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Town Manager's Corner

PIERSON SCHOOL UPDATE

There is a great deal to discuss about the future of the former Abraham Pierson School. As a school, the building has been a focus on civic life for many who either attended, or their children attended, the Pierson School. Others may have enjoyed community events held on the site such as summer concerts hosted in the gazebo or more recent arts activities.

Earlier this year, the Town sought a development partner to bring new life to the Pierson School building. The Town Council decided that the school should find a new life providing housing for senior citizens in Clinton. The development goals for the property included adaptive re-use of the school for housing as well as maintaining some aspects of civic life in and around the property. Specifically, the Town wants to maintain the gazebo and statues to as a park and venue for town events. Developers were also challenged to be creative in working with the Town to allow for community use inside the building if it was economically feasible.

Schools are often redeveloped as housing with senior housing being more common. Former school buildings provide ready-made apartment sizes with the existing classroom sizes and are often one bedroom units. One bedroom apartments

usually support senior citizens. In the case of Pierson, the goal is also to provide apartments at an affordable rent for those on a fixed income.

In response to the Town's Request for Development Proposals, three firms stepped forward with their vision for how the building could be redeveloped and a possible partnership with the Town for community uses. At present, those proposals are being evaluated for their benefits to the Town and approach to the project. Eventually, the list of proposals will be narrowed and a public presentation will be given to the Town Council in advance of a final decision on moving forward.

When the project is ready to advance, a decision will be required at a Special Town Meeting to finally approve the real estate part of the transaction which will allow the developer to start their work. The start of their work however will not be construction. The development team will be focused on completing their due diligence on the site and locking up

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Karl Kilduff, Town Manager

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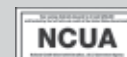
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the source of financing which will allow for the school to be re-purposed for housing. State and federal financing tools will provide most of the lift to pay for redeveloping the school. Construction would follow financing approvals and land use approvals from the Town.

It is our hope that we have a development partner that can work well with the Town, provide an important housing need for part of the community, and help bring new life to Main Street with new activity in the former Pierson School.

There will be much more to watch on this project as it moves forward.

Thank you for your part in making Clinton a great community.

Karl Kilduff,
Town Manager

Tax Collector

Taxes Due Again January 1, 2023

- **The second installment of town tax** for real estate and personal property taxes will be due on January 1, 2023, last day to pay without penalty February 1, 2023. Of course you can pay anytime between now and Feb 1, 2023.
- **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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Motor Vehicle assessments are based upon 70% of average retail value as determined by the Assessor. Having said that with a shortage of cars and car

parts, (especially the necessary computer chips, due to many factors including Covid-19, inflation and increase of the cost of new cars) statewide we have seen an average increase in vehicle values by 26%

Lisa Bibbiani,
Tax Collector

Town Clerk's Office

Municipal Election: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

William Stanton Andrew's Memorial Town Hall - 54 East Main Street
GREEN ROOM – LOWER LEVEL - Hours: 6:00 am to 8:00 pm

NOVEMBER 7, 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Absentee Ballot applications are available in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town Clerk's website, click on Elections. If you are leaving for college or elsewhere and will not be in Clinton for the election, you may apply for an absentee ballot which will be mailed to you on Friday, October 6, 2023. Applications can be downloaded from the Secretary of the State's website at: www.sots.gov or on the town website at: www.clintonct.org and then mail or drop off the completed application to Town Clerk, 54 East Main Street, Clinton, CT 06413.

AB ballots become available October 6, 2023.

The State of Connecticut has a portal for requesting an absentee ballot. The website is: www.myvote.ct.gov/getmyab. Anyone eligible to vote, with a Connecticut driver's license can go online and complete the application for an absentee ballot and click submit. We will receive the application the next day for processing.

Last day to register to vote is October 31, 2023. If you miss

the deadline, you can appear at the polls for Election Day Registration.

PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Public Act #11-173: An elector can file an Absentee Ballot application together with a doctor's certificate (presumably on letter head,) stating that they have a permanent disability and are unable to appear in person at their polling place. This will allow an elector to be on our Permanent Absentee ballot list. AB ballots will then be automatically mailed to the elector for the Election.

If you should have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's Office at: 860-669-9101, Monday to Wednesday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Thursday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and Friday 9:00 am to noon.

Sharon Uricchio,
MCTC
Clinton Town Clerk



Chamber Calendar of Events

DATE & EVENT

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August 17 Nick Bosse

August 26

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Rain Date: August 27th, Sunday

TIME

6:30 – 8:00 pm
Thursdays

Summerfest
4:00 – 8:00 pm

Fireworks
9:00 pm

LOCATION

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After Hours at HCH! You're invited to join us on Sat. 8/19 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm to celebrate 25 years in our current location.

Enjoy live music with Caribbean Vibes steel drum band, light refreshments, and raffles. Ages 21+. Tickets are \$50 per person. Proceeds benefit library programs and resources.

Celebrate National Library

Card Month. Clinton residents are invited to stop by during the month of September to sign up for a card to unlock access to valuable resources—and be entered to win a Library Swag Tote.

Support local small businesses and shop a wide variety of handcrafted items created by local artisans at our **Outdoor Fall Craft Fair** on Sat. 9/30 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, located at 10 Killingworth Turnpike, Clinton. All ages welcome. No registration. Rain date: Sat. 10/7.

Henry Carter Hull Library and Clinton Human Services present: GrandPads! GrandPads are tablets specifically designed for seniors. With



Chromebooks are now available to borrow.

a GrandPad, users can navigate easily using large buttons, a touch screen, and enhanced sound. Through a collaboration with Clinton Human Services, we invite senior Clinton residents to apply to borrow this Wi-Fi internet-enabled device free of charge for up to six months. For more information and to apply for a device, please contact the library or email: techguide@hchlibrary.org

Are you looking to sharpen up your basic technology skills? Good news! Northstar Digital Literacy, our newest online learning resource, offers free, online, self-guided classes for basic

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THE COLOR PURPLE
Book by Marsha Norman
Music & Lyrics by Brenda Russell, Allee Willis and Stephen Bray
SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 22, 2023

JERSEY BOYS
Book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice
Music by Bob Gaudio Lyrics by Bob Crewe
AUGUST 10 – SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

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Book by Colin Escott
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For Children

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WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Friday Stay & Play

Ongoing - Fridays, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Open-ended free-play with sensory games & crafts. All ages. No registration.



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Saturday Stay & Play

Through 8/26

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Starting 9/23

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Imagination Station

Through 8/30

- Wednesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Drop-in to create with recycled materials at the Craft Table. All ages. No registration.

LEGO Club

Through 8/30

- Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Try our weekly challenges or build your own creation. All ages. No registration.



Twins Craft Tote Bags in The Hidek Hub

Messy Mondays

Starting 9/18

- Mondays, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Open-ended sensory art experiences in The Hidek Hub. Ages 2 - 5. Registration recommended.

Baby & Me - AM and PM Sessions

Starting 9/19

- Tuesdays, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Starting 9/19

- Tuesdays, 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Birth - 24 Months. Come sing, bounce, read, and play! Registration recommended.

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Crafternoons in The Hub

Starting 9/19

- Tuesdays, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Grades Kindergarten - 5th.
Explore craft projects with Miss
Lauren. Registration recommended.



ABC Amigos

Starting 9/20

- Wednesdays, 10:00 - 10:30 am
Birth - Age 6. Fun and active bilingual Spanish-English class.
Registration recommended.

Sign Language

Starting 9/21 - Thursdays, 10:00 am

Birth - Age 6. Learn ASL signs through songs and stories.
Registration recommended.

Stories & More

Starting 9/22

- Fridays, 10:00 - 10:30 am
Ages 2 - 6. Stories, music, & move-ment with Miss Coralie.
Registration recommended.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Dungeons & Dragons for Tweens

8/14, 9/18, 10/16, & 11/20
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Grades 6 - 8. Play this tabletop
adventure game and enjoy some pizza.
Registration recommended.



Tween Time: Half-Day Hooray!

9/21, 10/19, & 11/16
12:15 - 2:15 pm
Grades 5 - 8. Sign up for fun and pizza for Clinton Public
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For Teens

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Tabletop Tuesdays

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Ages 13 - 18. Discover and play a new tabletop game each
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Cooking With Henry

8/21, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Ages 13 - 18. Learn how to make delicious treats and take home the recipe. Registration required.

Read More!

8/23 & 9/13,

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Ages 13 - 18. Join us twice a month to discuss what we're reading! No registration.

Teen Advisory Board

8/28, 9/25, 10/30, & 11/27,

3:30 - 5:00 pm

Ages 13 - 18. Help make library decisions, suggest materials, and help

the community. No registration.

TECH CONNECTION WORKSHOP

9/9, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Internet Searching & Safety

10/14, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Intro to Google Workspace

11/11, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Facebook & Instagram Basics

Ages 13+. Join our Tech Guide for technology workshops. Laptops provided.

Registration required.

Experiencing America Book Club

9/11, 10/2, & 11/6,

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Ages 13+. A diverse book discussion about contemporary American life.

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All About Banned Books

9/27, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Ages 13+. A presentation and discussion on book bans and challenges. Registration recommended.

For Adults

More programs added regularly!

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Seniors learn about community resources

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Virtual Meditation

Mondays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Afternoon Mahjong Meetups

Mondays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

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CLINTON SENIOR CONNECTION

Connect with the Classics

Mondays, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Ages 18+. Explore the classics as we read them aloud together. Registration recommended.

What's Your Story? Writer's Club

Wednesdays, 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

Ages 18+. Receive support, share ideas, create, laugh, talk, and write! No registration.

Scrabble Club

Tuesdays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Ages 18+. Friendly, casual Scrabble playing with fellow word enthusiasts. No registration.

Virtual Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, 9:00 - 10:00 am

Ages 18+. Online class for guided exercises done from a seated position. Registration required.

Evening Mahjong Meetups

Wednesdays, 5:45 - 7:45 pm

Ages 18+. Play a few friendly rounds of this classic and popular tile-based game. No registration.

Stay & Stitch

Fridays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ages 18+. BYO supplies to work on your fiber art projects and chat with fellow crafters. No registration.

Virtual Yoga

Fridays, 10:15 - 11:15 am

Ages 18+. Online class for gentle guided exercises. Registration required.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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8/15, 9/19, 10/17, & 11/21,

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

9/7, 10/5, & 11/2,

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Ages 18+. For music lovers, music makers, and everybody in between! No registration.

**TED TALKS SCREENING
& DISCUSSION**

The World of Whales

8/16, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Ages 18+. Explore the awe-inspiring world of whales. Hybrid program. Registration recommended.

Understanding A.I.

9/20, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Ages 18+. Explore what artificial intelligence means. Hybrid program.

Registration recommended.

Power of a Vote

10/18, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Ages 18+. The A look at the history and future of voting. Hybrid program. Registration recommended.

Dance Moves Us

11/15, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Ages 18+. How Explore the powerful expression of dance. Hybrid program. Registration recommended.

Saturday Morning Movie: TBD

8/19, 9/16, 10/21, & 11/18, 11:00 am

Ages 18+. Join us monthly on the 3rd Saturday. Call or see website for details. No registration.

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
at The Estuary**

8/28, 9/25, & 10/23,

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Join us at The Estuary in Old Saybrook on the 4th Monday for support and resources. No registration.

Movie Matinee: TBD

8/31, 9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26,
& 11/9, 3:00 pm

Ages 18+. Call or see website for details. No registration.

Movie Night: TBD

9/5, 10/3, & 11/7, 5:30 pm

Ages 18+. Call or see website for details. No registration.

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Intro to Google Workspace

10/14, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

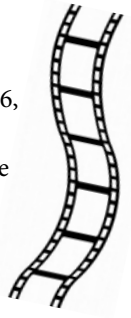
Facebook & Instagram Basics

11/11, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Ages 13+. Join our Tech Guide for technology workshops. Laptops provided. Registration required.

"Get Real" Nonfiction Book Group

Ages 18+. Call or see website for details.



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10/10, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Discuss *The Light We Carry* by Michelle Obama.

“Get Real” Nonfiction Book Group:
TBD

11/14, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

NAMI Family Support Group

9/12, 10/10, & 11/14, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Ages 18+. Join NAMI Shoreline monthly on the 2nd Tuesday for support. No registration.

CREATIVEBUG CRICUT-TEERS CRAFT NIGHT.

Ages 18+. Registration required.
Join Lauren to create artistic crafts and memories with Creativebug.

Knotted Pantry Bag

9/13, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Iron-On Vinyl

10/11, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Decorative Giving Plates

11/8, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Afternoon Fiction Book Club: TBD

9/14, 10/12, & 11/9,
1:00 - 2:00 pm
Ages 18+. Monthly fiction discussion.
Call or see website for details. Registration recommended.

BOOK CHAT

Favorite Summer Reads.

9/21, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Ages 18+. Registration recommended.
Share and discuss the books you most enjoyed this summer.

Nonfiction November

10/19, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Explore the nonfiction genre and discuss your favorites.

Short Stories

11/16, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Short on time? Try a short story!
Share and discuss favorites.

The Atlantic Magazine

Discussion Group

9/27, 10/25, & 11/22,
10:30 - 11:30 am



Ages 18+. Discuss the latest issue. Copies available. Hybrid program. Registration recommended.

OUTDOOR FALL CRAFT FAIR

9/30, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Rain Date 10/7)
All ages. Don't miss our annual outdoor Fall craft fair featuring local artisans! No registration.

POLLINATOR WORKSHOP with Clinton Conservation Commission

10/17, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Ages 18+. Learn gardening tips to save the bees and butterflies. Registration recommended.

DID YOU KNOW?

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Clinton Land Conservation Trust

Close Encounters of the Natural Kind

Look to the sky! It's a red-tailed hawk, a barred owl, or a maybe even a kestrel! Thanks to the many outings organized by their father, Mary Janvrin and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins would know because of their love of birds and other natural habitats. The Janvrin sisters chose to share their passion for our area and its natural environment by leaving a bequest to establish the Mary Janvrin and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins Fund for Birds, Other Animals and Nature (Janvrin Fund) at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County (CFMC). CFMC is honored to continue their legacy by supporting nonprofit organizations preserving, protecting, and stewarding land, waterways, and wildlife habitats for the county's ecosystem and enjoyment of all area residents. What does this have to do with identifying birds? The Janvrin Fund recently awarded a grant to Clinton Land Conservation Trust (CLCT) to partner with Carter Hull Library (HCHL) and provide an opportunity for families to meet some of our feathered friends in person.

CLCT and HCHL welcomed flying, slithering, and four-legged friends from our local ecosystem into the Library as part of

a new education series for our youngest environmental stewards. The fun and engaging events featured experts from nearby nature centers who introduced animals, birds, and reptiles in a very up close and captivating way. These nature experts discussed the role this varied wildlife plays in Connecticut's ecosystem and explained how wildlife rehabilitation works. We extend a Round of Applause to CLCT and HCHL for offering this incredible programming that allowed children to learn about their natural surroundings and for demonstrating the power of partnership.

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Clinton Senior Connection

Fun & Enrichment for Seniors

At the end of 2022, I wrote a short piece for Clinton Events reflecting back on the valuable lessons I learned during the first six months of coordinating activities for Clinton Senior Connection. Now, with the benefit of more than a year under my belt, I still feel as passionate about this town's senior population, and my mission to connect each and every one of them, through fun and enriching programming and ideas!



Pickers play music on the River Queen Cruise.

Anyone over the age of 55 can take advantage of—what I have come to think of as—our mobile senior center. The activities we have enjoyed this year are almost too many to list. Ballroom dancing, cruises on the Connecticut River, monthly cooking, kayaking, beach fitness, creative writing, lunch seminars, yoga, weekly

walking, live music, and crafting are just some of the highlights. What's to come? Even more activities on or by the water, a movie club, more worthwhile presenters, more group meals, and more celebration of culture and art.

While I want to bring as many valuable activities and events to our seniors as possible, it isn't really about what we are doing. It's about what we are doing together. Directly speaking to any senior reading this: I hope that you are inspired to enrich the next phase of your life through connection. Try something new with your peers in town. Take advantage of free and reduced programming, even if it means stepping outside your comfort zone a bit. The average activities and interests of seniors are changing and the overall messaging we use when it comes to seniors must evolve too.

Even the term 'senior' is one that I bump up against a bit. All the seniors I have met through my role as program coordinator are so active in mind and body—no "senior moments" here. I just haven't been able to come up with a better, all-encompassing word to express that though. For now, the term to categorize older adults of a certain age group shall remain, but I assign the same reverent tone to it as the incoming freshmen might when interacting with the wiser, self-assured upperclassmen walking the halls of the Morgan High School this September. And then I think to myself: will I ever be that cool?

Learn more about Clinton Senior Connection and view the town's calendar of senior events at: www.clintonct.org. You can also connect with Christina through email at: cacampora@clintonct.org.



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We had a Great Summer & Fall Programs are Coming

We had a great turnout for summer camps this year and are thrilled to say that we sold out of many of our camps.

Our season got off to a great start at the town beach, despite the cold and rain early on. Beach season runs from Memorial weekend through Labor day. We were delighted to have Paul Orsini, from Doc's Bar & Grill, back again this year as the operator of the concession stand. The stand offers basic beach eats like burgers, hot dogs and grilled cheese; they also offer breakfast sandwiches on the weekends.

We are all looking forward to this year's **CLINTON SUMMERFEST & FIREWORKS** event which will be held at the town beach on Saturday, August 26, 2023 (*rain date: Sunday, August 27th.*) The town beach will be closed to the public at

9:00 am on the date of the event. Water-side Lane will be closed to all traffic from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and then will open to walking traffic only. Shuttle buses will run between the beach and the town hall throughout the event. We will provide more information on our Facebook page as we get closer to the event.

CLINTON YOUTH SOCCER

Fall Registration is NOW OPEN. Parks & Rec soccer is available for pre-K through 8th grade. Our Munchkin program is for Pre-K and Kindergarteners (4-5 years old by December.) The program runs every Saturday for 8 weeks. The cost is \$50.00. Our 1st-8th Grade program offers practices one night a week (varies per team) and games are played on Saturdays (times vary.) Registration fee is \$85 / child; a \$15 late fee will be applied after certain dates. First

games begin after Labor Day. The Fall Travel Soccer program offers practices 1 night a week (varies per team) and games are typically played on Sundays; game locations and times vary weekly. Travel Soccer is available for 4th - 8th grade and costs \$175 for the season. Go to: <https://clintonsoccer.net> to register today for both Park & Rec and Travel Soccer.

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PICKLEBALL

We have a pickleball court painted on our basketball court at the Indian River Recreation Complex. We also have a net and paddles available for use for anyone interested (BYO Balls.) Please call the office at: 860-669-6901 Monday-Friday

between 9:00 am - 4:00 pm to inquire about getting access to the equipment.

Please check our Facebook page (Clinton CT Parks & Recreation) or go to our website at <https://parkrecclintonct.recdesk.com/Community/Home> to keep

up to date as programs often change daily.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Cooking Classes with Mary; Halloween Window Painting; Park & Rec and Travel Basketball; Holiday Trail of Lights... just to name a few.

Arbor Garden Club of Clinton

Scarecrows Warmly Welcomed Back to Clinton

As chilly shoreline gusts replace warm summer breezes, the focus of the Arbor Garden Club of Clinton shifts from tending outdoor gardens to running our seasonal programs. Last year was the launch of our first-ever Scarecrow Contest fundraiser. The contest was so appreciated by businesses and the greater community, that we intend to do it again. In fact, we have heard that a parade is in the works to accompany our effort!

This year we hope to broaden our scope significantly. We would like to not only increase participation from our local businesses, but also from any and all entities, including families. We look forward to showcasing the uniqueness of each creation and celebrating the contributions of our participants and generous sponsors. To that end, we created four distinctly different

voting categories to allow four winners per voter!

SOME PARTICULARS TO NOTE

On September 15th past participants will be invited to join this year's contest and a public announcement will be released on our Facebook and Instagram pages. On October 1st the application and \$25 fee will be due. From October 15 through October 29 the scarecrows will be on display, during which time voting will take place. On October 31st our four winners will be announced.

Clinton, we are counting on your enthusiastic involvement as scarecrow makers and / or voters!



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Vista Life Innovations Graduation Celebration

Community members, families, and friends will come together on Friday, August 25, 2023, 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 2023 graduates are Madelynn Dunahoo, Wilson Graham, Ashley Jones, Tyler Krantz, David Rich, and Alexandra Prue. They 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 is honored to have Chef, Entrepreneur, and Theatre Director Neil Fuentes as the graduation keynote speaker. Admission to the Vista Graduation 2023 Ceremony is free and open to all members of the community. Guests are asked to RSVP in advance, as seating is limited, at: www.vistalifeinnovations.org/graduation.



Judge Jeannine Lewis,
Saybrook District Probate Court.
Photo courtesy of Laura Matesky Photography.

When we are grieving the loss of a close family member, it can be challenging to concentrate, let alone fill out paperwork for the funeral home, life insurance company or the probate court. To help be prepared for this challenge, it is important to know what the law is surrounding probate requirements, as well as the utility of following correct probate procedure, even if all estate assets are jointly held, in order to avoid negative downstream consequences.

FIRST

Connecticut law requires that the person in possession of the original will of a deceased person must deliver the will either to: (1) the person designated to be the executor, or (2) the Probate Court. If the will is delivered to the Probate Court, it should be delivered to the Probate Court where the deceased person last resided with an intent to stay (referred to as their domicile). If the person was domiciled in Chester, Clinton,

The Probate Court and You

Do I Need Probate if All of the Estate Assets are Jointly Held?

Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Saybrook or Westbrook, the will should be delivered to the Saybrook Probate Court located on the second floor of the Old Saybrook Town Hall at 302 Main Street in Old Saybrook. Sometimes people wonder what happens with these wills – it can be hard to let them go. We store these original wills in perpetuity, first in our office, then in the Town Clerk's vault at the Old Saybrook Town Hall, and eventually at either the State Library (wills executed in 1976 or earlier) or at Meyer Records Management.

SECOND

Connecticut law also requires each person in actual or constructive possession of any property of the deceased person to file a Form CT 706 NT (a Connecticut Estate Tax Return for Nontaxable Estates) with the Probate Court. The Form CT 706 NT must be filed for each deceased person who, at the time of death was a Connecticut resident, within six (6) months after their date of death. When all assets are held jointly between spouses, filing the Form CT-706 NT may seem like an unwelcome, extra task at an already challenging time. If more time is needed, a request for an extension of time should be made with the Probate Court.

The request will be automatically granted as long as it is filed before the due date of the Form CT-706 NT (6 months after death). If spouses jointly own a home, it is very important that the Form CT-706 NT is filed, and lists the home. The reason why the home must be listed on the Form CT-706 NT even if it is owned jointly by spouses, is because a release of estate tax and probate fee liens from the Probate Court is needed in order to clear title to the home so it can later be sold. If the release is not obtained soon after the first spouse dies, it will still need to be obtained before the house can be sold, and can cause unwelcome delay at the time of the real estate closing.

Fortunately, if all assets of the deceased person are owned jointly or pass by a beneficiary designation, an abbreviated process (called a "tax purposes only estate") allows probate to be completed quickly, often in several months' time.

If you still have questions, contact us at: 860-510-5028. We are happy to guide you through the necessary steps for probate to ensure you comply with Connecticut law and properly administer the assets of the deceased.

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