

Events & Activities - Spring 2023

- **May 12 - Celebrating Locals, For Winsted Residents:** Held at Live.At Home, 58 Main Steet, 5-8pm, Exclusive SALE/Sip & Shop.
- **May 13 - Ed Fast & Conga Bop: "Rumbafied":** Live at AMP at 8pm. Conga Bop, a supergroup of top artists in jazz, dance, and drumming, will have you shakin' it on the dance floor. TICKETS: \$25 in advance, \$10 with student ID, \$30 at the door, if available. April's show sold out, so don't wait! Tickets give access to AMP's exhibits. Cash bar & food from Railway Café available for purchase.
- **May 14 - 20th - National Police Week:** National Peace Officers Memorial Day Monday May 15th.
- **May 20 - 85th Annual Rotary Pet Parade:** the parade will step off at 2pm on Main Street in Winsted.
- **May 20 - Book & Bake Sale:** Friends of the Beardsley Library, Winsted book & bake sale plus jewelry & jigsaw puzzles. Held from 8:30am-2pm in the Barkhamsted Town Garage, Rt. 44. Rain or Shine!
- **May 24 - Charcuterie Board Food Design Class:** Held at Live.At Home, 58 Main Street at 6pm.
- **May 27 - Annual Town Budget Referendum:** Voting will take place at Pearson School (2 Wetmore Ave) from 8am to 8pm on Saturday, May 27, 2023 on the annual Town budget, which was approved to go to referendum by an overwhelming majority at the Annual Town Meeting on May 8. For more information about the budget, please visit the Town's website at townofwinchester.org/subpages/town-budget.
- **May 29 - Memorial Day Parade:** VFW led parade begins 11:30 A.M. Participants march from West end of Main St (near Division/Spencer St) to East End Park. Soldiers' Monument Commission to hold memorial ceremony. Main address by Hamish Lutris, resident & History, Political Science & Geography associate professor. Names of 115 residents who died in service to our country will be read. Gilbert School Marching Band will play. The Soldiers' Monument will be open from 2 to 4pm.
- **June 2 - The Laurel Ball:** Celebrate the 89th Laurel Festival at Crystal Peak. Tickets - ADULTS: \$30.00, STUDENTS: \$15.00, TABLE: \$300.00 Tickets available for purchase by emailing melissa.oiseau@gmail.com
- **June 3 - Explore Rosgen Woods:** 10am to 11:30am, roughly 3 mile walk. Hike down Old Waterbury Turnpike and explore the newly acquired 60-acre Rosgen Woods. Highlights include the babbling brook teeming with birds, beautiful stone walls, and the giant Red Oak.
- **June 7 - Curious Cat Book Club:** Curious Cat Bookshop (currently a pop-up in Live.AtHome at 58 Main St) hosts a monthly 7pm book club. June's title: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.
- **June 10 - A "Murder on the Grill" Murder Mystery Event:** Live.At Home and the Curious Cat Bookshop are teaming up to offer another murder mystery event at 7:00 PM this day. Details are available at liveathometc.com or you can call or text 860-805-1811.
- **June 18 - Our Culture is Beautiful (a Juneteenth Commemoration):** The Soldiers' Monument Commission is hosting an event in commemoration of Juneteenth on Sunday, June 18, at 3:00 PM. The event will include African drumming and storytelling and more about the history of the drum, drum rhythms, and a brief story about a visit from Harriet Tubman. All are invited and welcome to attend. The monument will be open for visitation from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM that day.

Please submit any events that you would like to see listed in the Summer edition (events to be held in June, July, August, and September) of the Winchester Wire to communications@townofwinchester.org.



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REMINDERS & UPDATES

AMBULANCE & FIRE DEPT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED; LEARN MORE WITHIN

TOWN BUDGET REFERENDUM SAT, MAY 27, 2023 FROM 8AM - 8PM AT PEARSON SCHOOL; ALL REGISTERED VOTERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS MAY VOTE

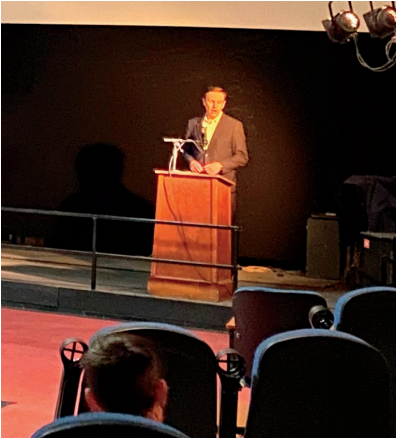
TOWN SEEKS RESPONSES TO MAIN STREET SAFETY & PARKING SURVEY; DETAILS WITHIN

85TH ROTARY PET PARADE SET FOR MAY 20TH TO BE JOINED BY LAUREL FESTIVAL PARADE

CELEBRATE THE WATERSHED WITH HVA MAY 26-JULY 4 INFO@HVATODAY.ORG

In the Works for Winsted

The Town of Winchester has secured a \$2.53M grant from Congressionally-Directed Spending to build a new public works garage, replacing many facets of the current structure whose first construction dates back to the 1940's. The town is also set to receive \$850k in federal aid to replace emergency responder radio systems which are currently ailing after having been in continuous use for over 20 years.



Connecticut's Sen. Chris Murphy paid a special visit to announce the grant awards and tour the current public works garage before delivering remarks to the public at the Gilson Café & Cinema. Sen. Murphy spoke on the northwest region's need for more adaptive reuse of older buildings, mental health care, and transportation before taking questions.

A Fresh Face for Tatro's

The new group, Friends of Tatro's Park is hard at work to bring new life to the Tatro's Pond area. For Earth Day, April 22nd, their team had a wonderful turn out with very motivated volunteers to gather trash, clear a nice walking trail through the woods, and clear



some brush. "Tatro's park is starting to get some life back. I'd consider this 'Phase 1' of Tatro's becoming what it always should have been!" said Tatro's Friends' member, Allen Miller. Anyone interested in getting involved with the friends group should email lhansen@townofwinchester.org or trisucci@townofwinchester.org.

Energy Assistance Available

Energy Assistance is available through the Salvation Army and the New Opportunities Inc. office in Winsted. Please call Alta at 860-738-9138 for Energy Assistance through New Opportunities (in Winsted) or Pam at 860-379-8444 for the Fuel Assistance Program.

WE HAVE AN URGENT NEED FOR MONETARY DONATIONS TO THE RESIDENT ASSISTANCE FUND. This fund helps community members who are struggling to meet their basic needs. Please considering donating today! If you would like to donate, please contact Katie Vaill at 860-853-6601.

Food Pantry Seeks Helping Hands



The Salvation Army assists many households in our community through their food pantry. This assistance is particularly important during the summer months, when children are home full-time from school and not receiving free school lunches.

In an attempt to assist families with additional “kid friendly” food items, things easily prepared for and by children, they are asking the community for help with sourcing some of these items.

They are in need of Cold Cereals, Oatmeal, Canned Pasta, and Canned Soup.



Food donations can be dropped off at The Salvation Army 716 Main Street, Town Hall, The Senior Center, Torrington Credit Union and the Library. The Salvation Army wishes to extend its thanks to those who can help and express appreciation for your support of their center in Winsted.

Winsted Main Street Parking & Safety Survey

The Town is seeking responses to a Parking & Safety Survey aimed at helping our community get a better understanding of the improvements that we need to make to make our Main Street more accessible and inviting. All are encouraged to complete the survey! Please take it by Monday, June 12, at 8:00 AM at townofwinchester.org/subpages/community-surveys.

The Next L.E.G.



Local Economic Growth has seen continuous upswings this Spring and a stream of ribbon cuttings for new Winsted businesses. These include **JT's Cafe** on March 9th, **Wild One Salon** on March 18th, and **Gianni's Deli** on May 6th!

Two local businesses have stepped into new legs of the entertainment arena.

The American Mural Project is in the midst of their first Music Series, *Live @ AMP*, with monthly Saturday shows at 8pm, cash bar, and a catered selection of food for purchase. More info available at americanmuralproject.org/live!

The Gilson Café & Cinema hosts live Jazz in their upstairs lounge Sundays 5pm-7pm. A special dinner menu and cash bar available throughout the performance. More info available at gilsoncafecinema.com/liveperformances!



We're also excited to announce a new *FREE* Pre-Manufacturing Program coming this Spring! NCCC, in conjunction with The Town of Winchester, NWRIB, and local manufacturers, is offering a six-week no-credit training course that will prep students to join one of our many local manufacturers at the entry level.

The program is built out with wrap-around services to help students draft a fresh resume, connect directly with manufactures at the end of the course, and establish new support systems such as free mental health counseling as they move toward a new chapter of life. Additionally, there is a stipend for all students who complete the course as an added boost to aid in the job search moving forward.

Ambulance & Fire Services in Need of Members

The Ambulance Service seeks people 18 & older with a valid driver's license and EMT or EMR certification. Prospective uncertified volunteers are eligible for certification financial aid if they commit to at least a year of active duty. Members volunteer 24 hours a month on the ambulance. Schedules are very flexible. Benefits provided include full uniform, radio, incentives, etc. Email join@winstedems.org, call 860-379-6596, or visit winstedambulance.org/join for more information.



The Winsted and Winchester Center Fire Departments seek people 18 and older with a valid driver's license. Incentives are available. Applications must be filled out and submitted to Station 1 at 27 Elm Street. Go to winstedfire.org or email jlagassie@townofwinchester.org for more info.

A Promising Senior Spring

Free Fitness Classes & Healthy Aging Programs at WSC! To participate, you must be a current Winsted Senior Center member and complete a short emergency contact information form.

Mondays & Fridays

9am Chair Yoga: Practice gentle weight bearing movements. Classes offered in-person or by Zoom.

10:15am Qigong & Tai-Chi: Improve balance & flexibility and reduce stress & anxiety.

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9am Stretch Your Body & Mind (no class May 23, 25): Movements can be done on a chair or standing.

Wednesdays

9am Dancercize: Fun, easy dance & exercise moves in combo w/ popular/classic music. All welcome!

10am Line Dancing: Learn the steps, shuffles & moves of this popular dance. Newbies always welcome.

Thursdays

May 11th 1pm Healthy Cooking Matters Class: Taste healthy, creative foods & beverages.

A New Page Master

Kimmie Killmer is the new Director of the Beardsley Memorial Library in Winsted, CT!



Kimmie Killmer
New Director

Killmer has worked at the Beardsley Library since 2014 and previously was the Public Service Coordinator before taking on the new title. Killmer has worked at the Beardsley Library since 2014 and previously was the Public Service Coordinator before taking on the new title. Killmer received her master's degree in library science from Southern Connecticut State University in the Fall of 2022. Killmer is honored and excited to serve the town of Winsted and continue her love for library science.

Congratulations Kimmie!

Town Board & Commission Meetings

Below is a selection of regular board and commission meeting schedules convened to consider, advise, and decide on issues faced by the town and its residents. Please note meeting dates are subject to change due to holidays and extenuating circumstances.

- **Board of Selectmen:** 1st & 3rd Monday of each month, 7:00 PM, in the Hicks Room at Town Hall.
- **Board of Education:** 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM, in the Hicks Room.
- **Planning & Zoning Commission:** 2nd & 4th Mon. of each month, 7:00 PM, in the Hicks Room.
- **Water & Sewer Commision:** 2nd Tues of the month, 6PM (*note: new time!*), Blue Room at Town Hall.

To volunteer for a Board or Commission, please contact the Town Manager at townmanager@townofwinchester.org.

Visit townofwinchester.org for a full listing of agencies, meeting dates and times, and the most up-to-date information.