



GOSHEN TOWN TOPICS

SUMMER 2024

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From the First Selectman

Finally, summer is upon us here in Goshen, hopefully we can enjoy a summer without all the rain storms.

With budget season behind us, I want you to know, that I worked side by side with the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen to keep spending down as much as possible. But with high cost of running our town, with the increases on equipment to health insurance, I believe everyone will be happy to know, under my administration, the Board of Finance was able to fund every item on the budget plus reduce the mill rate to 14.2 mills. That's a reduction of 6.4 mills since taking office.

Public Works will start chip sealing and paving of the roads, that are on the ten-year road plan; along with drainage projects and road side mowing.

With the recent changes to our project at 190 Sharon Turnpike, we decided to put the property on the call for the June Town Meeting to sell the property or retain the property for the future needs of Goshen.

At that same Town meeting, we will be placing the STEAP grant monies on the call, to move those grant monies from 190 Sharon Turnpike to 38 Torrington Road. Please attend and have your voice heard.

July 1st 2024 we will have a new tipping fee of \$131.00 for our household solid waste. So, please recycle and don't throw metal by-products in your garage containers, it's heavy and it makes our cost go up. The first Friday of the month is for bulk waste to be picked up, from refrigerators/freezers, tires to scrap metals. Please come in for your refrigerant removal sticker.

I would like to thank Woodridge Lake Safety Committee for inviting the entire town to their clubhouse for the Black Bear Lecture that Department of Energy & Environment Protection put on for the town, *Living with Bears* seminar. It was awesome and we are grateful for being invited.

I spoke with the Lieutenant from Troop B, they will be conducting speed enforcement throughout the town as requested from our residents.

Best Regards,

Todd M. Carusillo

Unless otherwise noted all meetings are in the Town Hall Conference Room

		May-24				June-24									
1	Board of Finance	7:30PM	TH	14	Water Pollution Control	6:30PM	TH	4	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH	18	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH
1	Conservation Commission	6:30PM	TH	15	Library	4:00PM	TH	5	Conservation Commission	6:30PM	TH	20	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 PM	TH
1	Fire Commissioners	7:00PM	FR	16	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 PM	TH	5	Fire Commissioners	7:00PM	FR	25	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH
2	Inland Wetlands	7:15PM	TH	21	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH	6	Inland Wetlands	7:15PM	TH	25	P&Z Commission	7:30 PM	TH
7	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH	22	Board of Finance	7:30PM	TH	11	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH	25	Lake Weed Committee	7:00 PM	TH
8	Recycling & Trash Committee	7:00 PM	TH	28	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH	12	Recycling & Trash Committee	7:00PM	TH	26	Library	4:00PM	TH
13	Recreation	7:00 PM	TH	28	Lake Weed Committee	7:00PM	TH	12	Board of Assessors	4:00PM	TH	26	Board of Finance	7:30 PM	TH
14	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH	28	P&Z Commission	7:30 PM	TH	17	Recreation Commission	7:00PM	TH				

Location Legend:

Fire house	FH
Town Hall	TH

To access Boards & Commissions public zoom meeting links go to: Goshenct.gov, under News click on Public access for Virtual Town Meetings

To access Board of Educations meeting go to:

https://rsd6.ss3.sharpschool.com/board_of_education

LEGAL NOTICE TO PAY TAXES**Taxes Due: July 1, 2024****Last day to pay without penalty: Thursday, August 1, 2024**

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut statutes, the undersigned Tax Collector of the Town of Goshen gives notice that she will be ready to receive Motor Vehicle taxes and the first installment of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes due July 1, 2024 at the Tax Collector's office located in the Goshen Town Hall, 42A North St, Goshen, CT on Tuesdays from 9:00 – Noon and Wednesdays 1:00 – 4:00.

Payments must be received or postmarked by August 1, 2024 to avoid interest.

All taxes remaining unpaid after August 1, 2024 will be charged interest from July 1, 2024 at the rate of 1.5% for each month elapsing from the due date of the delinquent tax to the date of payment, with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. Sec. 12-146 Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of his/her responsibility for the payment of taxes or delinquent charges. Sec. 12-130

Dated at Goshen, Connecticut this 7th day of May, 2024.

Rebecca Juchert-Derungs, Tax Collector, CCMC

Tax bills will be mailed June 26, 2024.**Payments for new fiscal year will be accepted after July 1, 2024**

You may also pay online after July 1, 2024 at <http://www.goshenct.gov>

There are convenience fees

- Credit Cards: Point & Pay charges a 2.5% convenience fee, \$2.00 min.
- Debit Cards: Point & Pay charges flat fee of \$3.95 for payment processing.
- E-checks/ACH payments: Point & Pay charges fee of \$2.00 if the payment is less than or equal to \$10,000.00 and \$10.00 for each payment that is greater than \$10,000.00.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (860) 491-3275

taxcollector@goshenct.gov

Tax Collector Email Reminders

Sign up for Tax Collector notices – you will receive reminder notice in December of upcoming due dates for taxes. Never forget that January installment again. www.goshenct.gov & subscribe for e-alerts on home page, select Tax Collector's Office & any other desired news/alerts



Wednesday, June 20, 2024

Did you pay OFF your mortgage??

Are you paying off your mortgage before the 2nd installment is due??

The banks do NOT notify the Tax Office.

You can obtain a copy of you bill at www.goshenct.gov Or contact our office taxcollector@goshenct.gov or (860) 491-3275 to obtain a copy of your bill.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE

For any questions regarding programs administered by the Assessor's Office, please call 860-491-2115 x 230 or email taxassessor@goshenct.gov.

The office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE IN GOSHEN

Veterans Exemption: To be eligible for this exemption, the veteran must have served during a period of war as specified in State Statute 27-103, have an honorable discharge and must file with the Town Clerk in the town of residence by September 30th a *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty* (DD-214). It is only necessary to file once for this exemption. Active duty military personnel are also eligible for this exemption and must file a letter stating active duty status by September 30th each year.

Goshen residents meeting the Basic Veteran's Exemption in accordance with State Statute 12-81(19) may be eligible for an additional assessment exemption if they meet certain income limits. Applications are available from the Assessor's Office and must be filed by October 1st. Once a veteran has been approved for this additional exemption, an application must be submitted every other year.

Active Duty Vehicle Exemption: A Goshen resident who is a member of the armed forces of the United States (including the reserves or Connecticut National Guard) on the October 1 assessment date may be eligible for the total exemption of one motor vehicle which is registered to or leased by the service person. Application is to be filed no later than December 31st following the property tax due date. Annual filing is required.

Disabled Veterans Exemption: To be eligible for this exemption, submit a copy of your Veteran's Disability Rating statement from the Veteran's Administration. Disabled veterans that have established their eligibility for this exemption are no longer required to file annually unless there is a change in the percentage of disability.

Handicapped Equipped Motor Vehicles: A local-option exemption is available with respect to a specially equipped motor vehicle owned by a person with disabilities or owned by the parent or guardian of a person with disabilities.

Exemption for Blindness: To receive a \$3,000 assessment exemption, certification of blindness must be obtained from the State of Connecticut, Board of Education and Services for the Blind. This certificate must be dated and filed with the Assessor by October 1st. It is only necessary to file once for this exemption.

Exemption for Totally Disabled: To receive a \$1,000 assessment exemption, proof of permanent total disability from the Social Security Administration must be presented to the Assessor along with a signed Form D-1 application by October 1st. It is only necessary to file once for this exemption.

Any qualifying exemptions will be applied to the following July tax bill.

RELIEF PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO ELDERLY & TOTALLY DISABLED RENTERS

Applications for elderly or totally disabled renters who wish to apply for the Renters Relief Program are available at the Goshen Assessor's Office. The filing period is April 1, 2024 to October 1, 2024.

Eligibility Requirements

- 65 years of age or older by December 31, 2023 or 100% disabled
- 2023 **qualifying** income, including all Social Security benefits, must not exceed **\$43,800 for a single individual** or **\$53,400 for a married couple**.

Required Income Documentation

(all for calendar year 2023)

- Social Security Income – 2023 Form SSA-1099 & SSI if applicable
- Copy of 2023 Federal Income Tax Return & all schedules, if filed
- 1099 forms for pensions, dividends, interest, stocks & bonds, etc.
- 2023 W-2 Wage & Tax Statements from employment
- 2023 Veterans Disability, Veterans Pension or Railroad Retirement statement
- **100% Disabled:** Benefit Verification letter from Social Security **stating date disability began** along with other forms listed above is applicable.

Required Expense Documentation:

- Rent receipts for 2023 (all 12 months)
- Utility bills you paid in 2023 (oil, gas, electric & water only). **NO** telephone, cable, garbage removal or medical bills

GOSHEN SPECIAL USE ASSESSMENTS

Farm, Forest and Open Space: Owners wishing to classify land as farm, forest or open space should contact the Assessor's Office for details and applications. All applications must be filed with the Assessor's Office between September 1st and October 31st.

For questions regarding any of these programs, please call the Assessor's Office at 860-491-2115 x 230 on Tuesday or Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or email: taxassessor@goshenct.gov

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department strives to maintain and improve the appearance of Town roadways and property. This could not be accomplished without the hard work of the Public Works full and part-time employees.

CAPITAL & ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

During the 2024 Summer Season, the Public Works Department will be chip sealing approximately 7 miles of road in the eastern area of Town. Roads slated for chip sealing have been crack sealed and areas of asphalt in poor condition have been patched with asphalt. This work is a part of the 10 year pavement management plan instituted by the Town in 2014. Public works will also be working on drainage projects on Newcomb Road prior to the reclaiming and paving of a section of this road later this summer. Additional smaller drainage improvement projects will be taking place on sections of roads throughout Town.



Re-grading Ivy Mountain Rd. this spring.

NEW STONE WALL ORDINANCE

Town Ordinance Title 73, Ordinance Concerning Highway Boundary Stone Walls, has been enacted. The Ordinance is posted on the Town website Ordinance page for review. A permit must be obtained prior to performing any work, relocation, or removal of a highway boundary wall lining the Town or State roadways within the limits of Goshen. Permit applications are available at the Public Works Department office or can be downloaded on the Public Works page of the Town website. For permit questions, please contact the Public Works office by phone at 860-491-6029 or via email at publicworks@goshen.gov.

DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE AND PIPE MAINTENANCE

Town Ordinance Title 18, Town of Goshen Driveway Ordinance, is concerning the construction of driveways including temporary access driveways on Town roadways as well as maintenance of existing driveways. A permit must be obtained prior to the start of construction of a new driveway, repaving, regrading, or drainage improvements to an

existing driveway, if any of the proposed work is to take place in the Town right-of-way. A cash bond will need to be posted by the property owner or contractor performing the work. The bond amount will be calculated at the time of application and is based upon the probable cost of the work to be performed in the right-of-way. There is no fee for a driveway permit application. Permit applications are available at the Public Works Department office or can be downloaded on the Public Works page of the Town website. For permit questions, please contact the Public Works office by phone at 860-491-6029 or via email at publicworks@goshen.gov.

BASKETBALL HOOPS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

As summer approaches please be reminded roadways and right-of-ways are not playgrounds. Recreational equipment left in the roads and right-of-ways creates a safety hazard for all. The Town cannot be responsible for any damage to this property, and you may be held liable in the case of an accident for damage caused by such items.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

The Public Works staff would very much appreciate your giving them as much room as possible while they are working. Any job site the Public Works Department is working at is considered a **WORK ZONE** and fines will be **DOUBLED** per state law. Please drive carefully and slowly through all work zones. Additionally, visibility to the rear of the large trucks is very poor. **PLEASE STAY BACK AND ASSUME THAT THE DRIVER DOES NOT SEE YOU.** If possible, please find an alternate route until road work is completed.

MOWING TOWN ROADS

The Public Works Department will be mowing all Town roadsides in the months of June, July, and August. Obey the posted speed limits and be cognizant of these slow moving tractors that may be coming around the next corner and in your travel lane. Please note that the operator must be focused on the many obstacles in his mowing path as well as the surrounding traffic. Please be alert and courteous, allowing ample room for the tractor.

CATCH BASIN CLEANING

The Public Works Department will be cleaning out the silt and litter that collects over time in the catch basins and silt traps at the beginning of July. The majority of this work is performed with a Vac-truck rented from the Northwest Hills Council of Government's Public Works Equipment Cooperative. This catch basin cleaning operation keeps debris from obstructing and degrading our Town's beautiful waterways and maintains their recreational and wildlife habitat value. Again we ask that you please be careful when driving through the area where the Public Works crews are working hard to make your Town a better place to live and play.

Re: Sequence of Events for Construction of Dwelling, Addition, Pool or Accessory Building in the Town of Goshen

Spring is on its way and many residents are planning summer projects. Please be advised that dwellings, additions, barns, garages, decks and **EVEN “COVER-IT TYPE SHEDS” ALL REQUIRE ZONING PERMITS.** The Zoning Regulations, Town Ordinances and Land Use applications are all available online at www.goshenct.gov. For your convenience, the Town of Goshen has adopted online permitting for the submittal of land use permit applications. Paper applications will no longer be accepted. To use the PermitLink online permitting program, you must first create a login account. Once your login account is created, you can use it for all land use and building permit-related applications you may wish to submit.

Here is a summary of the various steps involved for obtaining the required approvals:

1. For a new house have a soil scientist flag any wetlands on the lot and have an engineer/surveyor develop a site plan that shows the proposed house, driveway, sewer line or septic system, well location and any wetlands or watercourses located by the soil scientist. Contact Torrington Area Health District at (860) 489-0436 for a list of soil scientists.
2. For a new house obtain approval from the Torrington Area Health District for the proposed septic system and well location. Lots inside the Woodridge Lake Sewer District and RA-1 Zone, require approval from the Torrington Area Health District for the proposed well and a Sewer Connection Permit from the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Administrator, (860) 491-3474. If there is a septic system on your lot, the Health District must approve all additions, decks, and accessory buildings. The Health District has a separate pool application permit that must be obtained for all new swimming pools. Contact Jessica Cranney, Sanitarian, at Torrington Area Health District at (860) 489-0436.
3. Obtain an Inland Wetlands Permit from the Goshen Inland Wetlands Commission for any work proposed within 100' of a wetlands or watercourse (the regulated inland wetlands areas.) The Commission regulates construction, filling, and removal of materials within the regulated wetlands and watercourse area. Contact Spencer Musselman, Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer on Tuesday or Thursday mornings between 7:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. at 491-2308 ext. 232. The Inland Wetlands Commission meets the first Thursday each month at 7:15 pm, Goshen Town Hall. Applications should be submitted one week prior to a meeting.
4. Obtain a driveway permit from the Highway Supervisor, Garret Harlow at (860) 491-6029 for all new driveways and repairs to driveways. The Town's driveway regulations are contained in the Town's driveway ordinance that was recently revised. Mr. Harlow also assigns addresses on new houses.
5. Obtain a Zoning Permit from Spencer Musselman, Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer, for proposed houses, additions, decks and accessory buildings including “cover-it” garages. The required zoning setbacks for the WL - Woodridge Lake Zone are 20' front and rear and 20' on the sides (75' from the lake.) Lots in the RA-2 and RA 5 Zones are 50' front and rear, 30' setback on the sides (75' from Tyler Lake, Dog Pond and Westside Pond.) The RA-1 Zone requires a 50' front and rear yard setback and 20' on the sides. Pools, decks and accessory buildings all require Zoning and Building permits and must meet the minimum zoning setback requirements. Maintenance sheds under 150 square feet can be built in all zones no closer than 10' from side and rear property lines (Woodridge Lake Deed Restrictions require a minimum of 20'.)
6. Obtain a Building Permit from Chris Zibell, Building Official. (860) 491-2308 ext. 231. Please use the Town's new on-line building permit application system. Mr. Zibell is available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Spencer Musselman
Goshen Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer

GOSHEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Goshen Historical Society is located at 21 Old Middle Street and the building is normally open April to October each year. We will be opened on Monday's from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. this season.

The **officers for the 2023-2024** year are:

President - Henrietta C. Horvay, Vice President Steven Romano, Sr., Secretary Theresa Walla Kelly, Treasurer Cynthia Harmon, Curator Henrietta C. Horvay, Directors: James P. O'Leary, Marcia Barker, Rosemary Bonaguide, and John (Jack) Burek.

The Historical Society is a volunteer organization, but needs the support of the citizens of Goshen and other people with an interest in Goshen to keep this organization active for the community.

We participated in the GIVE LOCAL campaign which was held in APRIL 2024 with the CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. We wish to thank all the people who contributed to the Goshen Historical Society.

The society also received a donation from Barry Donaldson that was received in the Endowment Fund at the Northwest CT Community Foundation. Thank you. We thank ALL others for their generous donations we received during the year.

Last July a tree fell on the roof of the building and a new roof had to be installed to the cost of over \$20,000. We will be having other expenses over the year to repair the cupola and the eagle need to be gold finished.

Program for 2024

**JULY 13, 2024 SATURDAY
OPEN HOUSE 1:00 TO 3 P.M.**

**AUGUST 10, 2024 SATURDAY
200th Anniversary of the Academy BUILDING
1:00 TO 3:00 P.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 TUESDAY
Meeting of Officers, Directors, and Corporators**

**OCTOBER 4, 2024 FRIDAY
ANNUAL MEETING and PIE PARTY AT 6:30 P.M.**

All our events are posted on our **SIGN BOARD**. It is placed in front of the building for each event and weekly openings.

WE ARE IN NEED OF MEMBERS:
PLEASE JOIN OUR ORGANIZATION TO CONTINUE THE PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORY OF GOSHEN. ALL ARE WELCOME.

NEW TOWN CITIZENS
IF YOU ARE A NEW CITIZEN OF GOSHEN AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE TOWN, YOU CAN PURCHASE A HISTORY OF GOSHEN, "A TOWN ABOVE ALL OTHERS", FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BY CALLING HENRIETTA HORVAY, at 860-491-3129. SHE WILL ARRANGE FOR YOU TO PURCHASE THE BOOK.

"Those who preserve or restore an admirable achievement of the past serve the future."

Goshen Public Library



42B North Street Goshen, CT 06756 (860) 491-3234 Summer 2024

www.goshenpublib.org

Library Hours

Monday	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Tuesday	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Please note: July/August Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Adult Programs

Page Turning Talks Book Group Monday, June 10th, 10:30am

Join us for our new non-fiction book group that reads books that will spark discussion! We meet the 2nd Monday of each month. The book being discussed for June is *The Unfit Heiress* by Audrey Clare Farley.

The Breakfast Book Club Monday, June 24th, 9:30am

Continuing with Jodi Picoult's work, our June discussion will be on *Second Glance*. Light breakfast and coffee/tea provided.

Books are available to pick up at the front desk!
Mark Albertson History Series on Zoom

Monday, July 1, 4:00 PM. **Just What Was the Declaration of Independence?**

Monday, August 5, 4:00 PM. **Current Events Update: Ukraine and the Middle East**

Monday, September 9, 4:00 PM. **60 Years Ago, Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, Vietnam War**

Please send us an email at frontdesk@goshenpublib.org or call us at 860-491-3234 to register for the Zoom link!

Page Turning Talks Book Group Monday, July 8th, 10:30am

Join our non-fiction book group that reads books that will spark discussion! We meet the 2nd Monday of each month. The book being discussed for July is *The Monk of Mokha* by Dave Eggers.

Books will be available to pick up at the front desk!

The Breakfast Book Club Monday, July 22nd, 9:30am

Continuing with Jodi Picoult's work, our July discussion will be on *Nineteen Minutes*. Light breakfast foods and coffee/tea will be provided.

Books will be available to pick up at the front desk!

Page Turning Talks Book Group Monday, August 12th, 10:30am

Join our non-fiction book group that reads books that will spark discussion! We meet the 2nd Monday of each month. The book being discussed for August is *The Real Lolita* by Sarah Weinman

Books will be available to pick up at the front desk!

The Breakfast Book Club Monday, August 26th, 9:30am

Continuing with Jodi Picoult's work, our July discussion will be on *House Rules*. Light breakfast foods and coffee/tea will be provided.

Books will be available to pick up at the front desk!

Page Turning Talks Book Group
Monday, September 9th, 10:30am

Join our non-fiction book group that reads books that will spark discussion! The book being discussed for September is *Dead Girls* by Alice Bolin.

Children's Programs

Please check the website, Instagram and Facebook for programs. Please register by emailing us at children@goshpenpublib.org or call us at 860-491-3234.

Outreach

Unable to visit the library? We'll come to you if you are ill or unable to drive. Call 860-491-3234 to arrange outreach services.

a Bingo-Card reading challenge!

Stop in the library to pick up a bingo card to fill out. This is an on-going challenge with small prizes given out throughout the year, and one grand prize at the end of the year!

Museum Passes

The Goshen Public Library is delighted to offer an exciting variety of museum passes. Many patrons don't realize that one of the benefits of library membership is the ability to access museum passes. Savings range from discounted admission to free admission, depending upon the venue. Passes are checked out in the same way as other library materials and are returned on a due date so other patrons can enjoy them.

These passes are available courtesy of the Friends of the Goshen Public Library and generous donations made during Give Local Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills.



SUMMER WITH THE REC DEPT

CONCERTS AT CAMP COCH!!!

2ND AND 4TH MONDAYS - 6P-8P RAIN OR SHINE!

JUNE 10 - SOUTHERN VOICE

JUNE 24 - REGULATORS

JULY 8 - LONE WOLF DUO

JULY 22 - BADFOOT

AUGUST 12 - ELANA ZABARI

AUGUST 26 - TRADESMEN

SEPTEMBER 9- COUNTRY STEEL

(LOOKING FOR LOCAL BUSINESS SPONSORS!)

JUNE 13 - 60+ BUS TRIP TO BUTLER-MCCOOK

HOUSE & GARDEN IN HARTFORD

NO TRIP IN JULY

AUGUST TRIP IN THE WORKS - WATCH FOR MORE INFO

COMMUNITY BRUNCH

JUNE 15 - 10AM-11:30AM

AUGUST 10 - 10AM-11:30AM

PARISH HALL - 5 OLD MIDDLE ST - A COLLABORATION

WITH GOSHEN COMMUNITY CARE!!

\$5 PER PERSON

GOSHEN RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ERIN REILLY - DIRECTOR

860-491-2249 / 860-601-6089 / SUMMER OFFICE 860-491-3367

PARKANDREC@GOSHENCT.GOV - GOSHENREC.COM

SUMMER WITH THE REC DEPT

ONGOING PROGRAMS

TUESDAY - SENIOR SOCIAL - 1PM (GCC COLAB)

WEDNESDAY - CHAIR YOGA - 10:30AM

THURSDAY - SEW ITS THURSDAY - 10AM

THURSDAY - FLOW AND GROW YOGA - 6:30PM

FRIDAY - TRADITIONAL YOGA - 10:30AM

FIRST FRIDAY - PAINT NIGHT - 6PM

SECOND FRIDAY - STAINED GLASS - 6PM

THIRD SATURDAY - SOUND BATH & GUIDED MEDITATION 2PM

CAMP COCH SUMMER DAY CAMP

REGISTRATION OPEN

6 WEEKS - MONDAY THRU FRIDAY - 9A-3P

EXTENDED CAMP OPTIONS

JUNE 24 - AUGUST 2

PRE K - 6TH GRADE

WATCH FOR MORE PROGRAMS TO BE ADDED

HAVE IDEAS? HAVE A TALENT TO SHARE?

SUGGESTIONS FOR TRIP DESTINATIONS?

LET ME KNOW!

**CHECK OUT WARREN REC, LITCHFIELD REC, MORRIS REC,
AND THE SULLIVAN SENIOR CENTER FOR
DAY AND OVERNIGHT BUS TRIPS!**

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunch Outings



We're offering new monthly lunch trips! Transportation is free with lunch at your own expense. Call Donna to learn more and reserve your spot (860.491.4673).

Community Brunch



Community Brunch returns on Saturday June 15. Just \$5 for Goshen residents and \$7 for non-residents. Please RSVP to Goshen Rec (860.491.229).

Senior Balance Class



We're happy to host a new 8-week session on Thursday afternoons beginning September 12. Free to all seniors! Call Donna to reserve your spot (860.491.4673).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to help at our water booth at the Goshen Fair, please contact Sarah Leonard (860.307.7353).

Save the Date!

Our annual Light Up A Life gathering will be held on Sunday, December 1! Stay tuned for more details.

Goshen Community Care

PO Box 202, Goshen, CT 06756 | 860-491-HOPE (4673)
goshencommunitycare@gmail.com | www.goshencommunitycare.org



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Established in 1998, Goshen Community Care assists the residents of Goshen by providing services in time of need so that all may live in dignity, safety and comfort.

Our Services

Outreach to Homebound



Weekly Senior Socials



Bereavement Support



Medical Loan Closet



Monthly Senior Lunch



Goshen Community Care

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Thank you to the following for your contribution to GGNF during this year's Give Local online fundraising initiative sponsored by Ion Bank...every penny will directly assist neighbors in need.

Judi Armstrong
Becky Burcroff
Cate Corwin
Eileen Coyne
Bill and Linda Duquette
Ed and Kate Goodhouse
Erin Hubbard
Janet and Carl Hooper
Johanna Kimball
Jack and Vicky Lynch
Joyce Mowrey
Tricia Poirier
Diana Savory
Mary Steinberg
Heather Turri
Joseph Welsh
Tim and Kit Wright

Marc and Tracy McCarthy
Paul Collins
Betty and Chris Cosgrove
Robert and Mary Donaldson
Michael and Lida Exstein
Goshen Running Club
Dave Geiger and Carroll Murphy
Jeff and Diane Johnson
William Lane
Andrea Loomis
Mickey and Joe Pratt
Judith Rifkin
Adena Siegel
Erin Strouse
Monika Brendel-Visokay
Dawn Wicks-Wilkes
Lu-Ann Zbinden

The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. has helped offset expenses such as medical bills, car maintenance, critical house repairs, utilities including electricity, firewood and heating fuel as well as other costs unique to individual needs. Recipients have been very grateful for our assistance during stressful times and emergency circumstances. Assistance is always provided with the utmost confidentiality.

With deep appreciation,

Sue Breakell, Secretary, 860-307-0611
Marcia Barker, 860-491-2368
Allen Kinsella, 860-491-3720
Dan Kobylenski, 860-491-0101
Erin Hubbard, Vice President 860-491-2176
Andrea Loomis, 860-806-1887

Cate Corwin, Treasurer, Email: goshengoodneighborfund@gmail.com

Laurie Sweet, 860-307-9462
Lisa Tillmann, 860-491-5472
Julia Turtoro, 860-309-7506
Kit Wright, President 860-491-2419
Art Witkowski, 860-491-3350
Lu-Ann Zbinden, 860-491-3399

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LAST CALL.....2025 Goshen Calendar Photo Contest



You are cordially invited to join in the fun and celebrate the beauty and community of Goshen, Connecticut!

**All entries must be received by
June 30, 2024**

Our annual **2025 Goshen Good Neighbor Calendar** will feature 13 photographs which capture the essence of our special community...pastoral scenes, barns, stone walls, celebrated events, it's people...pictures that show both the beauty and vibrancy of "this town above all others."

We are looking for photos depicting each season...spring, summer, autumn and winter!!!

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Entry fee: \$10 per entry (which includes submission of up to 2 photographs)

CONTEST GUIDELINES and INFORMATION:

*Photographs do not have to be recent but must be available digitally so that it, if selected, can be sent electronically for upload and at a high resolution.

***Photograph must have been taken in Goshen, Connecticut.**

*If photo contains identifiable faces, please identify them and get their permission to use their likeness.

*No Maximum entries per entrant.

*Photos must be 8 x 10 LANDSCAPE (horizontal) orientation, not portrait (vertical).

*Photos may be in color or true B&W, no sepia or other monotone, please

*Please do not submit photos with time/date settings or decorative borders, or which need to be trimmed or cropped.

*Photographer's name, address, phone number, email (if available) AND the location where photo was taken should be printed neatly on a post-it note affixed to the back of each photo submitted.

*Checks should be made payable to **The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc.**

*Contest is open to all age 12 and over.

* Photo(s) will not be returned.

*Calendars will be available for purchase at
The 2024 Goshen Fair, Goshen Public Library and Goshen Wine & Spirits.*

Photo contest submissions may be dropped off at The Goshen Public Library by June 30th, 2024 during normal hours of operation OR mailed to: The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. Attn: Photo Contest, PO Box 492, Goshen, CT 06756. (Please clearly mark "Do Not Bend" on envelope).

*This contest is an annual fundraising event to benefit
The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc., a 501c3 organization.*

If you have questions, please call 860-491-2419

GOSHEN GREEN GARDEN...a decade of success

This is the 10th anniversary of the Goshen Green Garden, aka the Community Garden. It has gone through many improvements over this decade, including:

- a well (The Goshen Agricultural Society used to deliver huge barrels of water to us) funded through local donations and the Dept. of Agriculture
- a beautiful shed donated to protect our equipment
- increased plots (up from 12 to 15)
- a reliable source of manure (Thorncrest Farm) and woodchips (Mosley Tree)
- a gift of pollinator plants from Litchfield High School
- Help in the past from the Boy Scouts, church volunteers and lately Forman School students

And now we have new crop of volunteers. These folks will help plant, weed, harvest and deliver produce. We contributed **5,250** pounds of food in the last 8 years to FISH, Friendly Hands, the Community Soup Kitchen and Goshen Seniors. Our sincere appreciation extends to the Church of Christ Congregational UCC Goshen which sponsored the dream of a community garden. Also, a big thanks to the Goshen Agricultural Society for our 100-year lease of their land, and for their assistance with electrical access. Here's to another decade of garden love.!



2014----Goshen Green Garden



The early water delivery

Who Needs Affordable Housing?

This question seems to be a topic of discussion around town. Not just in our town, but also across the state and the country.

Every community needs a variety of housing options that are affordable to individuals across a range of ages, skill sets, and abilities to be a sustainable community. Here in Goshen, “affordable housing” means that housing costs should be no more than 30% of household gross income for those making \$82,250 or less, which is 80% of the Area Median Income. This is a significant income level. Think about it ... it includes people that **we all** care about and count on every day. People we need.

When the housing available in a community becomes expensive beyond this point and limited in variety (ownership vs rental, large vs moderate sized) many of the individuals a community needs to be sustainable are “priced out” and go elsewhere to live and work. The impact on a small, rural town like Goshen can be significant.

Who Needs “Affordable” Housing? We All Do!

			
Teachers	First Responders	Municipal Staff	Skilled Trades
			
Young Families	Seniors	Veterans	Local Businesses

Without young adults who are just starting out in life and entering the workforce, the community may find it hard to hire entry-level teachers or to staff local businesses. It may be hard to fill needed first-responder positions. In the past, our town has found that some municipal workers could not find housing that they could afford in our town and had to live in another town to work here.

Young families starting out need the opportunity to rent while they save, and they need an affordable starter-home to buy into the American dream for the first time. Without suitable housing options they are forced to live and work elsewhere.

At the other end of the age spectrum are seniors who are now on a fixed income and are looking to stay in the town they love – some to stay close to their family members in Goshen. And they need a place to live that is designed to accommodate their special needs

Clearly, all these cases are happening in our town.

Many fear that affordable housing will bring people who are “not from here”. Well, the reality is that of all our roughly 3,000 residents, most moved here from somewhere else. A community needs new blood over time to be a sustainable community.

Some fear changes, but change is inevitable. For those of us fortunate to have called Goshen home for a long time, the change has been significant – but most of it for the good.

What is certain is that without addressing housing affordability and variety in our town, Goshen will continue to become a community of older and older citizens, with fewer and fewer youth, and limited ability to staff some essential jobs and services that we all need.

This is the mission of Goshen Housing Trust, a non-profit 501c3 community organization run by a volunteer group of your neighbors. We welcome interested parties contacting us to learn more, volunteer to help, or join our board. Visit www.GoshenHousingTrust.org.



GOSHEN CONNECTICUT

Shred Smart, Mattress & Box Spring Recycling

October 5, 2024 9am-12pm

Location: (Goshen Center School Parking Lot)

Shredding sponsored by:



Electronics Recycling

April 6, 2024 - 9am - 12pm

Location: (Goshen Town Hall Parking Lot)



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GOSHEN CONNECTICUT

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Torrington Water Pollution Control Facility, Bogue Road, Harwinton, CT

9:00AM-12:00 PM

**Call Town Hall for a ticket
860 491-2308 x 228
Tickets required to participate.**

October 19, 2024 9:00 AM – 12:00PM

Torrington Water Pollution Control
Facility, Bogue Road, 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
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WHAT NOT TO BRING

Electronics such as computers,
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Please check out the website to see when we open for the season and for hours of operation. Pick your own usually starts second week of July, but could be a bit earlier or later depending on the weather!!



Summertime and the livin is easy!

Hello Friends and Neighbors, good things are growing here at Northern Farm & Flowers! The nursery and greenhouse is filled with colorful summer annuals, perennial plants and shrubs, and fruit trees. Stop in to see what's in bloom.

In the farm store we continue to focus on local foods including grass-fed beef; local lamb; our own pasture-raised chicken, duck, and pork; Arethusa Dairy products; fresh fruits and vegetables; baked goods; a wide variety of gluten-free items; maple syrup and local honey; sweets and treats; great gift items; and so much more. Before you head to the big box grocery store, shop small with us first!

The you-pick cutting garden, now in it's third year, will rely on Mother Nature to determine the opening date which we predict to be early to mid-July. Visit our website or follow us on social media for the opening announcement and sunrise and sunset sip-n-snip dates.

We look forward to seeing you at the farm!



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Summer Sales

Pricing Subject to Small Monthly Change*

One of the major summer holidays will be in the books by the time this Town Topics hits the mailbox, it's always a special day to watch the town gather out front of the shop & along route 4 for the memorial day parade.

The store will be fully stocked for the busy season, we've been buying a few more tequilas by the case to reduce pricing and insure availability. We've moved things around again there should be a new wine cooler in place in the addition.

Hope you think of first for all your summer needs, per usual anything you need or want just ask!

Have a wonderful summer- Greg Brick Jr

SPIRITS

- Tito's 1.75L \$32.99 & 750's \$19.99
- ABSOLUT 1.75 - \$31.99
- Cuervo 1.75L \$39.99
- Woodford 750's \$37.99 1.75L \$69.99
- Ketel 1.75L - \$34.99
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- Jack Daniels 1.75L \$45.99 & 750's \$29.99
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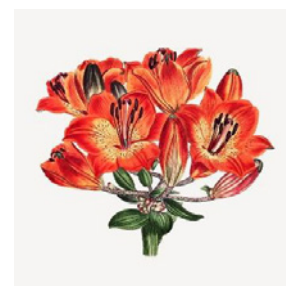
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SUMMER HOURS Through Labor Day

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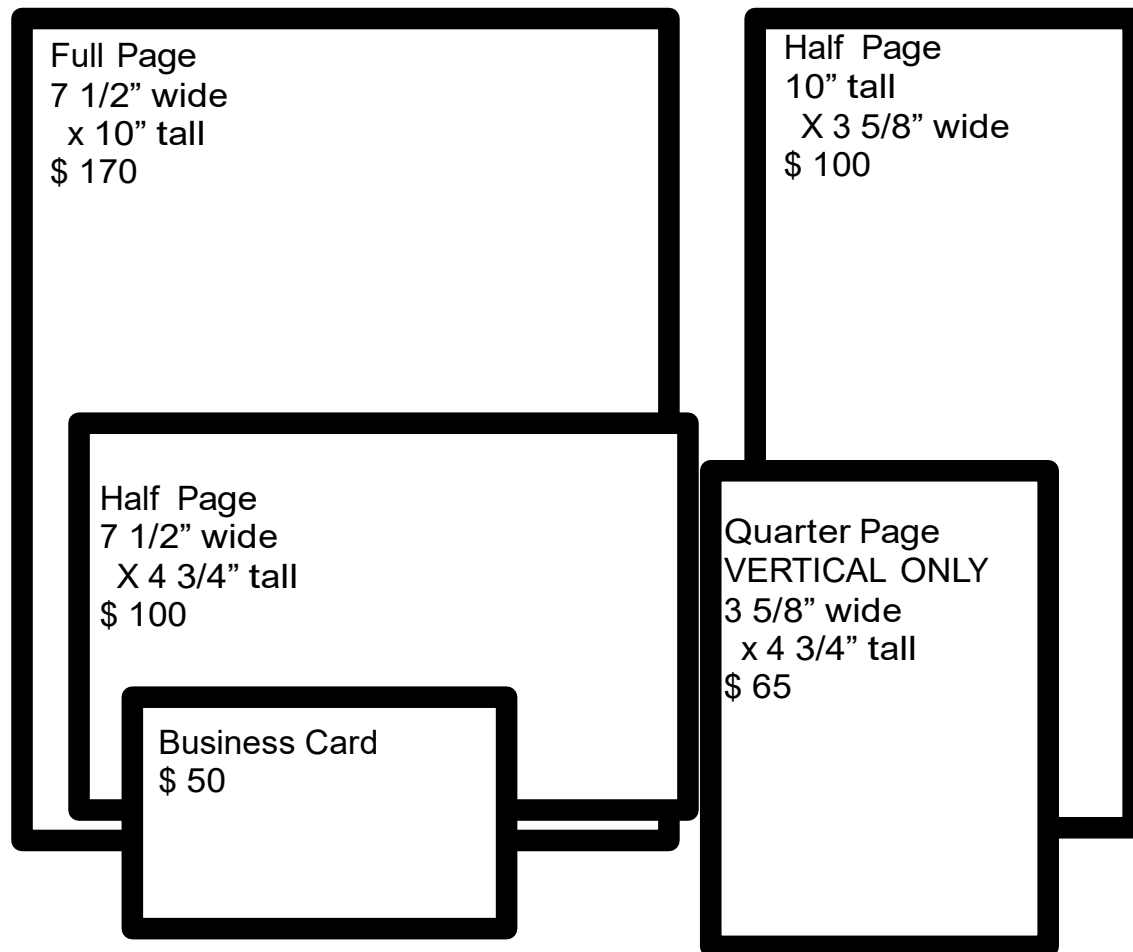
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To reach an extension, call the number listed below. You will be asked to dial the extension listed below. If the person you are calling is unable to answer their phone, you will be able to leave message in the individual's voice mail.

NAME	TITLE	PHONE	EXT	HOURS
Albreada, Liza Breor, Barbara	Recycling Coordinator Town Clerk	(860) 618-5468 (860) 491-3647		Mon-Friday by appointment Mon-Thurs 9-12 & 1-4 & Fri 9-1
Carusillo, Todd	First Selectman	(860) 491-2308	221	Mon-Thurs 8:30-4 & Fri 8:30-12
Carusillo, Kim	Asst. Town Clerk	(860) 491-3647	225	Mon-Thurs 10-2
Clinton, Lori	Registrar of Voters	(860) 491-2308	236	1 st & 3 rd Tues 9-Noon
Cole, Emily	Library Children Coordinator	(860) 491-3234		Library Phone Number
Diorio, Bob	Fire Marshal	(860) 601-8940		Cell Phone (No Office Hours)
Graham, Kate	Animal Control Officer	(860) 248-9979		Cell Phone (No Office Hours)
Gregoire, Paula	Library Aide	(860) 491-3234		Library Phone Number
Guarnieri, Tabitha	Library Director	(860) 491-3234		Library Phone Number
Hall, Robert	Fire Chief	(860) 491-2526		No Office Hours
Harlow, Garret	Public Works Supervisor	(860) 491-6029		Mon-Fri 7:00 – 3:00
Howard, Nanci	Registrar of Voters	(860) 491-2308	236	1 st & 3 rd Tues 9-Noon
Hussman, Lucy	Assessor	(860) 491-2115		Tues & Wed 9-12 & 1-4
Jurchert Derungs, Rebecca	Tax Collector	(860) 491-3275		Tues 9-12 & Wed 1-4
Kinsella, Dexter	Selectman	(860) 91-3364		Home Number
Lamanna, Maureen	Asst. Tax Collector	(860) 491-3275		Tues 9-12 & Wed 1-4
LeClair, Denise	Assessment Clerk	(860) 491-2115		Tues & Wed 9-12 & 1-4
Miller, Lucia	Accounting/Payroll Clerk	(860) 491-2308	223	Mon & Tues 8:30 - 4
Malanca, Kate	Library Aide	(860) 491-3234		Library Phone Number
Mullen, Janell	Town Planner	(860) 491-2308	232	As Needed
Musselman, Spencer	Enforcement Officer	(860) 491-2308	232	Tues & Thurs 7:30-10
Olson, Scott	Selectman	(860) 459-8676		Home Number
Paige, Lucille	First Selectman Aide	(860) 491-2308	239	Tues, Wed & Thurs
Perry, Virginia	First Selectman Admin. Asst.	(860) 491-2308	228	Mon-Thurs 8:30 – 4 & Fri 8:30 - 12
Perry, Matthew	Deputy Animal Control Officer	(860) 318-5370		Cell Phone (No Office Hours)
Reilly, Erin	Recreation Director	(860) 491-2249 (860) 601-6089		Mon-Wed. 9-4, Thurs/Fri. for Programs & Field Trips
Zibell, Chris	Building Official	(860) 491-2308	231	Tues & Thurs 7:30-10

OTHER PHONE NUMBERS (OWNED BY TOWN)

Camp Cochepianee	291 Beach Street	(860) 491-3367		
Goshen Fire Company	181 Sharon Turnpike	(860) 491 - 2526		(860) 491-3855 (General Calls)
Goshen Library Fax	42B North Street	(860) 491-0100		
Public Works	38 Torrington Road	(860) 491-6029 Office		(860) 491-6036 Fax
Town Hall Fax	42A North Street	(860) 491-6028		

OTHER PHONE NUMBERS (NOT OWNED BY TOWN)

Goshen Community Care	5 Old Middle Street	(860) 491-4673		
Goshen Fairgrounds	116 Old Middle Street	(860) 491-3655		
Goshen Post Office	9 Sunset Drive	(860) 491-2733		
State Police Troop B	463 Ashley Falls Rd, Canaan	(800) 497-0403		
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