

Town of Barkhamsted

Weekly Email

August 6, 2026



NOTICE: No Weekly Email 08.13.26

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| OPEN PEDDLER PERMITS | - | NONE |
| COMING EVENTS | - | Saturday, August 8 – Farmer’s Market – Town Garage, 33 New Hartford Road, 9 am – 1 pm |
| | - | Saturday, August 8 – Historical Society BBQ 5 pm |
| | - | Sunday, August 9 – River Steward Paddle 2 pm |
| | - | Saturday, August 15 – Bird Walk FALPS 5:30 pm |

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Public Hearing

The Department of Public Health (DPH) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Section will hold a virtual Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, via Microsoft Teams for the DWSRF State Fiscal Year 2027 Draft Intended Use Plan (IUP) and Project Priority Lists (PPLs). Please [CLICK HERE](#) for detailed information.

Town of Barkhamsted Employment Opportunity – Highway Department

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for information pertaining to an employment opportunity with the Town’s Highway Department.

BHS ANNUAL PIG BBQ

SAT. AUG 8th 5PM

SQUIRE'S TAVERN

100 EAST RIVER RD
BARKHAMSTED

TICKETS \$25 PER PERSON
Under 12 \$15

BUY AT THE TAVERN
WED 9-12 SUN 1-4
OR CALL 860 738 1152

PORK,CORN BREAD,BEANS
MAC AND CHEESE,COLE SLAW
AND DESSERT!
BYOB

FARMERS Market



FRESH. LOCAL. COMMUNITY.

Every
SATURDAY
9 AM – 1 PM

 **33 NEW HARTFORD ROAD,
BARKHAMSTED
(TOWN GARAGE)**

Fresh



**FRESH
MEATS**



VEGETABLES



HONEY



**BAKED
GOODS**

and
MORE!



Good for You. Good for Our Community.

Save The Date!

Sunday, August 9th, 2026:

JOIN THE FRCC FARMINGTON RIVER STEWARDS FOR TWO AWESOME EVENTS!

TRASH CLEANUP

10AM-12PM

MEET AT BARKHAMSTED TOWN
GARAGE ON RT. 44,
BARKHAMSTED, CT

GARBAGE BAGS & GLOVES WILL BE PROVIDED

help us keep our river clean!



FEEL FREE TO
BRING WADERS OR
OTHER GEAR IF
YOU'D LIKE TO PICK
UP TRASH IN THE
RIVER!



learning & fun on the water!

PADDLE WITH THE STEWARDS

WITH COLLINSVILLE CANOE & KAYAK

2PM-4PM

MEET AT COLLINSVILLE CANOE &
KAYAK, COLLINSVILLE, CT

PLEASE REGISTER AT THE LINK BELOW

*Making a
difference...*



*...in our
forests*



Ultimate Birder, Dave Rosgen, will lead us on an evening exploration to observe migratory birds. The Farmington River valley is an important migration corridor for birds and thousands come right through Barkhamsted. Some will be on the move in mid-August. Bald Eagles and Osprey are also prevalent on the river. It should be possible to get 40 species of birds in 2 hours of very slow-paced walking and standing still. Binoculars a must!

Saturday, August 15th, 5:30 p.m. (Rain date 8/16). Meet at dirt road just North of Legion Road, West River Road, Barkhamsted, American Legion State Forest

Register for the Barkhamsted Recreation Department's

New Summer Programs Today!



Save the Date! Join the Barkhamsted Recreation Department & FRCC River Steward Team – Sunday, August 9, 2026

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 9, 2026, and join the Barkhamsted Recreation Department and the FRCC River Steward Team for a day dedicated to caring for and enjoying our local waterways!

Whether you'd like to help clean up the river, spend time on the water, or do both, we'd love to have you join us.

Sunday Morning River Trash Cleanup

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting Location: Barkhamsted Town Garage on Route 44, Barkhamsted, CT (Meet at 10 a.m.)

Help us keep our river clean by removing litter along the riverbanks and in the water.

- Garbage bags and gloves will be provided.

- Feel free to bring waders or other gear if you'd like to help collect trash from the river.

Paddle with the Stewards

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Collinsville Canoe & Kayak, Collinsville, CT

Spend the afternoon paddling with members of the FRCC River Steward Team while learning more about the Farmington River and the importance of protecting this incredible resource. It is such a great way to cool off and have fun after our Trash Pick up! (Snacks and water provided!!)

Please register in advance using the registration link provided below.

[Paddle with Barkhamsted Rec and the River Stewards link](#)

We hope you'll join us for one or both events as we work together to care for the Farmington River and enjoy a fun day outdoors.

Paddle the Farmington River with Barkhamsted Recreation and The FRCC River Stewards Info (2026 River and Recreation Events) (New)

Experience the beautiful vistas of the scenic Farmington River during an evening of fun while paddling with Collinsville Canoe and Kayak, FRCC Summer River Stewards and the Barkhamsted Recreation Department for our River and Recreation Family Event. Spend an enjoyable afternoon while getting in some great exercise. You can choose whether you would like to kayak or Paddle Board. Whatever your preference, you're sure to have a great time. The cost is \$25.00 per person, per event night and the price includes a paddleboard, or kayak, paddle and life vest. The cost is \$10 if you have your own supplies. Collinsville Canoe charges \$5 for Parking and boat launch and then \$5.00 for Barkhamsted Recreation. (Payment must be received one week prior to the program) Lots of smiles and laughs are sure to be had

by all. The program is open to adults and families. Children should be ages 6 or over and should be able to swim. Life jackets are required.

Date-Sunday, August 9-Event Night

Time-2:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Collinsville Canoe and Kayak- 41 Bridge Street, Route 179, Collinsville, CT

Please register at [Paddle with Barkhamsted Rec and the River Stewards link](#)

by Thursday, August 6, so we can have the proper equipment and supervision in place. Mail your check to Barkhamsted Recreation Department, Barkhamsted Town Hall-67 Ripley Hill Road, Barkhamsted, CT 06078 or drop it off in the white mailbox outside town hall in the upper level. You can also bring your payment to the event but once you are registered there are no refunds as we have to give a headcount to Collinsville Canoe and Kayak the head count before the event.

For any questions, please email- Donna Bastrzycki, Barkhamsted Recreation Director, barkhamstedrec@barkhamsted.us

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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

August 19th @ 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



Tickets Available!

The Town has group seating tickets available for

Sunday, August 23rd at 1:10 pm

Vs. Summerset Patriots (Yankees affiliate)

Tickets are \$25 each – Please contact Erica Dyndiuk at

edyndiuk@barkhamsted.us or call 860 379 8285



**LOCAL BLOOD DRIVE - PRAISE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH** - Wednesday, August
19th from 12 - 5 pm
Reserve your spot at redcrossblood.org

URGENT NEED

Thank you for what you do to support the mission of the American Red Cross. We are reaching out to you today with a request for help. For just the second time in our history, **the Red Cross has issued a national blood crisis.** Blood donations have fallen to a four-year summer low, worsening this summer's emergency shortage.

All blood types are needed, but the situation is especially dire for type O blood as the Red Cross is now limiting distribution of these blood products to hospitals. The type O positive blood supply has fallen below a one-day supply. Blood and platelet donors are needed immediately to ensure hospitals have the blood they need for patients whose lives depend on transfusions.

Here in Connecticut, around one-third of blood donation appointments are filled over the next month, meaning thousands of appointment slots remain available to support patients in need.

You can help the Red Cross overcome this shortage:

- Schedule your blood or platelet donation today using the [Blood Donor App](#), by visiting [org](#) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
- **Use the messages below** to encourage constituents, community members and your social networks to make an appointment to donate blood or platelets in the coming days and weeks. Please also share through digital newsletters, bulletins, signage, and other communication channels where appropriate.
- Consider hosting a Red Cross blood drive. If you know of someone who is willing to sponsor a blood drive, please ask them to submit their information at [org/HostADrive](#).

Thank you for your support,

The Red Cross has declared a national blood crisis as donations fell to a 4-year summer low. Hospital needs are exceeding donations, risking patient care. All blood types are needed, but the situation is especially dire for type O. Don't wait — donate now: <https://rcblood.org/donate>