



Goshen Town Topics

Winter 2024

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From the First Selectman

The end of Fall is here, and a new winter season is around the corner for Goshen, hopefully everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving and are getting ready for Christmas. Now we prepare for Winter, please have your heating systems serviced and your wood stoves inspected before use. The building inspector is available to inspect your newly installed wood or pellet stoves.

Region 20 BOE is calling for a referendum on December 3rd for Litchfield's Debt of \$1.9 million, BOE voted against the \$1 million capital expenditures. Goshen percentage is 21.26% The Board of Selectmen endorsed the referendum of \$1.9 million because the residents from all four towns voted to approve the merger.

The auditor's annual report for FY 23-24 shows that our Town is in good financial shape. The Annual Report can be picked up at the Town Hall.

I was notified in October, there will be an increase in tipping fee's July 1st 2025, the new tipping fee will be \$181.00 per ton. That is fifty dollars more than we are paying currently for our household solid waste. I will try to opt-out of the current contract and find a new hauler. 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. The bears are getting ready to hibernate, eating everything they can find. Please be vigilant to your surroundings.

My office receives many complaints regarding speeding on certain roads in town. Roads like East Street North, Route 272, Beach St, Lyman Lane, Hagman-Shean Road. A speed study preformed on Shelbourne Drive & East Hyerdale Drive showed speeds exceed 70 mph.

I spoke with the Lieutenant from Troop B. They will be conducting speed enforcement on Route 4, Route 63 & Route 272 as requested from our residents.

Best Regards,

Todd M. Carusillo
First Selectman

Town Meetings at a Glance
Public is encouraged to attend meetings

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

September-24				October-24			
3	Board of Selectmen	5:00PM	TH	15	Water Pollution	6:30 PM	TH
4	Conservation Commission	6:30PM	FH	16	Library	4:00PM	TH
4	Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM	TH	17	ZBA Commission	7:30PM	TH
5	Inland Wetlands	7:15 PM	TH	21	Recreation	7:00 PM	TH
10	Board of Selectmen	5:00PM	TH	22	Board of Selectmen	5:00 PM	TH
11	Recycling & Trash Committee	7:00 PM	TH	23	Board of Finance	7:30PM	TH
12	Affordable Housing Committee	6:00PM	TH	22	P&Z Commission	7:30PM	TH
16	Recreation	7:00 PM	TH	29	Board of Selectmen	5:00PM	TH
				29	Lake Weed Committee	7:00 PM	TH

November-24				December-24			
5	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH	16	Recreation Commission	7:00PM	TH
6	Conservation Commission	6:30PM	TH	17	Board Selectmen	5:00PM	TH
6	Fire Commissioners	7:00PM	FH	19	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 PM	TH
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18	Recreation	7:00 PM	TH				

Location Legend:

Fire house	FH
Town Hall	TH

To access Boards & Commissions public zoom meeting links go to:
[Goshenct.gov](https://www.goshenct.gov), under News click on Public access for Virtual Town Meetings

PRESS RELEASE
TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Taxpayers wishing to appeal assessments on the October 1, 2024 Real Estate and/or Personal Property List, or the 2023 Supplemental Motor Vehicle List, must make a written request to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a hearing. This written request must be submitted on the prescribed form and received by the Board of Assessment Appeals, Goshen Town Hall, 42A North Street, Goshen, CT, 06756 no later than **February 20, 2025**.

Forms to be used for filing appeals can be found on the Town of Goshen website www.goshenct.gov/board-of-assessment-appeals. Taxpayers wishing to obtain a form by mail may call 860-491-2115. A separate form is required for each property being appealed.

The Board of Assessment Appeals will notify taxpayers in writing of the date, time, and place of their hearing. Hearings will be held in mid-March at a time and place to be determined.

When completing the required form, taxpayers are strongly urged to name an agent to act on their behalf in the event they cannot keep the scheduled appointment.

An appeal cannot be heard unless the required written request is received by the Board of Assessment Appeals on or before **February 20, 2025**.

The Caroline T. Brooks Fund

The Caroline T. Brooks Fund was established under the Will of Alice L. Carlisle, who was a resident of the Town of Goshen. The purpose of the Fund is to provide medical care for the children of the Town of Goshen (particularly for their eyes, ears, noses, throats and teeth), whose parents or guardians are unable to afford such care and treatment.

Parents or guardians who have been residents of the Town of Goshen for at least twelve months may complete an application for any child under age 18 who is a Goshen resident.

Applications are available at the First Selectman's office, Town of Goshen, and at The Goshen Congregational Church.

Applications will be considered by a committee consisting of the First Selectman of the Town of Goshen, the minister of The Goshen Congregational Church and a Trust Officer of Bank of America as provided under the terms of the Will.

Primary consideration will be given to parents who meet the criteria established in the trust of being unable to afford medical care and treatment. However, towards the end of the year, if dollars are still available the need restrictions become less stringent.

Funds are distributed through Bank of America and payment will be made only to licensed providers of medical, dental, vision or hearing services. No funds will be paid to individuals. All applications must include an invoice for services rendered or a written explanation of proposed services to be provided from the attending doctor or medical facility.

REMINDER 2ND INSTALLMENT on PROPERTY TAXES DUE January 1, 2025
Last day to pay without penalty: Monday, February 3, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE:

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 Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes and the second installment of Real Estate & Personal Property taxes due January 1, 2025 at the Tax Collector's office in the Goshen Town Hall, 42A North St, Goshen, CT on Tuesdays from 9:00 – Noon and Thursdays 1:00 – 4:00.

Payments must be received or postmarked by Monday, February 3, 2025 to avoid interest.
They will be late if received/postmarked on Feb. 4TH !

Don't wait till the last day to mail your payment. It may take the postal service up to 24 hours to deliver your mail to a distribution center where the postmarks are added.
Ask postmaster to hand stamp postmark on the last day of the month.

Online banking checks through your personal bank – these payments are NOT postmarked and they are often NOT received till after the date you requested.

All taxes remaining unpaid after February 3, 2025 will be charged interest from January 1, 2025 at the rate of 1.5% for each month elapsing (total of 3% on 2/4/2025) 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

You may also pay online at <http://www.goshenct.gov>

There are convenience fees

- Credit Cards: Point & Pay charges a 2.9% 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 \$2.95 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.

Email Reminders – Taxes Due

Sign up for Tax Collector notices – you will receive reminder notices 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

Did you pay OFF your mortgage??

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

Contact the Tax Office to notify us. The banks do NOT notify the Tax Office

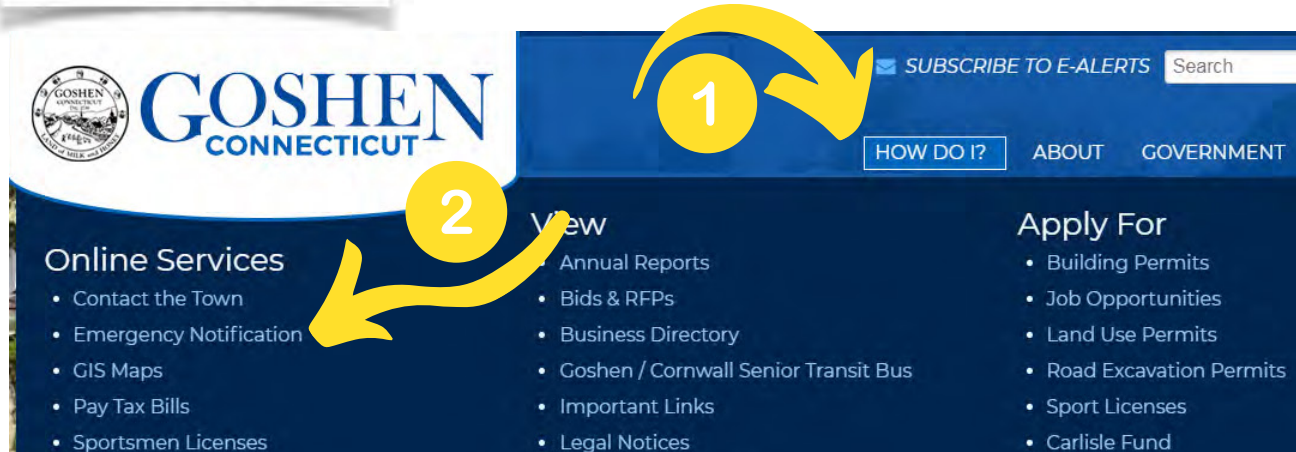
If you have any questions, please contact us at (860) 491-3275 ext. 226 or
taxcollector@goshenct.gov



Town of Goshen

EMERGENCY

NOTIFICATIONS



How to sign up for Blackboard

Emergency Notifications for the Town of Goshen at www.goshenct.gov:

1. Toggle your cursor over **How Do I?**
2. Click on **Emergency Notifications**
 - a. You will be directed to the Town of Goshen Blackboard page
3. Click on **Sign Me Up!** Next to Login, if you have never registered for Blackboard Emergency Notifications before.
4. Follow the prompts by clicking **Continue**.
5. Make sure to put in the correct email address. You will be sent a confirmation email. **Go to your email and click on the link to activate your account.**
6. Fill out the **security questions**.
7. Then **log in** with your email address and password you chose.
8. Prompts will ask how you want to be notified by clicking on **Add Address, Add Another Email, Add Phone**.
9. Click **Next** and **ONLY CLICK TOWN OF GOSHEN** for the Emergency Notifications.
10. Click **Next** and then **Done**. You will now be notified of any Town Emergencies.

Once you're signed up...that's it!!

You can update any information by logging in through www.goshenct.gov



The Fisher: Stealthy Predator of the North

Introduction

The fisher (*Pekania Pennanti*) is a carnivorous mammal native to the forests of North America. Often mistaken for a weasel or a large ferret, the fisher is a member of the mustelid family, which includes animals like otters, minks, and wolverines. Fishers are closely related to, but larger than, the American marten. Known for its agility, intelligence, and stealth, the fisher is a top predator in its ecosystem, playing a crucial role in maintaining the balance of forest ecosystems. Despite its importance, the fisher remains a rarely seen creature, living in dense forests and often evading human attention.

Physical Description

Fishers are medium-sized carnivores, measuring between 24 and 30 inches in body length, with an additional 12–16 inches of tail. Adult fishers typically weigh between 4 and 13 pounds, with males being larger than females. Their fur is dense and dark, usually a mix of brown to black, with a light-colored throat patch and lighter underparts. The fisher's long, bushy tail, used for balance, and powerful limbs make it an efficient climber, capable of navigating both trees and the forest floor with ease. Fishers have 5 toes on each foot, with unsheathed, retractable claws. Their feet are large, enabling them to easily move on top of snow packs. Their highly mobile ankle joints allow them to rotate their hind paws 180 degrees so they can descend from trees head first. The vocalizations of fishers are unique, being described almost like a woman being attacked or a guttural scream. Many times fox or racoon vocalizations are mistakenly identified as fisher "screams".



Habitat and Range

Fishers are found primarily in the forests of North America, including parts of Canada, the northern United States, and the Pacific Northwest. They prefer dense, mature forests with a mix of conifers and deciduous trees. They den in hollow trees, with their kits born blind and almost hairless. Kits will begin to crawl after about 3 weeks, open their eyes after about 7 weeks, and start to climb after 8 weeks. Fishers are highly adaptable to their environment but require large, contiguous patches of forest to thrive. Their preferred habitat includes areas with abundant prey, plenty of tree cover for shelter, and an environment relatively free from human disturbance.

Historically, the fisher's range extended across much of the northeastern United States, but by the early 20th century, overhunting and habitat destruction led to a significant decline in their populations. Today, thanks to conservation efforts, the fisher is slowly recovering in some areas and has been reintroduced to parts of its historical range.

Behavior and Diet

Fishers are solitary animals, with males and females only coming together for mating during the winter. They are most active during the twilight hours of dawn and dusk. Fishers are highly territorial, using scent markings and vocalizations to communicate with others of their species and establish boundaries.

A carnivore at heart, the fisher has a varied diet that includes small mammals, birds, insects, fruits, and even amphibians. Their hunting ability is exceptional, and they are known to prey on a range of animals, from squirrels and hares to more formidable prey like porcupines. In fact, the fisher is one of the few predators capable of successfully hunting and killing porcupines, thanks to its agility, speed, and thick fur that protects it from quills.



Reproduction

Fishers typically mate in late winter, with females giving birth to a litter of one to three kits in the spring. The kits are born blind and helpless and stay with their mother for several months, learning to hunt and survive. Fisher kits are raised in hollow trees, dens, or under fallen logs, providing them with shelter and protection from predators. By the time they reach 4–5 months of age, they are capable of hunting on their own and begin to venture out to establish their own territories. Fishers have few natural predators, but they can sometimes fall prey to coyotes, bobcats, and owls.

Conservation Status

Although fishers were historically hunted for their fur, which was prized for its softness and warmth, modern conservation efforts have led to a gradual recovery in many regions. The fisher is listed as a species of "Least Concern" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, but it is still at risk in certain parts of its range due to habitat fragmentation, vehicle collisions, and illegal trapping.

Efforts to conserve fisher populations have focused on protecting their forest habitats, reintroducing fishers to areas where they had been absent for years, and managing human activities like logging and road construction that can disrupt their ecosystems. Conservation efforts continue to support the recovery of this elusive species, ensuring that the fisher will remain a key player in North America's forests for generations to come.



Resource Directory of Services Available for Goshen Residents

A partial listing of organizations, agencies and clubs that support those living in Goshen

Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance) Dial 911

Non-Emergency Contact Numbers

Connecticut State Police Troop B: (860) 626-1820

Goshen Fire Company: (860) 491-2526

Office of the First Selectman: (860) 491-2308, ext. 221

Goshen Animal Control Officer: (860) 248-9979 OR (860) 318-5370

Goshen based Outreach and Financial Assistance Services

Caroline T. Brooks Fund (860) 491-2308 x228

This Fund provides medical care for qualified Goshen children under the age of 18, for eyes, ears, noses throats and teeth.

Foundation for Community Health Prescription Assistance Program (860) 491-2308 x228

This Program can help cover costs associated with prescriptions, premiums, co-pays, and the cost of equipment needed to administer medication.

Goshen-Cornwall Senior Bus (860) 294-7878

Available to residents for transportation to appointments or errands within the State of CT. Service is available Monday - Friday. Reservations need to be made 24 hours in advance.

Goshen Community Care (860) 491 -4673 goshencommunitycare@gmail.com

GCC, Inc. offers a variety of services: outreach (visits, phone calls, transportation), Senior Socials each Tuesday (light meal, games and activities) and medical equipment lending closet.

Goshen Good Neighbor Fund, Inc (860) 491-2419 goshengoodneighborfund@gmail.com

The Fund provides short-term financial assistance to Goshen individuals/families experiencing an emergency situation such as illness, job loss, or catastrophic event. GGNF may help with home heating, utility payments, medical expenses, and gift cards for necessities.

Goshen Free Food Pantry/Little Lending Library (860) 866-5615 robertlayeragency.com

The food pantry, at the Village Marketplace, is a source of support for resident facing food insecurity. Donations are welcome. The little lending library is adjacent to the food pantry.

Goshen Public Library Outreach Program (860) 491-3234 www.goshenpublib.org

Staff will deliver books and materials to residents who are unable to get to the library.

Shane M. Kinsella Memorial Fund (860) 491-2249 www.goshenrec.com

Funds are distributed to the children of Goshen to help with camp, extracurricular activities, Recreation programs, School programs and college application costs.

UCC (Church of Christ Congregational) Food Pantry (860) 491-2793

UCC stocks a variety of non-perishable and frozen items in the Parish Hall of the church at the rotary. Food programs for children (SYNC) and families (Dinners in a Bag) are available.

Goshen-based Community , Civic and Municipal Organizations

American Legion Post 46 & American Legion Auxiliary Unit 46 - (860) 309-7079
 Goshen Agricultural Society, Inc - (860) 491-3655 | Goshen Scouts USA Troop 35 - (860) 491-3634
 Goshen Business Circle - (860) 491-5207 | Goshen Running Club - goshenrunningclub.com
 Goshen Community Garden/ Monarch Butterfly Garden - (860) 491-2793
 Goshen Conservation Commission - www.goshenct.gov
 Goshen Historical Society, Inc. - (860) 491-3129 | Goshen Garden Club - goshengardenclub.org
 Goshen Emergency Management Team - (860) 491-2308 x 228
 Goshen Housing Trust, Inc. - goshenhousingtrust.com
 Northwest Council of Elected Officials (NWCOG) - (860) 491-9884
 Sustainable Goshen - sustainablegoshen.org | St. Thomas Knights of Columbus - (860) 491-2756
 Tyler Lake Protective Association - (860) 491-9095 | Goshen Land Trust - goshenlandtrust.org

Houses of Worship

Church of Christ Congregational - (860) 491-2793
 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - (860)-491-2131
 St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Church/St. Louis de Monfort Parish - (860) 491-2756

Regional Food Banks

Community Soup Kitchen, Torrington - (860) 482-0130
 FISH, Torrington - (860) 482-7300 | Friendly Hands Food Bank - (860) 482-3888

Health Care Agencies, Clinics and In-Home Care

Charlotte Hungerford Center for Youth and Families - (860)489-3391
 Community Health & Wellness Center - www.chwctorr.org - (860)489-0931
 Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial Children's Dental Center - (860)489-1328
 Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County (skilled nursing, private duty care) - (860)379-8561
 Hartford Health Care at Home (skilled nursing, private duty care) - (800)551-8671
 WIC (Women, Infants and Children) - (860)489-1138

Regional Organizations that provide support to Goshen Residents

(Call or visit website for a full description of services offered)

Cancer Care Fund of the Litchfield Hills - ccflh.org or call (860) 489-6718 - May help offset medical and household expenses for those undergoing treatment
 Litchfield Hills CHORE Service - (860) 567-6121 - At home help with laundry, meal prep, light cleaning, exterior cleanup, transportation to medical appointments, shopping and errands
 Greenwood's Counseling Services - (860) 567-4437 - This referral agency provides access to quality mental healthcare for individuals and families living and working in Litchfield County.
 Meals on Wheels, Litchfield County - (800)-994-9422
 McCall Foundation - (860) 496-2100 - Behavioral health and addiction services—prevention, treatment, recovery supports, and community engagement
 New Opportunities, Inc - www.newoppinc.org or call (860)-482-9749 - Provides fuel assistance and resources to assist people with access to social services
 Operation Fuel - www.operationfuel.org - Emergency assistance to residents struggling to pay energy and utility bills
 Possum Queen Foundation - possumqueenfoundation@gmail.com - Helps families and individuals in medical need who are experiencing financial hardships.
 Prime Time House - (860) 618-2479 - Mental health programs that provide a supportive environment
 Rebuilding Together Litchfield County - (203) 240-9666 - Volunteers provide home modifications for better accessibility and independence. Emergency repairs.
 Susan B. Anthony Project - (860) 489-3798 - Provides crisis and support services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. All services are confidential, free, and available 24/7.
 Western CT Area Agency on Aging - www.wcaaa.org - (203)0757-5449 - Services such as congregate and home delivered meals, legal, chore, health, Alzheimer adult day care/respite, transportation, veterans outreach, senior centers, benefits outreach and health screenings.

Goshen Public Library



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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.

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

Learn the truth behind the life, death, and legacy of Edgar Allen Poe. Enjoy your favorite stories and poems performed live by actor, Campbell Harmon.

World of Harmonica Saturday, January 25th, at 11:00am

Come join us as we welcome Bob Hennessy who will present his program World of Harmonica.

Great Decisions Starting in January 2025, dates TBD

Join us for our annual Great Decisions program, via Zoom. Video, reading, and discussions are all based on current events worldwide. Keep an eye out for the dates, soon to come!

Mark Albertson History Series on Zoom

Monday, January 6, 4:00 PM. **The Dred Scott Decision, 1857** and how it helped to bring on the Civil War.

Monday, February 3, 4:00 PM. **Current Event Update: The Middle East**

Monday, March 3, 4:00 PM. **Women's History Month**, radical suffragist Alice Paul, and will include an overview of the suffragist movement and the XIX Amendment in 1920.

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

Monthly Book Clubs

Page Turning Talks – Nonfiction Books 2nd Monday of the month @ 10:30am

Join us for monthly discussions of non-fiction books. A list of books and dates for 2025 can be picked up at the front desk!

The Breakfast Book Club 4th Monday of the month @ 9:30am

Join us at the library on the fourth Monday of each month at 9:30am for our early-bird, fiction book club. A list of books and dates for 2025 can be picked up at the front desk.

Children's Programs

Weekly Story Hours Tuesday & Wednesday @ 10:30am

Join Miss Renee for story time on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings each week. No registration required.

Please check the website, weekly newsletter, Instagram and Facebook for upcoming events.

Check out A to Z World Food!

A to Z World Food is a database of recipes and food culture from around the world! To put it simply, it's a giant online cookbook resource! Stop in the library to learn how to access this incredible online resource!

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.

Device Advice

Hoopla, Kanopy, Libby, and Palace. Come for in person tutorials about our online offerings. Bring your smart phone, your tablet, and/or your laptop. Bring your password to add apps from your online store and let us help you learn more about what the library offers.

Please call us to set up a one-on-one appointment.

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.

Have you signed up for email updates?

Sign up to get emails of new programs coming soon! Head on over to our web site and fill in the box asking to be added to the e-newsletter list or contact frontdesk@goshenpublib.org to get signed up for it!



Happy Holidays

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 public works department staff through all seasons and weather.

!! WINTER PARKING BAN!!

There is a **Parking Ban on Town Roads** during winter weather storm events between **November 1st and April 1st**. (Town Ordinance Title 17, www.goshenct.gov). Vehicles and trailers left on the roads during these times **may be towed at the owner's expense.**

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 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 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

The past construction season was once again a busy one for the public works department. In addition to working on many road projects over the spring and summer months. The Public Works Department continued to replace drainage pipes in several areas throughout Town, including Beach St., Breguet Rd., East St. North, East Hyerdale Dr., and Westside Rd. Additionally roadside drop-off embankments were stabilized in several locations which has also created safer conditions for road users. The Public Works Dept. will be in the process of planning capital improvement projects for next year and beyond during the winter season.



Re-paving Newcomb Road earlier this year.

WINTER SEASON SAFETY

Please make every effort to keep your trash and recycling totes off of the edge of the roadways for the safety of roadway users and to allow for the plowing of roads during storms.

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.

Any job site the Public Works Department is working at is considered a **WORK ZONE** and **FINES** will be **DOUBLED**. This includes crews cutting vegetation along the roadsides. Please drive slowly and cautiously by these areas. If possible, please find an alternate route until work is completed.

WINTER SAND FOR RESIDENTS

Winter sand is available after November 15th to Goshen residents in small quantities at the Public Works facility. Sand is located in the bin next to the red barn at 38 Torrington Road. Be warned the area is under monitor.

MAILBOX DAMAGE

The Public Works Department is not responsible for damage to one's mailbox unless one of our vehicles direct impact causes damage to the mailbox. **Should snow or debris impact the mailbox as a result of plowing be the cause of damage, the Public Works Department is not responsible for replacement or repair.**

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. Additionally, this ordinance 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 maintain it in a functional condition. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.

What's happening with Goshen Recreation

Ongoing fitness programs for all levels.

Group Fitness with Janice on Mondays at Camp Coch at 9am

Chair yoga with Crystal on Wednesdays at Camp Coch at 10:30am

Traditional yoga with Crystal on Fridays at Camp Coch at 10:30am
Registration info and cost at goshenrec.com

Tuesdays Senior Social from 1p-3p

Collab with Goshen Community Care

Games, food, and friendship. In the Parish Hall 5 Old Middle Street.

Thursdays crafting group Sew It's Thursday

West Wing at Camp Coch 10am-12noon, bring a bagged lunch

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 1, Moravian star stained glass with Sarah.
\$65 per person. Kobylenski Lodge at Camp Coch at 1pm-4pm

Monday, December 2 craft together with GCS PTO at
GCS Tree Lighting 4:30p-5:30p

Saturday, December 14 our Community Brunch and a visit from the
Jolly Elf from the North at 5 Old Middle Street in collaboration
with Goshen Community Care. 9:30a-11a \$5 per person

Thursday, December 19 gingerbread decorating at Camp Coch.
Seniors and adults from 2p-4p. Children and families from 5p-7p
\$12 each kit. advance registration required

60+Bus Trip to the Barnes Museum and tea in Southington on
Friday, December 20. \$25 per person. Bus 9:45am at 5 Old Middle St

Ho-Ho-Hotline with the Jolly Elf from the North on
Wednesday, December 18 or Friday, December 20 from 6p-8p

Mohawk ski/snowboard registration open through December 9
for Region 20 through goshenrec.com

WMGL Recreation Departments Saturday Basketball Skills program for K-5
registration is open at goshenrec.com until Dec 6

Sign up for Holiday help for families in Goshen at goshenrec.com.
Collaboration with GCC and Region 20

Visit goshenrec.com or call Erin 860-491-2249 / 860-601-6089 for information
and to register for these great programs!
(Subject to change)

What's happening with Goshen Recreation

JANUARY

WMGL K-5 Bball skills program begins

Mohawk ski/snowboard program begins

Adult Pick-up basketball and volleyball on going

Fitness and yoga programs ongoing

Tuesday Social with GCC on Tuesdays 1p-3p

Lunch Trip for residents 60+ January 16 or 17

NEW - Kobylenski Lodge will be open to all for social time on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12 noon- 3pm. "Coffee and" available, bring a lunch and meet friends, bring your knitting or crotchet, puzzles and games available. Parent and tot area available for playgroups.

FEBRUARY

WMGL K-5 Bball skills program continues

Mohawk ski/snowboard program continues

Adult Pick-up basketball and volleyball on going

Fitness and yoga programs ongoing

Tuesday Social with GCC on Tuesdays 1p-3p

Saturday, February 8 from 9a-3pm, Arts and Crafts Fair in Kobylenski Lodge at Camp Coch. Proceeds from vendor fees to benefit the SMK Fund to support Goshen children. \$20 per table

Saturday, February 15, Community Brunch in collaboration with GCC, 9:30a-11a. **New location - Kobylenski Lodge at Camp Coch \$5 per person**

Trip to the CT Garden show in the works. Discount tickets for sale through Goshen Recreation for those who prefer to drive themselves. \$15 each

We are always planning and scheduling new programs. Check out goshenrec.com and our social media pages for info and updates!

GOSHEN IS GREAT T-shirts and hats now for sale in the Recreation office. Find photos at goshenrec.com on our store page under the "register" tab

**Visit goshenrec.com or call Erin 860-491-2249 / 860-601-6089 for information and to register for these great programs!
(Subject to change)**

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- Paper gift bags, tissue, and paper wrapping paper*
- Holiday cards (no photo, foil/plastic coated cards, or musical, battery embedded cards)
- Holiday Gift Boxes (please flatten)
- Flattened Cardboard (no foil-coated cardboard)

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- Styrofoam
- Single use plastic, paper, or foam plates, cups, and cutlery



Interested in becoming a **Firefighter, EMT** or be part of a **Dive** Rescue Team? ... The **Goshen Fire Company** is looking for dedicated individuals to join the ranks.

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860-491-2526



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.

The Board of Directors is grateful for 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 from all of us this Holiday Season,

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Goshen Community Care: A Year in Review

To the members of our wonderful community: Thank you for all of your support in 2024! Together we have made it possible to provide our older adult residents countless programs and services to assist in their physical and emotional well being. From monthly lunches and weekly fitness classes, to use of our loan closet, we have seen a growing need to support our aging neighbors and YOU helped make that possible! We end this year with so much gratitude for all we have been able to achieve this year, and with much hope and excitement for our future. We wish you all a blessed and joyful holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year. We are excited to share all we have planned for 2025 with you in the coming weeks, so stay tuned, and be sure to visit our website goshencommunitycare.org/events to see what is new and upcoming!



Thanks to your support, we raised over \$12,000 from our water sale fundraiser at the 2024 Goshen Fair. These funds will go directly toward our program and service offerings to our local community!

Our annual *Light Up a Life* celebration took place on Sunday, December 8th. This year's event was dedicated to Goshen Community Care founder and longtime Goshen resident, Barbara O'Leary. We thank Barbara and her family for the tremendous support they have shown our community over the past 40 years.



5 Old Middle Street, Goshen CT



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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

New Faces at Goshen Community Care

Janice Connor - Outreach Coordinator



Janice has enjoyed working with seniors in a variety of settings during the past 30 years. Recently retired from *Western CT Area Agency on Aging* as a Resident Services Coordinator, Janice is excited by the new challenges she will face at Goshen Community Care.

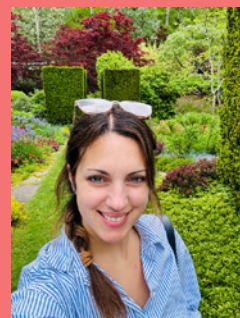
Janice is looking forward to meeting Goshen residents and assisting with offering support, information, community resources, solutions, and guidance.

Email: jconnor@goshencommunitycare.org

Lauren Marano - Development & Communications Coordinator

Lauren has been a resident of Litchfield County for the past 12 years. She has held a career in non-profit marketing and communications, assisting a variety of organizations in raising funds to fulfill their missions.

Lauren is thrilled to be working with Goshen Community Care to support their efforts in meeting the needs of the residents of Goshen and looks forward to growing the organization's funding and impact.



Email: [lmarano@goshencommunitycare.org](mailto:lmарano@goshencommunitycare.org)



January Senior Luncheon
Tuesday, January 14, 12-3PM
Guest Speaker:

Jim O'Leary from Goshen Fire Dept.

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GGC 2024 December Article for Goshen Town Topics

The Goshen Garden Club will be coordinating with the Goshen Business Circle to decorate the dining room and Christmas tree at AJ's Steak and Pizza at 171 Torrington Road in Goshen, CT. The club members will be using ornaments representing individual businesses in Goshen.

Keeping with the spirit of the holidays and the club purpose, Goshen Garden Club members will be participating in the Adopt a Family program sponsored by the Goshen Recreation Department. Gifts will be provided for all members of a family to enjoy at the holidays. A donation will also be made to Goshen Community Care to support their efforts.

The next monthly meeting for members only will be a Soup Buffet on February 6, 2025 at Camp Cochepianee on Beach Street in Goshen. Applications for membership to the Goshen Garden Club are available on the club website: goshengardenclub.org



Goshen Garden Club 2024 Models

L-R Brigitte Michaud, Johanna Kimball, Nancy Dillon, Louise Krozek and Betty Cosgrove

GOSHEN GARDEN CLUB 2024 FALL FUNDRAISER FASHION SHOW

"Fresh, Fierce and Fabulous" was held on November 2, 2024 at Fairview Farms Golf Course to rave reviews. Garden Club members modeled fashions by J Jill of the Shoppes at Farmington Valley. Over one hundred in attendance enjoyed the Fashion Show, a delicious brunch provided by the staff at Fairview Farms and several other fun activities. The fundraiser was deemed a great success by all in attendance. The Goshen Garden Club would like to thank the staff at Fairview Farms Golf Course and J Jill for their participation at this event.



Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. Regional Roundtable held at Goshen Garden Club.

L-R Nan Merolla, First Vice-President of Federation; Karin Pyskaty, President of Federation; Rosemary Bonaguide, President of Goshen Garden Club; Kelle Ruden, Second Vice-President of Federation.

The Goshen Garden Club hosted the 2024 Regional Roundtable discussions of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. at Camp Cochepianee in Goshen on November 7, 2024. The twenty-three participants attending were from Goshen, Bristol, Greenfield Hill, Kensington, New Hartford, New Milford, Thames River, Wallingford and Waterbury Garden clubs. Ideas and information were exchanged for the progress of all clubs. Members are looking forward to future roundtable discussions in 2025.

Garden Notes

I learned about the Goshen Green Garden from a neighbor last winter and attended its February planning. I was declared 2024's "Queen of Beans." This is one of the crops grown for contribution to various local groups. While I'd been gardening for years in my former home, I did not plan to continue in Connecticut but the Goshen Garden lured me back in.

With the approaching cold air and dark days of winter, I recall my first day at the garden last spring, where I found a haven of warm sun and fragrant moist soil. That garden and its rich soil are the product of years of hard work by the gardeners, but also of the labor and material contributions of local students, citizens and businesses.

It was illuminating to see the variety of plants and methods used by different gardeners and to learn what was thriving and what was struggling through the unseasonably damp and cool summer, with all its weeds, diseases, bugs, etc.

As gardeners know, winter is for dreaming and planning. I will be thinking about how to improve my harvest by modifying things like seeds, supports and planting times for next year's bean garden.

As a fellow Community Gardener said, gardening is one big experiment and Mother Nature is ultimately in charge. But the battle is more rewarding with company who share tips, problems and even flowers and vegetables! The Goshen Green Garden is a sanctuary of sunshine, beautiful plantings and a commitment to organic practices and sharing the soil's bounty.

NEW TOWN RESIDENTS' INFORMATION

New resident can find an informative pamphlet prepared by the Selectmen; which can be found in the publications rack in the entrance to the Town Hall.

This publication has information on emergency telephone numbers, recycling, rubbish removal, dog licensing, animal control, public health, Town meetings, tax collection, winter parking bans, winter sand, mail delivery, mailbox information, and Town Hall department telephone numbers.

In addition to the above, you will find information concerning churches in the area, the Goshen Public Library, Visiting Nurses, Hospice and other services available to you as a resident of Goshen.

We hope you will stop in the Town Hall, introduce yourself, and take a copy of the informational newsletter.



GOSHEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

PURPOSE

To discover, procure, and preserve whatever may relate to civil military, literary and ecclesiastical history and biography in general, and especially with reference to the TOWN OF GOSHEN; to investigate and preserve such traditions as now exist only in memory of aged persons, to procure and maintain collections in archaeology, art and the natural history of GOSHEN and the surrounding country, and in general, to encourage study, research, particularly that relating to local history, biography, antiquities and natural history and to disseminate information relative thereto.

Permanent exhibits include, furniture, glass, china, pewter, paintings, quilts, Indian artifacts minerals, shells, Lucas ledgers, and items pertaining to Goshen's early industries.

Programs which are open to the public cover a wide variety of topics of historical interest and are planned each season from June throughout August. The museum is normally open April to October and in 2024 we had two programs. An open house in July and in August we celebrate the building anniversary of 200 year old. Both events were well attended.

We had to put a new roof on the building.

Our events this coming year will help repair the copula and other needed repairs to the building. GIVE LOCAL also helps with is annual program which is held every April/May which we participate each year.

WE WISH TO THANK ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS FOR ENABLING US TO KEEP THE BUILDING OPEN and TO CONTINUE OUR VARIOUS PROJECTS THIS YEAR.

We are always looking for new members and volunteering to help.

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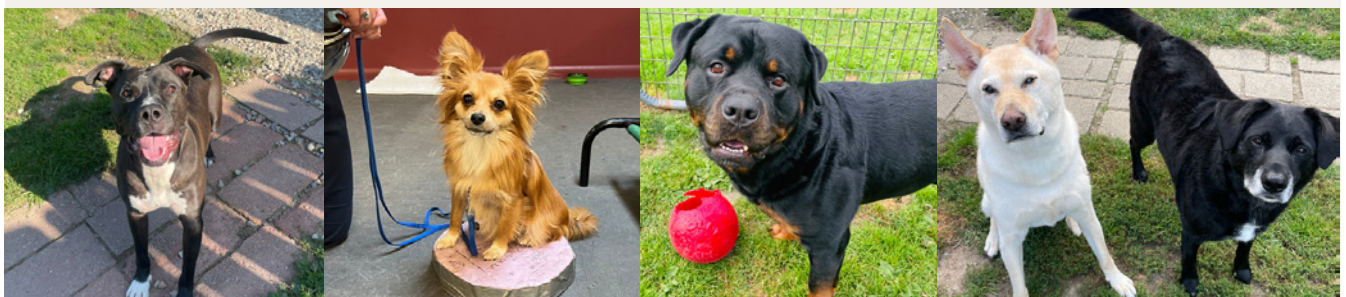
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Albreada, Liza Breor, Barbara	Recycling Coordinator Town Clerk	860) 618-5468 (860) 491-3647		Mon-Friday by appointment Mon-Thurs 9-12 & 1-4 & Fri 9-1
Carusillo, Todd	First Selectman	(860) 491-2308	221	Mon-Thurs 8:30-4 & Fri 8:30-12
Carusillo, Kim	Asst. Town Clerk	(860) 491-3647	225	Mon-Thurs 10-2
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 Harlow, Garret	Fire Chief Public Works Supervisor	(860) 491-2526 (860) 491-6029		No Office Hours 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
Vacant	Library Aide	(860) 491-3234		Library Phone Number
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
Mirsky, Renee Malanca, Kate	Library Children Coordinator Library Aide	(860) 491-3234 (860) 491-3234		Library Phone Number Library Phone Number
Musselman, Spencer Olson, Scott Paige, Lucille	Enforcement Officer Selectman First Selectman Aide	(860) 491-2308 (860) 459- 8676 (860) 491-2308	232 239	Tues & Thurs 7:30-10 Cell Number Tues, Wed & Thurs
Perry, Virginia	First Selectman Admin. Asst.	(860) 491-2308	228	Mon-Thurs 8:30 – 4 & Fri 8:30 - 12
Reilly, Erin	Recreation Director	(860) 491-2249 (860) 601-6089		Mon-Wed. 9-4, Thurs/Fri. for Programs & Field Trips
Wickes, Dawn	Registrar of Voters	(860) 491-2308		1 st & 3 rd Tues 9-Noon, Wed 5:30 -8pm
Zibell, Chris	Building Official	(860) 491-2308	231	Tues & Thurs 7:30-10

OTHER PHONE NUMBERS

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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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