      \$660.    "    "

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. WE NEED YOU !**

Questions please email : [ashfordcitizen@ashfordtownhall.org](mailto:ashfordcitizen@ashfordtownhall.org)



## TOWN OF ASHFORD

Office of the Selectmen

William Falletti  
First Selectman

### BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

**Eastern Highlands Health District:** Alternate Town Representative

The Health district meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Coventry Town Hall Annex.

**Conservation Commission:** Alternate seat

The Conservation Commission is an advisory working group that will research and provide an inventory of natural resources in order to promote environmental protection and stewardship of land by education and outreach to residents, collaborating with land-use commissions to develop best management practices in working to maintain Ashford's rural character.

Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month

To fill an alternate member vacancy to 11/2023 (party affiliation – U or R)

**Economic Development Commission:** 2 full member seats

The Economic Development Commission was formed to conduct research into the economic conditions and trends in the town and shall make recommendations to appropriate officials and agencies of the town regarding action to improve its economic condition and development. It shall seek to coordinate the activities of and cooperate with unofficial bodies organized to promote such economic development and shall prepare and distribute books, maps, charts and pamphlets which in its judgement will further its official purpose.

Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month

To fill vacancy to 2/01/2025 (party affiliation – U or R)

To fill vacancy to 2/01/2025 (party affiliation – U or D)

**Ashford Housing Authority:** 1 regular member seat

To fill a regular member vacancy to 1/01/2028 (party affiliation – U, D, R)

**Inland Wetlands and Watercourses:** 1 regular member seat and 2 alternate member seats

To fill a regular member seat to 6/1/2025 (party affiliation – U, D, R)

To fill an alternate member seat to 6/1/2027 (party affiliation – U, D, R)

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** 2 Alternate seats by the Board of Selectmen until the 11/2023 municipal election

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

To fill vacancies to 11/00/2023 (once these vacancies are filled by the Board of Selectmen, the remainder of the original term (11/2025) will be filled at the 11/2023 municipal election)

**Senior/Disabled Transportation**

Volunteers are needed to provide transportation opportunities to both our senior and disabled members of the community.

For those volunteers interested in piloting the mid-bus to varied destinations (e.g., one of the casino, lunch outings, educational trips, etc) a Public Service drivers' license is required. Information regarding the qualifications necessary to get this endorsement are available on the ConnDOT website. The Town of Ashford will reimburse the cost relating to this license endorsement.

We are also looking for volunteers to participate in our Demand Responsive Transportation program. Grant funding is available to reimburse mileage to volunteers using their personal vehicles to take folks to doctor appointments, shopping, etc.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN ANY OF THESE CAPACITIES, PLEASE  
CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN AT 860-487-4400.**



## EASTFORD VETERINARY CLINIC



BETSY A. JAPP • VMD  
MELISSA DUNLEAVY • BVMS  
17 Pomfret Road, P.O. Box 26  
Eastford, CT 06242  
(860) 974-2638 • Fax (860) 974-8764  
eastfordvetclinic@outlook.com  
*by appointment only*



## HANDYMAN SERVICES

Sheet Rock Repair Misc. Repairs  
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No Job Too Small Senior Discounts  
Very Fair Prices  
(860) 465-7262  
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*A House of Prayer  
because Prayer changes  
Everything!*

## Congregational WESTFORD Church

9:30AM - Sunday Worship  
Fellowship Following  
7:00PM - Wednesday Prayer

*to Build a Community  
to Reach a Community*

[www.WestfordCongregationalChurch.org](http://www.WestfordCongregationalChurch.org)  
368 Westford Hill Road, Ashford, CT



## SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT SERIES

August 20 Flamingo — 15-piece all-female big band  
September 3: Concinnity -- a capella choral ensemble



Concerts start at 3 PM

\$10 Admission

Call 860.429.0464  
to reserve your spot.  
Craft cocktails and  
beverages available for  
purchase. Please bring  
your own chair.



**Westford Hill Distillers**  
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[info@WestfordHill.com](mailto:info@WestfordHill.com)

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[ctvisit.com/easternconnecticut](http://ctvisit.com/easternconnecticut)



## Renters Rebate

Are you over 65?

Are you Disabled?

Are you a Renter?

Did you earn less than \$49,100 if married or \$40,300 if single?

Then you may qualify for a Renters Rebate from OPM.

If you would like to apply, please call to make an appointment or mail copies of your documentation to 5 Town Hall Rd, Ashford, CT 06278, drop documents off in the drop box out front or scan and

email to: [mmcdonough@ashfordct.org](mailto:mmcdonough@ashfordct.org)

If you have questions please call (860)487-4417

### Required Documentation: (all for calendar year 2022)

#### Proof of Income Including:

Social Security income (form SSA 1099) & SSI if applicable

Copy of 2022 Federal Income Tax Return, if filed

1099 forms for pension, dividends, interest, stocks & bonds, etc.

W-2's from employment

Veterans Disability or Railroad Retirement



#### Proof of Expenses Including:

Rent receipts for 2022 (all 12 months)

Utility bills paid in 2022 (heat, gas, electric only)

## Back to School Assistance Available

Call Ashford Social Services for back-to-school assistance

Backpacks

School Supplies

Gift cards

(860)487-4417 or [mmcdonough@ashfordct.org](mailto:mmcdonough@ashfordct.org)





# COLUMBIA SEALCOAT CO.

Driveway & Parking Lot  
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Free Estimates  
Ct. Lic # 0552418

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Columbia, CT

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medeirosandsonsinflatables.com  
medeirosandsonsinflatables@gmail.com



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on the Ashford/Willington/  
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We do not provide services to the  
Ashford/Union area.

We do not clear snow from vehicles or shovel.

Please call between 6:00 -10:00 pm.

Free estimates.

Call # 860-487-1054; ask for John.

## H.H.H. Property Maintenance, LLC

Lawn care, Snow Removal, Clean outs, Dump runs. Spring  
and Fall Clean up, Leaf Removal and other property  
maintenance as needed

John Henderson, Proprietor

87 Floeting Road      hhhpropmntllc@gmail.com  
Ashford, CT 06278      860-487-1054  
860-918-0890



## Assistance to Ashford Veterans

If you are in need of advice for Veteran benefits,  
questions on assistance such as health care,  
burials, disability compensation,  
Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund, or pension,  
please visit on the first Wednesday  
of the month with the new hours of 5:00-6:00 pm.  
Appointments are preferred, especially if Wednesdays  
are a conflict, but walk-ins are welcome.

Call Garry at 860-928-2309 and leave a message.

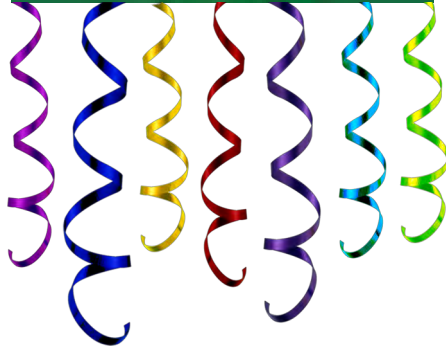
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you  
need help with your veteran issues:

Garry.brown71@aim.com and/or 860-928-2309.

Always no cost ever for veterans  
and always confidential.

### VETERAN NOTES

.PACT Act claims must be submitted by Aug 9th.  
in order to receive back pay from  
the effective date of 8-10-22.



## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023!

Angelina Bolduc  
 Bailee Virginia Bourciquot  
 Christopher Brown  
 Benjamin Alan Buch  
 Joseph S Byers  
 Ayva Caisse  
 Jack Cantrell  
 Nicholas Alan Caye  
 Riley J Certo  
 Louise E Champagne  
 Nathan N Denizard  
 Addison Ann Dingler  
 Einin Flynn  
 Jordan Grimes  
 Alexander Warren Kopec  
 Jadyn Mathew Krapf  
 Aiden Lewis  
 Brian Lewis  
 Dante Martin  
 Jonathan Elijah Matos  
 Sophia Shea McDonough  
 Raina Jade Moller  
 Cameron M Nemeth  
 Madison Grace Palmer  
 Ava Ruprecht  
 Adrien Stone  
 Ava G. Stygar  
 Patrick J Tilley  
 Lyndsey Elizabeth Tougas  
 Isabella R. Viel  
 Jack Daniel Welply

## ASHFORD SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2022-2023 Trimester Three

### Grade 8

Krapf, Jadyn

### Grade 7

Alfaro, Santiago  
 O'Donovan, Nathan  
 Rossi, Makayla  
 Tatro, Adam

## ASHFORD SCHOOL HIGH HONORS 2022-2023 Trimester Three

### Grade 8

Buch, Benjamin  
 Cantrell, Jack  
 Champagne, Louise  
 Dingler, Addison  
 Flynn, Einin  
 Kopec, Alexander  
 Matos, Jonathan  
 Nemeth, Cameron  
 Stygar, Ava  
 Viel, Isabella

### Grade 7

Bowersett, June  
 Draczynski, Taylor  
 Driscoll, Ivy  
 Gordon, Abigail  
 Lussier, Emma  
 Piecuch, Aiden  
 Urban, Elizabeth



Happy August ! July was another spectacular month for us !  
We are now specializing in on-site farm tractor maintenance for the farmers in the area. Oil change, tune-ups, grease jobs, whatever you farmers need. We appreciate all of your continued support. Our customers have rated us #1 in the area ! To show our appreciation to all of our valued customers, present and future, we would like to extend our \$60. coupon for August, September, October and November. 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  
ARE NOW A CERTIFIED STENS DEALER and we do  
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Dependable, Reliable and Courteous Service  
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**Excellent Prices**

**Call (959) 929-5795**

**Pick-up and Delivery Available**



## Go Green: Pay your bills online

All Tax Bills that are payable are posted online. The new tax bills will be available on the website on June 30, 2023 and are available for payment if there is a shopping cart next to it. An **e-check** costs \$.95, the credit card fee is 2.99%. If you use a debit card, you must treat it as a credit card, and the 2.99% fee applies. Minimum fee for credit/debit cards is \$3.95. starting 6/19/23. 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 2023 Tax Bills were available for payment on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

During July 2023, the office will be closed to the public on Fridays in order to process mail and online payments, and post any adjustments that are necessary. All Town Offices are closed on Thursdays.

Go to: [www.ashfordtownhall.org](http://www.ashfordtownhall.org). To enter, the portal looks like this:



## How to PAY Your Taxes Online

1. Go to <http://www.ashfordtownhall.org> and click this button on the right side of the page,



2. In the search bar enter your last name, space, and first initial.

Ex. Name: John Smith

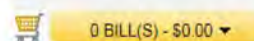
Enter the search criteria below:

Smith J]

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  
Ex.

2014-01-1631

- 2014 is the **Grand List**

2014-01-1631

- 01 is Real Estate
  - 02 Is Personal Property
  - 03 is Motor Vehicle
  - 04 is Motor Vehicle Supplement

2014-01-1631

- 1631 is the bill number

- You **MUST** pay the **OLDEST** bills **FIRST**
  - Oldest **Grand List**

BILL #
2014-01-0001631 00170100-LIEN (REAL ESTATE )
2015-01-0001631 00170100-LIEN (REAL ESTATE )
2016-01-0001604 00170100-LIEN

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 **Pay Now**
  - **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**

[Continue to Payment Information](#) →

8. Enter Payment information, Review, and Submit.

- There is a 2.99% fee for Credit and Debit Cards as of June 20, 2023. **Minimum** fee for Credit and Debit Cards will be **\$3.95**.
- There is a \$.95 fee for Checking Account (Reduced from \$1.95)

## Meeting of the Board of Assessment Appeals

September Meeting – Grand List 2022 Motor Vehicles Only

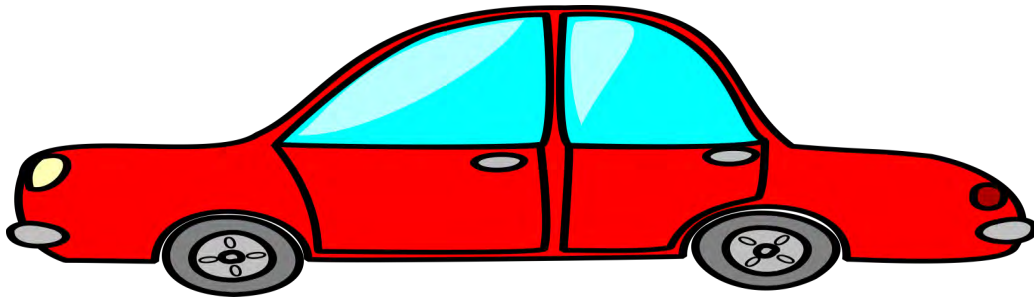
Tuesday, September 12, 2023, starting at 6:00 pm

The meeting will be held in the lower-level conference room.  
Ashford Town Hall, 5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, CT 06278

To schedule a hearing time, appeal applications must be received in the Assessor's Office by mail or email no later than 3:00 pm, Friday, September 1, 2023.

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

You will be contacted by email or phone with the hearing time no later than Wednesday, September 6, 2023.



### BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ASHFORD

Per (CGS §12-110), the Board of Assessment Appeals will meet Tuesday, 9/12/2023 at 6 pm in the Town Hall, Lower Level to hear motor vehicle appeals on the 2022 Grand List. ONLY REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE APPEALS WILL BE HEARD. Appeal applications must be submitted to the Board by 3 pm, Friday, 9/1/2023. Appeal applications are available on the BAA page of the town's website, [www.ashfordtownhall.org](http://www.ashfordtownhall.org) and at the Assessor's Office.

Joseph Peters, Chairman



# Household Hazardous Waste FACILITY

## Mid-Northeast Chemical Waste Drop-off Facility ---

The schedule for the remainder of 2023 is:

Saturdays - August 19th, September 16th, October 21st

### **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: CREW WILL LEAVE IN YOUR VEHICLE**

Loads in excess of 100 lbs. solids or 10 gallons liquids

Oil and Antifreeze (including diesel fuel, brake fluid, transmission fluid, power steering fluids):

Take to your transfer station (Coventry D.P.W.)

Tolland residents: take to Bill's or Anderson Automotive

Any Latex Based Products not taken by Paint Program:

Latex caulk and Sealers

Latex Adhesive

Latex Driveway Sealers

Drywall, Joint Compound, etc.

Spray Paints (Aerosols)

Propane Tanks (your town will take these at the transfer station)

Smoke Detectors

Fertilizers (without pesticides and herbicides)

Pesticides in Sprayers (bring pesticides in original containers)

Asbestos

Driveway Sealers

Fire Extinguishers

Cooking Materials (oil, etc.)

Medicines, Skin Care

Fluorescent Bulbs & Batteries (your transfer station takes these)

or (Electronics Recycling Events)

Lead Acid Batteries

Unlabeled Materials, Unknowns

Types of Materials not Expected from a Home

## Hancock Road - Willington

9:00am to 2:00pm

### **ACCEPTED MATERIALS**

#### ***From the House:***

Drain, Oven & Floor Cleaners

Metal Polish

Dry Cleaning Fluids

Arts & Crafts Supplies

Aerosol Cans with Hazardous Waste Contents

Thermostat with Mercury

#### ***From the Garage:***

Fire Starters

Old Chemistry Kits

Engine and Radiator Flushes

Contaminated Gasoline

Kerosene

#### ***From the Workbench:***

Rust Preventative

Wood Preservatives

Paints

Paint Thinners

Solvents

Wood Strippers

Lead Based Paints

Degreasers

#### ***Paint:***

(Mansfield, Eastford, Windham & Ashford – Also take at Transfer Station)

(PaintCare.Org for List of Paint

Stores who will take paint.)

#### ***From the Yard/Garden:***

Pesticides

Herbicides

Rodent Killers

Insect Sprays

Muriatic Acid

Cesspool Cleaners

Pool Chemicals

**Questions? Call MidNEROC 860-965-1910**

Mid-NEROC/HHW/Signs/HHW Flyer Not Accepted 2022

# Berriault Wire & Cable LLC

Randy & Janice Berriault - 860.336.1838 

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- Snow plows & Sanders
- Rodent damage
- Tractor wiring
- Battery cables

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Broker Associate  
w: [Kingteam.homesellingteam.com](http://Kingteam.homesellingteam.com)  
e: [Noah@homesellingteam.com](mailto:Noah@homesellingteam.com)  
c: (860) 933-3432



Contact Steve Galinat:  
Realtor  
w: [Kingteam.homesellingteam.com](http://Kingteam.homesellingteam.com)  
e: [Steve@homesellingteam.com](mailto:Steve@homesellingteam.com)  
c: (860) 428-1211

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## August 2023 Conservation Commission News



### Waste Reduction

With the climate changes we are experiencing, it is crucial that we focus on reducing our carbon footprint and reducing the amount of waste we generate. We all need to adjust and shift our daily patterns to be more mindful of the long-term impact.

Waste Tip for August: Eat more plant foods especially locally grown and shop at Farmers Markets when you can.

### Farmers Market

The Ashford Farmers Market is continuing to provide us with great food every Sunday. We have been in operation since 2006. 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 rain or shine. If there is a severe weather threat, we could cancel the market. This occurred on July 16 due to heavy rains and the threat of tornadoes. If you are wondering on any given Sunday, please go to <ashfordfarmersmarketct> on Facebook to see if our market is open.

This season we have a food truck on many Sundays—Twin Beaks Food Truck, fried chicken, and hope to continue to have food trucks on a regular basis.

We plan to have a local artist from the Ashford Area Arts Council featuring their work on the third Sunday of the month. Stop down to see our local artists proudly showing their work. Check on Facebook to see which local artist is featured.

Our Ashford Farmers Market provides our residents with quality, locally fresh produce, baked goods, and other goodies. Plus, a friendly farmer to discuss what they are selling. Take advantage and visit our market often.

Summer has arrived. Take the time to explore your beautiful town with its numerous streams, rivers, forests, lakes, trails, and super abundance of natural resources.

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

Loretta Wrobel, chair



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## Monthly Meetings Public Welcome

Next Meeting is August 9th.  
7:00pm - 9:00pm at the  
Knowlton Memorial Hall in Ashford.

### A Summer's Palette Recap:

The early morning rains did not discourage visitors Saturday, June 24th, when hundreds wandered the beautiful property of Westford Hill Distillers while shopping and supporting 25+ local artists. An eclectic lineup of musicians and poets provided entertainment throughout the day as the crowds enjoyed lunch from The Hungry Lion and craft cocktails from Westford Hill Distillers. The AAAC and Westford Hill Distillers wish to thank the artists, volunteers, and performers who made this another special day for our community. Thanks to Connecticut's Eastern Region Tourism District for investing grant dollars toward this unique Ashford event. A Summer's Palette t-shirts are still available for sale at the distillery with proceeds supporting the AAAC.



Marian Vitalli Poetry Reading



Don Jakoboski

Photography by Dot Drobney

The Ashford Area Arts Council will now have a table at the Ashford Farmer's Market once a month.



- August 20th- John Boiano: Pottery
- September 17th- Bob Johnson: Chair Caning
- October 15th- Xiaohong Song: Home Decor

Shown at left: Pottery by John Boiano



The writing group, Font 'n Pen, grew from a workshop Finding the Writer Within, sponsored by the Ashford Area Arts Council as one of their member artist sharing meetings. We are proud to

announce that as we are publishing an anthology of the works of our ten members through Barnes and Noble Press. The layout of the book was set up by Christine Acebo and the logo for our group was designed by Kathy Lepak.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**ANNUAL MEMBERS APPRECIATION MEETING**  
September 13<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 - 9:00 pm Knowlton Hall, Ashford  
Food, Music, Art, and Membership Drive  
All Members and Public Welcome

### Upcoming 2023 Events:

- **ONGOING ONLINE SALES** - contact the artists via our website!
- **ANNUAL MEMBERS APPRECIATION MEETING**, September 13<sup>th</sup>
- **HOLIDAY ARTISTS MARKET**, November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>
- **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS** in pottery with Dan Rackliffe and John Boiano. Dates to follow; please visit [www.ashfordarts.org](http://www.ashfordarts.org) & on [Facebook.com/AshfordArts](https://www.facebook.com/AshfordArts)

### WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

You do not have to be an artist or live in Ashford. Join our fun dynamic group!

Membership: \$30 Donation  
October 1st - September 31st

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

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## Summer Update to the Ashford Community From Cynthia Ford, Superintendent

What a busy summer! Many of you may wonder what we are all up to during the summer. Educating our most precious community members takes lots of planning and creativity. Administrators work on handbooks, class lists, curriculum planning and Professional Development all summer. We have hired a new 5th grade teacher because Mrs. Gina Burnham will be our new reading intervention teacher for grades 5-8. We continue to look for a part-time school psychologist to complete mandatory testing for our Special Education students along with being a consult for our teachers. The schedule is very flexible. Please inquire if you are a certified school psychologist and would like to stay connected to the students. We are still in need of a long-term substitute for PE and Health to work until January 2 and a full time Arabic teacher. Teachers have been coming in to work on curriculum for the upcoming school year. We have had the Extended School Year going on during the month of July. The theme this year was under the sea. There were many educational activities going on that kept our students engaged. The ESY staff work very hard to assist the students while making it fun. This program is run for our students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and is recommended by the Planning Team. It is to ensure that our students do not slide over the summer.

### Building Update:

As of July 25th, our underground storage tank has been installed. It was quite the scene watching the large tank removed and a new one put in its place. The tank had no damage, and the soil was clean!

There are many projects going on at the school right now preparing for the upcoming year. Classrooms are being deep cleaned, floors are all being waxed, and fresh coats of paint are going up where needed. Our entryway was freshened up with a new rug to help contain the dirt and moisture coming into the building. You will notice a new tree in the front of the building which has been planted in memory of Peter Blume, a former physical education teacher. At the bottom of the building, we are replacing metal sheets with insulated panels to assist with keeping the elements out along with getting rid of the rusty dangerous metal panels. For a few years our custodian has been re-gluing these panels because during windstorms they would come away from the building.

The student boy's bathroom is also receiving much needed repairs. We are also working on our intercom system to update and ensure communication is enhanced throughout the building. Many updates on our security system and technology throughout. You will also notice a new playscape in our elementary playground. This structure is going to give students the ability to work on their core strength amongst our youngest population. We have also resurfaced a portion of the playground to make it handicap accessible along with placing a wheelchair accessible swing. Many of these projects have been made possible through our ESSER funds along with monies that were squeezed out of our budget. A full report will be shared over the next BOE planning meeting in August. Tune in if you would like to learn more about the funding.



### BOE Meeting:

August 10, 2023, will be the BOE planning session starting at 4:30-6:30pm and immediately following will be a regular BOE meeting at 7pm. 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:

School starts on August 31 for our K-8 students. PreK will be sending out communications with all the details around their start of school.

### After School Care Program:

Please see adjacent page for information and registration application. A K12 will also be going out on August 2nd.





## **ANNOUNCING THE INITIATION OF THE ASHFORD AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**



The Town of Ashford in partnership with the Ashford Board of Education are planning the initiation of the Ashford After School Program.

### **Facts/Goals of program include:**

- **Anticipated start date of program September 5, 2023,**
- **Advertising, acceptance of applications for staffing and hiring, on-going**
- **Acceptance of student participant applications: August 2<sup>nd</sup> – August 16<sup>th</sup>**
- **Number of final applicants/students to be accepted is twenty (20)**
- **Method of acceptance: Lottery (by family) to be drawn on August 18<sup>th</sup>**
- **Cost will be \$100 per student (K-6) per week (5 days per week only)**
- **Payments to be made by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month for 1 month in advance**
- **Families with financial hardships will be referred to the Town's Social/Youth Services Director.**

The Board of Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the planning and development of this much needed program in Town.

The BOS has worked in partnership with the Superintendent, BOE, Ashford Parks and Recreation Commission, Social/Youth Services, various other Town Departments, personnel and numerous residents to research and develop the plans for this program.

Here is the link for registration application: <https://forms.gle/LSJkDAtzxy92Whva7>

Email with questions at: [afterschoolcare@ashfordct.org](mailto:afterschoolcare@ashfordct.org).

Please monitor the School's and Town's web pages for additional information as it becomes available. Thank you.

Bill Falletti

First Selectman





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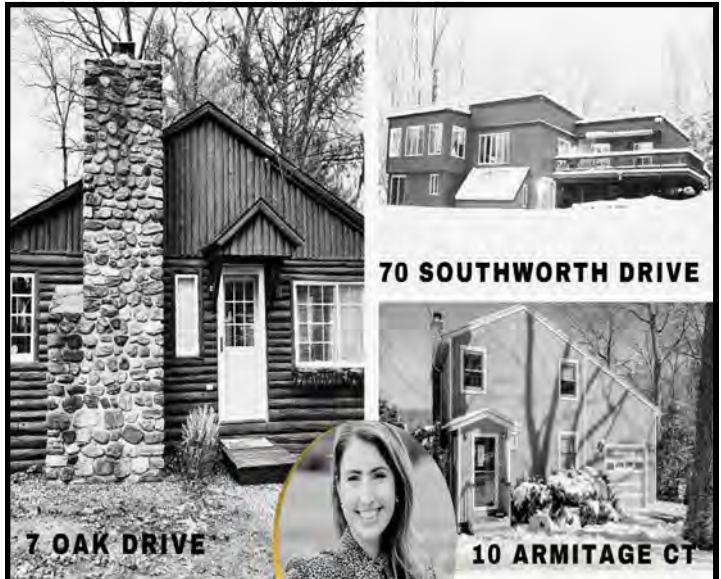


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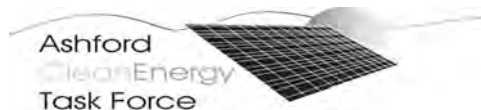
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JENNIE KESSELMAN

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August 2023

## Cleaning Products from Your Pantry

There are so many cleaning products on the market that it is difficult to know which ones to buy. We want products that are inexpensive, multipurpose, environmentally friendly and septic system safe. The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has a program that certifies products containing safer ingredients for human health and the environment on their website [www.epa.gov/saferchoice](http://www.epa.gov/saferchoice).

Septic system installers recommend phosphate-and surfactant-free liquid (not powdered) detergents and non-antibacterial hand soap (after handwashing, use hand sanitizer to reduce germs). Not recommended are bleach, automatic toilet bowl cleaners and drain cleaners.

But what about cleaning with pantry items that you actually eat.

White vinegar	\$2.67/gallon
Baking soda	\$1.06/14 oz box (\$1.21/lb.)
Lemons	\$0.58 each or \$\$3.92/2 lb. bag (\$1.96/lb)
Salt	\$0.64/26 oz box (\$0.39/lb.)

These four ingredients, both singly and in combination, can clean multiple areas in every room. **Baking soda** is a well-known deodorizer for refrigerators and trash cans and can also be used to clean toilet bowls, stainless steel and ceramic stovetops. **Vinegar** is also a toilet bowl cleaner and, mixed with water, can clean tile, woodwork and chrome fixtures. When used in the washing machine rinse cycle it is a fabric softener. **Lemon juice** is good for removing soap scum, can descale a tea kettle, and used with salt removes stains from wooden cutting boards. **Salt** alone is a mild abrasive for scrubbing cooked on food from pots and iron skillet. When mixed with lemon it will clean brass and copper and is also a deodorizer.

The internet has many more ways to use these items as cleaning agents.

Last, but not least, use the **SUN** to dry your clothes for free.

Refs: shanksterbros.net/the-best-and-worst-septic-safe-cleaning-products; Walmart prices; tasteofhome.com; bhg.com

*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).*





## ASHFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

We had a tremendous turnout for our Open House on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We had a fun time meeting lots of new people, showing off the trucks to the kids and handing out several applications for new members. We were surprised by some of the questions we were asked so here are some details about our department you may not know.

- AVFD is BOTH a paid and volunteer department. We are not staffed 24/7, most hours are covered by paid staff, and our volunteers cover the hours between 6:00PM – 12:00AM every day.
- We have TWO fire stations. That's right, TWO! Our primary station is located on Rt 89, and our other station is on Old Town Rd at Lake Chaffee.
- Between the two stations, we have (3) Engine tanks, a Rescue truck, an Ambulance, a Service truck, and a Boat.
- Summer is our busiest season for calls, and we always look forward to our stand-by assignments for local events at Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, the Boy Scout Camp, and Camp Connri just to name a few.
- We do not respond to just medical calls and fires; we also help with non-emergency situations. This could include assisting with flooded basements, kids or pets locked in cars, lift assists, providing public water during extended power outages and assisting those who are confined during storms as some examples.

This past June was a record-breaking month for call volume, the first time we have surpassed 600 calls in a year! And we expect this volume to continue to grow.

That is why we **NEED YOU!** If you can spare just a couple of hours week, you can make an enormous difference in the community. Not sure if you can handle it? You will not know if you do not try, all you need to start is a little compassion and a willingness to help your fellow neighbor. You have nothing to lose if you do not like it, but SO much to gain if you do. Even if you do not want to be on the front lines, there are many support roles that you can assist with that would benefit both the dept and the community. What are you waiting for?

At our July monthly meeting, several members were recognized for their years of service and there are a few that are worth mentioning for their many years of dedicated service to the fire department.

### 50 years of Service

Wayne Fletcher

Dave Thibault

Charlie Reviczky

### 45 years of Service

Charlie Sweetland

Rob Chernuk

### 40 years of Service

Raymond Whitehouse

*Thank you for your service*

**The call count for June was 15 Fire/Rescue and 39 EMS. Our fiscal year total is 620.**

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, VP  
Firefighter/EMT  
AVFD Station 20





## Ashford Pollinator Pathway News

By Jennifer Sterling-Folker, August 2023

Greetings Ashford! Last month I made a pitch to like insects, or at least not kill them indiscriminately, but if they are devouring your vegetables & you absolutely must kill them, please just don't use pesticides. While pesticides seem quick & easy, they don't distinguish between aphids or monarch butterflies, nor does Roundup, a common herbicide. If you spray a plant with pesticides to get rid of aphids, or use Roundup to get rid of poison ivy, any pollinators that lands on those sprayed plants will die from exposure to them. Neonicotinoids pesticides are particularly dangerous pesticides because they attack an insect's nervous system. Their wide-spread use in agriculture & home gardens over the last 25 years has contributed to sharp declines of insect populations. According to the Xerces Society, America's agricultural landscape is now 48 times more toxic to honeybees than it was 25 years ago, due to increased use of neonicotinoid pesticides. These pesticides are so toxic that they can make an entire plant deadly to pollinators (including its nectar), linger in soil for years, seep into waterways to kill frogs & other aquatic life, & has even been linked to the pet deaths when used in flea collars. Not all pesticides contain neonicotinoids, but they can be found in many familiar brands, such as Ortho, Bayer & Xytect, & are legally available for purchase in CT, despite overwhelming evidence that their use in dealing with agricultural & garden pests is contributing to drastic pollinator population decline. See our newsletter for links to organic methods for dealing with insect pests instead.



### **Spotlight: Heather McKelvie, Ashford PP Steering Committee Member**

comes from a long line of gardening enthusiasts. Raised in Bucks County, PA, and rural Vermont, Heather was fortunate to be immersed in both

wild and cultivated spaces during her formative years. Passionate about art, design, and nature, Heather obtained a degree in landscape architecture from UConn and later obtained her master gardener's certification from the UConn extension center. Although her graphic design and marketing career is in an unrelated field, she maintains her passion for gardening in her free time. She is especially interested in sustainability and ecological restoration, which is why the pollinator pathway mission is so important to her. Heather moved to Ashford from Prospect in the summer of 2020 and joined the Ashford Garden Club that fall. She's spent much of the past 3 years working with her partner Dave to clear their property of invasives and replace them with native plants. She's been active with the Ashford Pollinator Pathway group since early 2021 and has recently begun writing a monthly newsletter on the group's behalf. Scan the QR code or email us ([AshfordPollinatorPathways@gmail.com](mailto:AshfordPollinatorPathways@gmail.com)) to sign up to receive the newsletter.

### **SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER WITH QR CODE BELOW!**

Our monthly newsletter has additional information and live links to PP, conveniently delivered right to your email inbox. Simply scan the QR code below in order to sign up to receive it.



**SCAN ME**

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our informational table at the Ashford Area Arts Council's A Summer's Palette at Westford Hill Distillery in June. We gave away free native plants, answered questions about native plants gardening & raffled a Pollinator-themed basket won by Carolyn Miela. We will be at Ashford Family Day in Sept.



**TOWN OF ASHFORD  
POWER OUTAGE ASSISTANCE  
REGISTRY**

1 of 2

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

The Town of Ashford has a registry for residents who will need assistance should they lose power for an **extended** period of time. This is an opportunity for you to provide information that may help emergency responders meet your needs during an emergency situation, storm, or potential rolling blackouts.

**THIS IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR CALLING 9-1-1 IN AN EMERGENCY**

**To be included in this registry, please fill out this form, sign it, and send it to the Ashford Selectmen's Office, 5 Town Hall Road, Ashford, CT 06278. If you are unable to fill out this form on your own, please have a family member or caregiver assist you with completion of the form. Please call (860)487-4400 with any questions or concerns.**

**General Information:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults in your home \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children in your home \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If we cannot reach you is there someone else we may call? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**Lack of Heating Source**

\_\_\_\_\_ if the power goes out I do not have a generator

\_\_\_\_\_ if the power goes out I do not have an alternate heating source such as a  
woodstove/pellet stove/fireplace, etc. to heat my home

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**Life Support Systems**

Do you use any of the following life support systems:

\_\_\_\_\_ Oxygen \_\_\_\_\_ Respirator/Ventilator \_\_\_\_\_ Pap/Nebulizer

\_\_\_\_\_ Dialysis \_\_\_\_\_ Insulin dependent

Do you have a generator or energy source to run your medical device should you lose power? **YES/NO**

Is there any other medical information that we should be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobility**

Are you confined to bed? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No      Can you walk without assistance? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Which of the following do you use (Check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ Wheelchair/Mobility Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ Prosthesis \_\_\_\_\_ Walker/Cane  
\_\_\_\_\_ Crutches \_\_\_\_\_ Assistive Animal \_\_\_\_\_ Other

**Transportation Assistance:**

In the event that Ashford sets up a community shelter or warming station, will you need assistance with transportation to the shelter? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

\_\_\_\_\_

**By signing this form and submitting it to the Town of Ashford I agree to permit my information to be shared with local and state emergency responders in the effort to better assist me during an emergency. The Town cannot guarantee assistance to me in all cases. I also understand that this is a voluntary program.**

**I am aware that participating in this registry will not take the place of calling 9-1-1 in an emergency.**

Signature of person filling out form: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you would be interested in assisting us during an emergency situation and would be willing to attend Citizen Emergency Response Team training please contact the Selectmen's Office at (860)487-4400.**

## TOWN OF ASHFORD Transfer Report Recorded Between June 15, 2023 and July 15, 2023

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2023-270	209	240	07/05/2023	\$164,000 \$410.00	KING RONALD J	AUCLAIR KRISTEN L	WARRANTY DEED 64 CHETELAT DRIVE LOT 19 ON MAP
2023-273	209	273	07/05/2023	\$345,000 \$862.50	GADOURY DAVID W GADOURY KATHLEEN D	TRUEHART DANIEL TRUEHART TANYA	WARRANTY DEED 118 HOWARD ROAD, LOT 3 ON MAP
2023-275	209	280	07/05/2023	\$357,500 \$893.75	LEBEL AMANDAR	PRINN ALI MCCARTY MICHAEL	WARRANTY DEED 43 SECKAR ROAD
2023-277	209	295	07/07/2023	\$585,000 \$1,462.50	REED JULIA R REED ERIK R	MIMANDE DIANE R MIMANDE ROBERT A	WARRANTY DEED 170 JAMES ROAD
2023-283	209	324	07/11/2023	\$432,000 \$1,080.00	THOMPSON DANIEL O NADJIM AFSANEH	SMITH JAMES SMITH ELLEN	WARRANTY DEED 38 KNOWLTON HILL ROAD
2023-286	209	340	07/12/2023	\$375,000 \$937.50	KROM MARK JOHN SR JENKINS DENISE ELLEN	WHELAN SCOTT WHELAN SHARON	WARRANTY DEED 3 LAKEVIEW DRIVE

## State Police Report—Troop C

### Monthly Report:

June

Ashford

\* For December numbers use "December Monthly Report"

Total Calls for Service

118

Total Calls This Year

734

	June	YTD
Accidents	7	41
Criminal Investigations	7	42
Burglaries	0	1
Larcenies	0	3
Non Reportable Matters	77	518
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>

### Calls For Service:

City	Month	YTD
Ashford	118	734
Coventry	14	172
ELLINGTON	776	5708
MANSFIELD	539	4771
Somers	1095	7632
Stafford	657	4911
Tolland	691	4669
Union	119	942
VERNON	180	1454
WILLINGTON	268	1924
<b>Total</b>	<b>4457</b>	<b>32917</b>

### Motor Vehicle Enforcement:

Total Traffic Stops	20	114
Onsite DUI's	1	4
Arrests	1	3
Misdemeanor Summons	0	2
Infractions	10	56
Written Warnings	4	19
Verbal Warnings	6	35



### A message from The Ashford Historical Society

The Ashford Historical Society is commissioning Tom Menard to do a painting of our beautiful town. We can include 10-12 significant buildings. We have so many important buildings and places in our town from the past and present, so we would appreciate input from as many people as possible on what to include. Please review the list below and email your top 10 to [ginaroseburnham@gmail.com](mailto:ginaroseburnham@gmail.com)

If you would like to see some of Tom's work, you can check it out at:

<https://www.tommenard.com/gallery/town-portraits>

We anticipate prints to be available for purchase in time for the holidays.

Many thanks and we hope to see you at one of our next meetings:

**August 29th, and September 26th, Both at 7pm and Both held at Knowlton Memorial Hall.**

Lumber Mill	Murphy's Store	Whipping Stone	Shoe Factory
Axe Factory	Lead Mine	Gold Mine	House Hearse Corners
Knowlton Memorial Building/Babcock Library	Westford Congregational Church	Westford Glass	Hungarian Social Club
Ashford Academy	Ashford Congregational Church	Ashford School	Current Post Office
Scout Camp	First Magyar Reformed Church	Ashford Lake	Town Office Building
Stebbins/Tremko House	Living Proof Church	Lake Chaffee	Eastern CT Sportsman Club
Warrenville Building (former Post Office)	St. Phillip's Church	Baptist Evangelical Camp	Medinah Preston House
Mixer Tavern	Baptist Church	Clarks' Tavern	Ashford Fire Department
Perkins Tavern	Church Farm	Paul Newman Hole in the Wall Gang Camp	Westford Toll House



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## LEGAL NOTICE

**As permitted by Connecticut State Law, the Ashford Public School district will destroy all special education records for students with dates of birth from 01/01/1996 through and including 12/31/1997; and/or any special education confidential documents as permitted by law for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.**

**Former students and or parents who have guardianship/conservatorship, interested in obtaining these records must contact the Special Education and Pupil Services office of the Ashford Board of Education at 860-429-1927 x 363 by August 30, 2023.**

**Records will be destroyed after October 1, 2023.**



## From the Municipal Agent for the Elderly

**Kit Eves 860-487-5122**

Near the end of August and in early September, many of you will be thinning your gardens of bulbs and plantings. Please consider, donating them to the senior center. It is the hopes that we can expand our gardens. The Center has a wonderful volunteer Bob Davido who has maintained our gardens throughout the summer. He has offered to plant those items donated.

We are always in need of drivers to take seniors to appointments. If you can spare some time, PLEASE call the center to put your name on the list. We will call when a ride is needed, and you decide if you are able to help.

Dr. Morgan, our footcare specialist, who did toenails and consults for many of our seniors has retired. There will be no Footcare in August. I will be looking for someone to fill his (Shoes) in the hopes we can continue this valuable program. I will keep you posted if I find someone.

Our supplies of yarn are depleted. Our knitters and crocheters will be needing yarn for mittens, hats, and scarfs for the upcoming winter. Do you have yarn you can donate?

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lunch Bunch (1) to The Main Moose in Columbia
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Trader Joe's shopping trip
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Foxwoods Casino
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Hairdresser
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00 Birthday Party with Bev York as speaker
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Bunch (2) —note this is on a Monday not the usual Tuesday
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 Crafts – Basket Weaving
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Aqua Turf
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Shred It 9:00-12:00

### AUGUST BIRTHDAY PARTY



Let us celebrate each of our seniors who were born in the month of August

August 22nd Tuesday at 1:00

**Bev York and Colonial Taverns**

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YOU MUST SIGN-UP IN ADVANCE  
FAMILY MEMBERS OF CELEBRANTS ARE WELCOME

PRESENTED BY THE ASHFORD SENIOR CENTER  
25 TREMKO LANE  
860-487-5122

The Ashford Senior Center Presents

FREE CRAFT PROJECTS

We are using up the supplies from earlier projects.

**Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup>**

11:00



**Basket weaving back by popular demand**

25 Tremko Lane 860-487-5122



Senior  
Center

# August

Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 6:30 Recreation Concert	<b>2</b> 11:00 Lunch Bunch (1) 12:00 Congregate Meals 6:00 Big Bingo	<b>3</b> 12:00 Dime Bingo 	<b>4</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 12:00 Congregate Meals 1:00 Dominoes	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1:00 Mah Jong	<b>8</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 6:30 Recreation Concert	<b>9</b> 12:00 Congregate Meals  6:00 Big Bingo	<b>10</b> 10:00 Trader Joe's 12:00 Dime Bingo	<b>11</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 12:00 Congregate Meals 1:00 Dominoes	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30 Casino 1:00 Mah Jong	<b>15</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Aqua Turf	<b>16</b> 11:00 ASCO Board 12:00 Congregate Meals 1:00 ASCO Membership 6:00 Big Bingo	<b>17</b> 12:00 Dime Bingo	<b>18</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 12:00 Congregate Meals 1:00 Dominoes	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 1:00 Mah Jong 11:00 - Hairdresser	<b>22</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Birthday Party with speaker 6:00 Big Bingo	<b>23</b> 12:00 Congregate Meals	<b>24</b> 12:00 Dime Bingo	<b>25</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 12:00 Congregate Meals 1:00 Dominoes	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 11:00 Lunch Bunch (2) 1:00 Mah Jong	<b>29</b> 9:30 Tai Chi 11:00 Crafts – Basket Weaving 6:00 Big Bingo	<b>30</b> 12:00 Congregate Meals	<b>31</b> 12:00 Dime Bingo		

## LUNCH BUNCH (TWO)

To The Golden Greek in Dayville

August 28<sup>th</sup> Monday



VAN LEAVES THE ASHFORD SENIOR  
CENTER, 25 TREMKO LANE AT 11:00

Call 860-487-5122 to reserve a seat on the bus

ALL ARE WELCOME

## TRADER JOE'S

MANCHESTER



August 10<sup>th</sup>

Grocery Shopping

VAN LEAVES THE ASHFORD SENIOR  
HOUSING, 49 TREMKO LANE AT 10:00

Call 860-487-5122 to reserve a seat on the bus

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## LUNCH BUNCH ONE To

The Maine Moose

In Columbia

August 2nd Wednesday



VAN LEAVES THE ASHFORD SENIOR  
CENTER, 25 TREMKO LANE AT 11:00

Call 860-487-5122 to reserve a seat on the bus

ALL ARE WELCOME



# 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](mailto:director@babcocklibrary.org)



## August 2023

### Hours

Monday - 9-5

Tuesday - 9-5

Wednesday - 9 – 8

Thursday – Closed

Friday - 9-5

Saturday – Closed\*

\*Saturday 9 – 1

as of 8/26/2023

Sunday - Closed

### Library Staff

Ann Chonte' Chris  
Diane John Stacey

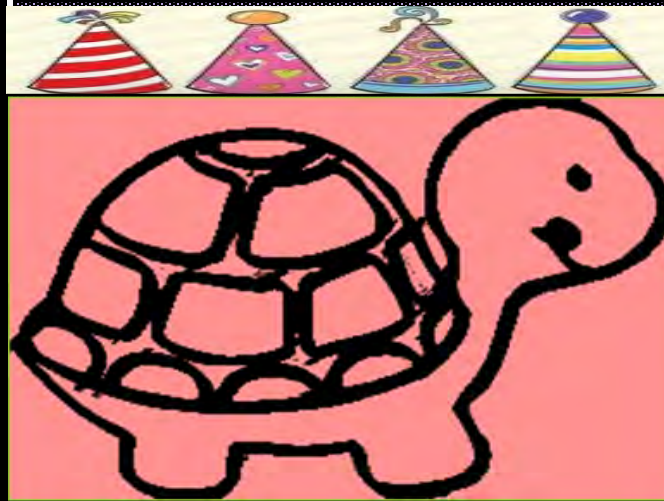
### Libby

Available 24 / 7!

Try Libby (formerly  
Overdrive) for  
Babcock Library card  
holders!

Libby offers e-books &  
audiobooks -  
accessible on mobile

Check Facebook  
for Additions and  
Updates!



### Turtle Birthday Party for Sammy!

Saturday, August 26! @ 11 am



New Puppets To Play  
with at the library!!!

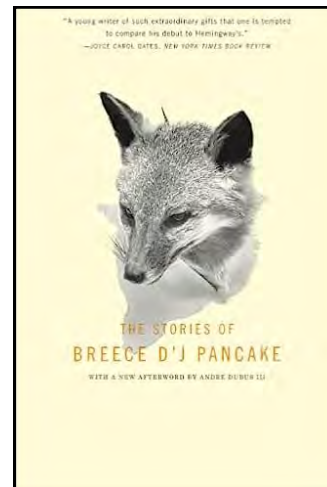
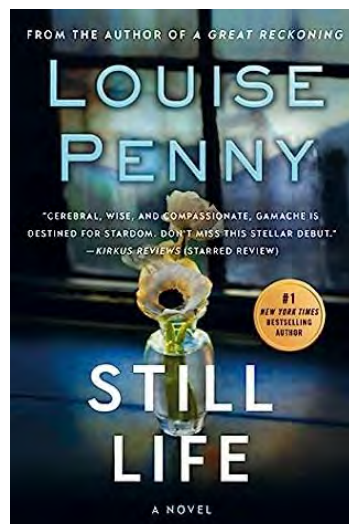


### Mystery Book Discussion!

Tuesday, August 1, 2023 @ 1pm

### Still Life by Louise Penny:

The first in the  
Inspector Gamache series!



### Short Story Discussion!

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 @ 1pm

### The Stories of Breece D' J' Pancake

Published posthumously, this is a collection of  
stories that depict the world of Pancake's  
native rural West Virginia with  
astounding power



**Friends of the Babcock Library Present...**

# **Annual Beer and Wine Tasting!**

**YOU ARE INVITED!**

**SATURDAY SEPT. 9TH 3PM-5PM**

**Church Farm  
396 Mansfield Road  
Ashford Ct, 06278**

**Tickets available now  
for purchase at**

**Babcock Library!**



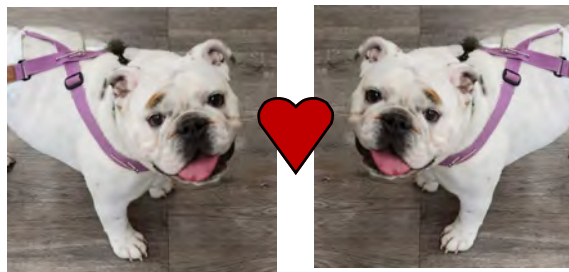
## **Friends of Babcock Library Meeting**

3rd Tuesday of Each  
Month @ 2:30 pm

## **Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

4th Tuesday of Each  
Month @ 10 am

**Read to Lulu!**  
Contact Babcock Library to  
schedule a time!



## **Embroidery & Knitters Group**

Every Wednesday @ 1 pm

## **Children's Storytime & Craft**

Every Wednesday @ 10:30  
am

# Recreation Reminders!

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

## Pint-Size Picasso

### A Summer Painting Class for Preschoolers, Ages 3-5 years



Join Art teacher Sharon Punty in the  
Air Conditioned Warrenville Post Office  
Class will run on M, W, F from

9:30-10:30, for 2 weeks,

July 31st to August 11th

Fee is \$60 (for 6 classes)

This creative class gives budding artists  
a chance to experiment and explore with a  
variety of paints, brushes, projects, and  
techniques. Call to reserve a spot!

## YOGA



Come experience  
**YOGA CLASS**  
with **Karrie Kirchner!**

Reawaken your body,  
mind, and spirit!

Class meets Tuesday Mornings  
8:15-9:15 a.m.

6 Week Summer Session

July 25th– Aug. 29th

\$50 for the session or \$10 a class.

## PICKLEBALL

NEW COURTS AT  
POMPEY HOLLOW PARK

M.W.F. 9:30– 12:30

**TUES. EVENINGS 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

or go to playtime scheduler app.  
for more options



## ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING!

Join Barbara Renna and friends on the 3rd Sunday of the month from  
3-5pm at the Senior Center! Learn and enjoy some group dances, with  
repetitive steps and patterns, no experience needed. All are welcome!  
Contact Barbara at [barbararennna0012@gmail.com](mailto:barbararennna0012@gmail.com) Next dance 8/20!



## Annual Family Camp Out !

Ashford Memorial Park, Fri. Aug. 18th 5:00 pm til noon on Sat. Aug.  
19th. Pitch a tent and contribute \$10 per person or \$20 per family for the  
burgers dogs and smores! Enjoy a campfire and sleep over, in the  
morning Dan's famous pancakes are on the menu!

Call 860-487-4409 please, so we have a head count!

**PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER!**

## ASHFORD'S POMPEY HOLLOW PARK

**2023 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES, TUESDAYS 6:30-8:00**



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

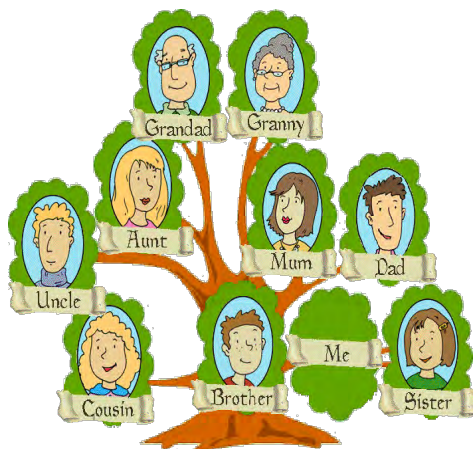
**AUG· 1st BRUCE JOHN & PEGGY ANN**, This talented acoustic duo has a broad crowd-pleasing repertoire. They play songs from the Music Vault, 100 Years of Hits. Bruce John has a charm all his own, and has been called a walking juke box. He will be accompanied by Peggy Ann on saxophone, violin and more. The meal this evening will be kielbasa and hotdogs, sauerkraut, baked beans, garden salad and a beverage served by the Democratic Town Committee.

**AUG· 8th FLAMINGO**, They are back by popular demand! These very talented local female musicians will delight you with big band music from the 1930's to the 80's. You'll be in the pink, listening to Flamingo! This evening food will be Strawberry Shortcake served by the Republican Town Committee.

**REMEMBER CONCERTS ARE ON RAIN OR SHINE!**

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS, BLANKETS, LAWN CHAIRS & BEVERAGES!**

PARKS & RECREATION ...BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS AND PROGRAMS!



## **FAMILY DAY!**

**Sunday Sept· 17th, 2023**

**1-4pm, Pompey Hollow Park!**

**Join us !**

**See and Be a part of the Ashford Community at its finest!**

Family Day Festivities include: Free Food, Games, Inflatables, Live Music,  
Raffles & Arts and Crafts, and more!

Contact 860-487-4409 to reserve a table so your organization can be represented!  
Watch for more details, and bring Mom, Grandpop, and Auntie Em to join the fun!



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**Town of Ashford Tax Collector**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

All persons liable to pay taxes in the Town of Ashford are hereby notified that taxes are due on the Grand List of Oct. 1, 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:

**1. 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)**

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

**3. Mailed to:**

**Ashford Tax Collector**

**P.O. Box 173**

**Ashford, CT. 06278**

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

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

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

Dated at Ashford, this 17th day of July 2023.

Linda G. Gagne CCMC  
Ashford Tax Collector



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