Canterbury Town News

January 2011

SELECTMEN’S CORNER

As I write this, we're digging out from 21” of snow and expecting temperatures plummeting to near zero tonight. New England at its best! I'll be sure to save this clipping for July when we're roasting in 90 degree heat...

I'd like to offer a big “thank you” to the Public Works crew for an “around the clock” thorough and safe job handling the recent storms. We all depend on you!

You'll notice later in the newsletter a “Canterbury Emergency Registry” form. Our CERT team and Municipal Agent have been discussing the most effective way to identify residents who might need special attention during an emergency, and seeing that this newsletter reaches all residents it will ideally serve the purpose. If you're interested in providing this information, please fill out and mail the form as directed. This information is for first responder and support use only and will be kept confidentially in a locked cabinet in the Municipal Agent's office.

Other stuff...we're just beginning to benefit from two recently completed Energy Conservation grant projects: renovation of the Public Works Administration building and installation of computerized energy management controls at C.E.S. At the Kinne Road Transfer Station upgrade project, we're spending the next two months clearing land for the site and harvesting selected trees from the back property to help pay for the clearing. We're doing everything possible to keep project costs within the $200,000 commitment in STEAP funds we're receiving from the State. Come Springtime, we'll be adjusting the existing dumpster configuration to allow us to continue transfer operations while constructing the new raised area.

In the Fall we received confirmation of a $200,000 STEAP grant to upgrade the Public Works garage. The existing structure dates back more than 50 years, and really should be replaced. We had hoped for $470,000 to build a brand new garage, but are grateful to have some funds to work with. At this time, we're considering all available configuration options to give us the best solution possible.

February is budget-planning time, and we're pretty much in the same boat as the past two years: trying to maintain services without additional expenditures. With everyone's help, we've been able to “stay the course” so far. This year there's the added question mark of what will happen to Municipal Aid from the State. I'll keep you posted...

Looking ahead, I'd think it'd be nice if we had a group or groups sponsor planting in the “islands” at Town Hall come the Spring. If you're interested, please let me know. Spring is just around the corner, and it would be great to have the approach to the building decorated.

Be safe and warm.

Brian Sear

Agricultural Study Committee

Support Canterbury Agriculture

Please come to the Town meeting on Monday, February 17th at 7:00 pm to vote for establishing an Agriculture Commission in Canterbury. We also need your information and help to complete a farm brochure and plan a spring or fall town wide farm tour and activity day.

We are one of fourteen towns that were invited to be part of the AGvocate program to promote and enhance agriculture by working in a nonpartisan manner with all boards and commissions and others.

Our committee began with a Listening Session in July 2009 and since that date we have:

- Reviewed the Town’s proposed Plan of Conservation & Development and recommended proposed Ag Zoning Regulations that give farmers more options and opportunities.
- Supported the “Right to Farm” Ordinance adopted at town meeting.
- Hosted a float and marched in the July 4th parade.
- Facilitated the agricultural preservation of 124 acres of Wanungatuck Farm, along scenic Route 169 and the Quinebaug River. A local dairy farm rents this land.
- Hosted two AGvocate workshops with an average of 67 participants.
- Met monthly to discuss ways to enhance, promote and protect agriculture.
- Committee members have participated in forums and workshops on agriculture.

Contact John Baldwin @ 860-546-9635 or john21v25@aol.com for information.

Editor’s Note

The next issue will be published in April 2011. Anyone wishing to submit articles for consideration may do so by email to canterburynewsletter@yahoo.com or by dropping them off at the Selectmen’s Office by April 15th. The editor reserves the right in all instances to edit for length and content.

Contact John Baldwin @ 860-546-9635 or john21v25@aol.com for information.
**Economic Development Commission**

Rich Curtis EDC vice-chairman wrote this information about EDC’s future plans.

As EDC Chairman, I am inviting all members of Boards & Commission to attend our January 25th meeting at 7pm where we will outline our plans and invite your comments as to where the economy of our community should be heading. Everything will be on the table…we very much need your input to guide our discussions. Our major challenge is to broaden the tax base in the commercial sector and we have ideas to share about how we may proceed. Please be reminded that The Canterbury Survey completed several years ago is our reference on all we try to do. The public is also welcome so we look forward to your attendance and participation.

Thank you.

Avery Tillinghast & Rich Curtis

The Economic Development Commission made very good progress in 2010, and we look forward to expanding opportunities in 2011. To that end, we are asking the public how we can better serve you. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month in the Community Center and invite public participation. Canterbury has a significant cottage business industry that operates mostly under the radar. This year we would like to bring as many small businesses into the mainstream as possible. The Land Use Office has extended a warm welcome to all businesses who desire to get legal (notwithstanding egregious violations). As the Land Use Director reminded us “you can’t be grandfathered if you’re not a legal business.” An expanded small business base allows EDC to provide access to funding, marketing/promotion, and growth assistance. EDC is also looking into some of our natural resources in town, namely the Quinebaug River. Numerous tourism related business opportunities are available to tap this incredible resource. We hope 2011 will see the first businesses to take advantage of the Quinebaug River.

Avery Tillinghast & Rich Curtis
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**Land Use Office**

The Planning and Zoning Commission is working on promoting affordable housing in Canterbury. We have had many good discussions with our consultant, Jason Vincent of Planimetrics, and with the public. In the coming weeks, the Commission may have a public hearing on this matter – watch the website for details.

With spring on its way, you may have a home improvement project planned – perhaps an addition or a pool for the kids? If this is the case, please stop by the office to get your permit paperwork started early, so that you are ready to go once the weather breaks. As a reminder, building permits are needed for any kind of structural, electrical, or plumbing work as well as for the installation of new windows, siding or roofing. Please call the Land Use Office at 546-6857 if you have any questions.

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission would like to remind you that permits are also needed for any work in, or within 100 feet of, a wetland or watercourse. Many small projects can now be approved by the Wetlands Agent, making the process faster and easier than before.

Last, but not least, on the wall across from the First Selectman’s office in Town Hall is a map entitled, “Canterbury, CT Conserved Lands and Viewsheds”. This map, at right, which is also available on the Town’s web site under the Land Use page, shows the parcels in Town that are protected against development or Town owned. One significant addition to these lands is the Wanungatuck Farm property on North Canterbury Road. Thanks to the owner Mark Christensen, with the help of the Agricultural Study Committee, this gem is now permanently protected from development. Encompassing 124 acres, this is one of Canterbury’s largest open space tracts and fills a large void along our Quinebaug River greenway. If you have land that you would like to preserve for future generations, stop by the Land Use Office and speak with the Town Planner, Steve, about the various options that are available to owners. In many cases, these options are very beneficial to the land owner financially as well as being an asset to the community.
Agent for the Elderly

FYI ~ Senior Resources currently allocate funds to local agencies to provide meals at Community Cafés. The following is a list of these locations. If you are interested in attending the Community Cafés, please call the site manager for information regarding reservations.

Griswold Senior Center
Soule Street Griswold 860/376-2604 Robert Roberge 11:30 M-F

Lisbon Senior Center
11 Newent Road Lisbon 860/376-2329 Glenda White 11:30 M-F

Social Security
How do I sign up for Social Security benefits? Apply for Social Security benefits online, at your local office or by phone at 800-772-1213. To collect your full retirement benefits, apply to the Social Security Administration (SSA) three months before you wish to receive your first payment.

AARP members and the more than 46 million seniors who depend on Medicare won a victory on Dec. 15 when President Obama signed bipartisan legislation that stopped a drastic pay cut that could have driven more doctors out of Medicare and threatened seniors’ access to the doctors they trust. If Congress had failed to act, doctors who treat Medicare patients would have received a 25 percent pay cut starting Jan. 1, 2011.

Canterbury Senior Citizens
January 2011 is the beginning of another new membership year for the Canterbury Senior Citizens. Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every month at 11am. Note that meetings cancelled due to snow or ice, will be held the following Thursday at 11am.

Energy Assistance-Access Agency
I am still taking applications for energy assistance for anyone who needs assistance. Please call my office for an appointment.

Cherri Richardson
860-546-9845

Canterbury Senior Trips

We had wonderful experiences last year traveling together, memories and friendships were made! A variety of trips have been planned for the upcoming year and you’re all invited to join in the fun! You can find our Newsletter, which you may have, in our library and town office. You can learn more about each trip by reading the flyers on the bulletin board in the library or calling 860/546-9830.

There are several day trips featuring plays, musicals, comedy and sightseeing. Multi-day trips to Atlantic City/ Cape May, Pennsylvania’s Grand Canyon, and the “Miracle of Christmas” at the Sight & Sound theater in Lancaster (including a stay at the Hershey Lodge with their Christmas show). Our fantastic trip for this year is to the Canadian Rockies with an over-night on the train and the Calgary Stampede!

Enjoy looking them over and sign on!

Canterbury Cares

Library Mitten Tree. Three bags filled with mittens, hats, gloves and scarves were donated to Canterbury Cares.

We would like to thank everyone in town that donated time, non-perishable items and monetary donations to CANTERBURY CARES FOOD PANTRY this past year. With the generosity of the community we had a very successful year and helped many families get through rough times.

Jo Ann & Gene Brustolon
Canterbury Cares
Canterbury CERT Team Celebrates 1st Anniversary

In January 2010, Canterbury’s first CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) team completed 21 hours of federally sponsored training to become Canterbury’s first, and Region IV’s only town-based, volunteer CERT Team - ready to support local and regional emergency responders in times of disaster. Thirteen strong, the team has strengthened its disaster preparedness skills over the past year with more intensive first aid and CPR training and has attended various workshops offered throughout the state on disaster preparedness. This past year has been an organizational one. The first task was to identify a Mission Statement, and our team produced the following:

The purpose of the Canterbury CERT is to assist the Town of Canterbury by providing assistance, as needed, for emergency disaster response to Canterbury and surrounding communities, and to educate and promote disaster/emergency awareness and preparedness to all citizens.

Canterbury CERT was also successful in obtaining the only Region IV CERT grant in 2010 which supported the purchase of basic team supplies.

In keeping with our Mission to continue to educate and train, on February 8, 2011 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room the team will host a workshop on “Planning for Emergency Preparedness and Response for Persons with Disabilities” for other regional CERT teams and first responders. Five expert trainers, who are themselves disabled, will be conducting this training. The training is free and open to all who are interested including those with disabilities and caretakers of the disabled.

One of the biggest team activities, however, is just beginning. Shelter planning and preparedness is an important issue for the team. To that end we are assisting the Town Emergency Director in looking at the town’s Shelter Plan. This will lead to developing skill roles within the shelter for team members, e.g. registration, dorm management, food handling, health services, mental health services, security, child care, vendor procurement, pet care, etc.

Which leads to….membership recruitment! Unfortunately, we are past the day of walk-in volunteers. The team would love to see some new members added. Are there any – licensed commercial drivers, ham radio operators, heavy equipment operators, experienced hand held GPS users, nurses, child care workers, those interested in helping your neighbors in disasters out there? If you are interested, call or email Carol Kent, 860-546-6924, clrk2knt@aol.com. Current team members include: Carol Kent, Team Leader, Ray Shinkiewicz, Co-Leader, Elizabeth Piper, Secretary/Treasurer, Brain Sear, Connie Sear, Jim Clark, Roy Piper, Ellen Chalfant, Gail DeGray, JoAnn Brustolon, Gene Brustolon, Dawn Pindell, and Carolyn Renaud.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Canterbury Historical Society

The Canterbury Historical Society meets the second Friday of each month, except July and August, in the Community room of the Canterbury Town Hall at 7:00pm. Following a short business meeting, an interesting, historically informative, program is presented. Programming features a wide variety of speakers, musicians, historical performers, etc. Membership in the society is open to everyone interested in the organization's objectives and willing to uphold its policies and subscribe to its bylaws. However, you do not have to be a member to attend our meetings. The public is cordially invited and admission is always free.

One activity that is currently underway is an effort to update the archives of historic barns in this area. John Baldwin, a volunteer working with the CT Trust for Historic Preservation, is collecting photos and information about timber framed barns in Canterbury. The CTTHP maintains a website documenting historic barns located in every town across the state, with a goal of preserving and restoring as many as possible. They can provide resources for technical assistance, including state and federal aid. If you have a historic barn on your property and would like to include it in the state archives, please contact the CHS.

Concert: On May 6, 2011, CHS will present a concert featuring a multiple-award-winning band from the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, the Spinney Brothers. Brothers Allan & Rick Spinney have been playing music together for nearly 20 years and along with bandmates Gary Dalrymple and Darryl Hebb, the Spinneys' brand of music is a mixture of traditional Bluegrass, classic country music, and original tunes. This show will be held at the Finnish American Heritage Society on 76 North Canterbury Road, and will begin at 7:30PM. Tickets are $17 in advance; $20 at the door. To purchase tickets, send a check (payable to “Canterbury Historical Society”) to CHS, PO Box 2, Canterbury CT 06331; your tickets will be held at the door. For more information on this event and others like it, visit our website: www.canterburyhistorical.org, email canterburyhistorical@gmail.com, visit us on Facebook or call (860)546-9062. Proceeds from this event will work to support our ongoing historical programs.

WORKSHOP

PLANNING FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Tuesday, February 8, 2011
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Canterbury Town Hall
Community Room

Learn how to address the needs of people with disabilities during an emergency from five expert presenters – all with disabilities themselves. These experienced presenters have been touring CT teaching emergency responders how to best help persons with mechanical devices, service animals or other disabilities with respect and dignity in an emergency situation and how to communicate effectively.
Finnish American Heritage Society

The monthly meetings of the FAHS have moved to the fall-winter schedule of Sunday afternoons at 1:30 pm at the Hall, located at 76 North Canterbury Road. There is a social hour before the meeting and all are sincerely welcome to join us for meetings or events.

FAHS returns to Thursday evening meetings on April 1st (see calendar at right).

December events included the Pikkujouluu Christmas Party which was a fun time of good food, good fellowship, presents and visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus! Thanks to John and Judy Galinat and family for sharing their miniature Christmas village complete with working trains; all the children (young and young at heart) were completely enthralled (see photo). The other celebration is the celebration of Finnish Independence Day – a Finnish National Holiday. Finland gained independence from Russia on 6 December 1917 when the Finnish Declaration of Independence was signed changing its status from an autonomous Russian Grand Duchy to an independent sovereign nation state. Independence Day is marked by a series of celebrations which take place throughout the country and particularly in the bigger towns and cities.

New FAHS officers were elected at the Annual Meeting on January 2nd; as follows: Stan Karro, President; Michael Kuja, Vice President; Matti Huhta, Treasurer; Linda Kuja, Recording Secretary; Linnea Courtemanche, Membership Secretary; Mary Ellen Harmon, Correspondence Secretary; Eila Makipuro, Trustee; Ilma Tikkanen, Trustees; Pauline Andstrom, Bob Harmon, and John Bennett.

Coming events at the Hall (the community is welcomed!) include the Pancake Breakfast (complete with the delicious Finnish oven pancake and real maple syrup) on April 16th and the Finnish Culinary Delights (demonstration and sampling of Finnish dishes) on April 30th.

And save the date for the Annual Chicken Bar-be-que (chicken prepared with the FAHS secret basting sauce) on May 21st.

Calendar:

**February**

6th 1:30pm  
Membership Meeting  
(social hour at 12:30pm)

19th; 10am: Laskiainen Day  
(traditional Finnish fun day of snow sledding & pea soup) and Pulla Sale

**March**

6th 1:30pm  
Membership Meeting  
(social hour at 12:30pm)

20th; 1-5pm:  
St. Urho’s Day Celebration

**April**

7th 7pm  
Membership Meeting  
(social hour at 6pm)

16th: 8-11am  
Pancake Breakfast

30th 1:30pm  
Finnish Culinary Delights

**May**

5th 7pm  
Membership Meeting  
(social hour at 6pm)

21st 4-6pm  
Chicken Bar-be-que

The Hall is available for rental for events and includes a full kitchen, a large meeting room and a performance stage. For more information, e-mail hallrental@fahs-ct.org or call 860-546-6671 and leave a message. Please visit our website at www.fahs-ct.org for more information. You are always welcome at the Hall—come by for a visit, a meeting or event or to enjoy coffee and pulla.

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**SFC LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL / SOFTBALL 2011 REGISTRATION**

ALL AGES

Online at www.SFCLL.com until February 26th.

Every Saturday until February 26th at the Scotland Elementary School Gym from 6-7:30 pm.

Feb. 5th from 10AM to 12:00 PM at Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School, Canterbury.

$10 late fee for registrations received after February 26th.

Bring copy of birth certificate and proof of residency (i.e., utility bill)

Anyone wishing to manage or coach a team must complete a volunteer form by February 26th.

NEW! Any child turning 4 prior to April 30th may play T-Ball this season.

**Fees:**

Ages 4-5: $55  Ages 6-12: $65  Ages 13+: $70  Family Max: $115

Tryout information will be given at registration.
We are fortunate in Canterbury to have one of the teachers who taught in a one-room schoolhouse before Dr. Helen Baldwin School was built. Her name is Frances Bingham.

In 1936 Frances took a three-year training course at Willimantic State Normal School, which is now Eastern Connecticut State University. There was an opening in Canterbury at the Westminster one-room schoolhouse, which was located across the street from the Westminster Congregational Church. She was thrilled her first day of school because she was going to do something she liked and get paid for it. She was the teacher of grades one through eight and had 32 students. She taught in Canterbury for 6 years, raised her family and went back to teaching in the Town of Hampton for 21 years. She met her husband Newton Bingham at the Canterbury Grange where they square danced. They were married in 1938 and had three children, Mary Eugenia, Newton James and Janice Elaine. She was a grange member for over 50 years and enjoyed doing things to benefit the community.

In the 1930’s there were no snow days, starting late or cancellations--students went to school every day. September 21, 1938 started out as usual. It was the day of the 1938 Category 5 hurricane. The school was about a mile and half away from Frances’ house on Bingham Road. In the winter, when there was a lot of snow, four of her students from Bingham Road would follow behind Frances and step into her footprints in the snow all the way to school. One of the projects she did with her students was “How do we determine our taxes in the Town”. Each student would draw a picture of what they wanted such as a house and a barn and number of animals, etc. The older children, the ‘Assessors’, would agree on the amount of assessment for each item. The children then compared their drawing to the assessment and they could see how much tax they would have to pay.

Frances taught Sunday School at Westminster Congregational Church, sang in the choir and played the piano. Agnes Wright from Waterford taught her and also her daughter, Janice, how to play the piano. When Frances no longer played for the church, Janice took over the job. When her girls were young they joined 4-H. She became a leader and helped teach girls to make clothes and when her son was in Cub Scouts she became a den mother. Her son Newton married Connie and they live in Alaska and she has enjoyed traveling there and visiting them and her grandchildren. Frances became interested in genealogy and she took a course in Hanover. In tracing the Bingham family she learned that in 1652, Thomas Bingham and his widowed mother Anna settled in the Saybrook, Connecticut settlement. Anna eventually married William W. Backus and had ten more children.

Many have asked her “How do you think an education in a one-room school house compares with what they do today?” Frances said her students went on to become lawyers, engineers, teachers, nurses, construction workers and served in the Armed Forces – the same results as students who were educated in separate classrooms.

I think part of her students’ success was because she was a dedicated, creative and caring teacher.
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Children’s programs:
Music & Movement—January-March Session -Thursdays in two session 9:15 & 10:15 AM.
Story Time—Starting Tuesday, February 1, 2010 at 10:00 AM.
Ladder to Literacy—Wednesdays, September-May at 10:00 AM.
New—Lap to Literacy, Nursery Rhyme Time—Starting Monday, February 7, 2011 at 9:30 AM.

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).

February – come celebrate the Year of the Rabbit. We will ring in the Chinese New Year with fortune cookies, paper lanterns and zodiac calendars. Sign-up is required. Date: TBA

March – There will be a jeans decorating contest inspired by the novel The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants. Bring creativity and an old pair of jeans. Date: TBA

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.

February 4th Drop in Game Night Bring a favorite board game or use one of ours. There will be a puzzle exchange and a puzzle contest.

March 4th Dinner & a Movie Bring the family and enjoy pizza & a new release movie. Sign-up is required for this program.

April 1st Healthy Eating Tips Join us to learn more about better eating habits, ways to keep motivated to exercise and share ideas with others on what works and (what doesn't).

Card Stamping Classes
Thursday, January 20th and 27th – 6-8 pm
Check our website for the April dates.

Be a Citizen Science Volunteer
We kick-off the 2011 season with a free introductory Vernal Pool Monitoring program on Sunday, February 13, 2011 from 1:30-4:00 at the Canterbury Public Library. After a short introduction Paula Coughlin will take the group for a winter walk on the Kinney Preserve.

The next Mammal Monitoring outing will be on January 22, call 860-928-4948 to sign up. Check out our website for more dates and information. Canterbury residents’ fees are covered by the USFW grant.

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.

February 14th - Canterbury- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot.
March 16th – Scotland- March by Geraldine Brooks
April 18th – Canterbury- Animal, Vegetable, Mineral: a year of food life by Barbara Kingsolver
May 18th – Scotland – Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

Watch for these other programs:
Basket making
Duct Tape Workshop
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).
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.

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Email: canterburypublic@yahoo.com

Canterbury Town News
Canterbury Emergency Registry

The Town of Canterbury is developing a registry for residents with disabilities, chronic conditions, and healthcare needs in order that emergency responders such as the Canterbury Fire and EMTs might be better able to assist them in times of an emergency. This is an opportunity for you to provide information that may help emergency responders meet your needs during an emergency situation.

Instructions: To be included in this registry, please fill out one form, sign it, and send it to the Canterbury Town Hall, 1 Municipal Dr., P.O. Box 27, Canterbury, CT, 06331, attn: Municipal Agent. If you cannot fill out this form on your own, please have a family member or caregiver complete the form, sign it, and submit it on your behalf. Please call (860) 546-9845 with any questions or concerns.

Fields marked with an (*) are mandatory. Date of Application: *

General Information
NAME *: ____________________________________  SEX: __Male __Female Year of Birth: __________
STREET ADDRESS*:__________________________________________ APT/UNIT or FLOOR:________
TOWN*:______________________________ TDD/TTY:_________________HOME PHONE:________
CELL PHONE:__________ EMAIL:
LANGUAGE: If you do not speak English, in what language do you prefer to receive communications or assistance? __________________________________________________________________________

Mobility
Are you confined to bed? ___Yes ___No  Can you walk with assistance? ___Yes ___No
Which of the Following do you use: (Check all that apply) ___Wheelchair/Mobility Vehicle ___Prosthesis
____Walker/Cane  ____Crutches ___Assistive Animal___None of the above

Vision, Hearing, Speech and Other Disabilities
Are you…(Check all that apply)
___Visually impaired ___Non-verbal ___Legally Blind ___Cognitively/Developmentally delayed
___Hard of hearing ___Deaf ___Speech impaired ___None of the above

Life Support Systems
Which of the following life support systems do you use? (Check all that apply)
___Oxygen  ___Respirator/Ventilator ___Dialysis ___Electrical (Pacemaker, Defibrillator)
___Other:__________________________ ___None of the above  Are you insulin-dependent? ___Yes ___No

Transportation Assistance
Should Canterbury need to set up a community shelter to aid its residents in time of disaster, will you need assistance with transport?
___Yes ___No

NOTE: by signing this form and submitting it to the Town of Canterbury, I agree to permit my information to be shared with local and state emergency responders. I understand that while the TOWN will share this information in order to better assist me during an emergency, they cannot guarantee my assistance in all cases. I also understand that this is a voluntary program.

Signature of person filling out form:______________________________________________________________________