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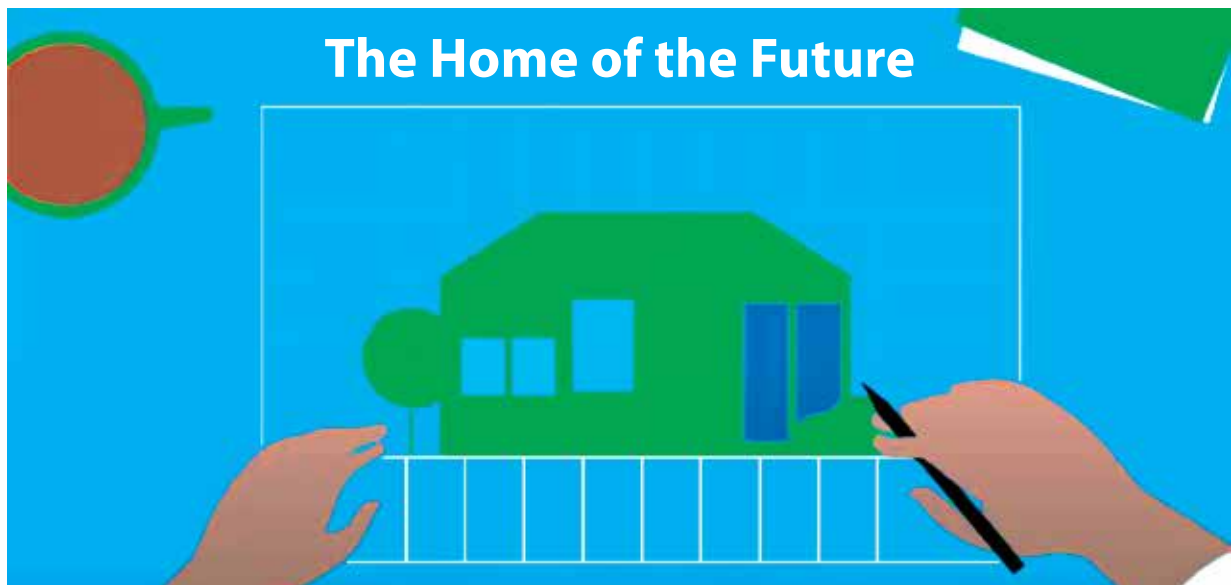
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Technological advancements are changing our built environment, from our homes to our offices and beyond. New building materials, heating and cooling systems, and smart technologies are shifting what our buildings look like. What can we expect of the home of the future?

1. RETROFITTING and NEW DESIGN

Buildings will meet new energy efficiency standards – both newly constructed homes, and longstanding homes retrofitted with updated technology. Experts will be able to direct building design from the start, but they'll also be able to find instrumental ways to improve existing building efficiency. A 1920s farmhouse and a 2024 downtown loft can use similar tools adapted for each space to be energy efficient and cost-effective.

2. EFFICIENT HEATING and COOLING, ACCESSIBLE

Heat pumps – both air and ground source – will increase in popularity. The innovative heating AND cooling tools pull heat energy from outside of a building inside, warming in the winter and cooling in the summer. Air source heat pumps collect energy from the outside air, whereas larger ground source heat pumps pull energy from the ground. Heat pumps are very energy efficient and make heating and cooling simple. Clunky window unit air conditioners will be relics of the past.

3. EV CHARGING

The car of the future will connect to the home of the future. Electric vehicle infrastructure is expanding, with more and more charging sites popping up along roadways and in towns. As the infrastructure grows, EVs are becoming more popular. Homes and businesses will adapt as well to support this shift, and EV charging stations will be seen just about everywhere.

4. SMART THERMOSTATS

Many homes and buildings are already starting to use smart thermostats. These tools help heat and cool homes optimally,

minimizing energy waste. Smart thermostats can provide key insight into how you can reduce your energy usage while keeping your home comfortable – you'd be surprised what a degree or two shift in your ambient temperature can do! Smart thermostats will be a default feature in the building of the future.

5. OPTIMIZED ENERGY USE DESIGN

Designing a home for energy usage gets things started off on the right foot. Optimizing the building orientation and overall layout can ensure that a building can support clean technologies like solar panels. It can also mean designers take into account how heat is conducted throughout the home, establishing energy efficiency from the get-go.

Eversource offers programs that support all of these new energy efficient technologies and more. We're working closely with the building community to communicate code changes, and we're offering rebates from heat pumps, EV charging, smart thermostats, and more. Check out our New Homes and Renovations page on [Eversource.com](https://eversource.com) to learn more.

While we're not quite ready for Jetson's-style flying cars and in-home robot butlers, the future is looking exciting. New tools that make homes more comfortable and keep energy efficiency in mind are coming to market every day – and we're excited to see what happens next!.

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Town Manager's Corner

Stepping Forward

Even though we are enjoying the summer along the Connecticut shore, I want to look back to June and congratulate all of the Morgan School Graduates and those in students at Elliot and Joel who stepped forward to enter a new school in the coming fall. In moving to the next step in their education, all students are growing and making progress.

The Town too is moving on new ventures which reflects our growth and progress as a community. Going into the summer months a few activities to highlight include:

Senior Coordinator: The Town has a new Senior Coordinator to develop programs that will meet the social needs of Clinton's senior citizens. Interested seniors can learn more or offer their ideas by emailing cacampora@clintonct.org. Non-seniors can also participate in the new community service by volunteering your time or talents to run a program.

Seniors can subscribe through the Town's website to a newsletter that will provide information on events and activities. More information can be found at: <https://clintonct.org/723/Senior-Program>.

Town Planner: Clinton's continued growth and development will take center stage as the Town hires a Town Planner. The Town has relied on a hired consultant to provide Town Planner services.

The demands of the community require an increased level of service and longer-term vision for future development. For that reason, the Town Planner was added to the budget. The selected individual will help shape the vision and provide key leadership in land use and look at ways to improve our policies and processes to keep Clinton an attractive destination. The Town's recruitment will take place over the summer and it is hoped we can have a Planner hired and on-board by the early fall.

ARPA: The second installment of the Town's award of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding from the U.S. Treasury will be released by mid-August. The final payment to the Town of approximately \$1.9 million will be allocated to meet a variety of needs across Clinton following a public process. The first installment has already resulted in payments to support vital non-profit agencies that serve many in Clinton but were put under extra-ordinary pressure as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. A new list of potential projects will be reviewed by the Town Council and ultimately approved at a Town Meeting.

Former Landfill: The Town is actively exploring a beneficial re-use of the former landfill. The cost to cap the site has been estimated

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Karl Kilduff, Town Manager

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From Clinton's Historic District Commission

Historic Restoration Recognition Program



Photograph by HDC Commissioner Rich Geer

Clinton's Historic District Commission has now chosen the fourth property to recognize in its Historic Property Restoration Recognition Program. This one is at 44 Waterside Lane and was restored by Jarrett Kravitz and Kristin Leverone. The house, which was in a serious state of disrepair when they bought it in December 2014, from Caroline (aka Pat) and Celia Dowd, was built in 1800. The restoration and interior modernization were completed in 2020.

Shellfishing in Clinton

Recreational shellfishing opened in Clinton back in 2019 after being closed for many years. Today, 2022, we have a healthy population of shellfish, including hardshell (little necks, quohog), softshell (steamers) and oysters. Razor clams, blue mussel, and surf clams also inhabit our harbor. Channel welk (winkles) can also be found here.



Periodically, market size clams, mainly hardshell, are stocked to supplement the natural population. Smaller sized clams (seed) are also added to the shellfish beds. It takes a few years for seed clams to grow to legal

harvestable size. In 2021 over 100,000 hardshells were stocked.

The same is true for this year, and there are plans to seed softshell/ steamer clams this fall.

Shellfishing License Fees:

- Resident \$25, Non Resident \$75
- Resident Senior or Military \$15,
Non Resident Senior or Military \$65
- Non Resident 1 Day pass \$25

Licenses may be purchased at the Clinton Town Clerks office, online at Clintonshellfish.org, at the Clinton Town Dockmasters office at the town marina, or from any Shellfish Commission member.

Shellfishing is great recreational activity that is not only fun, but also has tasty benefits the whole family can enjoy. From clam chowder and pasta dishes, to baked stuffed, the culinary possibilities are endless. Additionally, one cannot attain shellfish any fresher than when its harvested from your own backyard in Clinton.

Happy Clamming!

Town Manager... *continued from page 3*

at over \$6 million. A new approach is currently viable for the Town which would accept outside soils to the site to cap the landfill. The value of accepting fill significantly cuts to cost to the Town. The site is currently being evaluated. If successful, the Town would move forward with State permitting to approve the fill to be brought to the site and cap the landfill. Once capped, new uses can be explored. There has been strong market interest in a solar farm at the site which could provide the Town with years of rental income.

Please continue doing your part to keep Clinton safe.

Karl Kilduff, Town Manager



Publisher's Note

Remembering John C. Ellis - Founder of Connecticut Cancer Foundation

When I first went by the offices of the Connecticut Cancer Foundation (CCF), I had no idea of the relationship that my company would be forming with CCF. At first glance, I was in awe of the beautiful, new building that had just opened in 2017. As a baseball fan, I admired all the baseball décor –so many images of baseball players (mostly Yankees that I had admired) were on display! Looking deeper, I saw that each of the players highlighted had recognized something more important. How CCF, founded by former Yankee John Ellis, was so vital to helping cancer patients and their families. These players saw how committed John and his wife, Jane, were to CCF. It inspired them to help as well. As the great Mickey Mantle once said: "I hope this foundation goes on forever!"

It wasn't until we got to know Jane and John a little better that we learned their compelling story. That included John's battle with cancer and how Jane and John worked tirelessly on a hands-on basis to address the very real struggles that a cancer diagnosis brings. The financial impact can be devastating. CCF helps ease that burden through assistance with everyday expenses.

Over the years, I've had the good fortune to work with CCF in numerous respects – from my company printing the Dinner Journal for CCF's annual Celebrity Dinner and Auction to attending the informative Eat Well, Live Well presentations that CCF put on pre-COVID. John was always smiling, gracious, quick with a joke. And the incredible bond between John and Jane was so evident. You can't say John without adding Jane - or vice versa.

When I learned earlier this year that John was once again battling cancer, I thought how unfair it all is. Cancer has no bounds or rules. It crosses all our paths in some way. But even in the face of it all, John was determined to fight not only his own battle but also to maintain the promise he made to help at a grass roots level, one cancer-impacted family at a time through CCF. Sadly, John passed in April. There will always be a void in the countless number of lives that he touched. But I am sure his spirit, drive and promise will continue through CCF and its work.

See page 18 for information on CCF's Cycle Against Cancer taking place September 17th in memory of John as well as Corinne Derrig Rivera. You can participate as a team or an individual. You can also purchase raffle tickets (of which there are only 300) to raise funds to continue CCF's work.

William McMinn

Henry Carter Hull Library

Save the Date!

Join the Henry Carter Hull Board of Trustees for an evening fundraiser on Saturday, September 10th 2022 from 6pm to 9pm at the Library. After Hours @ HCH will feature music by The Galvanized Jazz Band, wine tasting, light refreshments and raffle prizes.



After Hours @ HCH is sponsored by; Morgan Stanley - Dave Adams, Clinton Senior

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lend museum passes and the acclaimed MasterClass.

Visit hchlibrary.org/libraryofthings for complete information.

Greetings from the Children's Room!

We are wrapping up another exciting and busy summer at HCH Library. Our theme was "Read Beyond the Beaten Path." Our summer reading program kicked off in June with two fun and entertaining events; Casey Carle's BubbleMania! for the school-agers and Sunny Train music show for the younger kids. Thank you to the Clinton Early Childhood Council for sponsoring Sunny Train. We hosted six educational programs with live animals including Riverside Reptiles, Meigs Point Nature Center, and Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. Thank you to Dana Skidmore & Family for sponsoring our Terrific Turtles program and to the Clinton Land Conservation Trust (CLCT) for sponsoring our For Goodness Snakes! program. The

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CLCT also sponsored our new StoryWalk Spring After Spring: How Rachel Carson Inspired the Environmental Movement. The Storywalk will be up through the fall so we hope you will come take a look. We have also partnered with CLCT on two Story Hikes at Peters Memorial Woods and Kenilworth Forest so take a hike and check them out.

Our new Hidek Hub got a lot of use this summer for our Crafternoons, S.T.E.A.M. Labs, Cool-ology, Tween Time, and Splash Into Art programs. We opened this art and science room in February and named it after our favorite Children's Librarian, Lynn Hidek. Many of these programs will continue throughout the school-year so be sure to check out our website for more information.

We had over 250 children participate in our annual "Read & Bead" Summer Reading Program! Many readers returned proudly wearing their necklaces from summers past, eager to add to their chains. Children earned beads and brag tags for their chains by reading and playing our

"Read & Bead Bingo" game. It was so nice to see so many families return for this program as well as the dozens of new families that we met.

Clinton Girl Scout Troop 62797 sponsored a successful Letterboxing program at the library. Each week the scouts hid handmade stamps around the library and hunters had to follow a clue to find the stamps. After finding the stamp and stamping a piece of paper, Letterbox hunters showed their paper to the Children's Room staff and earned a raffle ticket for our weekly gift card raffle. The weekly raffle, which anyone who checked out children's books could enter, was generously sponsored by the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. This 10-week program earned the winners a gift certificate to a local business. Congratulations to the troop for earning their Bronze Award!

Lastly, I would like to thank my reliable and loyal summer volunteer, Isabella Johnson. Isabella is a high school student and dancer who took time out of her very

busy schedule to help us with several of our weekly programs. I appreciate all of her help and could not have done many of the programs without her. It takes a village and I am grateful that she is part of ours.

See you at the library!

Coralie Williams
Head of Children's Services,
Henry Carter Hull Library

WEEKLY CHILDREN'S EVENTS

9/6/22-12/16/22

MONDAY:

Crafternoons in the Hub 3:00-5:00 pm (K-8th grade) Drop-in. No registration.

TUESDAY:

Baby & Me 10:00-10:30 am (birth-2 years)

Baby & Me 4:00-4:30 pm (birth-2 years)

WEDNESDAY:

Lego Club 4:00-5:30 pm (all ages) Drop-in. No registration.

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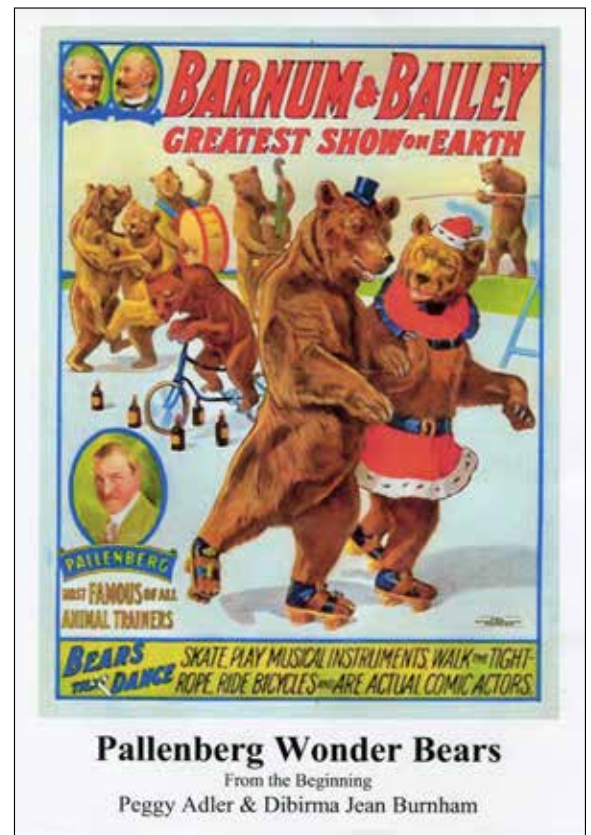
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Wonder Bears

Coming this Fall, Pallenberg Wonder Bears – From the Beginning, by Peggy Adler and Dibirma Jean Pallenberg, is the true story of Emil Pallenberg and his companion (and later, wife), Catharina Wouts Suverein (aka Cato), who came to the United States through Ellis Island in 1914, with three trained, acrobatic bears. They came to perform in Vaudeville on the Orpheum Circuit for six months and eventually became headliners in Ringling Brothers owned circuses for more than a decade. Emil, a citizen of Germany, met Catharina in 1913, while performing with his bears in Holland and she ran away with him and his bruins to perform in Russia, leaving behind her innkeeper husband and two year old son.

Emil Pallenberg is considered to have been the greatest bear trainer of his time. In fact, he originated many of the bear acts performed to this day. In 1908, he became the first person to ever teach a bear to ride a bicycle. He also taught his bears to roller skate, dance, walk on stilts, play musical instruments and walk the tight rope. At no time did The Pallenberg Bears perform in a cage. They performed on a leash attached to a muzzle -- on a platform or in a ring. The Pallenbergs' bears appeared in three feature, motion pictures -- and one was on Broadway for over a year in the 1932 Jerome Kern/Oscar Hammerstein Musical, Music in the Air. And when they weren't performing, the Pallenbergs and their bears lived in the small shoreline town of Clinton, Connecticut.

The book, to be published by BearManor Media (<https://bearmanor-digital.myshopify.com/pages/about-us>) is 203 pages, 30,642 words and has 142 images.




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THURSDAY:

Sign Language: 9:30-10:00 am
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Session 1: 9/8/22-10/20/22

Session 2: 10/27/22-12/15/22

ABC Amigos: 10:15-10:45 am
(birth-age 6)

Movers & Shakers: 4:00-4:30 pm
(18 months-age 6)

FRIDAY:

Stories & More 10:00-10:30 am
(age 2-6)

Stay & Play 10:30-11:30 am (all ages)

**SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SCHOOL-
AGE CHILDREN**

LEGO WeDo Robotics & STEM Club:
4:00-5:30 pm (grades 2-8) 9/28, 10/26,
11/30

Design & Build Engineering
Challenges: 4:00-5:30 pm (grades K &
up) 9/7, 10/5, 11/2

S.T.E.A.M. Lab: 3:00-4:00 pm (grades
5-8) 4:30-5:30 pm (grades 1-4) 9/21,
10/12, 11/16, 12/14

Splash Into Art w/ Kristin Cafferty:
4:15-5:30 pm (grades 2-6) 9/14, 10/19,
11/9, 12/7

Tween Time-Half-Day Hooray!: 12:15-
2:30 pm (grades 5-8) 9/22, 10/20,
11/17, 12/8.

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Vista Life Innovations 2022 Graduates

Community members, families, and friends came together on Friday, August 26, 2022, at The Katherine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center in Old Saybrook to celebrate the graduation of six students from Vista Life Innovations, a nationally accredited post-secondary program that supports the personal success of individuals with disabilities.

The 2022 graduates have completed Vista's Discover Program, a residential transition program where students learn the skills necessary to live independently through experiential training in a community-based setting. Graduation is a significant milestone that acknowledges the independence and success these students have worked hard to achieve while in the Discover Program. The graduates plan to join Vista's long-term, community based Engage Program, continuing to develop themselves as they accomplish new goals.

Vista was honored to have Robert Friend, Assistant Governor of Rotary International District 7980, as the graduation keynote speaker. He is a long-time resident of Madison, Connecticut, and a veteran of the non-profit and commercial entertainment industry, currently serving as Vice President of North American Sales for Activity Stream. Robert is a twenty-two-year Rotarian



who is slated to serve as Southern Connecticut's Rotary District Governor for the 2024-2025 Rotary year. He has been active in Rotary leadership for over 20 years, serving as president of the Madison Rotary Club in 2008-09, and as a member of the District's Rotary Foundation Team, the District's Public Image Committee Chair, and as an area Assistant Governor for the shoreline region where he elevated Rotary Club engagement and growth in all areas of club operations.

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Tax Collector *From the desk of Tax Collector Lisa Bibbiani*

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- Supplemental motor vehicle taxes will be due January 1, 2023 by any person who owns a motor vehicle which was registered after the first day of October 2021 and registered before the first day of August 2022 in the town where such vehicle is subject to property tax.
- Interest accrues at 1.5% per month from the due date, 18% per annum.

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Information regarding your appeal of your Motor Vehicle Tax Bill

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Vista Life... *Continued from page 10*

When asked to reflect on the importance of the graduation milestone for Vista students, Robert explained, "Transformative growth cannot happen without thoughtful and visionary leadership. By engaging with Rotary in the adoption of the Vista Rotaract Club, Vista program participants are receiving a unique leadership curriculum that teaches service above self and leads to outstanding impact, growth, and transformation. This year's Vista graduates, who are independent individuals and who have embraced their personal journey forward, will now bring their power and leadership daily to our shoreline community."

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Chickens need to be kept in an enclosure which must meet the legal property setbacks for the zone.

Also, manure shall be kept in a covered, watertight pit or chamber and shall be removed at least once a week during the period from May 1 to October 1 and during such other months at intervals sufficiently frequent to maintain sanitary conditions satisfactory to the Director of Health.

You can apply for a Zoning Permit for chickens on our website which is clintonct.org. Hover over Departments, click on Planning and Zoning, click on Application Forms, click on ZEO Forms and then Zoning Permit Application.

As always, please contact us with any questions. We're here to help.

Kathy King, Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer



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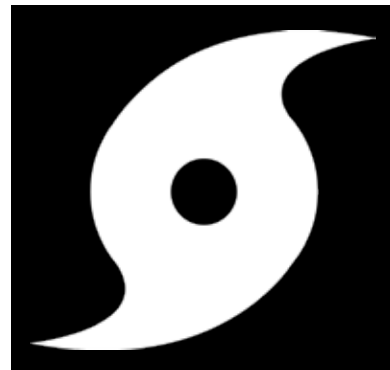
Is Your Disaster Supply Kit Ready?

A disaster supply kit is simply a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency. Be prepared! Always have

your kit ready to go, regardless of the time of year. This will save valuable time if you need to evacuate quickly.

You should be prepared to survive on your own should a severe weather event, such as a hurricane, cause wide

spread damage and power outages. Plan ahead by building your kit of non-perishable food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least 72 hours. Local officials and repair crews will be on scene after a disaster but they may not be able to reach you due to flooded roadways or streets blocked by downed trees, powerlines or other debris. It could take hours or even days to regain access to the hardest hit areas.



Every Situation Will Vary, But a Basic Kit Should Include:

- Water: 1 gallon per person, per day (three day supply for evacuation, two week supply for home).
- Food: non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (three day supply for an evacuation, two week supply for home).
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- Battery-powered or a hand-crank radio
- First aid kit.
- Medications (7-day supply)
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items.
- Copies of personal documents: medication list, proof of address, property deed/lease, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies, list of family and emergency contact numbers in your wallet as a backup!
- Cell phone with charger.
- Extra cash (ATMs may be inoperable). Remember, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment and telephones may be interrupted for days or even weeks. Your supply kit should contain items to help you get through an extended outage.
- Extra fuel for your generator.

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- Fill the tank in your car.
- Gas stations may not have backup power or fuel trucks may not be able to reach their location.
- Depending on your family, you may need to include medications, food and supplies for babies, young children or an elder adult in your care.
- Don't forget to pack for your pets! Keep a copy of rabies vaccination certificates with your other important papers.
- Spare keys for your house and your car.
- Learn the elevation level of your property and whether the land is flood-prone. This will help you know how your property will be affected when storm surge or tidal flooding are predicted.
- Determine where you would go and how you would get there if you are told to evacuate.
- If you live in a high risk area, have a plan in place to stay with friends or family, away from the area, before the storm arrives.



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Every fall for many years the Clinton Land Trust has participated in the Save The Sound Project. Save The Sound is the CT coordinator for the Ocean Conservancy's annual International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), the largest volunteer effort of its kind. Every Sept/Oct for more than 30 years ICC has motivated over 11.5 million people around the world to pick up over 210 million pounds of trash from nearly 390,000 miles of shoreline, according to their website.

Not only do we remove trash from the shoreline that pose health hazards to humans and animal life, but all of the trash is also identified and weighed. This data is compiled and used to loverage better product packaging, etc and helped pass a CT law banning plastic micro beads and municipal restrictions on plastic bags around the region.

Please join us for this fun, important task. The date will be announced soon on our website at clintonlandtrust.org.



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Clinton Senior Connection

As a new service in town, Clinton Senior Connection will foster a supportive and interactive climate for all residents over the age of 55. Existing and newly created programs will be a source of recreation, socialization, education, and/or simply community-building fun for seniors to participate in!

The part-time program coordinator is responsible for the coordination and communication of these programs and will collaborate with existing senior service providers to maximize benefits for seniors residing in the Clinton community.

Meet Clinton's Senior Program Coordinator - Christina Acampora



A resident of Clinton for over a decade, Christina grew up in Hamden, Connecticut, and attended Fairfield University where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communications. In the years since, Christina has worked as a marketing coordinator at AAA, a freelance journalist, a creative Ad copywriter in southern CT and for the past 17 years has worked for a New Haven law firm developing meaningful

marketing pieces, managing press and public relations, planning both large-scale and intimate events, and serving as liaison in the community with local non-profits. While enjoying her active role in a diverse city, Christina was also seeking more roots in town, where she and her husband, Rob, raise their two children. Stepping up as a senior program coordinator for Clinton is a certainly a welcome fit.

When not working, caring for her children, Lucia and Gabe, or walking her beloved sidekick, Lola, Christina enjoys serving on the Boards of the Henry Carter Hull Library as well as the New Haven Road Race. She absolutely loves living on the shoreline and holds the many connections that she's made with people in Clinton very dear. Bringing a rich background of planning and ideas to her new role as senior program coordinator is an exciting journey that she feels lucky to embark on. Christina's objective in developing a robust program is to assist all seniors of varying age and activity to fully embrace the community that they are part of by making connections with those around them and having fun in the process.

Anyone interested in more information, providing suggestions or offering a service to seniors in Clinton, please email cacampora@clintonct.org.



No Gift Too Small! Building Community On and Off the Field

At the Community Foundation of Middlesex County (CFMC), we know that small grants can bring big joy. Really, small equals big!

CFMC's Pop Grant Initiative offers a fun way to spread some joy and celebrate Good People Doing Great Things. The Initiative has been attracting lots of attention, particularly from our local businesses. The idea is simple: just get a few caring people together, have them enter their favorite nonprofits' names in a drawing for a grant — and VOILA! Lots of smiles and applause all around.

Whelen Engineering Company, Inc. is a wonderful community partner and supporter — and they know their employees give a tremendous amount of time to nonprofits serving our



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community. The company chose to partner with CFMC and offer our Pop Up Grants at their Chester, CT and Charlestown, NH sites.

Shoreline Spartans Youth Rugby (SSYR) is the latest surprise grant recipient, thanks to a nomination at the Chester site. SSYR, based in Clinton, brings youth of all ages, skill levels, and abilities together to learn the game of rugby... and learn about giving back to their community. The coaches spend time with the youth sharing lessons of good sportsmanship, team dynamics, and the importance of

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supporting each another on and off the field.

It's more than rugby, the coaches and leaders will tell you. Community service is a huge part of the Spartans rugby family. The youth have organized and participated in food drives, toy drives, blood drives, beach clean ups, and so much more. The future certainly looks bright in Middlesex County thanks to the hard work and dedication of the SSYR coaches and the strong community connection of our youth.

The Community Foundation of Middlesex County's interests are your interests, including animal welfare, arts and culture, health and social services, education, history, the environment, civic improvements, recreation, and economic security and opportunity. We welcome conversations with good people who want to do great things. You can learn more about the Pop Up Grant Initiative (and SSYR's grant) as well as the many ways



individuals and businesses, such as Whelen Engineering, are working through CFMC to help Good People Do Great Things in Middlesex County. For more information, contact us at 860.347.0025 or info@MiddlesexCountyCF.org

Raffle to Support Cycle Against Cancer

Don't forget that there is also a raffle to support the Connecticut Cancer Foundation's Cycle Against Cancer Event. There are only 300 raffle tickets that will be sold.

The ultimate prize is:

An overnight stay at Mohegan Sun, dinner at Tao (up to \$250), and two tickets to a show of your choice (subject to availability and Bruce Springsteen tickets do not apply).

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