As you make your way around town you will notice a dramatic change in our local landscape. Two years of gypsy moth infestation combined with drought as well as the emerald ash borer have combined to cause a significant tree mortality, notably among oak trees in Canterbury that were unable to recover from the damage. A conservative count was over 600 trees that needed to be removed along town roads. We have working on this and to date have removed around 300 trees. Our partners, Connecticut DOT and Eversource, have also been engaged in a hazardous tree removal program and have worked to clear along state roads and clear trees that impact the power lines. Our combined efforts will help make Canterbury a more resilient community and a safer community for our residents.

I was pleased this winter to see that the drainage work undertaken on Cemetery Road over the summer was successful in eliminating icing and hazardous road conditions. In conversations that I have with other First Selectmen, road drainage is one issue that we all seem to have in common and it is not necessarily a problem that is easy to solve. So it is gratifying to see this problem solved making our roads safer. I must say, that it could not have been done without our Public Works Department who engineered and installed the necessary drainage, so thank you for your efforts.

Keeping on the theme of safety, one final note, spring is here, so please when driving be alert for pedestrians and motorcyclists, as well as our DPW crew out working along our roads.

I want to thank the volunteers, elected officials and town employees who work hard to help keep Canterbury a town we are proud to call home.

Christopher Lippke
First Selectman

Commemorative Tree Planting

Canterbury resident and arborist Tony Wilbur is working with the Connecticut Tree Protective Association to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Arborist Law by planting a commemorative white oak tree in town. The town will be working closely with Tony to identify a suitable location. This is a small step to help reestablish the oak trees that have suffered a heavy mortality.

Canterbury Agricultural Commission

Let’s Grow!

Time to get out in the garden and in the fields. Roll up your sleeves, put on a hat to protect you from the sun and get out there. It is pretty rewarding to work hard on planting, watering, weeding and then if all goes well a harvest of your good results.

Things to do:

• April 27th, 9 to 4, 110th Connecticut Sheep, Wool, & Fiber Festival, Tolland Agriculture Center, Tolland, CT.
• www.ct.gov/DOAG ; Find a variety of Connecticut Grown Products, Farmers Markets, Pick Your Own Farms, Resources for Farmers and more.
• May 7, Mountain Dairy Farm Tour, 50 Stearns Road, Mansfield, CT; www.cfba.org
• https://www.choosemyplate.gov/; for information on healthy eating.

Have a great summer!
Dawn S. Pindell
Chairman
CANTERBURY CARES

Canterbury Cares Food Pantry, located in the lower level of First Congregational Church of Canterbury, is a monthly food resource to residents of the town of Canterbury. We distribute on the third Monday of the month, from 10 am to noon, and invite town residents in need of food assistance to visit the pantry or contact the church at (860)546-9007. Residents of Canterbury do not need to preregister to come to a distribution but will need to bring proof of residency to their first visit.

Upcoming dates for distribution are:

- May 21st 10 am - noon
- June 18th 10 am - noon
- July 16th 10 am - noon

We are so grateful to everyone who has donated funds, food and time to Canterbury Cares. A special thank you to Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School for their generous gift of proceeds from their Empty Bowls event March 15th. Art teacher, Sam Rizer and all the students and staff who participated put on a beautiful event while drawing attention to issues of hunger in our local communities.

We continue to have the support of our town’s wonderful churches, schools, local organizations and individuals and we are so thankful. We are also grateful to all our volunteers. You faithfully unload the truck, stock shelves and help distribute food, and we appreciate all that you do!

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with Canterbury Cares Distribution (the third Monday of the month), are invited to contact us at (860)546-9007.

Canterbury Historical Society

We hope you and your family and friends will be able to join us for at least some of our upcoming meetings and events. We hold regular monthly meetings on the second Friday evening of the month except for July and August. These meetings feature history-themed speaker programs and are free and open to the public. For the latest news, please visit our website http://canterburyhistorical.org/, and don’t miss us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/CanterburyHistoricalSociety.CT & Twitter http://twitter.com/CantrbryHistory.

Anita Smiley on the history of Finnish immigration and settlement in Windham County

If you reside anywhere near to Canterbury, you surely know at least a little something about our area’s vibrant local Finnish heritage. This program is a deeper dive by subject matter expert Anita (Häkkilä) Smiley. Free and the public is warmly invited.

When: Friday, May 10, business session at 7:00 PM, followed by the program at about 7:30, then refreshments.

When: Community Room of the Canterbury Town Hall.

Visit Our 19th Century One-Room Green District Schoolhouse on Connecticut Open House Day

Stop in. Bring the kids for a glimpse of how different school was back in the day. Given that this one-room school was in use into the 1950s, you may even have the fun of chatting with some of its former students. Admission and parking for the Green schoolhouse are always free.

When: Saturday June 8, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Where: Green district schoolhouse, Canterbury Green, adjacent to the First Congregational Church on South Canterbury Road, just south of the intersection of routes 14 and 169. Enter “6 South Canterbury Road, Canterbury, Connecticut” in your GPS; turn in at Library Road.

Save the date. As always, Old Home Day will bring together a lively mix of historical reenactors, demonstrations by plyers of traditional early trades, friendly animals, local farmers, antique vehicles, and a variety of nonprofit groups and other exhibitors to celebrate our town. The restored historic one-room Green district schoolhouse will feature exhibits on the town’s past; area musicians will perform throughout the day; and of course there will lots of great food to choose from. Free admission, parking, and parking area shuttlebus.

When: Saturday October 12, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Canterbury Green, adjacent to the First Congregational Church on South Canterbury Road, just south of the intersection of routes 14 and 169.

Special Photo-Op Visit with Santa and Mrs. Merry Claus

These are the real Santa and Mrs. Claus—not their helpers! They love coming back to our little one-room Green district schoolhouse, which is always decorated for the occasion. They especially enjoy greeting Canterbury kids of all ages, posing for pictures, and hearing what’s on everyone’s wish list. Visitors young in years need to be accompanied by an adult. Free and open to the public. Please remember to bring your own camera.

When: Saturday November 23, 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Where: Green district schoolhouse, Canterbury Green, adjacent to the First Congregational Church on South Canterbury Road, just south of the intersection of routes 14 and 169. Enter “6 South Canterbury Road, Canterbury, Connecticut” in your GPS; turn in at Library Road.

There’s lots more to come. Please follow our website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Editor’s Note

The next issue will, hopefully, be published and distributed in the August time frame. Anyone wishing to submit articles for consideration may do so to the Selectmen’s Office. Articles should appeal to the varied interests of the citizens of Canterbury and should be informative in nature without being political. The editor reserves the right in all instances to edit for length and content.

This issue will mark my final as editor. It’s been a pleasure contributing to this endeavor, but after nine years the time has come to pass the torch. Please contact the Selectman’s Office if you are interested in taking over. A sincere thank you to Bob Stack at This N That Printing for his printing genius and generosity; and to everyone who has contributed and supported this publication over the years. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes … it really does take a village. Thank you!
Canterbury Seniors

The Canterbury Senior Citizens meet the second Thursday of every month at 11:00AM in the Town Hall Community Room. If a meeting is cancelled due to weather conditions, it will be held the following Thursday. A potluck luncheon follows the business portion of every meeting. Adults age 50 and over are eligible to join.

The membership fee is $8.00 per year. Upcoming meetings will be held on June 13, July 11 (cold foods only), no meeting is scheduled in August, September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12.

Up-to-date information is always available on the seniors' bulletin board located in the Community Room on the wall near the conference room.

Call Debra Kinne at 860-546-6136 if you have any questions.

Canterbury Senior Trips

Many know Canterbury Trips are open to all and become friends with the people we have travelled with. It's a great way to meet others, visit new places, enjoy shows and great food! Sometimes it's a day trip and sometimes we travel with established Travel Companies who offer many experiences.

So far this year we have gone to Atlantic City for a Winter get-away, enjoyed Irish comedy, and a wonderful steamboat cruise on the Columbia and Snake Rivers in Oregon and Washington, spectacular scenery!

We still have available space on several of the trips remaining this year. Check out the multi-day trip to Branson to experience good Country Music in middle of our country, travel Route 66. Or visit the recreation of Noah's Ark in Kentucky and continue on to the home of the Kentucky Derby. In December we'll go to Pennsylvania to experience the "Miracle of Christmas". How about an overnight in Saratoga, N.Y. to watch horse racing?

We will repeat some trips we've enjoyed in the past - Newport Playhouse (this time with their lobster buffet), All-You-Can-Eat Lobster at the Delaney House. There's the dress parade at West Point (very impressive), a food tour of Providence, ever dreamed of doing the Duck Boats in Boston or viewing the LaSalette Lights during the Christmas season?

Interested and curious people can see information about these trips on our town library's bulletin board or the bulletin board in the community room. For further information you can call Joanne at (860)546-9830. Hope to hear from you!

CANTERBURY LIONS CLUB

The Canterbury Lions Club has been active since 1972, raising funds that can be used to help address the critical needs of our community and residents. As part of Lions International, Lions have a particular focus on the helping the sight and hearing impaired. "Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion." The Canterbury Lions appreciate your support, which enables us to help others. The funds we raise through community dinners, trailer food sales, donations and other efforts are used to help community causes. Since September we have been able to support the Canterbury Cares food bank, Mercer Monument toy fund, Access Community Action Agency, Fidelco Guide Dogs, CRIS Radio, SFC Little League and the Low Vision Center of Eastern Connecticut, among others. We worked on fundraisers supporting Old Home Day, the Girl Scouts and the Canterbury Historical Society. We hosted Trunk or Treat with the Town Constables, and assisted with the Tree of Life lighting ceremony. We donated three pieces of adult exercise equipment to the Town, installed at Manship Park.

If you've seen our "Million Pennies Drive" cans at businesses around town and tossed in some change, thank you. We've collected 50,000 pennies so far - 1/20th of the way to our goal! We award $50 to a graduating middle school student and a $1,000 college scholarship to a high school student from Canterbury. This scholarship is awarded over a four-year period, so we are providing scholarship funds to four college students each year.

We conducted eye screenings at the elementary and middle schools and collected lots of eyeglasses through our donation boxes located at the town transfer station and library. These eyeglasses are repurposed to help people around the world. If you have old glasses, readers or sunglasses, please drop them off. They will be put to good use!

On April 7th, Lions Tom Gray and Ray Schaefer "Rocked the Bald" for Team Shave the Gray and Ray, raising nearly $1700 for the St. Baldrick’s Organization, which supports childhood cancer research. Big thanks to Tom and Ray for sacrificing their hair and to all of the generous donors who supported this cause.

We'll be at the Logees Summer Solstice event on June 15, and celebrating summer with a chicken barbeque on June 22nd.

If you are interested in becoming a member, email us at canterburylionsclub@gmail.com.
Finnish American Heritage Society

Happy Spring from the Finn Hall!

We recently held our Annual Culinary Delights (theme was Family Favorites) and our Pancake Breakfast and Pulla sale. It is wonderful for this local organization to enjoy such excellent community support and we are so pleased to share some traditional Finnish Foods with our Canterbury neighbors.

Upcoming events include:

Annual Chicken BBQ – Saturday, May 18th from 4:00pm-6:00PM. Enjoy a generous portion of charcoal grilled chicken, basted with our “secret recipe sauce” and a variety of salads, beverages and dessert. This years’ cost is $12 per person. Take out (starting at 3:30pm) and sit-down options are available. For tickets, call Stan Karro at 860-480-3648. Tickets are limited, call soon! Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door. Hope to see you there!

During the week of May 28-31, FAHS members are providing a variety of Finnish experiences, music, history, and cultural demonstrations and discussions at the Pomfret Community School.

Juhannus (Midsummer) Musical Celebration – Saturday, June 15th starting at 4pm at acclaimed Finnish accordionist Ed Hendela from Long Pond, PA will set a midsummer mood. There will be Finnish food, burgers and ring bologna (the closest thing to Finnish Sauna Sausage) plus games, singing, dancing and music. Maybe a guest appearance by the singing barber, Hannu Makipuro, who knows. This event is free and open to the public.

Open House Day with the CT Tourism Department – Saturday, June 8th. Watch for more information as the date gets closer.

Looking forward to the fall, please save the dates for the following fun events:

Tori/Open Air Market – Saturday, September 14th from 10:00am – 3:00pm with lunch available

FACES at FAHS (Fine Art Show and Sale) – Saturday, October 5th from 10:00am – 3:00pm Lunch is available.

Wine & Beer Tasting – Friday, November 8th from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Tickets available closer to the event date.

Kantele Classes: new members wanted for monthly kantele classes at FAHS. The kantele is a traditional Finnish stringed instrument, prominent in the epic poem The Kalevala. Led by FAHS member Kasha Breau, a master harpist. Kanteles may be purchased from a variety of sources and Kasha has a few for students for a minimal rent. Cost of the class is $5.00 per session; class days and times are determined by the students. For questions and more information, please contact Kasha Breau at kasha.breau@sbcglobal.net

The Carvers at Finnish Hall: Meetings at the Hall Wednesday afternoons, 1:00 to 4:00 continuing to produce interesting results, in addition to the usual banter and exchange of news and views. Sometimes it seems that there is more banter than carving….but….Still room for more carvers and interested persons. Contact Roy Tapio (860 370-9016) for more info.

Canterbury Public Schools

Happy Springs. It is bitter sweet to be jumping into the last few weeks of school. Our last day of school will June 7. The grade 8 Recognition Ceremony for the Class of 2019 will be held at 6 pm on June 7th. To help support all students this winter and spring, the after-school program was coordinated allowing students to remain after school for an hour with homework help two days per week with bus transportation home provided. This program is grant funded and also has a fitness component allowing students to access the BMS weight room.

Why Canterbury?: This is a project where grade 5 students interview a family member in Canterbury; grade 6 students interview a senior citizen in Canterbury; grade 7 students interview a business owner in Canterbury; and grade 8 students interview an employee of the town. The vision is to have a community event and expo that spotlights the families, seasoned Canterburians, businesses and employees of the town.

Canterbury Invention Convention: During the past several months, Mr. Tim Simkowski has been coaching and supporting students who voluntarily have been inventing and bringing their ideas to creation. On the evening of March 22, 2019 students presented their ideas and inventions and the results are below. The students will head to the State Invention Convention on May 4, 2019 at UCONN in Storrs.

- Best Overall Invention: Steevenson Mady (Mailbox Light)
- Best Invention Process: Gray Barbeau (Prunus Persica Pitter)
- Most Practical Invention: Chloe Woodworth (Fidget Pencil)
- Most Original Invention: Teagan Klewin (Magic Mirror)
- Most Effective Invention: Rae Coombs (Book Mate)

Greetings from the Elementary School! It has been a busy year and here are some highlights from this month. The PTO and CES are collaborating to bring at least one family fun night a month to our school community. We are bringing science topics to children in an after-school program that occurs monthly. We call it “Kid’s Lab. Attendance continues to exceed 100 students per event. We are working this spring to bring a rain garden to CES. A team of three including myself, our social worker, and our Director of Pupil Services attended a Connecticut State Department Training on the topic of Restorative Practices. We hope to bring the knowledge we gained back to our staff. These trainings are free from the state. Story telling sessions for PK and K began in January and will continue throughout the spring! The faculty will be presented with professional development on read alouds and storytelling next week at our faculty meeting, which is another part of this grant. We began our PK screening last week. Our K registration is at the end of the month of April and parents are currently making appointments to meet with our K teachers. From the office of Director of Pupil Services, Jeff Ferranti: Each and every child is a general education student first, regardless of their disability. Our vision is to support and enhance curriculum, instruction and assessment resulting in all students with special needs, prep to age 21, achieving success academically, socially and emotionally at their cognitive level. A Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) has launched a new parent to parent information. Next meeting is April 25, 6-7:30 . Everyone is welcome!

Thank you for your continued support of our schools.
CANTERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library WishList
Pick a wish and help us build a better library
Buy a book - Make a Donation - Volunteer Your Time
Sponsored by the FRIENDS of the CPL.

Summer Reading Theme is
A UNIVERSE OF STORIES
Watch our social media for more info

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

STEM Saturdays
Saturday, 10-11 am
September 15, October 20, November 17 and December 15
Celebrate your inner engineer! Children will explore the fun and imagination that comes with architecture and construction. Activities will use Legos, Keva Planks, nanobugs and other materials. Ages 7+. Sign-up required.

Bouncing Baby Tales with Melissa Lennon
Children, ages birth to 18 months old. Sign-up required.

Music & Movement with Melissa Lennon
Children, ages 18 months to 3 years old. Sign-up required.

Ladder to Literacy with Melissa Lennon
Children, ages 3 1/2 to 5 years old. Sign-up required.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Movies are on Saturdays at 11:30 am Come and enjoy a movie at the library! Snacks and drinks are welcome. Popcorn will be provided. All Ages. No sign-up required. Check website and Facebook for movie titles.

Bird Banding
May 4 at 9:00
Watch as birders catch and release birds to track migratory patterns All Ages. No sign-up required.

Possum Story Time
May 18 at 12:30
Listen to stories about possums and meet Lavender, the possum! All Ages. No sign-up required.

Knitting Class
May 2 & May 9 at 6:30
Learn how to knit in a two-part class. 8+. Sign-up required.

ADULT AND TEEN PROGRAMS

Thursday Movies at 5:30 pm
Snacks and drinks are welcome. Popcorn will be provided. No sign-up required.

Cooking Club
Each meeting will feature a different theme. Check the website for more information. Sign-up required.

Automotive Training Class
Learn basic car care. May 16 at 6:00. Sign-up required.

DIY Tick Repellent
May 7 at 5:00. Sign-up required.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Info Session
May 7 at 5:00. Sign-up required.

Jewelry Making
May 15 at 10:00. In the community room with Kathleen Hart. Sign-up required.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

3rd Tuesday of each month 7pm
Get your copy of the book at either Canterbury or Scotland Public Library

May 21st
Andre Dubus III books (Scotland)

June 20th
Fortune Cookie Chronicles by Jennifer Lee (Canterbury)

July 16th
Song Lyric Poetry (Scotland)

August 20th
The Power by Naomi Alderman (Canterbury)

Feminist Book Club at 6pm
May 22nd
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

June 19th
I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Brown Bag Book Talks at 12:00
Come discuss books that fit the week’s topic. Check website for more details.

LIBRARY SERVICES

See our Website for easy access

Gaming Computer
High-speed WI-FI

Printing: 15 cents/page for black and white; 30 cents/page for color
Disc Cleaning: $3.00/disc

LIBRARY PASSES

Connecticut State Parks Pass (No Child Left Inside Initiative): Covers parking at all four state beaches, as well as several inland parks. Free admission for 2 adults & 4 children.


Mystic Aquarium: Half-priced admission for 2 adults & 2 children.

Mystic Seaport: Half-priced admission for 2 adults & 3 children.

Roger Williams Park Zoo: Reduced admission for up to 4 adults, seniors, and/or children.

State Museums: Free Admission for 2 adults & 2 youths (6-17 years).

Wadsworth Atheneum: Free admission for 2 adults & 2 children.

Creating Community Connections
Hours: Monday-Wednesday 9am - 7pm; Thursday 9am - 6pm; Saturday 9am - 2pm
Website: www.canterburylibrary.org
Phone: 860/546-9022 Fax: 860-546-1142
Canterbury Transfer Station

The costs for garbage hauling are increasing, one of the best ways to help hold the costs down for the town is to recycle as much as possible:

**Single stream recyclables, include:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Cardboard</th>
<th>Newspaper</th>
<th>Magazines</th>
<th>Junk mail</th>
<th>Glass containers</th>
<th>Plastic containers</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Aluminum foil</td>
<td>Metal and tin cans</td>
<td>Office paper</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**We also recycle:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Electronics</th>
<th>Motor oil</th>
<th>Scrap metal</th>
<th>Paint</th>
<th>Batteries</th>
<th>Antifreeze</th>
<th>Textiles</th>
<th>Books</th>
<th>Fluorescent bulbs</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Any question about what bin to use please ask Bill or Al who are there to help. Your support in this will help keep costs down for the whole town. Thank you.

PRUDENCE CRANDALL MUSEUM &
Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum

The Prudence Crandall Museum opens for the season Thursday, May 2nd. The Museum will be open Thursday through Sunday, until September 1st, from 10 am to 4 pm (last ticket sold at 3:30 pm). Cost of admission is $6 per person, $5 for seniors, under 12 free. A Blue Star Museum, active military personnel and their families can also visit for free.

Other opportunities to visit for free include:

- **State Museum Sundays**, when the Museum will also be open for free to all CT residents the 3rd Sunday of each month through August (5/19, 6/16, 7/21 & 8/18).
- On Saturday, June 8th the Prudence Crandall Museum will participate in the annual **CT Open-House Day**, and admission will be free to all.
- The Canterbury Public Library has free passes for Museum admission, all you need is your library card to check the passes out at the circulation desk.

We hope to see you!

The Prudence Crandall Museum will be participating in a **Tag Sale** at Ellis Tech High School in Danielson on Saturday, June 1st, 9 am to 2 pm. There will be vintage glass and china for sale, along with handmade scarves and holiday decorations!

This year will be the first time the Prudence Crandall Museum will participate in **Make Music Day**, an internationally-wide event that celebrates music! The event is FREE and will take place on the lawn, weather permitting, Friday, June 21st from 5:30-7:30 pm. We are in need of musicians (amateur or professional), so if you interested would like to perform, email crandall.museum@ct.gov.

On Saturday, July 20, the Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum are pleased to host Connecticut State Troubadour Nekita Waller to perform at this season's **Music at Twilight**. Wear your dancing shoes to this FREE concert on the lawn of the Prudence Crandall Museum. Bring a blanket or chairs, and a picnic supper. In case of rain the program will be held at the Community Center.

**The Story Will Outlive the Canvas**, the Prudence Crandall Museum’s newest exhibit, was awarded an Award of Merit from the Connecticut League of History Organizations. Congratulations to retired curator Kazimiera Kozlowski and volunteer/educator Kendall Smith for all their hard work on this award-winning exhibit, on display through August.

The Prudence Crandall Museum will be closing early this year, Labor Day Weekend, to prepare for upcoming renovations to the site. The National Historic Landmark will receive a new roof, new exterior paint, structural support, and other important preservation details. Work has already begun on the new fence.