



Goshen Town Topics

Fall 2024

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From the First Selectman

The end of summer is near here in Goshen, hopefully everyone enjoyed their summer and the bounty from your gardens. Now we prepare for Fall and Winter, please have your heating systems serviced and your woodstoves inspected before use. The building inspector is available to inspect your newly installed wood or pellet stoves.

I believe everyone was excited when they opened their tax bill, the 14.2 mill rate really reduced our taxes, special thanks to the Board of Finance for working endlessly to reduce our mill rate.

This month the Region 20 BOE claims a 3.65-million-dollar shortfall on the school budget. The Region 20 BOE is imposing a \$2.7 million dollar referendum this fall, then another referendum in the spring of 2025. Apparently, they do not want to make any cuts, they are over staffed and over paid, someone was asleep at the wheel when this budget was presented. Please get involved our kids & taxpayers deserve better

The residents voted at the Town meeting to move the grant monies from 190 Sharon Turnpike to 38 Torrington Road, the referendum vote on 190 Sharon Turnpike, the residents voted to sell the property to a Land Trust or Land Conservatory along with Passive Recreation. I wrote a new ordinance for Passive Recreation, which will be on the call for the next Town Meeting, right now the Goshen Land Trust is showing interest in the property.

July 1st 2024 we have a new tipping fee of \$131.00 per ton for our household solid waste. July's tipping fee was **\$21,529.85** that's \$5000.00 more than last July's 2023 fees. The town cannot continue to absorb these fees, a percentage will be passed on to the consumers. Please recycle and don't throw metal by-products in your garbage container, 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.

Living with Bears. Please be vigilante to your surroundings, seems like they are everywhere.

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

<u>November-24</u>				<u>December-24</u>											
5	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH	19	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH	3	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH	16	Recreation Commission	7:00PM	TH
6	Conservation Commission	6:30PM	TH	20	Library	4:00PM	TH	4	Conservation Commission	6:30PM	TH	17	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH
6	Fire Commissioners	7:00PM	FH	20	Board of Finance	7:30PM	TH	4	Fire Commissioners	7:00PM	FH	19	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 PM	TH
7	Inland Wetlands	7:15PM	TH	21	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 PM	TH	5	Inland Wetlands	7:15PM	TH	17	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH
12	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH	26	P&Z Commission	7:30 PM	TH	10	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH	17	P&Z Commission	7:30 PM	TH
13	Recycling & Trash Committee	7:00 PM	TH					11	Recycling & Trash Committee	7:00PM	TH	18	Library	4:00PM	TH
14	Affordable Housing Committee	6:00PM	TH					12	Affordable Housing Committee	6:00PM	TH	18	Board of Finance	7:30 PM	TH
18	Recreation	7:00 PM	TH					16	Economic Dev. Commission	6:00PM	TH				

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

LEGAL NOTICE

**Town of Goshen
Assessor's Office
Personal Property Declarations**

All persons conducting business in the Town of Goshen are required to return to the Assessor's Office, on or before November 1, 2024, a complete and accurate Declaration of all tangible personal property used in the conduct of their business as of the first day of October 2024.

Business assets include but are not limited to: manufacturing and industrial machinery and equipment; office fixtures, furniture, equipment and supplies; farm machinery and tools; mechanics tools; tools and equipment of your trade; electronic data processing equipment; cables and conduits; construction equipment and leased equipment.

All unregistered motor vehicles or motor vehicles registered out of state that are garaged in Goshen are taxable and must be declared, whether they are a business asset or a personal asset.

Any business or individual required to file a declaration may obtain the proper form from the Goshen Assessor's Office. Declarations will be mailed out in September. Failure to receive a form by mail does not excuse a property owner from filing.

Dated at Goshen, Connecticut, this 21th day of August, 2024.

By: Lucy Hussman, Assessor



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 September 30, 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 if 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 help improve the appearance and maintenance of roads and town property. This could not be done without the hard work of the of public works staff.

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 applied for at the Public Works Department (permit is also available for download on the Public Works page of the Town website) prior to performing any work on, the relocation of, or the removal of, a highway boundary wall lining Town or State roadways within the limits of Goshen. If you have any questions, or would like to apply for a permit please contact the Public Works Department at 860-491-6029 or by e-mail at publicworks@goshenct.gov.

CAPITAL AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

This summer season Public Works has continued working on the road plan with the rebuilding of a 3100 LF section of Newcomb Rd., starting from the intersection of Beach St. to the West additionally we are rebuilding Beach St from the Litchfield Town Line north 500 LF., and also paving additional sections of roads. Repairs and replacement of drainage systems are also being made in other locations in Town including East St. North. High materials prices continue to make this a particular challenge. We will continue drainage projects on select roads into the fall, including Westside Rd.



DPW staff working on drainage upgrades on Newcomb Rd.

DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE AND PIPE MAINTENANCE

Title 18, the Town of Goshen Driveway Ordinance Concerning the Construction of Driveways, including temporary access driveways on Town roadways. The ordinance also covers the maintenance of driveways. A permit must be applied for at the office of Public Works prior to the start of construction of a new driveway, or the repaving, re-grading or drainage improvements being performed 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 based upon the probable cost of the work to be performed in the right-of-way. There is no permit fee for a driveway application. Please see Ordinance Title 18 for more information or contact Public Works at 860-491-6029 or by email at publicworks@goshenct.gov with questions or to apply for a permit.

Additionally, the ordinance requires that property owners with a cross pipe under their driveway or other drainage system, to maintain it in a functional condition. Please perform the inspection and cleaning out of your drainage pipes to allow for the free flow of water part of your fall property cleanup. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

UPCOMING MAINTENANCE AND PROJECTS

The Public Works Department will be regrading the dirt roads in the coming months to ready them for winter. Additionally, leaves will be blown from the roadside ditches to keep them clear to allow for the flow of water after the ground freezes. Please **do not deposit leaves or any other materials in the roadside ditches as the Town does not pick up leaves.** The ditches need to remain clear to effectively drain water away from roads and properties. Brush and vegetation clearing from Town owned right-of-ways is an ongoing project. This work is performed to keep clear sightlines along roads and to keep vegetation with accumulated snow loads from hanging into roadways, creating a hazard to motorists. Additionally, the department has started the tasks associated with mechanically readying our fleet of trucks and heavy equipment for the upcoming winter season.

FALL/ WINTER SEASON SAFETY

Although the Public Works Department is careful about their surroundings while plowing and treating the roads, please be aware when you are in proximity of these working vehicles, especially due to their limited rear-view vision. Rear view blind spots can extend back 100' on a truck. Please give us sufficient room to work and assume the driver does not see you! We all thank you for your cooperation on this important matter of safety. **Additionally, please make every effort to keep your trash and recycling totes off of the edge of the roadways for the safety of roadway users.**

WINTER SAND FOR RESIDENTS

Starting in November, winter sand is available to Goshen residents only, and in small quantities. It will be located at the Public Works garage next to the red barn at 38 Torrington Road. Be noticed the sand pile is monitored.

MAILBOX DAMAGE

The Public Works Department is not responsible for damage to mailboxes unless one of our vehicles directly inflicts damage to the mailbox. **Should snow or debris damage the mailbox as a result of plowing, the Public Works Department is not responsible for replacement or repair.**

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

Town of Goshen Registrars of Voters



Seek Able & Interested Electors to Serve as Poll Workers and/or Early Voting Staff in the Upcoming Presidential Election, November 5, 2024. All positions paid an hourly rate; training included.

Call Registrars office at (860) 491-2308 x 236

14 Days EARLY VOTING: October 21-31, November 1-3, 2024, 10am-6pm, 8am-8pm October 29 and 31, 2024.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Friday, October 18, 2024

Deadline for voter registration by mail to be post-marked

Deadline for voter registration at the DMV by close of business

Deadline for voter registration online by 11:59pm

Deadline for voter registration in person by 8:00pm

Same Day Voter Registration

If you are not registered, but want to vote during the early voting period, you may register in person everyday of Early Voting at the early voting location

If you are not registered, but want to vote on Election Day, you may register in person on Election Day at your election Day Registration site

To receive important election updates text VOTE to 860-321-4221

Goshen Registrar of Voters, Nanci Howard and Dawn Wilkes

Goshen Public Library



42B North Street

Goshen, CT 06756

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Fall 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.

Adult Programs

Apple Hunt in the Library! **September 3rd – September 27th**

Apples have been “dropped” throughout the library and we need our patrons’ help to find them all before we get bookworms! The apples are everywhere – in books, under chairs, on shelves, etc. If you find one, put your name on it and turn it into a librarian. On September 28th, ten apples will be picked from the apple bin and a prize will be awarded. *Open for all ages!*

Black Bears with Ginny Apple **Saturday, September 21st @ 11:00am**

Our friend, Master Wildlife Conservationist Ginny Apple, will be coming in to help us become “Bear Aware!”

Wild Turkeys with Ginny Apple **Saturday, November 16th @ 11:00am**

Join us again with Ginny Apple, Master Wildlife Conservationist, as she provides an overview of wild turkeys in early America, their habitats, eating habits, mating rituals and

offspring.

An “Evening” with Edgar Allen Poe **Saturday, December 7th @ 11:00am**

The Goshen Public Library invites you to spend an “evening” with the master of the macabre, Edgar Allan Poe, returns for an evening of mystery and horror. Learn the truth behind the life, death, and legacy of this American legend. Enjoy your favorite stories and poems performed live by actor, Campbell Harmon.

Please register for all programs by either emailing frontdesk@goshenpublib.org, calling the library at 860-491-3234, or signing up in-person at the front desk!

Mark Albertson History Series on Zoom

Monday, October 7, 4:00 PM. **Shot Heard Around the World: outbreak of World War I**

Monday, November 4, 4:00 PM. **The Electoral College**

Monday, December 2, 4:00 PM. **Fascism in America**

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

Book Discussions**Breakfast Book Club Meetings
4th Monday of the month @ 9:00am**

September 23rd Book:
The Storyteller by Jodi Picoult

October 28th Book:
The Women by Kristin Hannah

November 18th Book:
Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult
**November date is the third Monday due to
Thanksgiving the following week*

**Page Turning Talks Book Group Meetings
2nd Monday of the month @ 10:30am**

October 14th Book:
Feel Free by Zadie Smith

November 11th Book:
Barracoon by Zora Neal Hurston

December 9th Book:
Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law
by Mary Roach

Children's Programs**Dungeons and Dragons
Call library to find out September Date!**

Exercise your imagination and creativity in this one-night campaign meant for beginners. Bring your own character sheets or use a pre-generated one from our Dungeon Master! Pizza and snacks will be provided. Open for middle school and high school students only.

October Pumpkin Coloring Contest

Get ready for Halloween by coloring your own pumpkin! Coloring sheets will be available October 1st and entries will need to be in by October 23rd. Voting will take place October 24th – 30th, and a winner will be chosen on Halloween!

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.

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.

fall in the rec dept

ongoing programs

monday: group fitness with Janice

9am - camp coch

tuesday: senior social

1pm - 5 old middle street - (with gcc)

wednesday: chair yoga with crystal

10:30am - 5 old middle street - (with gcc)

thursday: sew it's thursday

10am - west wing at camp coch

friday: traditional yoga with crystal

10:30am - 5 old middle street - (with gcc)

community brunch

october 12: 9:30am to 11:00am

december 14: 9:30am to 11:00am

5 old middle st - this program is a collaboration

with goshen communtiy care!!

\$5 per person / \$7 non-resident

info on mohawk ski/snowboard lessons and

lift ticket packages coming soon

check out the sullivan senior center, and warren,

litchfield, and morris rec departments for

day and overnight bus trips!

goshen recreation department

erin reilly - director

office - 860-491-2249 /cell - 860-601-6089

parkandrec@goshenct.gov - goshenrec.com

fall in the rec dept

60+ bus trips

september 23 - lyman orchard

october 25 - lunch only

november 22 - shopping in canton/avon

other programs

girls field hockey for grades 3 - 5 with

coach martinelli - tuesdays, sept 17 - oct 22

town wide tag sale - saturday, september 28

9a-2p - maps at local business and town hall

be fit with janice - 5 week weight based

workout program - thurdays, oct 3 to nov 14

jack-o-lantern contest and kid's halloween party

at camp coch - friday, october 18 6:30p-8p

47th annual turkey trot - thanksgiving morning

at the goshen fairgrounds - 9am

**** registration info and fees at goshenrec.com ****

watch for more programs to be added

have ideas? have a talent to share?

suggestions for trip destinations?

let me know!

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Donna Molon for her dedicated service as the coordinator of Goshen Community Care over past two years. As the face of the organization, Donna was instrumental in coordinating programs and outreach initiatives to enhance the well-being of our older adult community. We are grateful and wish her well!

While we are actively searching for new team members, our volunteers will ensure that essential services remain in place. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you or a neighbor can benefit from our assistance.

- Goshen Community Care Board of Directors

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You...

To ALL who supported our water booth at the Goshen Fair! We extend special appreciation to the American Legion for their continued partnership! We also thank the Goshen Boy Scouts and Ryan Slowik from Steak Tips for selling water for us. If anyone is interested in selling water on our behalf in the future, please contact Sarah at 860.307.7353.

Volunteer Gathering

Save the date! All volunteers are invited to a listening session on Wednesday, September 25 at 2 p.m. Board members will be present to hear your thoughts! Coffee and munchies will be served. Please RSVP to 860.491.4673.

Senior Balance Class

Starting soon! We are happy to host this 8-week session for seniors on Thursday afternoons beginning September 12. Free to all seniors! Call 860.491.4673 to reserve your spot.

Goshen Community Care

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



The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. P.O. Box 492 Goshen, CT 06756

History and Mission

The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. was formally established as a nonprofit 501c (3) corporation in 1977 by a group of Goshen Connecticut residents who came together to raise funds for a Goshen family that was experiencing a financial emergency. Through this small group's efforts, fundraising initiatives, and desire to have funds on hand to assist other residents of Goshen who might find themselves in similar financial emergency circumstances, **The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. (GGNF)** has been perpetuated since that time.

We are humbled by your generosity to help ensure perpetuation of our mission and support of our neighbors. We are thankful for the donations small and large made by residents and individuals, local businesses, our church communities, grant monies received from local agencies, matching corporate gift programs, regional and state charitable organizations, and special event fundraising events sponsored by local proprietors and civic councils.

The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. board is comprised of Goshen residents, all volunteers, who operate within the established statement of purpose and the by-laws of the organization. Funds are distributed on a per case basis as needs become known and are handled expeditiously with the utmost respect for confidentiality and dignity. Repayment is never requested or sought from the recipient.

With deep appreciation,

Sue Breakell, Secretary 860-307-0611

Marcia Barker, 860-491-2368

Allen Kinsella, 860-491-3720

Dan Kobylenski, 860-491-0101

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Andrea Loomis, 860-806-1887

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Kit Wright, President 860-491-2419

Art Witkowski, 860-491-3350

Lu-Ann Zbinden, 860-491-3399

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

Please note: Gifts to The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund are tax deductible based on the Fund's 501(C)(3) public charity status. No exchange of goods, services or property is provided by The Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc. in relation to charitable gifts.



GOSHEN GARDEN CLUB

2024 Scholarship Recipient

The Goshen Garden Club awards a scholarship annually to a graduate of WAMOGO High School who plans to major in Environmental Sciences in their graduate studies.

Rosemary Bonaguide, President of The Goshen Garden Club, is shown presenting the award to Nicholas Boggio of Plymouth, the recipient of the

2024 Scholarship. He is the son of Kelly and Michael Boggio. Nicholas is a graduate of WAMOGO High School in Litchfield and a member of the National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, the Timber Team and Future Business Leaders of America. His community service has included working with the Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut for seven years.

Nicholas will be attending SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York beginning with the 2024 Fall semester.

Starting with the 2024/ 2025 academic year, the scholarship will be awarded to a qualifying graduate of the newly formed Region School District 20, LAKEVIEW High School.

GOSHEN GARDEN CLUB 2024/2025 Camp Cochipianee Project

The Goshen Garden Club has announced it will redesign and install a new garden at the front entrance to Camp Cochipianee's lodge. The club members, led by our own Landscape Designer and Master Gardeners, will collaborate to bring this new garden to life.

GGC 2024 FALL FUNDRAISER SAVE THE DATE!

The Goshen Garden Club is planning their Fall Fundraiser for Saturday, November 2, 2024 at Fairview Farm Golf Course, 300 Hill Road, Harwinton, CT. This event is always a crowd pleaser and the proceeds will support the club's local philanthropic goals. Details will follow in the coming weeks.



**Community Garden Produce
shared at the senior social**

For the Love of Gardening.....?

I joined Goshen community garden two years ago I had all sorts of ideas for vegetables that I was going to grow. I thought gardening would be fun and easy. Then I joined the Goshen Community Garden and I was amazed at the number of weeds that also started to grow along with my veggies. I asked myself what I had done wrong. I got “busy” and the weeds took over. I had failed to realize that the fantasy of gardening being easy is just that. A fantasy. Gardening is not easy. It takes a tremendous amount of planning, time and effort. Things like soil quality, garden pests and the amount of water all play a part. The art of gardening is a learned skill that develops over time. I’ve learned most about how to make my garden grow from fellow gardeners. As a gardener it’s important know that many times the outcome is beyond you and that mother nature sometimes has other plans.

This year I took another plot at the Goshen Community Garden and I volunteered to be the “Squash Queen”, tending to multiple squash plants destined to provide squash for food pantries in our area. Well, this year we had the mighty battle against the squash bug and by the second week of August, we had lost. As I was carting away rotten squash plants, I reminded myself of what I learned. The squash bugs were just being bugs, and instead of seeing the wheelbarrow half empty, I appreciated the six good weeks and hundreds of pounds of squash that we had provided to food pantries. In the meantime, I have learned to take the good with the challenging and come out, I think, A better gardener in the end.

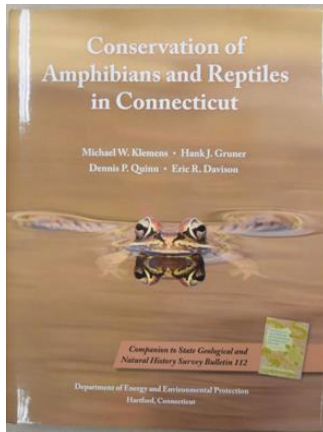
Karen Krase



Goshen Land Trust



Annual Meeting
Thursday, September 26th at 7pm
Camp Cochipianee at 291 Beach Street



Do you know what herpetofauna is? It's the reptiles and amphibians of a particular region. Biologists at CT DEEP have been studying the reptiles and amphibians of our state for decades. Thousands of hours of field study and data collection are culminated in their new book. We are excited to have **Hank Gruner and Dennis Quinn**, two of the authors, at our Annual Meeting to present:

“Conservation of Amphibians and Reptiles in Connecticut”.

There will be a business meeting at 7pm, followed by our speakers for the evening. Light refreshments will be served.

Trails for All: Accessible Trails in Goshen

We are celebrating! The **CT DEEP RECREATIONAL TRAILS FUND** awarded the Goshen Land Trust \$89,744 for two accessible trails. In addition, the Goshen Land Trust has received an \$11,444 **AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT**. So, we have a total of \$101,188 for our two new projects. One will be a new StoryWalk® at Camp Cochipianee and include access to Dog Pond. The other will be at the Land Trust's John Ross Trail on Pie Hill. The current trail will remain with an additional 1/3 mile loop of accessible trail crossing over it in the hemlock woods.

Would you like to help with this project? We need volunteers! Contact Joyce at joyce.mowrey@gmail.com or call 860-491-2076 and leave a message. We will get back to you to answer your questions and sign you up!

Our Mission

The Goshen Land Trust seeks to improve the quality of life for current and future generations of Goshen-area residents through the preservation and stewardship of natural and open lands. The Goshen Land Trust's intent is to protect such land in perpetuity for the purpose of habitat preservation and enhancement, water quality protection, agricultural productivity, education, passive recreation, and scenic and historic preservation.



To accomplish our mission, we depend upon your donations, big or small. Use the QR code here or go to goshenlandtrust.org and select the donation button. Or you can mail a check to Goshen Land Trust, PO Box 501, Goshen, CT 06756.



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 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.

Events for 2024

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 CONNECTICUT

Shred Smart, Mattress & Box Spring Recycling

October 5, 2024 9am-12pm

Location: (Goshen Center School Parking Lot)

Shredding sponsored by:



Electronics Recycling

October, 5 2024 9 am-12pm

Location: (Goshen Town Hall Parking Lot)



Keyboards
VCR & DVD
Players
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Laptops
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Microwaves
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Wires & Chargers

and more!





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
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
Anti-freeze
Smoke Detectors
Propane Tanks 1-20lbs



WHAT NOT TO BRING

Electronics such as computers,
DVD players, etc.
Fluorescent Bulbs
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



Recycle your Clean, Dry, Empty Plastic Bags and Film Packaging!

Plastics to Collect:

- LDPE / HDPE Films
- Newspaper Sleeves
- Bread Bags
- Product Wrap
- Cereal Liners
- Food Storage Bags
- Ice Bags
- Pellet Bags
- Produce Bags
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Grocery Bags
- Case Overwrap
- Packaging Air Pillows
- Salt Bags



Drop off location: Town Hall
OCT. 5
9am-12pm

During Electronics/mattress & shred it event!!



Chore Service

Registration #HCA.0000315

~ Helping people stay at home since 1992 ~

Chore Service "Stay at Home" Mission

To help older adults and people with disabilities within the community remain safely and independently at home.

Proudly Serving the Towns of:

Cornwall ~ Falls Village ~ Goshen ~
Kent ~ Litchfield ~ Morris ~ Norfolk ~
North Canaan ~ Roxbury ~ Salisbury ~
Sharon ~ Warren ~ Washington

How Can Chore Service Help?

Chore Service solely provides
non-medical assistance, including:

- ♦ Companionship
- ♦ Housecleaning
- ♦ Laundry
- ♦ Light meal prep
- ♦ Minor handyperson tasks
- ♦ Technology Assistance
- ♦ Transportation
- ♦ Yardwork
- ♦ Temporary or on-going services

What Does Chore Cost?

- ♦ Clients make a contribution based on monthly *household* income.
- ♦ Services are provided regardless of ability to pay.

How Can You Help?

- ♦ Become a part-time chore worker and make a difference in someone's life.
- ♦ Chore is a non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.
- ♦ All donations are gratefully accepted and go directly to helping older adults and people with disabilities within our community remain safely & independently at home.

Chore Service, Inc.

PO Box 522, Lakeville, CT 06039

(860) 435-9177 www.choreservice.org

Funded in part by the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging

The Torrington Country Club, Inc.

250 Torrington Road, Goshen, CT

www.torringtoncountryclub.com

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*Deposit and application fee due with application. Contact office for full details.



For more information

Email us at reception@torringtoncc.com or call 860-491-2440

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**Thank you to all who participated in our
annual calendar photo contest!**



Cover Photo submitted by Cate Corwin of Goshen

**2025 Calendars
--NOW ON SALE--**

\$12/calendar
available for purchase at
The Goshen Public Library
and
Goshen Wine & Spirits

Net proceeds from the sale of these calendars directly assists neighbors in need.



TOWN PHONE DIRECTORY

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 Bequillard, Lisa Breor, Barbara	Recycling Coordinator Library Aide Town Clerk	(860) 618-5468 (860) 491-3234 (860) 491-3647		Mon-Friday by appointment Library Phone Number 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
Vacant	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
Ho, Thy	Library Aide	(860) 491-3234		Library Phone Number
Howard, Nanci	Registrar of Voters	(860) 491-2308	236	1 st Wed. 9am -12pm & 3 rd Wed. 5pm-8pm
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
Wilkes, Dawn	Registrar of Voters	(860) 491-2308	236	1 st Wed. 9am -12pm & 3 rd Wed. 5pm-8pm
Zibell, Chris	Building Official	(860) 491-2308	231	Tues & Thurs 7:30-10

OTHER PHONE NUMBERS (OWNED BY TOWN)

Camp Cochipianee	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		
U.S.A Hauling Recycling	185 Torrington Rd, Winsted	(860) 379-1662		



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