



Canterbury Town News



May 2011

Canterbury, Connecticut

SELECTMEN'S CORNER

Spring is finally here, after the longest, most expensive, most destructive winter I remember. On the bright side, maybe it'll make us appreciate the other three seasons that much more...

We're off and running on several projects throughout Town: we now have a dedicated "e-waste" collection container at the Transfer Station which includes everything from computers to stereos to cell phones. All of the material is disassembled and recycled domestically in an environmentally safe manner at no cost to the Town. We're also beginning a timber clearing and harvesting project at the Kinne Road site. This will involve clearing areas for use in the new transfer station and the eventual new Public Works garage, as well as selected harvesting of the acreage behind the garage. The qualifying bid on the project (in this case the high bid) will net the Town around \$24,000 in revenue.

Work is progressing full speed ahead on construction of the new transfer station. We've relocated most of the dumpsters out of the way of construction, and relocated the northeast driveway to its actual new location. Construction of the "sawtooth" retaining wall that will separate the resident access from container hauling should begin in a month or so. Thanks to our great Public Works crew for the bulk of the work so far, and thanks to Ed's Garage for donating all that fill. We appreciate your patience during this transition period.

I've been in touch with a volunteer group that builds wheelchair ramps and makes them available at no cost. If you or someone you know could benefit, please call the Selectmen's office at 860-546-9693.

This year's budget Town Meeting will be held on Friday, May 20 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. The budget referendum will be held at a to-be-specified time 7-14 days after that, most likely on June 1 (to be confirmed by the Board of Selectmen). Copies of the budget are available in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town Clerk and Board of Finance pages on the town website. Please refer to the Board of Finance article in this newsletter for overall budget specifics.

Brian Sear

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance at its regular meeting on April 13 voted 4-2 to send the proposed General Government, Capital Improvement Plan and Education budgets to Town Meeting for consideration by the Legislative Body of the Town. These budgets will require a .3 mil increase in the mil rate. This increase was not based solely on the proposed spending plans, but rather on the reduced levels of Local and State revenue projections for the upcoming year and future anticipated expenses that the Town will face with the roof replacement at the elementary school building. A .3 mil increase means that property assessed at \$100,000 dollars will see an increase of \$30 in their yearly tax bill.

Robert J Droesch
Chairman, Board of Finance

Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office

Dog Licensing: Reminder notices for dog licenses will be sent in mid-May. Once you receive your notice, you may come in to purchase your dog's license. Rabies vaccination expiration dates will be printed on the postcard. If the rabies vaccination expired since your last visit, please bring the updated rabies certificate with you when you renew the license. All dog license transactions sent through the mail MUST have a self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed.

Hunting/Fishing Guides: The 2011 Hunting and Fishing Guides have finally arrived! There are plenty to go around!

Budget/Tax Bills: The Annual Town Budget Meeting will be held on **May 20**. The budgets as presented will be voted on at a referendum (date to be determined). If the budgets pass at referendum, then the Board of Finance sets a mil rate, and tax bills can be processed. It usually takes about three weeks after the budget is passed to get bills printed, envelopes filled, and mailed. We usually mail out tax bills on June 30 and you have the month of July to pay without penalty. If the budgets do not pass, then revisions will have to be made, another Budget Meeting will take place, and then another referendum. If the budget fails again, then the process is repeated. If you will be out of town during the referendum, you may vote by absentee ballot.

You may now pay your bills on-line by going to the Tax Collector's page of the Town's website, canterbury-ct.org, and click on the link to on-line bill paying.

Tax Liens: Liens will be placed on all unpaid 2009 Grand List Real Estate accounts on June 2.

Have a happy spring!
Natalie Riemann

Agricultural Commission

Canterbury has a new commission which will function as the local advocate for farming and agricultural enterprises in town. Officially formed in March, the commission will provide a conduit for information and assistance at county, regional, state and national levels. Recently appointed board members are Kevin Lindell, Lee Wrigley, John Baldwin, Christina Fensley, and Chairman Dawn Pindell. Alternates are Tim Tyler and Rob Tuttle. The commission will focus on promoting the sustainability and viability of local farming efforts, with an emphasis on public education about agricultural issues.

Additional responsibilities include identifying new agricultural business opportunities in our town and conducting community outreach programs that enhance marketing and sales of locally grown, locally produced or locally harvested farm products. The group already has a number of projects underway for 2011, including "Meet Your Farm Neighbor" this month, conducting farm open-house tours in conjunction with Old Home Day in September, and hosting Canterbury as a new destination for a "Walktober Hike" in the Fall. Check out the Ag Commission's link on the Canterbury Town web site for updates and additional information.

Thank You to everyone who came forward to support establishing this new board – the open forum discussions and sharing of opinions will make our town stronger and a better place to live.

Editor's Note

The next issue will be published in September 2011. Anyone wishing to submit articles for consideration feel free to do so by email to canterburynewsletter@yahoo.com or by dropping them off at the Selectmen's Office by August 15th.

The editor reserves the right in all instances to edit for length and content.

CANTERBURY CERT NEEDS YOU!

Canterbury CERT Needs Volunteers for Shelter Exercise.

On June 3rd beginning at 5:30 PM, the Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School will be the site of the Northeast Regional Red Cross Shelter. June 3 and 4 have been selected for a region-wide disaster shelter exercise. Simultaneously, overnight shelters will also open in Groton and Willimantic.

Here in Canterbury, we will open for the evening ONLY. Shelters will be provided for both humans AND their pets (*cats and dogs only please*). This is our opportunity to practice operating a community shelter. Hopefully we will never have a disaster in Canterbury that will necessitate opening a shelter but we want to be prepared.

We are looking for volunteer "disaster victims" – families, single adults, children accompanied by an adult, "mature" adults, and their pets. **You must, however, pre-register.** Dinner is being provided. Information on disaster preparedness will be available. We need your help to make this an effective exercise.

Please email Carol Kent at clrk2knt@aol.com or leave a message at **860-546-6924** if you are interested in attending. We need your name, number of attendees, and number and type of pets, if any, you will be bringing.

We do hope you can join us on June 3rd!

LAND USE OFFICE

Hello and Happy Spring from the Land Use office!

We often get inquiries about the agricultural exemption under the Inland Wetland and Watercourse Regulations. This exemption allows agricultural producers to do work in or near wetlands, as long as they are not filling, or removing material from, the wetland without a permit. Before work starts, however, a determination must be made by either the Agent or the Commission that your work will be exempt. Failing to attain this will mean your activity is in violation of the regulations! Stop by the office and fill out a simple form to get this determination. In many cases it is done by the Agent and costs nothing.

Another question that is often asked is what is required to do logging in Canterbury? From a Zoning perspective, it is an allowable by-right activity as it is an agricultural use. If logs are imported into a lot and processed commercially, that would be regulated by zoning as it is a processing facility. However, processing logs cut from the lot is fine. As for wetlands, this is considered an agricultural use and is exempt with two exceptions. First, you cannot clear-cut wetlands - except to install crop land. Clear cutting is the cutting of the all timber over 2 inches in diameter.

Second, you cannot install bridges or bring in fill to create crossings to reach the lumber (this is considered filling, which is not allowed under the agricultural exemption – a permit would be required. As it is an agricultural use, a determination must be made as explained in the above paragraph.

Just a reminder that it is against the Zoning Regulations to operate a "junk yard" in Town. A junk yard is a property where more than 2 unregistered or junk cars exist or where "junk" or refuse is stored in public view. If you have more than two vehicles or excessive junk in your yard, please clean it up to make both our lives easier!

The Commission adopted a new enforcement policy which can be found on the Planning and Zoning Webpage. This document outlines the common path followed when the Town has to issue a violation of our regulations.

Lastly, a quick reminder that permits are needed for many home repairs and remodeling projects as well for any projects where excavation will occur within 100 feet of a wetland or watercourse. Please call the Land Use Office at 860-546-6857 to verify if one is needed for your activity. Thanks!

Steven Sadlowski, CZEO

Agent for the Elderly



Happy spring to all,

We have finally made it through another long winter. This past winter was a very busy season with energy assistance. Thank you to everyone for your patience.

Day Kimball Healthcare is hosting:

Fall Prevention Initiative: *Individualized* in-home fall evaluations and education provided to persons age 60 and older who have fallen within the past year or who have multiple risk factors for falls. Referrals can be made by physicians, home care staff, service agencies, **family** caregivers or **individual's themselves**. **For more information or to make a referral call: (860) 779-9270.**

The fall prevention initiative is made possible by a **grant** from the Connecticut Collaboration for Fall Prevention at Yale University School of Medicine. Funding will be provided from the Aging Services Division of the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services. This is a *free* service.

Canterbury Senior Summer Barbecue



Join us for our 1st Annual Summer Barbecue Party on July 9th from 1pm to 4pm. Join us for food, music, horseshoes, bocce, and more!! To be held in the community room (inside and outside). Please RSVP to (860) 546-9845 by June 30th.

I look forward to seeing everyone there. Until then, have a healthy and save summer!!

Cherri Richardson
860-546-9845

Assessor's Office

The Elderly & Totally Disabled Tax Credit Program deadline is May 15th!

If you turned 65 in 2010, or you are totally disabled, you could be eligible for our Homeowner's tax credit program if your income is within certain guidelines set by the State of Connecticut. The maximum income allowed for a married couple is \$39,500 and for a single person the maximum income is \$32,300. Proof of income is required. The filing period is from February 1st through May 15th. Please call the Assessor's Office for more information about this program.

Additional Veteran's & Local Option Veterans Exemption These programs are designed to provide property tax exemptions for veterans whose income is within certain limits. To receive these exemptions, an application must be filed between February 1st and October 1st for the 2011 Grand List. Proof of income is required. Check with the Assessor's Office for the income limits.

Please note that all of these programs require a biennial filing. If you last filed in 2008, another application needs to be completed in 2010 in order to continue receiving the benefit. If you are unsure of when you last filed, please call the Assessor's Office to verify.

Attention Renters: The Renter's Program begins May 16, 2011. If you are 65 (or older), and/or totally disabled, & rent in Canterbury, you could be eligible for the State of Connecticut's Rent Rebate program if you meet the State's income and expense guidelines. Application must be made no later than Thursday September 15, 2011. Call the Assessor's Office (546-6035) if you have any questions about these exemptions or want to make an appointment to file an application for these programs. Please remember office hours are Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm.

COMMUNITY CONCERT

featuring
**Griswold High School Steel
Drum Band &
Canterbury's own
Tom Thornton**

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011

6:30 P. M.

FREE ADMISSION

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY CENTER
1 MUNICIPAL DRIVE

Rain or Shine

Will be held outside weather permitting.

4th of July Parade Committee

Hear Ye! Hear Ye, Patriots! You are needed to help celebrate our breakaway from tyranny and our Independence from jolly Old England. Come celebrate the birth of a New England throughout the land called America.

We continue with our annual Canterbury 4th of July Parade festivities again this year, and everyone in the area is participating. We need marchers, color guards, livestock and animal pets, Girl and Boy Scouts, Junior Marines, bands, floats, gym teams, cyclists, bikers, vehicles of all types with all kinds of decorations, patriotic music, teams of all sorts and all ages! Floats playing parade music is especially needed. Everyone can enter, whether you drive a tractor, combine, lawn mower, bus, dump truck, or a Peterbilt-semi. Show up with what you've got, even if it's just a pair of walking shoes and a flag!

The theme this year is "Honoring Our Past" with a tribute to our most senior citizens Lynwood Tracy and Dorothy Miller, both 100 years old! So promote your business, your organization or your patriotism, but get involved! We also need some folks to help behind the scenes, organizing the festivities and with coordinating things on the day of the parade. Do your duty for our great country, America! To volunteer or get information, contact Jack Tucker (546-9082) or Lee Wrigley (546-6566).

Canterbury Historical Society

September 17, 2011--Old Home Day

Plans are continuing for our annual fall event known as Old Home Day. This year, Old Home Day will take place on Saturday, September 17th from 10AM-4PM, and will include demonstrations of traditional trades, food, live music, an open house at the restored Green District Schoolhouse, and more. Admission is - as always - free. Make plans to join us on the Canterbury Green on September 17th, rain or shine. For more information on OHD 2011, as well as photos from previous years, click on the link under "Events" on our website: www.canterburyhistorical.org.

Canterbury Historical Society meetings are the second Friday of each month (except no meetings July and August) at 7:00 pm. in the Canterbury Town Hall Community room. The business meeting is followed by an interesting, historically informative, program. The public is welcome to attend. For upcoming programs and a wealth of other information go to the Canterbury Historical Society website. The speaker at the June meeting will be Mr. Arthur Liverant, owner of "Nathan Liverant and Son Antiques, LLC" of Colchester, CT. He will give the following presentation: **Tiny Chairs For Tiny Buns: 250 Years of Children's Chairs**.

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Photos & Memorabilia-- Do you have old photos of Canterbury. We have many photos already but you may have one we do not have and would be willing to share it. Schools, old mills, businesses, roads, houses, residents, old documents and other memorabilia, whatever you think may be of interest to others. This will help document more of our Canterbury history. Contact me, Judy Moffitt, President at 860-546-9768.

Judy Moffitt, Pres. CHS

Kinne Preserve

Thank you The Kinne Preserve Commission would like to thank Canterbury resident, Ricky Ross for all the work that he accomplished at the Kinne Preserve. Ricky came to us about a year ago with his proposal to restore the preserve for his Eagle Scout project. The preserve is a lovely, natural property but all of the man-made features had become overgrown, unfinished, vandalized or just needed some TLC. It was Ricky's job to plan the projects, organize the volunteers to get the work done, and find business's that would donate materials needed to complete the project.

Brush was removed from the parking area and more gravel was added. He completely refurbished the bulletin board. He put a roof on it and reinforced the foundation. Ricky mapped out all the trails other features which had never been done before. A large, laminated map is now on the bulletin board. He also made small maps that are available from the mailbox on the bulletin board. He cleaned up and marked trails. He also built two picnic tables, one is at the entrance and the other is at the camping area. (The camping area is sometimes used by scouts.)

Background In 1975, the Canterbury Bicentennial Commission was looking for a piece of land for a Bicentennial Park. Only towns that left something of lasting value could be designated a "Bicentennial Town." Arthur Kinne, a member of that commission, and his wife Dorothy donated a 28.2 acre parcel to the town to be used as a park. They had purchased the land in 1934 from Isabel Briggs but had never used it. It was exactly what the commission was looking for. The land had been undisturbed for decades and was covered by trees, had a kettle hole and a brook (Kinne Brook) that crossed over one corner. There was one problem, no road frontage. Mr. and Mrs. Wisnieski of Corey Road donated a tract of land to be used for a road into the park. The town crew cleared land for the road and volunteers cleared paths. The park was dedicated In October, 1976 as one of the many Bicentennial events.

Today The main trail is an easy hike and a great place to bring a field guide. Bloodroot, Witch Hazel, Rattlesnake-weed, Sarsaparilla and Pink Lady's Slipper are just a few plants that can be found. The kettle hole is actually a vernal pool. The Audubon Society has been monitoring the pool for the last three years. Wood frogs, Yellow Spotted Salamanders and Marble Salamanders which are all forest animals, use the pool once a year for breeding.

The preserve is administered by a five member commission whose goal is to preserve the natural character of the land for future generations to enjoy as the Kinne's intended it to be.

Directions From Rt 14, turn onto Lisbon Road. Turn right onto Kinne Road, left onto Corey Road, and left onto Wisniewski Road. There is a small parking area is at the end of the road on the left near the entrance to the preserve.

Thank you again Thank you again Ricky for all your hard work and making this all happen. The preserve looks amazing and so well-maintained. We also want to thank everyone else who helped or donated. Special thanks to Ed's Garage, Norwich Lumber Co., Creative Interiors, Cindy Phillips, and Troop19 of Baltic, CT.

The Kinne Preserve Commission

Finnish American Heritage Society

The record snowfall this winter provided a great introduction to our February Laskiainen Day (traditional Finnish fun day of snow sledding and pea soup) and Pulla sale. Several variations of the traditional soup were provided by several members and all were sold to local attendees to the event. The record winter also resulted in roof damage to many local homes and businesses including the Finn Hall. We have been fortunate to receive several grants to repair the facility damage on North Canterbury Road. Several local organizations including the Selectman's office provided letters of support for our grants and we thank them.

The March St Urho's Day celebration was chaired by Katrina and Steven Bousquet and held at the Norwich VFW. The celebration is a version or competitive Holiday to the Irish St Patrick's Day and may have been started in recent times in the U.S. as folklore and mythology regarding a man who drove the grasshoppers from Finland centuries ago. The true origin is debated and may never be known.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast was held in April with our special Finnish oven pancake dish being the most popular menu item along with Pulla, sausage and scrambled eggs. This year the breakfast was chaired by Linda Kuja and Stan Karro. The Hall also held the Finnish Culinary Delights at the end of April with many interesting recipes including Fast Finnish Cardamom Bread and Crepes Suzette "Finn Style". All attendees enjoyed the tasting following.

The Heritage Society has been hosting Finnish language classes since March with instructors Anita Smiley and John Warn. In addition Jack Smiley is chairing a new group of wood carving crafters. These classes are open to FAHS members and local residents of the regions' communities.

Coming events include our Chicken Barbeque (special/secret basting sauce) on May 21st from 4-6 PM and the Giant Yard Sale on June 18th from 9-2 PM. Interested vendors for the yard sale are asked to contact Linnea or Marcia Huhta at 860 564-7432.

On June 25th the Hall will host an interesting textile printing and dyeing demonstration called Batik. The time of the event has not been determined, but please check your local papers for an announcement or call Karla Tate at 860 889-2818 or email turtltate@aol.com for added information.

Invitation to Local Artists: The Heritage Society at the Finn Hall will sponsor an ART and CRAFT EXHIBIT and SALE on Oct 9th in conjunction with The Last Green Valley's Walktober events. We encourage local artists to participate in this community event which will be held from 10 AM to 4 PM. It will be a non-juried show open to artists in any and all media. For additional information and exhibitor enrollment information package please contact:

Karen Pillari @ 860 546-9156 email, kaosedg@yahoo.com

Stan Karro @ 860 774-4337 email swkbrklyn@aol.com

In addition the Finn Hall Museum and Library will be open as part of the Walktober event and ethnic food and of course our Pulla and coffee will be available.

Calendar

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| May 15 th | Finnish Language Class
11:30 AM
Memorial Courtyard
Dedication 2 PM |
| May 21 st | Chicken BBQ 4-6 PM |
| June 18 th | Giant Yard Sale 9 AM
to 2 PM. |
| June 25 th | Textile Group
Exhibition, Batik
Printing and Dyeing |
| September 16 th | Wine Tasting Social
7-9 PM |
| September 17 th | Old Home Days,
Accordion Group/
Dance 6:30 to 10 PM |
| September 24 th | Tori/Open Air
Market 9-2 PM |
| October 9 th | Art Exhibit/ Walktober
Open House 10-4 PM |
| October 14 th | Finntober 7-9PM |
| October 30 th | Children's Halloween
Party 2 PM |

Retired & Senior Volunteer Program

Make a difference in someone's life. Become a Volunteer for RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) at United Community & Family Services located at 47 Town Street, Norwich.

The rewards of volunteering are many. In addition to helping others in need it also enhances one's sense of belonging, increases worthiness and improves self-competence. Our community needs your help.

If you can spare a couple of hours in your week please call us at 860-889-2648, Lori at ext. 387 or Evi at ext. 386. We promise you'll find this a satisfying and rewarding experience.

Maple Syrup Recipes Wanted

Lynne Denning is putting together a cookbook to feature maple syrup. Send in your favorite recipe to be included in this fabulous edition. Remember, maple syrup must be an ingredient. Recipes can be mailed to her attention at PO Box 112, Canterbury or emailed to lynne_denning@yahoo.com.

Canterbury Stitches Raise Needed Funds for Library



The Canterbury Stitches would like to thank everyone who donated and purchased yarn at the yarn sale held on Saturday, April 16th. A total of \$400

was able to be donated to the Canterbury Public Library. The next yarn sale is planned for October 2011 to benefit Canterbury Cares. Donations of yarn are always welcome.

The Canterbury Stitches meet at the Library every Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00. The group is made up of all levels of knitters, crotchetier and other crafters. New members are always welcome.

Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum, Inc.

The Friends are looking forward to the opening of this season at the Museum. We will hold our Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 7 at 10 AM and the public is welcome to attend. The speaker will be Whitney Bayers, Historic Preservation Fellow at the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism. She will speak about Connecticut's Freedom Trail and the 120 sites on the Underground Railroad, which includes the Prudence Crandall museum.

The Spring Tea will be held on Sunday, May 22 from 1-3 PM. The fee is \$12 and for reservations, call 860.546.7800. We hope you will join us for a delicious luncheon and tea in Carter House. Following tea, we encourage you to tour the gardens and the Crandall Museum. Be sure to see the video at the Museum, *To All on Equal Terms*. This tells the Crandall story and has been nominated for a New England Emmy!

On June 11, Connecticut Open Days will include free admission to the Museum and a gardening activity for visitors, which will be sponsored by the Friends.

Reserve Friday, July 1st for a concert by the **102nd Army National Guard Band**. They provided us with a great evening of entertainment two years ago and they are happy to return to Canterbury once again. Come out and support these representatives of our armed forces who keep us safe in our homes.....it's a super way to begin your July 4th weekend!

On Sunday, July 10, and Sunday, August 7, there will be activity programs at the Museum for kids to adults from 1-3 PM. Please watch the newspapers and the news board outside of the Museum for information as we approach those dates.

And get ready to celebrate the 25th Prudence Crandall Day, Saturday, September 3rd. The Friends will be there with their cafe, games for the youngsters, and treasures to purchase for gifts or for your own enjoyment. See you at the Museum this season!

PRUDENCE CRANDALL MUSEUM

The Prudence Crandall Museum has opened for the Season! Museum hours are Thursday through Sunday, 10am to 4pm (last ticket sold at 3:30pm). The museum is also open on Wednesdays by appointment only. In addition, the museum has a variety of special programs and events for both adults and children scheduled throughout the summer and into the fall.

Saturday, May 14, 1pm, the museum hosts a "*Freedom's Journey*" Poetry Reading. Join renowned poet Gabrielle Calvocoressi as she reads poems inspired by Prudence Crandall and her academy. The program is included in the regular museum admission, and refreshments will follow the reading. ("Freedom's Journey" is part of New Haven's annual Festival of Arts & Ideas held in June. For more info: www.artidea.org)

Sunday, May 22, the Museum will host the *Annual Spring Tea* from 1 to 3pm. An assortment of teas, seasonal salad and soup will be accompanied by tea sandwiches and sweets. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon of conversation in a historic atmosphere. Tickets are \$12. Per person, and pre-registration is required as seating is limited. Call the museum

to reserve tickets!

Saturday, June 11, 10am to 4pm, the museum will participate in Connecticut Open House (sponsored by the Commission on Culture & Tourism) and free admission will be offered to state residents. The event encourages local residents to discover – or rediscover – the cultural sites that are literally right in our own backyard. For a complete list of participating sites, please go to www.ctvisit.com.

The Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum, Inc. are planning two children's hands on programs this summer: Sunday July 10 and Sunday, August 7, 1 to 3pm both days. Please call the museum for more information.

Saturday, September 3 will be the 25th Prudence Crandall Day event on the museum grounds from 10am to 4pm. The day will be filled with music, crafts demonstrations, food, period children's games, and self guided tours of the museum. Join us as we celebrate Prudence Crandall's 208th birthday!

For additional information call the Museum at 860-546-7800 or go to www.cultureandtourism.org.

Friends of the Canterbury Public Library

The Friends of the Canterbury Public Library would like to invite you to our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00 pm in the library. We will have a short business meeting, discussing our accomplishments for the year and electing new officers, and then we will have a speaker from the Friends of the Connecticut Libraries to talk about fundraising. Refreshments will be served, so please stop by.

The Friends are participating in the Adopt an Island program at the Town Hall. We've volunteered to plant a garden in one of the islands in the Town Hall's parking lot, and we're seeking donations of planting materials as well as help planting the garden. If you have a few hours to spare and/or some flowering plans that need dividing, please contact Kate Zapadka at 860/546-9607.

May is Membership Month from the Friends, so we'd like to encourage you to join the Friends today! Memberships start at the low price of \$5 for an individual membership, or you can elect to donate \$15 for a family membership, or only \$100 to be a member of the Friends for life! As a member of the Friends, you'll be the first to know about our book sales and other events, and you'll be invited to members-exclusive programs in the future. Please consider joining the Friends today by filling out a membership form in the library.

Finally, check out our presence on the internet! For the latest updates, visit our website at canterburylibrary.com/friends_group or become a fan on Facebook by searching for Friends of the Canterbury Public Library.

CANTERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Universal Class – Continuing Education in your Community

A free online educational service through your library providing the highest quality online course for people interested in the lifelong pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional development. Live instructors moderate each course, grade assignments and interact with students and the ability to earn Continuing Education Units (CEU's) that meet an international standard (IACET Standard). Sign up at the library today to win a free audiobook.



Thanks to a very generous donor, we now own three Kobo eReaders for loan. The Kobo comes pre-loaded with 100 novels. Stop in and check-out a Kobo.

Summer Activities at the Library:

Take a trip around the world with our summer theme *One World Many Stories*. Join us each week for activities, crafts, games, story times, and prizes for all ages starting June 18, 2011.

July 23rd—T-Bone's Tropical Adventures for all ages. 1:00-2:00 p.m.

July 20th—Wildlife in your backyard with Sarah Heminway from the CT Audubon Society in Pomfret.

Young Adult Group: Choose books, music, games, and movies for the library, plan programs you would like to attend. Join the Young Adult Advisory Council (YAAC).

May 14th – Teen Summer Volunteer Workshop from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

May 21st - Improvisation Workshop from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

May 26th - Edible Arrangements from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

June 30th - Magic Cards from 6:30-7:30p.m.

Summer Reading Program - TBS Weekly Teen group events that relate to each week's theme.

First Friday Getaways @ Your Library

Starting in February, we will have family fun nights the first Friday of each

month (excluding July & August). Refreshments will be served at all programs. The library will be open from 5-8 PM.

May 6th Meet your Farming Neighbors find out what they have to offer. Shop locally, save money, save time, and eat healthy

June 3rd Lego/K'nex demonstration and play.

Be a Citizen Science Volunteer

Vernal Pool Monitoring to register, call 860-928-4948 or email pcoughlin@ctaclubon.org.

Tuesday Talks

May 10, 2011 - Become a nutritional detective with Clare Despathy as she shows us how to Decode Food Labels from 6:30-7:30.

May 17, 2011 - Let's Talk about movies begins with the movie Inside Job (2010) 12 min - 6:00-9:00 p.m. *The Global Economic crisis of 2008 cost tens of millions of people their savings, their jobs, and their homes. This is how it happened.* The film that cost \$20,000,000,000,000 to make.

Let's Talk about Books

Join us each month for an engaging discussion starting at 7:05 PM. Call either library to reserve your copy. Scotland P.L. 860-423-1492 or Canterbury P.L. 860-546-9022.

May 18th - Scotland- *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

June 20th – Canterbury- *Bill Warrington's Last Chance* by James King Sponsored by Quiet Corner Reads.

June 21st – Quiet Corner Reads presents James King, author of *Bill Warrington's Last Chance* at Tyrone Farm in Pomfret - two seatings - tickets \$10

July 20th – Scotland – *La's Orchestra Saves the World* by Alexander McCall Smith

Watch for these other programs:

Movie Nights in May 2011 - please call or go to our website for dates and times.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1

The King's Speech

Free Downloadable Audio Books:

Check out our website for new downloadable audio books



Hours: Monday-Wednesday 10am - 7pm; Thursday 10am - 8pm; Saturday 10am - 4pm

Website: www.canterburylibrary.org

Phone: 860/546-9022 **Fax:** 860-546-1142

Email: canterburypublic@yahoo.com

Faxes sent and received, 860-546-1142, \$1 per page to send, \$.25 to receive.

Library Passes

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

Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine; Prudence Crandall Museum; Sloane-Stanley Museum; Henry Whitfield State Museum.

Wadsworth Atheneum: Free admission for 2 adults and 2 children

Mystic Aquarium: Discounted admission for up to 2 adults and 2 children

Roger Williams Park Zoo Pass: Reduced admission for up to 4 adults, seniors, and /or children. Includes a 10% discount on zoo retail items.

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

The Denison Homestead: Free admission for two adults and two children

Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut: ½-price museum pass.

Currently, half price admission is \$3.00.

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First Congregational Church Celebrates 300th Anniversary

The First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, on the Green in Canterbury this year is celebrating the 300th anniversary of its founding on June 13, 1711. Special events will be held throughout the year beginning with a fundraiser plant and bake sale at the church on Saturday, May 14th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Members of the church and businesses in the area are busy potting up a variety of flowers and plants for sale that day and cooks in the church will be offering their favorite baked goods.

As early as 1705 Robert Green had been given 30 shillings for 3 ½ acres (part of his farm) for land “on the hill” to erect a meeting house. However, it would be several more years before the church would be officially constituted. In 1711 the state assembly granted permission “to gather a church and call a minister to office amongst” the few people who were part of the congregation that year. Seven men who were recognized at the time as being pillars of the church signed the covenant. Two years after its founding the church recorded having twenty-five members.

The church stands just south of the intersection of Routes 169 and 14 on South Canterbury Road. Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. with a fellowship coffee hour following. People of all backgrounds are welcome to visit and join the vibrant congregation.

Bald Eagle Sightings in the Last Green Valley

For the second year in a row, The Last Green Valley participated in the CT Midwinter Eagle Survey. A team of stalwart volunteers from The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) loaded up binoculars, cameras and cold weather gear and set out to count bald eagles. Twenty four individuals formed teams and surveyed 18 locations on the Quinebaug River and Shetucket River from 7:00 to 11:00 am.

The Midwinter Eagle Survey is organized by Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection through the state coordinator from the Franklin Wildlife Management Area. Nationally, the program is a project of the U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division. Every team observes on the same date and during the same hours to make the Midwinter Eagle Survey a national snapshot of the viability and distribution of our national symbol.

The bald eagle is a large bird of prey with a body length of 28 to 40 inches and a wingspan of up to 96 inches. Adult birds have a white head and tail with a brown body; immature eagles are all brown and may have some spotty white under the wings, breast, back, head and tail. The range of the bald eagle is most of North America, although it was on the verge of extinction in the lower 48 states in the

late 20th century. It was removed from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on June 28, 2007, just three years ago. Native Americans consider the bald eagle a sacred messenger. It became the symbol of the United States when the Continental Congress adopted



the Great Seal of the United States in 1782.

Bill Reid, TLGV’s director of external affairs organized the TLGV teams and has spotted bald eagles during paddle trips on the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers. He was sold on the idea of organizing a team of volunteers to participate in the Midwinter Eagle Survey.

“Bald eagles are beautiful birds,” Reid remarked. “When ever I see one I am always amazed at their size and majesty. The Last Green Valley has wonderful

natural resources and organizing a team to participate in the Eagle Survey was another way to involve volunteers in the stewardship of the Valley.”

Last year the TLGV team had 12 sighting on the Quinebaug. This year the TLGV team sighted 11 bald eagles on the Quinebaug and five on the Shetucket. The teams record the exact time and location of each sighting and Julie Victoria, CT DEP wildlife biologist uses this data to determine how many individuals birds may be in the region. The birds are drawn to the open waters of the rivers to feed, most migrating south from northern New England and Canada.

According to Julie Victoria, “Winter is the most critical time for these birds. They arrive in Connecticut to areas of open water to feed on fish which is their preferred food and, at night, they roost in conifers on sheltered ridges. Access to their feeding and roosting areas without human disturbance is essential to their survival. Please keep your distance from these birds so they don’t deplete their energy flying from you.”

The Last Green Valley was pleased to be part of this important work documenting eagles in the region. Those interested in participating in the 2012 survey organized by TLGV should contact Bill Reid at 860-774-3300 or by e-mail at bill@tlgv.org.