

Town of Barkhamsted

Weekly Town Mail

October 9, 2025



RIVERTON FAIR WEEKEND!

A reminder that the Town Hall offices will be closed on Monday, October 13, 2025

Senior/Community Center News

The Riverton Fair is this weekend -- Friday night, all day Saturday and into the evening, and then Sunday. As I'm sure you know, it is the last agricultural fair in CT and is always on Columbus Day weekend. Please check the website (<https://rivertonfair.com/>) for more information. I hope to see you there.

BREAKFAST - 7:30 am - 9:00 am - Thursday, October 16 - Cooked to order, as usual - your choice of eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, pancakes, waffles, home fries, hash, fresh fruit, juices and more



As always, meals are \$5.00 - additional donations are always welcome. Gluten-free options are also available, so please let us know if those dishes are something you would like or need.

I have scheduled Medicare enrollment assistance with the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging (WCAAA) for Monday, November 10. The individual sessions are about an hour and Amanda Halle or one of the others in the agency will walk you through the selection process to make sure you pick the right Medicare program. The corrected flyer is attached and if you reach out to me or want to sign up at the Senior and Community Center, you can enroll in this very important, helpful program.

We are also considering Ta Chi, a wonderful exercise for improving mobility and balance - more to follow on that.

Here are the upcoming activities:

Monday, October 6, 13, 20 - 10:00AM - Chair Yoga - the fee is \$5 which will go into the garden fund for the Senior and Community Center. These classes are being held at 10 AM and last about an hour.

Tuesday, October 14 - 12:00 PM - 2:00PM - flu shot clinic at the Town Garage Community Center, sponsored by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Litchfield County (formerly Foothills Visiting Nurse). Most insurances are accepted. Please see the flyer attached to this email.

Tuesday, October 21 - 6:00PM - we will have our monthly Trivia night. These continue to be great successes, and we seem to be getting more people each time.

Friday, October 24 - 7:00 PM, the Traveling Trout will be at the Senior Center for their monthly concert and jam session, again a very enjoyable activity for all who attend

Thursday, October 30 - Weeders and Readers is a group that meets during the Spring/Summer months as a garden club and during the Fall/winter it becomes a book club. Meetings are the last Thursday of the month beginning at 9.30. a.m. For further information, please call/text Lorna Delaney (860) 379-6419.

Monday, November 10 - 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM - individual 1-hour sessions to help you select an appropriate Medicare plan. Please see the attached flyer. Once you sign up, I will provide more detail on the information you will need to bring to your meeting. My phone number is (860) 605-7380 or you can email me at donstein@me.com if you want more information.

If you would like to hold a crafts or other activity or conduct an exercise class, please let me know. If you have ideas for events or programs you would like to have us schedule, please reach out to me and I will work to get them on the calendar.

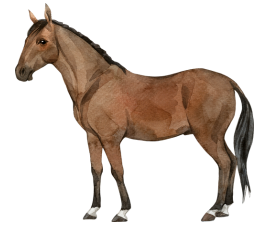
That's it for today. I hope everyone has a good week.
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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Join the church in celebrating God's great gifts to us. He loves them, too!



October 12, 2025
10 am church service
11 am church yard & vehicles



Barkhamsted Center Church
6 Old Town Hall Rd., Barkhamsted, CT



Come one, come all, beloved pets of any size and species! May you be blessed and celebrated with your owners, families and community. We welcome photos and/or ashes of any pets who have crossed over the rainbow bridge for a heartfelt blessing in memoriam.

Rev. Susan Caufield will offer an individual blessing on each animal with a shorter worship service.

Both inside *and* outside the church: for the safety and comfort of each animal and fellow attendees , please bring your pets on a leash, in a carrier, in your arms, or in an aquarium.

Note: Throughout the year, Rev. Susan will bless new, sick or needy pets in your home, barn, yard, or animal hospital.
Call her cell anytime at 860-324-4267.



TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Town-wide Emergency Volunteer Meeting

Purpose of the meeting is to develop a phone and email list of town residents who are willing to be called to assist with emergencies in town. Emergencies including storms, road closures, fire, etc.

Jobs include neighborhood checks, assisting with an emergency shelter, ham radio operation and other things that come up where help may be needed.

In the last 20 years there have been only a few occasions where this help was needed but we need to refresh our list and get some new recruits.

This is not taking the place of emergency response by the fire, police or EMS, and no one will be placed in dangerous conditions.

Please come to the meeting if you have an interest in helping in this way and want to be included.

MEETING DATE: October 15, 2025 7:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION: Community Room, Barkhamsted Town Garage, 31 New Hartford Rd.

Questions contact Jim Shanley, Emergency Management Director at 860-280-5587 or emd@barkhamsted.us

Medicare Open Enrollment

Schedule A One-on-One Counseling Session to Review
Your Health Care Plan for 2026

Presented by **SHIP/CHOICES**
Helping You Make Sense of Medicare

Monday, November 10th
Barkhamsted Senior/Community Center
109 West River Road
Pre-Registration is Required

CHOICES Counselors Can HELP YOU:

- REVIEW YOUR COVERAGE OPTIONS
- COMPARE PLANS AND COSTS
- ENROLL OR MAKE CHANGES
- ANSWER MEDICARE QUESTIONS



Get your questions answered by trained
CHOICES counselors.
This is a **FREE** session.

TO REGISTER
CONTACT DON STEIN
@860.605.7380





GET YOUR FLU VACCINE!

insurance not required



Tuesday, October 14 Thursday, October 16
2:30 - 5:30pm 9:30 - 11:30am

Farmington Valley Health District
95 River Road, Canton

To Register:
visit fvhd.org/vaccination or call (860) 352-2333

NORTHWESTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No.7

100 BATTISTONI DRIVE, WINSTED CT. 06098

YOUR PRESENCE IS CORDIALLY REQUESTED AT THE VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025

BREAKFAST: 8:00 AM

PROGRAM: 9:00 - 10:00 AM IN THE AUDITORIUM

****UPON ARRIVAL, PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE CAFETERIA DOORS****

PLEASE RSVP BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025 TO LISA SMITH AT: LSMITH@NWR7.ORG OR (860) 379-8525 EXT 2000



VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

★ TO HONOR AND THANK THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED ★

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025

BREAKFAST: 8:00AM PROGRAM: 9:00AM



Farmington River Coordinating Committee

Wild & Scenic Open House

Thursday, October 23

6:00-8:00 PM

Squire's Tavern in Peoples State Forest
100 East River Road, Barkhamsted, CT

Flood of 1955 Exhibit | Live Music | Refreshments

Join the Farmington River Coordinating Committee (FRCC) for an evening celebrating the Wild & Scenic Upper Farmington River!

Explore the Flood of 1955 Exhibit — featuring images capturing the flood's dramatic impact on local river towns which led to the creation of the Colebrook River Lake Dam by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Enjoy live music by ***The Travelin' Trout***

Light refreshments and drinks provided by committee representatives
Connect with fellow river advocates and celebrate our shared commitment to the Wild & Scenic Farmington River.

Free and open to all!

Come be part of our Wild & Scenic community.



Save the Date and Sign up Early – Town Thanksgiving Feast

The Town of Barkhamsted is so excited to bring back the Community Thanksgiving Feast at the Stone Museum. The feast will take place on November 23rd at 1:00 pm at the Stone Museum. Bring your family and friends and decorate your table with your finest. Turkeys and stuffing will be provided. Bring a dish to share and a dessert. This event is limited to 40 people so sign up early. Please contact Debbie Brydon at (860) 379-1314 for questions or to sign up.



Municipal Fact Sheet

Gas Cylinder EPR Program

for Connecticut Residents

Connecticut's extended producer responsibility (EPR) law for gas cylinders passed in 2022 CT Public Act 22-27 and 2024 CT Public Act 24-133. For more State of CT information on EPR, go to <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/p2/product-stewardship/product-stewardship>

Implementation of this EPR law begins October 1, 2025

What gas cylinders are included in the law?

Any nonrefillable or refillable cylinder supplied to a consumer for residential use with flammable pressurized gas, helium or carbon dioxide, of sizes with a water capacity between .5 lbs and 50 lbs including, but not limited to, seamless cylinders and tubes, welded cylinders and insulated cylinders intended to contain helium, carbon dioxide or flammable materials such as propane, butane or other flammable compressed gases.

Stewardship Organizations

There are multiple stewardship organizations for cylinders. These organizations will provide free collection and processing of covered cylinders for municipalities.



The Cylinder Collective (TCC) Collects

- Refillable propane gas cylinders sold and supplied into Connecticut, up to, but not including 20 lb. tanks for BBQ grills.
- Non-refillable propane, isobutane, butane and helium cylinders (with a water capacity between 0.5 to under 50lbs) sold and supplied into Connecticut.
- Residential generated cylinders ONLY.

Other DEEP approved programs for gas cylinders:

Sodastream -refillable CO2 cylinders
Roxanne Parker, 800-727-1835
sodastream.ordersusa@pepsico.com

Propane Gas Association of New England (PGANE) -
20lb. propane tanks for BBQ grills
Gary Haines, 888-445-1075; gary@pgane.org
pgane.org/safetyandtraining/tankrecycling/

Types of Cylinders	
	Non-Refillable
	16 oz Propane
	14 oz Fuel Torches (Propane, MAPP)
	Helium
	4 – 16 oz Isobutane
	Refillable
	under 20lb propane (20 lb. Tank collected by PGANE program)

Unacceptable Cylinders:



- Industrial, commercial and institutional
- Oxygen, refrigerants, acetylene, hydrogen, ethylene, nitrous oxide, and foam adhesives.
- Cylinders that are punctured through use
- Fire extinguishers
- Water capacity of under 0.5 lbs or over 50 lbs

Questions?

Contact TCC's CT Coordinator at
860-412-4399
kimorourke@cylindercollective.org
www.cylindercollective.org



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Saturday, November 8th, 2025 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Torrington Water Pollution Control Facility, 252 Bogue Rd, Harwinton CT

WHAT TO BRING:

- Paints/Stains/Varnishes
- Paint Thinners & Strippers
- Wood Preservatives/Turpentine Resins & Adhesives
- Polishes for furniture, wood, & metal
- Cleaners for rugs & upholstery
- Cleaners for ovens, toilet bowls, & drains
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Pesticides, Herbicides, Insecticides, Fungicides
- Flea & Tick Powder
- Moth Balls
- Spot Removers
- Dry Cleaning Solvents
- Lighter Fluids
- Septic Tank Degreasers
- Engine Degreasers
- Waste Fuels (Kerosene, Gasoline)
- Carburetor Cleaners, Brake Fluids Transmission Fluids
- Car Waxes
- Non-empty Aerosol Cans
- Rubber Cement, Airplane Glue
- Photo Chemicals, Chemistry Sets Hobby/Artist Supplies
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Household Batteries
- Mercury Thermostats, Thermometers Antifreeze
- Smoke Detectors
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Propane Tanks (1 and 20 pound)



WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Electronics such as computers, DVD players, etc.
- Motor Oil
- Auto Batteries & Tires
- Ammunition
- Fireworks and other explosives
- Pharmaceuticals and other Medical Waste
- PCB Capacitors
- Radioactive Materials
- Unknown gases
- Controlled Substances
- Pathological Material
- Empty Aerosol Cans



You must have a ticket to participate.

**Contact your Town/City Hall for a ticket
to this event OR Scan Here:**



Participating Towns: Barkhamsted | Canaan/Falls Village |
Colebrook | Cornwall | Goshen | Hartland | Harwinton |
Litchfield | Morris | New Hartford | Norfolk | North Canaan |
Salisbury | Sharon | Torrington | Winchester



YOUR VOICE. YOUR VISION.
YOUR SCHOLARSHIP.

Connecticut Public Middle and High School Students:

WHAT'S COOL ABOUT LOCAL GOVERNMENT?

Tell us and you could win a \$1,000 scholarship!
Plus, this year's winner will be invited to stay overnight
and attend the awards luncheon at Mohegan Sun!

All entries are due by Friday, October 10, 2025



Connecticut Conference
of Municipalities



Scan to learn more:



[https://www.ccm-ct.org/
Resources/LoCoolGov-
Youth-Scholarship](https://www.ccm-ct.org/Resources/LoCoolGov-Youth-Scholarship)

NATURE RANGERS CLUB



Calling All Budding Naturalists!

Hello from the Nature Rangers Club, a program for preschoolers where little ones are introduced to the world of nature. Each month we feature a species of local flora and/or fauna found here in our beautiful Northwestern Hills. Blending art & science, sessions include ecological tidbits reinforced with an associated storybook reading, arts & crafts and more.

Please come join us!

DATE & TIME

October 15th @ 10:30 am

LOCATION

Hartland Public Library
61 Center Street
West Hartland, CT 06091

*Sponsored by North Woods Land Conservancy
Graciously hosted by the Hartland Public Library*

Registration required at dcnaturerangers@gmail.com
Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian at all times

November 4, 2025 Election



To Register to Vote or Check Your Voter Registration Status Visit:

<https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Voter-Information/Voter-Registration-Information>

ID Requirements: <https://portal.ct.gov/sots/election-services/fag/fag---voter-identification>

November Election / Who – When – and Where’s

Who can vote in the November Election?

US Citizens who are registered can participate in voting. *Note: Former Barkhamsted residents who are US Citizens should contact the Town Clerk’s office to determine eligibility*

Important Registration Dates:

October 17, 2025: Last day to register in person and mail-in. The Registrar of Voters will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. for in person registration. All mail-in voter registration applications must be received or post-marked by this date in order to be accepted. The Online Voter Registration System will also close on this date at 11:59 p.m.

Voter Registration for Early Voting: Same Day Registration (SDR) is available at the Early Voting location during the early voting period (October 20th-November 2nd)

November 3, 2025: Deadline for admitting those seeking to vote in the Election whose qualification as to age, citizenship, or residence was attained on or after October 17th. Registrar of Voter’s office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

November 4, 2025: Same Day Registration/Voting available at Town Hall 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

When can I vote?

***ABSENTEE VOTING:** October 3, 2025 - November 3, 2025
****EARLY VOTING:** Monday, Oct. 20 through Monday, Oct. 27
10:00 am. – 6:00 p.m. (including Saturday and Sunday)
Tuesday, October 28 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 29 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 30 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday, October 31 through Sunday, November 2
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
ELECTION DAY VOTING: Tuesday, November 4 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where can I vote?

***ABSENTEE VOTING:** Town Clerk’s Office, Town Hall, 67 Ripley Hill Rd.
****EARLY VOTING:** Town Hall Lower Level, 67 Ripley Hill Rd.
ELECTION DAY VOTING: Barkhamsted Elementary School, 65 Ripley Hill Rd.
Enter through doors at the back of the building.
CURBSIDE VOTING: Available for both Early Voting and Election Day.
Call the Registrar of Voters office at 860-738-4695

**absentee ballot info visit:* <https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Voter-Information/Absentee-Voting>

***The Early Voting Act (Public Act 23-5, as amended by PA 23-204) created an early voting process to allow eligible people to cast a ballot before the day of an election or primary.*

For further information visit www.barkhamsted.us or call
Barkhamsted Registrar of Voters 860-738-4695 OR Barkhamsted Town Clerk 860-379-8665



Save the date...November 8, 2025

9 AM to 2 PM

Holiday Fair

Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church