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Town of Eastford – August, 2014 Calendar

- 1 Yoga, TOB, 8:00am – 9:00am
- 4 BOS, TOB, 7:00pm
- 6 Yoga, Nahaco, 6:30pm
Nahaco Commission, Camp Nahaco, 7:00pm
- 7 Senior Citizens, TOB, 12:00pm – 3:00pm
- 9 Magic Program, Library, 10:30am
- 12 Republican Primary, TOB, 6:00am-8:00pm
Planning Commission, TOB, 7:00pm
Democratic Town Committee, Library, 7:30pm
- 13 **Communicator Deadline**
Yoga, Nahaco, 6:30pm
Registrars of Voters, TOB, 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- 14 Gentle Yoga, TOB, 11:00am – 12:00pm
Agriculture Committee, TOB, 7:00pm
BOE, EES, 7:00pm
- 15 Yoga, TOB, 8:00am – 9:00am
- 16 EIFC BBQ Chicken Dinner, 4:00-6:00 pm
(reserve tickets in advance; \$10)
- 19 Republican Town Committee, Library, 7:00pm
- 20 Union Society Exhibit, TOB, 1:30pm – 3:30pm
Yoga, Nahaco, 6:30pm
- 21 Gentle Yoga, TOB, 11:00am – 12:00pm
- 22 Yoga, TOB, 8:00am – 9:00am
- 26 Transfer Station Committee, TOB, 1:00pm
Recreation Commission, TOB, 7:00pm
- 27 Registrars of Voters, TOB, 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Yoga, Nahaco, 6:30pm
- 28 Gentle Yoga, TOB, 11:00am – 12:00pm
Inland Wetlands Commission, TOB, 7:00pm
Library Board, Library, 7:00pm
- 29 Yoga, TOB, 8:00am – 9:00am

BRODEURBITS

[*Brodeurbits* is a regular compilation of writings and ramblings from the First Selectman and others and elsewhere, some profound, others mundane; all hopefully of interest and import, aimed at communicating and informing.]

[This Month: Bow-Wow and Pow-Wow, Sticking and Pedaling]

Connecticut state statute mandates that every dog over six months of age must be licensed; traditionally licensing takes place in June. If a license is not obtained from the Town Clerk in June, there is a late fee of one dollar per month of tardiness assessed. License fees are \$19 for unaltered dogs and \$8 for altered. A rabies certificate is required as is spay/neuter information.

Eastford's "top dog" this year, holding Dog License #1, is Hazel, a Labrador Retriever owned by Jay Noe. The Labrador Retriever is the most popular breed among Eastford dog owners, followed closely by the German Shepherd. Lab crosses and mixed breeds tie for third.

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Your town website: www.eastfordct.org/townofeastford

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On July 9, Eastford residents, and some of our neighbors from across the town line in Woodstock, filled the Eastford Post Office lobby at an informational meeting with Postal Service officials regarding the future of the Post Office. The purpose of the meeting was to release the results of the Postal Service's survey of the local community and to obtain input from the citizenry. The Postal Service mailed 667 surveys and a significant percentage, 333, were returned. Of these, 298, or 89 percent, favored the "realignment of hours" option. The remaining options, such as having postal services in local businesses, received single figure percentages. Based on the survey results, and taking into account operational needs, the Postal Service is proposing reduction of daily retail hours at the Eastford Post Office to six. Of critical import, as stated at the meeting, is that, for the foreseeable future, the Eastford Post Office will not be closed and the reduction in hours will enable the Post Office to continue to serve Eastford within the economic constrictions and pressures burdening the Postal Service. Those in attendance were vociferous in expressing their opinions regarding postal service and delivery and particularly about the new hours proposed: Monday to Friday 8:15 a.m. to 4:45p.m. with lunch closing from 12 Noon to 2:30 p.m., and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Total Saturday window hours will not be reduced and access to delivery receptacles will not change as a result of realignment of weekday window service hours. Postal officials present said they would take into account all the information and input received at the meeting before making their final decision on the actual hours of closing.

We have entered a new Transfer Station sticker year. Effective August 1, a new, blue 2014-2015 sticker affixed to the lower left-hand side of the vehicle windshield is required for access to, and use of, the Eastford Transfer Sta-

tion.

Eastford is a popular stop on the summer bicycling circuit. Two major rides upcoming are the Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour Fund Raiser on Saturday, August 16; and the Team Hole-in-the-Wall Camp Challenge Ride on Saturday, September 6. So be aware and be courteous.

Eastford Green Team Report

By Kenny Anderson

Town Considers Energy Plan To Benefit Local Businesses
The Eastford Board of Selectmen (BOS) will consider adopting Connecticut's Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) plan at their regular August meeting this month. The plan enables local businesses to adopt low-cost, innovative financing for major energy upgrades, retrofits and a wide array of energy efficiency improvements. Its provisions were explained in detail recently by Mr. Mackey Dykes, Chief of Staff for the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA) in a special briefing for the BOS and local business owners. C-PACE has been adopted by more than 100 neighboring communities to support local businesses development. The plan allows building owners to finance energy improvements by placing a volunteer assessment on their property tax bills. Similar to a sewer tax assessment, capital provided under the C-PACE program is secured by a lien on the property, so low-interest, longterm capital can be raised from the private sector with no government financing required. This arrangement spreads the cost of clean energy improvements – such as energy efficient boilers, upgraded insulation, new windows, or solar installations – over the expected life of the measure. The CEFIA briefing also touched upon the full gamut of the agency's incentives for homeowners, town buildings and non-profit entities such as churches or social service centers. You can learn more by visiting the CEFIA website: ctcleanenergy.com and enegizect.com.

Also, selectmen recently endorsed the Town's Clean Energy Working Group mission statement. (To be posted on the town's website). The plan defines the scope of the advisory group and explains its duties and objectives. Interested in supporting our transition to clean, renewable energy? Contact Eastford GreenTeam Coordinator Kenny Andersen at (860) 428-6345.



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News You Can Use

Deb Richards – Emergency Management Director

The recent heavy rains that left many Eastford residents without power, was proof that we need to be prepared for outages. CL&P's restoration policy is to restore power to the most homes residences first and will impact the speed of future power restoration in Eastford.

If you lose power, call CL&P at (800) 286-2000.

A new option from CL&P for customers is to receive text messages during a major storm. These messages will help keep you up-to-date on steps you and your family can take to prepare before the storm strikes, CL&P's preparations leading up to a storm, how the storm impacted the region, and the latest on restoration efforts in your home town.

If you would like to sign up for CL&P Storm Text Updates, go to www.cl-p.com. On the home page is a link to the Storm Center /storm text updates. I'd like to thank Claire Williams, Eastford community volunteer, who reliably and responsibly calls residents on the Eastford Emergency Registry list – thank you Claire!

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Tips for Today

by Liz Ellsworth

Enjoy being outside and enjoy all that nature has to offer. What a great time of year! Always remember in the summer heat to stay hydrated and to wear sunscreen. Watch out for poison ivy, mosquitoes, ticks, and other pests. If you do get a poison ivy rash or a tick bite, remember to treat them promptly and correctly (always consult a medical professional if you're not sure what to do). Happy Summer!



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INSIDE PROFILE: Clayton Shead

By Sue Orcutt

Clayton is finally home after major surgery and an extensive recuperation period. Most people in town know Clayton and I felt lucky to get an interview with such a legendary man. As I entered the kitchen, I could see Clayton resting in his recliner in the living room. I wanted to know what Eastford was like when he first moved here, and what had brought him here.

He was born in Putnam in 1924, met his wife, Doris H. Bosworth, in 1938 while working on the Bosworth's farm in Eastford, joined the Navy in 1942, and married Doris in 1946 while still in the Navy. Clayton was at sea on the USS Patoka, a tanker repair Naval ship. Large Naval ships could not fit through the Panama Canal. Therefore the ships were serviced and fueled in the south Atlantic before they headed around South America on their way to Hawaii. When discharged in 1948, Clayton made Eastford his home.

He and Doris bought the farm from Doris' mom, and they became dairy farmers. Years later, when the dairy business required that the milk be transported in bulk rather than in 20 and 40 quart milk cans, Clayton decided to get out of the dairy business. Still living at the farm, Clayton worked for Sumner Warren, for Nu-Car Carrier in Holland, MA, and at Pratt & Whitney where he was a truck driver hauling million dollar engines for \$2.42/hour. In 1969 Clayton went to work for the state of CT at UCONN as a plant maintenance person, and remained there for 18 years. He remembers that students would plug up the toilets, sometimes sending water down the stairwells. He would ask the students, "Is this what your mother and father sent you to school for?" He also took care of the animals in the research building—owls, hawks, a python, mice, rats, and guinea pigs. Once the rattlesnake got loose, and while everyone was frantically looking for it in the building and surroundings, Clayton found it sleeping in the sun in the room it belonged in. During the blizzard of 1978, Clayton had to get to UCONN to feed the animals. Governor Grasso had mandated that all roads be closed. Consequently, the state police issued Clayton a ticket every day he ventured out that week.

When Clayton made Eastford his home, it had about 400 residents. The post office used to be in the house across the street from the present day post office. The building where the current bank is did not exist. Instead, there was a mobile bank that arrived a few days a week, and was connected to a telegraph wire located behind Bowens. Where David Olson's house stands, was once the Bosworth General Store (owned by Doris' uncles), and a gas station—sporting the red flying horse—run by Mrs. Barret. If one wanted to buy a refrigerator or freezer, Mrs. Barret was the person to see.

One of Clayton's passions is the Eastford Independent Fire Company. He joined in 1952 and was an active member for 57 years! He started off as a firefighter, then became president. In 1974 Clayton went to school to become an EMT, and then became deputy chief. He was also the burn officer, but his favorite title was as fire police. In that position, he enjoyed telling the state police what to do. He looked after all of the EIFC's members, and says, "If I saw something I didn't like, I would let them know about it." He considers all of them his best friends.

His other passions are his grand kids and great grand kids (six of each). His love for them is evident as there's always a grandchild or great grandchild at his home. His other love is equally as evident as I looked into his backyard spying the goats who were looking at me. Clayton has also had cows, rabbits, chickens, sheep and mini-donkeys. The love Clayton feels for his family, friends, and pets is received and comes back to Clayton as we all feel relieved and happy to have him back in Eastford. Welcome home, Clayton.

JOSHUA'S TRUST WALKS

Joshua's Trust, which conserves land in 14 towns in northeastern Connecticut (including Eastford), offers weekend and weekday walks at its preserves. All are invited. You need not attend all walks in order to be part of the weekday group. See website:

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New Veterans Benefit

From State Sen. Tony Guglielmo
A new law in Connecticut—Public Act 14-13—will require state-run agencies and universities to recognize military education and training when hiring. In the course of their service, many veterans accrue skills they can apply to civilian careers. By streamlining regulations, our communities will benefit from ex-servicemen and women’s proven work ethic and expertise. It has been the case that qualified veterans come back home and find themselves at a disadvantage looking for a job. As it stands now, in order to get certification for certain jobs, they must repeat training they already received in the military. Double instruction is a waste of time and money for everyone involved. This red tape puts veterans, who have already devoted years to serving our country, further behind the rest of us. The new law, effective October 1st, fixes this problem. Now veterans will be able to start their new careers on the same level playing field as everyone else. Former servicemen and women who performed specialized tasks while in the course of duty—driving heavy trucks, working as mechanics, electricians, etc.—will have their experience counted towards accreditation for related civilian jobs. In other words, veterans looking to obtain a trade certificate will be able to skip the classes covering material they already learned in the military. Additionally, colleges and universities in Connecticut will begin awarding academic credit for military education. Veterans can use these credits to obtain a college degree.

Save the Date
September 13, 10am-1:00pm
Agriculture Faire

Village Center - Ivy Glenn Memorial
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Free Milk Program at Eastford School:

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown on the official chart (<http://www.eastfordct.org/files/filesystem/public-release.pdf>) are eligible for free milk. Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents. To apply for free milk, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility milk programs. Note that the district MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

This information may also be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. No application is required if the district directly certifies a child based on a household member receiving assistance from: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program. All children in these households are eligible for free milk benefits.

Households receiving SNAP benefits or TFA for their children should only submit an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by September 15, 2014.

If a child is not directly certified, the household should complete a free milk application form. The application for the SNAP or TFA households require the name of the person in the household receiving the SNAP or TFA benefits and their case number. The signature of an adult household member is also required. Households receiving assistance under the SNAP/TFA programs will be notified of their eligibility and their children will be provided free benefits unless the household notifies the school that it chooses to decline benefits.

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Eastford Independent Fire Co.

From: Jeannine Spink, President

It is a sad time for the EIFC. Two of our vital contributors passed away. Merton Green who was the last of the Charter Members joining in 1942.

And, former Chief Dean Bunnell. The Bunnell legacy to the fire service runs deep. Grandfather Ralph was a Charter Member, father Wayne joined in 1949, Dean joined in 1973 and son Silas joined in 2013. Four generations of dedication and commitment. Dean served as Treasurer from 1975 to 1977; Lieutenant from 1976 to 1977; Captain from 1977-1983, and Chief from 1983 to 1985, along with various committees and fundraisers. He was the 9th Chief to command the EIFC.

June was busy as usual with meetings and drills and responding to 11 emergencies. At the June 12th meeting of the Senior Citizens, EMS Captain Spink addressed the group, demonstrating CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver and spoke about calling “911”, heart attack, stroke and falls. Four visits to Camp NAHACO to spray the kids with water and demonstrate basic first aid techniques and discuss fire safety with grades Pre-K through K were scheduled.

ANNUAL CHICKEN B-B-Q

The annual Chicken B-B-Q is scheduled for Saturday, August 16th between 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 at the firehouse. The menu will consist of 1/2 chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, roll, and ice cream. There will be the ever-popular “Drive Thru Convenience”, or sit-down in the station. Tickets are \$10.00 per dinner. To secure your dinner, tickets may be purchased in advance on Saturdays starting August 5th at the Post Office, from any member of the department or call John Paquin at 860-974-0256 and Jeannine Spink at 974-1678.

**-TIP OF THE MONTH-
FALL PREVENTION FOR SENIORS**

Falls are more common than strokes and can be just as serious in their consequences.
Falls are the most preventable cause of needing nursing home placement.
Among adults 70 years and older: 3 in 10 fall each year.
Falls cause over 90% of broken hips.

COMMON RISKS FOR FALLING INCLUDE:

Trouble getting up, standing or walking, including balance, and strength.
Taking four or more medications. Review medications regularly. Do any cause dizziness or drop in blood pressure?

Foot problems and unsafe footwear. If you have pain and numbness, see a podiatrist. Always wear supportive shoes.

Problems with vision and hearing. Get annual vision and hearing exams. Have ears checked for wax.

Environmental hazards in your home. Remove anything that narrows path of walking; remove rugs, cords, low-lying objects.

Use extra caution on stairs, curbs, thresholds and uneven ground. Assure adequate lighting.

Use chairs and sofas that have armrests that are not too low, too high or too soft.

Make changes in your home so daily routines do not require stooping or reaching overhead.

HAVE A SAFETY PLAN IN PLACE:

Have at least one telephone that’s accessible from the floor – a table phone, cordless phone, cell phone.

Consider a personal emergency response system, example: Medic Alert, especially if you live alone.

MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:

Individual in-home fall evaluations and education are provided to people age 60 and older who have fallen within the past year or have multiple risk factors. For more information, call (860) 779-9270. This prevention initiative is made possible by a grant from the Connecticut Collaboration for Fall Prevention at Yale University School of Medicine. Funding will be provided from the Aging Services Division of the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services.

Notice of Republican Primary

Town of Eastford

August 12, 2014

Town Office Building

16 Westford Road / Lower Level

Hours of Voting: 6AM to 8PM

Office	Party	Candidate
Governor	Republican	Thomas C., Foley John P. McKinney
Lieutenant Governor	Republican	Penny Bacchiochi Heather Somers David M Walker
Comptroller	Republican	Sharon J McLaughlin Angel Cadena

Library News

By: Susan Shead

The summer reading program Fizz Boom Read is winding down. Our end of the summer special event is a performance by comedian/ magician Ed Popielarczyk on Saturday August 9th at 10:30AM. (See below)

The Fiber Arts group meets on the 3rd Saturday (August 16th) of the month at 10:00AM. If you want to knit, crochet or do rug hooking or spinning or any other fiber arts craft please join us!

New at the library this month: In adult Non Fiction: Sous Chef by Michael Gibney, Plant Conservation by Timothy Walker, Everybody's got Something by Rob-in Roberts, The most of Nora Ephron and The new Senior woman by Barbara Fleisher. There are discount passes available for Mystic Aquarium, Roger Williams Park Zoo, The New England Air Museum and free admission passes to The Wadsworth Atheneum, and Connecticut's Old State House. We also have State Parks and Forests Day Pass. This pass can be used to cover the cost of parking at state parks and forests where there is an established parking charge. We also have coupons for 20% off admission to the Connecticut Science Center.

The library hours are Monday 3-8pm, Tuesday 10am to 8pm, Thursday 3-8pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm.

The Magic of Ed Popielarczyk
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From Board of Education:

The next meeting of the Eastford Board of Education is scheduled for August 14 at 7:00 pm. Except for July, the Board meets the second Thursday of each month in the school library. The public is always welcome to attend their meetings. Board of Education Committees have met this summer to discuss facilities projects, policy updates and the upcoming teacher negotiations.

A number of facilities projects are being addressed during the summer months. In addition to the drainage project, the cupola is being repaired and new downspouts and gutters are being installed. The playground will be updated with a new swing set and two other pieces of equipment—an OmniSpin Spinner and a mini balance beam. Additionally, a new bench and additional signage have been ordered for the front of the school. Of course, many repairs are done during the summer months and everything is cleaned so that students will come back to a very welcoming building in August.

Bus routes for the elementary school and high schools will be posted online and on the doors of the school about two weeks before the start of school.


The school building is open every day during the summer. If you know someone who needs any information about the School District, please have him or her contact the office staff.



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Report of the Eastford Scholarship Steering Committee

The Eastford Scholarship Steering Committee would like to join with the Board of Education and the entire Eastford community in commending and applauding Eastford's high school and Eastford Elementary School [EES] scholarship and award recipients. For those scholarships and awards within the Scholarship Committee's stewardship purview, here are the recipients:

Dennis Barlow Scholarship—**Hannah Budd**;
Eleanor K. Lewis Scholarship—**Jacob Keyes**
Edith Wheaton Smith Memorial Scholarship--
Julia Budd and **Morgan Lundy**;
Esther and Lucie Harmon and Leta Sabin Trepal
Scholarship—**Hannah Budd** and **Meryl Wolfe**;
Mary King Sharpe Memorial Business Scholar-
ship—**Sarah Paulhus**;
Emil Vaida Scholarship—**Jacob Keyes**;
Harold Carpenter Fund Scholarship—**Julia Budd**;
Ethel Gardner Scholarship--**Stacey Yazo** and
Ryan Whittenburg;
Olivette Kozey Art Award—**Isabel Barrett**;
Roger Mason Day Memorial Award—**Alexis
Lathrop**;
Allen James Day Memorial Awards—**Griffin Ed-
wards** and **Alexis Lathrop**;
William Shand Memorial Award—**Michele
Wysocki**
William S. Warren Academic Award—**Griffin
Edwards**.

Anyone wishing to add to one of the above scholarship or award funds, can do so by contacting the organization

charged with managing Eastford's scholarship funds, the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut,

We further equally commend and applaud all these Eastford students who were award recipients at Woodstock Academy and at EES:

Woodstock Academy:

Brooks Atwood—Edward "Bud" Rondeau Memorial Scholarship;

William Beausoleil—Michael Wlaskiewicz Memorial Award;

John Budd—Woodstock Academy Artist of the Year;

Abigail Hustus—Woodstock Agricultural Society Ray Donnelly Memorial Scholarship;

Sarah Paulhus—David W. Marsland Memorial Scholarship, National Honor Society Scholarship, Accounting Award, World Language Tutor;

Lexie Soja—Hannah Green Memorial Scholarship, Charles Cournoyer Memorial Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in Individual & Family Development;

Meryl Wolfe—Donald B. Williams & Hope K. Williams Scholarship (Robertson Essay) 1st place, Outstanding Achievement in Mandarin 1.

Other Eastford Elementary School Awards:

Kristopher Jakubowski—Marilyn Krom Award (PTO);

Andrew Pedersen—Eastford Teachers Memorial Award;

Isabel Barrett—Citizenship Award/Eastford Independent Fire Company;

Nathaniel Merlo—Otto F. King Award;

Nicholas Ahnberg—American Legion Award;

Griffin Edwards, Alexis Lathrop, Chelsea

Wise—Presidential Academic Fitness Award;

Griffin Edwards—Math/Science/Technology Award;

Colin Glenn—Joseph St. King Award, Presidential Academic Fitness Award;

Alexis Lathrop—Local Hero Scholarship;

Isabel Barrett—Arboriculture Award;

Chelsea Wise—Humanities Award.

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Eastford Elementary School

By: Heather Tamsin, Principal

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to the residents of Eastford. As the new principal, I am extremely excited to work with Eastford families and residents in this unique community. I have always valued the positive impact that small community schools have on a child's educational experience. Walking through the halls of this school, it is evident that the children and teachers have created a true learning community. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to join this one of a kind school environment.

As the new school year approaches, I would like to invite all Preschool and Kindergarten families to join us for a 'Meet and Greet' with Mrs. Kopplin and Mrs. Bibeault at 10 am on Wednesday, August 20 at Eastford Elementary School. Children and families will have an opportunity to tour classrooms and meet with the teachers to help with their transition. We are eager to start the new year and are looking forward to collaborating with families through the exciting experiences in the years ahead. Children will also play on the playground and have a school bus ride! I am looking forward to meeting families and children. If you are unable to attend, but have questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Kopplin (ckopplin@eastfordct.org) or Mrs. Bibeault (mbibeault@eastfordct.org).

A summer mailing with important information has been sent home. Please look for your child's emergency contact information card to verify your current information and return it to our office as soon possible.

Our new music teacher, Miss Croxton, is excited to offer instrumental opportunities for any students entering grades 5 through 8. If you would like rental information, we have additional copies in the school office that you are welcome to stop by and pick up.

The school facility is looking beautiful. The drainage project has been completed and the custodians are working hard to prepare the building for the return of the staff, students and families. Please be aware that a new project to replace gutters and downspouts will begin so, for safety, do not use the playgrounds when workers are present. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Continue to enjoy the summer weather and I look forward to an amazing school year in such a supportive community.

Eastford Seniors

By Linda SM dos Santos

On Saturday, July 12, the Eastford Senior Citizens celebrated their Annual Family & Friends Potluck Picnic was held at Nahaco Park's Main Dining Hall, overlooking the natural beauty of Crystal Pond. Seniors brought an assortment of amazing foods to share, while they danced to music by local band, Kyle and Company. Membership applications were distributed and the Election

of Officers for July 2014 to June 30, 2015 followed. Coriander Country Store & Cafe and Frog Rock Rest Stop provided the door prizes.

Judy Montigny will continue as President as well as Dorothy "Dot" Davis as Friendship Committee Chair, Linda SM dos Santos as Program Director and Public Relations Secretary, Carlene Prentice as Treasurer, Pat Roy as Telephone Committee Chair, and Audrey Plantier as first term Secretary.

Weather permitting on Thursday, August 7 the Eastford Senior Citizens (ESC) will meet at the Eastford Town Office Building's Lower Level (TOB); promptly leaving at 12(noon) by Car Caravan to Frog Rock for a harty lunch on their own (with each member receiving the ESC discount.) Seniors will return to the TOB for a 1:45 PM ESC meeting and a surprise. (Should it rain, Frog Rock will cater a fixed menu lunch at the TOB, Members \$4, non-members \$7.) Please RSVP by Aug. 3, 2014, call 860-928-9177, 860-538-8868. All Eastford seniors welcome.

The FREE Charter Oak Pass provides access to State Parks & Forests, Quinebaug Valley Hatchery, and to Dinosaur Park. It is available FREE to CT residents, 65 years of age or older. To obtain a FREE Charter Oak Pass mail a Legible photocopy of your current CT drivers license or other legal proof of age & residency to: DEEP Charter Oak Pass, State Parks Div., 79 Elm St., Hartford, CT 06106-5127, 860-424-3200; or visit Quinebaug Valley Hatchery, Cady Lane, Central Village 06332 Mon. - Fri. 10 AM - 3:00 PM (860) 564-7542.

Save the Dates:

Thurs., September 11 at 11:30 AM, Speaker Deb Richards, Eastford Emergency Management Director, will present an Eastford Senior Citizen (ESC) Fun & Learn Program at the Eastford Town Office Building's Lower Level (TOB). All Eastford seniors welcome. The event will be catered by the Coriander Country Store & Cafe Members \$4, non-members \$7

Tues., October 7 Seniors will promptly leave the TOB at 11:30 AM by ESC Senior Car Caravan to Heritage Way Park to enjoy the foliage, and then on to All the Cheese Pizza You-Can-Eat at Thompson House of Pizza in North Grosvenordale, Members \$4, non-members \$7 (Beverage not included.)

NAHACO NEWS FOR AUGUST 2014

by Mary Ellen Ellsworth

The Day Camp at Crystal Pond is in the midst of its 11th season. The regular Day Camp schedule includes Red Cross Swimming Lessons, Sports, Arts and Crafts, Team Building and Outdoor Adventures, Drama, Fishing, and Boating. There are many memorable special events, too, including Pirates' Day, Summerween, and Hot Dog Barbecues. One week in July, for example, featured both the Eastford Independent Fire Company with a water show and spraying down for campers, and a Birthday Bash Day, during which two huge inflatables appeared on the upper playing field for all the children to enjoy!

The Day Camp has a registered nurse on staff, and Red Cross certified lifeguards. All staff members are certified in CPR and First Aid. Bus transportation is available to and from Camp, from both Woodstock and Eastford Elementary Schools, for all except the young Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten campers.

This summer for the first time a hot lunch program is being offered for campers. The cost is \$20 per week; some of the July meals sounded awfully good! As for the t-shirt colors for 2014—well, each shirt will be different. The shirts are white, and will be personally tied by each individual camper.

The Nahaco Park Commission will be saying good-bye, and a hearty thank you, to Rob Davis, who has resided at Nahaco Park for the past 7 years. Rob has assisted the

Commission with security, and with tree trimming and other maintenance issues. Rob and his wife, Michelle, will be moving to a home in Eastford. We wish them well!

YOGA will again be offered by Sue Orcutt in the Nahaco Dining Hall during late-summer evenings. Come when you can--\$5 per class, for men and women of all ages. Dates are on Wednesdays in August and September, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., August 6, 13, 20, and 27, and September 3 and 10.

A number of Commission members visited Northwest Park in Windsor, Connecticut recently, to view their facilities, to learn about some of their fundraising initiatives, and to investigate some of that Park's educational and environmental programs. It was a worthwhile experience.

Finally, the Nahaco Commission hopes to meet with the Select Boards of Eastford and Woodstock to discuss the Park's infrastructure and maintenance needs, security and safety, and funding. Do you use Nahaco Park for hiking, swimming, fishing, or snow shoeing—or to catch quiet moments in a beautiful natural environment? Should there be fees to come into the Park, or a season-pass per family or vehicle? Should the Park continue to rely on rentals, donations, and volunteer services to maintain itself, or should the Towns of Woodstock and Eastford contribute? Please share your thoughts with your Park Commission members.

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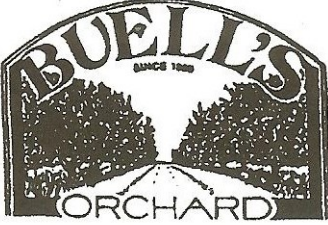
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