



Canterbury Town News



May, 2018

Canterbury, Connecticut

SELECTMEN'S CORNER

Although today, April 27, is a damp cool day, I am assured that spring is here and warmer weather is to follow. I believe that most of us that heat with wood can all agree that the end of the heating season is long overdue.

Canterbury celebrated Earth Day on April 21 with a town wide clean up. Over 50 people volunteered and they picked up along many miles of roads. Thank you to all who participated and I hope that the spirit of Earth Day lives on all year and we continue to keep our town beautiful.

SFC Little League kicked off the 2018 season with a parade on April 28 and they are looking forward to another great season. And yet a further sign that spring is here, the Canterbury Farm Market is scheduled to open next month and already there are many vendors signed up to participate. This is the third season for the market and it keeps growing. Keep your Tuesdays open to support local agriculture.

Another rite of spring is the budget. All the town departments have been working hard to finalize numbers, trying to offset cuts in State aid to various initiatives while maintaining our programs and high level of service.

At the Town Hall the LED light replacement project is complete. The parking lot lights are much brighter and more efficient, increasing safety while also providing long term savings for the town.

Finally, the Fourth of July Parade is coming up soon. This year I would like to make it even bigger and better. Please contact my office if you would like to help organize and volunteer on the day. Your efforts make our parade the great event that it is.

*Christopher Lippke
First Selectman*

Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office

Dog Licenses: Reminder notices will be sent the last week of May. Once received, you may come in to purchase. Rabies vaccination expiration dates are on the postcard. If the rabies vaccination expired since your last visit, please bring the updated certificate with you when you renew the license. **YOU MUST include a self-addressed envelope for all dog license transactions sent by mail.**

Hunting/Fishing Guides: The 2018 Hunting and Fishing Guides are available in our office. If you are over 65 years old, you are eligible to receive a free fishing license, although the must be renewed yearly. The State of CT now requires a "stamp" for trout and salmon fishing (cost: \$5.00). More information is available at: <http://www.ct.gov/deep/site>. Brochures are also available in our office.

NEW Transfer Station Stickers – The new 2-year sticker costs \$20 per vehicle. The old/orange stickers expired on April 30, 2018. You must present a current **Canterbury** motor vehicle registration at time of purchase. **Reminder:** the Transfer Station is for household garbage and recycling only.

Budget/Tax Bills: The Annual Town Budget Meeting will be held on **May 17**. The budgets (General Government, Education and Capital Improvement) will be voted on at referendum (date to be determined). Absentee ballots will be available in the Town Clerk's office for those that will be out of town on the day of the referendum. If the budgets pass at referendum, then the Board of Finance sets a mill rate, and tax bills can be processed, with June 30 as the target mailing date. Taxes are billed with a 30-day grace period. Interest accrues at a rate of 1½ % from the due date. Please read your bill carefully, as all the pertinent information regarding due dates is clearly written. If the budgets do not pass, then revisions will have to be made, another Budget Meeting will take place, and then another referendum. If the budget fails again, then the process is repeated. This year's taxes are based on the October 1, 2017 Grand List.

Natalie Ellston



Canterbury Agricultural Commission

Fresh vegetables from the garden and local farms are the best!

The Canterbury Farmers Market is at the Town Hall on Tuesday's from 4 to 6:30 pm. The market runs from June 5th to October 2nd. Craftsman, Artisans and Agriculture are welcome to be vendors. Contact 860-546-9693 for information and a registration form.

On May 22 at 7:00 pm there will be a mandatory market vendor's meeting at the Town Hall. At the meeting, the vendors will select their spots for the 2018 season and review rules of the market. If you are interested in being a volunteer Market Master please plan to come to the meeting. The Market Master will help coordinate market set up, work with vendors to get consensus on questions, and be a much-appreciated organizer of the weekly market activities and guest vendors too.

Now what to do with those yummy vegetables, some ideas can be found in books at the Library like The Plant Pure Nation Cookbook and Vegetarian The Best Ever Recipe Collection. If you have questions about growing vegetable crops call the UConn Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners at 860-774-9600.

The USDA Farm Service Agency is helping connect farmers to free mentors through SCORE. The first meeting will be at your farm to help look at strengths, concerns and how to improve profitability, marketing, and to discuss future needs. The mentors are not experienced in farming, they can help with the business aspects of farming. If you'd like to connect with a SCORE mentor, contact Alicia McCue, Windham County Farm Service Agency, at 860-412-5269.

Happy growing! Happy Spring!

*Dawn S. Pindell
Chairman*



Canterbury Seniors

The Canterbury Seniors hold their monthly meeting and potluck luncheon the second Thursday of every month at 11:00AM in the Town Hall Community Center. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for June 14 and July 12, which is our traditional cold dish luncheon. There is no meeting in August. We will gather again on September 13. You are eligible to join the senior club if you're at least age 50. Dues are \$8.00 annually. New members are welcome anytime throughout the year. Come learn about our many trips and activities. Please call Debbie Kinne at 860-546-6136 with any questions.

Canterbury Senior Trips

Have you noticed that people do not think much about traveling when it's cold and stormy, unless it's to a place with better weather? Now it's time to get out and enjoy ourselves. One way might be to join others, see a show, travel someplace, make new friends!

The Seniors have a travel program which is open to many ages. Copies of our trips can be found on the bulletin board in the Library and Community Room. There are also flyers giving details for each one. Information can also be found on-line under Canterbury Ct. Senior Travel, check under Brochures in the upper right corner for information on each.

Our big trip for this year takes us to National Parks in Wyoming and South Dakota. Next year, 2019, we plan to steamboat on the Columbia and Snake Rivers-plenty of history and fabulous scenery! There is a great impressionist show with the Edwards Twins, music from the 50's, 60's and 70's at the beautiful Saint Clement's Castle, fabulous Friesian horses in Vermont, a tribute to Simon & Garfunkel, travel to Ogunquit to see "The Jersey Boys", listen to the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber.

In October we'll have great turkey on the train as we travel along Lake Winnepesaukee and in November we return to Newport Playhouse to laugh with their great comedy. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Joanne (860) 546-9830.

Canterbury Cares

Canterbury Cares Food Pantry, located in the lower level of First Congregational Church of Canterbury, is a monthly food resource to residents of the town of Canterbury. We distribute on the third Monday of the month, from 10 am to noon, and invite town residents in need of food assistance to visit the pantry or contact the church at (860)546-9007. Residents of Canterbury do not need to preregister to come to a distribution but will need to bring proof of residency to their first visit.

Upcoming dates for distribution are:

May 21st 10 am - noon June 18th 10 am - noon July 16th 10 am - noon

We are so grateful to everyone who has donated funds, food and time to Canterbury Cares. A special thank you to Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School for their generous gift of proceeds from their Empty Bowls event March 15th. Art teacher, Sam Rizer and all the students and staff who participated put on a beautiful event while drawing attention to issues of hunger in our local communities.

We continue to have the support of our town's wonderful churches, schools, local organizations and individuals and we are so thankful. We are also grateful to all our volunteers. You faithfully unload the truck, stock shelves and help distribute food, and we appreciate all that you do!

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with Canterbury Cares Distribution (the third Monday of the month), are invited to contact us at (860)546-9007.

Land Use Department

With the warmer weather finally here, many have inquired about the permits needed to construct an accessory structure. Below is a guideline to follow:

When and What Type of Permits are Required for Accessory Buildings?

Accessory buildings **100 square feet or less** do not require permits from the Land Use Office BUT should still meet the setback requirements listed below.

Accessory buildings **OVER 100 square feet but LESS than 200** square feet require a Zoning permit.

Accessory buildings **OVER 200 square feet** require Zoning and Building permit approval AS WELL as B100a approval from the Northeast District Department of Health.

Exemptions from the B100a approval are as follows:

Accessory building or sheds less than 200 square feet which will sit directly on pressure treated plywood or concrete blocks and do not require the putting of a concrete slab, frost protected footings, sonar tubes or another foundation that would disturb the soil.

Anchoring kits that prevent uplift due to winds which are used for temporary structures such as car pots. Anchors should not penetrate the septic system. Anchoring kits that require the pouring of a concrete slab or permanent footings do require B100a approval.

Side and Rear Set back requirements depend on the size of the accessory building:

Less than 400 square feet 5 feet; 400-800 square feet 10 feet; Greater than 800 square feet 25 feet. If proposed less than 75' from the front property line, the accessory structure must be located in the side or rear yards of the principal dwelling.

Accessory buildings include: sheds, detached garages, storage buildings, greenhouses, hoop houses, and similar buildings used for non-commercial or agricultural uses.

Questions please call:

Zoning Enforcement Officer at 860-546-6857

Building Inspector at 860-230-3012

Northeast District Department of Health at 860-774-7350

Melissa Gil
ZEO/WEO

Canterbury Lions Club

The Canterbury Lions Club has been active since 1972, raising funds that can be used to help address the critical needs of our community and residents. As part of Lions International, Lions have a particular focus on the helping the sight and hearing impaired. We collect eye glasses and hearing aids year-round and have installed a collection box at the transfer station to make it more convenient for people to donate. We have worked collaboratively with several community organizations with our Food Trailer and look forward to working with more of them. All proceeds from our various fund-raising activities go directly to benefit Canterbury residents and organizations like the Low Vision Center that serve our community.

We have partnered with Connecticut Lions Eye Research Program, KidSight, to conduct no cost vision screenings this past year for all Canterbury children at our Elementary schools. Last year CT Lions clubs with the help of 23 WelchAllyn Spot cameras screened 54, 000 children stated wide, identifying 11% of those screened to need further follow up.

We are finishing up the first phase of exercise equipment installation at Manship Park, and hope to have a dedication ceremony in the next month. We will be having a Chicken BBQ Dinner on June 9th at the Community Center from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, dine-in or take-out available. Our Million Penny drive is on-going with collection containers available at local businesses. Once we have collected our goal amount, we plan to put them on display before using the funds raised for our community projects. If you would like to donate to this project please contact Lion Nancy Balcom at 860-546-9085.

The Canterbury Lions Club meetings are held at the Riverview Restaurant (Rte. 14 Moosup) at 7:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Membership is by invitation, and new members are always welcome! For more information contact Membership Chair Lion Sarah Wallace at canterburylionsclub@gmail.com or sarah_wallace@banksi.com

Friends of the Canterbury Public Library

The Friends of the Canterbury Library Book and Bake Sale will be held this April 19th from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. The sale opens at 8:30 for members. The sale will be held in the community room at the town hall, located at 1 Municipal Drive in Canterbury.

Getting a membership in the Friends is easy. They will be available at the door on the day of the sale, or at the Canterbury Library anytime. Memberships also may be purchased directly with credit card or PayPal by clicking on the Join us link on the Wish List section of the library's website: canterburylibrary.org/ All proceeds from the sale are used towards the continued improvement of the collections and the programs of the Canterbury Public Library.

Please join us for an evening with Sam Ducharme for his entertaining presentation: Thru Hiking the Appalachian Trail on May 30th at 7:00PM, held in the community room. This event is free and open to all. Those who attend this program will be treated to a modern-day adventure. Sam Ducharme set out on a 2180-mile, 14 state backpacking trip from Springer Mountain, Georgia to Mt. Katahdin Maine. During his six-month journey he documented the rugged beauty of the Appalachian Mountains, the wildlife, the hardships encountered on the trail, as well as the people, culture and humanity at its finest. Come join him as he takes you through the trail towns, over the mountaintops and through the backcountry. The images and stories will leave you with a renewed awe of the beauty of our country and its people.

Sam Ducharme is a retired K9 Officer and is a lifelong resident of Connecticut. As an avid outdoorsman, and finding the empty-nest, Sam decided to buy a backpack and a plane ticket to Georgia. From there, he started walking north. With no prior backpacking experience, he learned on the trail. Gear, trail nutrition, enduring the elements, and the logistics involved in a long-distance backpacking trip were hard lessons. After 20 years working within Connecticut's prisons, the search for a positive recharge resulted in a life changing journey.

The presentation will follow our Friends of the Canterbury Library 2018 Annual Meeting, where we will celebrate our accomplishments, present upcoming activities and elect the officers for the coming year. The annual meeting will be brief. Refreshments will be served.

St. Augustine Church

144 Westminster Road
(Route 14)

Annual Plant Sale

Our annual plant sale will be held on the church lawn on Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Stop by to pick up flowers for Mother's Day or plants for your garden; vegetables, perennials, annuals, Something for everyone!

2018 Car Cruise

Our annual Car Cruise will be held on Tuesday, August 21st (rain date August 23rd), from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Come socialize as you view vintage cars and enjoy food from our kitchen and ice cream from Canterbury Cones, as you enjoy our DJ and his music.

Assessor's Office

Additional Veteran's & Local Option Veteran's Exemption

These programs are designed to provide property tax exemptions for veterans whose income falls within certain limits. To receive these exemptions, an application must be filed by September 28, 2018 for the 2018 Grand List. Proof of income is required. Call the Assessor's Office for more information. 860-546-6035

Lynn Byberg

Fourth of July Parade

The annual Fourth of July parade will be held Tuesday July 4th. We are looking for marchers, vendors and entertainment for the celebration following the parade. We also need volunteers to help organize. If you are interested please contact the first selectman's office.

Editor's Note

The next issue will be published in August 2018. Anyone wishing to submit articles for consideration may do so by email to canterburynewsletter@yahoo.com or by dropping them off at the Selectmen's Office before August 15th. The editor reserves the right in all instances to edit for length and content. Submissions are welcome from all Canterbury organizations and institutions.

Canterbury Recreational Women's Volleyball League

As we take to the sand courts to kick off our 2018 season of the Canterbury Recreational Women's Volleyball League, this year will mark a decade of the league's existence! The success of the league is mainly due to the group of ladies that keep coming back to participate year after year. Additionally, I would be remiss in not acknowledging the efforts of some very key people on the Canterbury Recreation Commission; specifically, Jim Molkenthin, Prentiss Balcom, and Denise Lindell. These three individuals have been very instrumental in lending their support and wisdom over the years. Thank you everyone!

Matches are played on Monday nights at 6:00 & 7:00pm, on the three sand courts at Manship Park in Canterbury. The 2018 Season is expected to kick off mid-May and continue through the end of September. Teams face off weekly in a 3-game series of head to head competition. At the end of the regular season

schedule, qualifying teams then become eligible to participate in the Playoffs.

I would also like to acknowledge Christopher Ferris, who has graciously donated and hand crafted a beautiful message board. Participants will now be able to review the league schedule, court assignments, and other league information.

If you are interested in participating, please call the number below. Although team slots have been filled for the upcoming season, there may be teams in need of additional players to round out their rosters.

"KEEP THE VOLLEY GOING!"

Wendy Dayger, Director
(860) 546-9132

FINNISH AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

Spring greetings from the Finnish American Heritage Society

So thankful for warmer weather, blooming flowers and sunshine. Hope everyone is enjoying a very late spring in the Quiet Corner of Connecticut.

FAHS Members enjoyed several activities in early 2018 in spite of the weather. Laskiainen Day (Sledding Day) was held in February-again, without snow! Participants enjoyed traditional pea soup, breads and laskiaispulla, a pulla-dough bun filled with jam and lots of whipped cream.

On Sunday, March 4, 2018 about forty people gathered upstairs in the Finn Hall to celebrate Kalevala Day (The Kalevala is the epic poem of Finland, considered a national treasure; Kalevala Day is officially February 28th, the day the first edition was published in Finland, also considered Finnish Culture Day). Refreshments, prepared and donated by the excellent FAHS cooks, were also enjoyed.

Two annual food centered events were also held: the Finnish Culinary Delights on March 10th focused on "Finnish Super Foods" such as cabbage, rutabaga, mushrooms and lingonberries. This event is a free educational session offered by FAHS to the community to share Finnish foods. And the pancake breakfast was held on April 7th serving a variety of breakfast foods to over 140 guests, servers included the children and grandchildren of FAHS Members. In the spirit of community, FAHS donated two tickets to the Canterbury Public Library, the Lion's Club and the VFW.

Please join us for the upcoming events-all are welcome:

Chicken BBQ – Saturday, May 19th - Take out starting at 3:30pm; sit down from 4:00pm-6:00pm

Open House Day w/CT Tourism June 3rd- 10:00am-3:00pm
The Finnish Hall will be open to the public with guided tours of the museum which holds a surprising collection of items used by Finnish immigrants to the United States as well as examples of modern Finnish collectables, books and handicrafts. Please join us to learn more about the important contribution of Finnish families in the area. Refreshments will be available.

Joint Picnic with FAHS and Aura Hall – 51 Lillibridge Rd, Voluntown, CT – 2:00pm-8:00pm

Join Aura Hall and FAHS for a fun afternoon at Aura Hall in Voluntown. Enjoy a delicious pot luck food (bring a dish to share), hamburgers and hot dogs provided. Many dishes are

made with traditional Finnish recipes. There is live music, lawn games, and a bon fire to end the evening.

Tori – Open Air Market – September 8th 10:00am – 3:00pm
Tori means "market" in Finnish and is an annual tradition to hold an open-air market featuring a variety of craft and food vendors and serving Finnish foods for lunch and the famous sweet cardamom bread-Pulla will be for sale.

Weaving Classes – Students wanted!

We are actively gathering names of individuals who would be interested in weaving lessons; FAHS has multiple looms available and can work with a local master weaver to conduct lessons for the never-woven-in-my-life beginner, intermediate or experienced weaver. Please contact FAHS at 860-546-6673 (leave message) to express your interest.

NEW – Kantele Classes – Students wanted!

We are pleased to announce the formation of kantele classes at FAHS. The kantele is a traditional Finnish plucked stringed instrument. Taught by the very talented FAHS member, Kasha Breau, the classes are planned to start this summer. Options exist for in person class or via live video broadcast. Cost of the class is \$15.00 registration and then \$ 5.00 per session, class days and times to be determined once students have signed up.

Kanteles can be purchased from a well-known kantele maker and both 5, 10 and 15-stringed instruments are available. To reserve an instrument, or for more information, please contact Ellen Buffington at ellenmbuffington@gmail.com.

Wormwood String Quartet – June 3rd at 2:00pm

The Finnish American Heritage Society's Makipuro Arts Fund is pleased to present an intimate chamber music concert, on June 3 at 2pm at the Finnish Hall in Canterbury. The Wormwood String Quartet from Mansfield CT will perform a program of Haydn's beautiful "Quartet Opus. 55, No. 3"; two Scott Joplin rags; the grand and majestic strains of Jean Sibelius' "Andante Festivo" and of course the Finnish composer's serene and melodic "Finlandia Hymn." The concert and a reception to follow are free to the public.

Further information on our events can be found on our website at www.fahs-ct.org or like us on Face Book for up to date information on activities at The Hall. New members are welcome!

CANTERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOOK SALE—May 19
9am—2pm in the community room



*Buy a book - Make a Donation -
Volunteer Your Time
Sponsored by the FRIENDS of the CPL.*

**LIBRARIES ROCK SUMMER
READING PROGRAM
BEGINS JUNE 23**

Drop-In Crafts:
Mondays during summer reading.
10:00 - 11:00 am. *All Ages.*

Lego Brick Challenge:
July 16, 10:30-11:15am
The West Hartford Children’s Museum presents LEGO Brick Challenge at the Canterbury Public Library! Come and challenge your creativity by designing and building your own LEGO vehicle. *Ages 6+. Sign-up required.*

Creativity Through Construction
3rd Saturday April-August
Celebrate your inner engineer! Children will explore the fun and imagination that comes with architecture and construction. Activities will use Legos, Keva Planks, nanobugs and other materials. *Ages 7+. Sign-up required.*

Weekly Music Themed Activities
Check out our Facebook page for more information.

Rock Painting 1 and 2
1: June 28th 2: July 12th at 5:30pm
Celebrate how Libraries Rock with Rock Painting! *For Teens and Adults. Sign-up Required.*

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Musical Connections with Melissa Lennon
Children ages 3 to 5. Sign up required.
Tuesdays 10:00 am
June 26, July 10, July 17, August 7

Bouncing Baby Tales with Melissa Lennon
Children, ages birth to 18 months old. Starting in September. Sign up required.
Tuesdays and Wednesdays,
9:30am—10:00 am

Music & Movement with Melissa Lennon
Children, ages 18 months to 3 years old. Sign up required. **Thursdays, two sessions at 9:30 and 10:30 am**

Ladder to Literacy with Melissa Lennon
Children, ages 3 1/2 to 5 years old. Starting in September. **Wednesdays, 10:15-11:15 am**

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Invitation to Create!
Saturday, April 28, 10:00-11:30am
“Invitation to Create” with Heather Bassett and Kathleen Hart! Together you and your child will build a creative learning space. Children are offered opportunities to be co-constructors of knowledge and collaborate using design thinking. *For Parents and Children. Sign-up required.*

Friday Family Movie
May 17, 24, Thursdays at 5:30pm
Come and enjoy a movie in the comfortable environment of the library! Snacks and drinks are welcome. Popcorn will be provided.
All Ages. No sign-up required.

ADULT ACTIVITY PROGRAMS
Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:00 am
In the Town Hall Community Room with Kathleen Hart. *Sign up required*

May 16th - Card Stamping
June 20th - Adult Rock Painting

Quiet Corner Reads Author Visit
The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict
June 20 at 7:00pm The Mansion at Bald Hill, Woodstock, CT. Tickets available at the library for \$15.00.

ADULT AND TEEN PROGRAMS

Essential Oils 101
Thursday, May 31 at 5:30pm
Come learn about the myriad of ways oils can be used to support a naturally healthy and balanced lifestyle. *Sign up required*

Book Discussions
3rd Tuesday of each month 7:05 pm
Get your copy of the book at either Canterbury or Scotland Public Library

May 15th *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict Quiet Corner Reads Selection. (Scotland)
June 19th *Eye of the Needle* by Ken Follett (Canterbury)
July 18th *Any Children’s Book* (Scotland)
August 21st *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly (Canterbury)



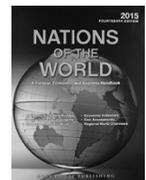
Creating Community Connections

Hours: Monday-Wednesday 9am - 7pm; Thursday 9am - 8pm; Saturday 9am - 2pm
Website: www.canterburylibrary.org
Phone: 860/546-9022 **Fax:** 860-546-1142

Brown Bag Book Talks
July 11, 18, 25 August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Wednesday 12:00-1:30pm

Bring your lunch to the library for a themed book discussion.

LIBRARY SERVICES
See our Website for easy access



LIBRARY PASSES

Connecticut State Parks Pass (No Child Left Inside Initiative): Covers parking at all four state beaches, as well as several inland parks. Free admission for 2 adults & 4 children.

Florence Griswold Museum: Free admission for 2 adults & 2 children (under 12).

Mystic Aquarium: Half-priced admission for 2 adults & 2 children.

Mystic Seaport: Half-priced admission for 2 adults & 3 children.

Roger Williams Park Zoo: Reduced admission for up to 4 adults, seniors, and/or children.

State Museums: Free Admission for 2 adults & 2 youths (6-17 years).

Wadsworth Atheneum: Free admission for 2 adults & 2 children.

Canterbury Elementary School PTO

The PTO has had an extremely productive year at CES. We have been able to assist staff with needs in the school. Monthly we have run donation collections that benefit many local charity organizations.

Our fundraising efforts have allowed us to provide the students with many family events such as an ice cream social,

movie night and bingo night. We are currently planning for a wonderful family event in May which will feature free crafts and low cost professional family pictures!

We have teacher/staff appreciation week coming in May which we are looking forward to.

Our members are also currently planning for field day which is a favorite amongst students. Look out for news about a road race for next school year!

The PTO has seen the biggest attendance at our meetings in many years and are so very thankful to all our new members for helping the PTO be so successful.

Canterbury Education Information Group

Do you know how the education budget breaks down?

- 59.1% Salaries/Benefits
- 21.0% High School Tuition
- 6.7% Special Ed. Tuition
- 4.3% Facilities/Transportation
- 4.2% District/Business
- 2.9% Special Ed. Services

Do you know what Canterbury School district's enrollment trends are?

In 2007 we peaked enrollment numbers at 863. It has fluctuated up and down ending at 656 in 2017. According to birth rate data collected from New England School Development Council, our enrollment is projected to climb and

by 2027 we will be looking at 776 students. *Please note* when researching enrollment numbers there are many different figures available. Some calculations do not include our high school students. Some do not include preschool. While there are many different enrollment numbers out there, these numbers used reflect the actual number of students our school district is responsible for.

Do you know where Canterbury stands in per pupil cost?

For FYE 2017 we spent \$17,687. For our district reference group, we rank as 6th out of 17. That puts us at the 65.17th percentile for our DRG. If you compare

Canterbury district to all 166 districts in CT, we place 65th which is the middle third. When compared to local districts, we are very similar to Brooklyn, Plainfield, and Lisbon in per pupil spending. We happen to spend much less per pupil than Scotland and Hampton. *Important to note* that the state puts similar districts in a district reference group for comparisons. Also, many different things effect per pupil costs which include but are not limited to high school options and tuition, special education costs, how many buildings a district operates, low teacher turnover rate (increases salary costs but is very beneficial to students), and transportation costs.

Canterbury Historical Society

You are cordially invited to join us for our upcoming meetings and events. Details are on our website <http://canterburyhistorical.org/>. We meet monthly except in July and August, although we often hold special events over the summer. Unless otherwise noted, all regular monthly meetings are on the second Friday evening of the month, in the community room of the Canterbury town hall, business session at 7 PM, *program at 7:30*. Each meeting features a history-themed program. These meetings are free and open to the public. Bring a friend. Nosh on complimentary refreshments.

May 11, Connecticut State Historian Walter Woodward presents "Trouble in the Land of Steady Habits: The Constitution of 1818" Connecticut in 1818 was somewhat like Connecticut in 2018: A troubled state, seeking a new direction. This lecture highlights the perfect storm of crises—environmental, economic, demographic, religious, and political—that converged in the middle of the 1810s to force the

state to rethink how it had been conducting its affairs for the previous two centuries.

June 8, Bruce Clouette on "Rochambeau's Army in Connecticut, 1780–1782"

Learn more about the story of the French expeditionary force that assisted the American army in the Revolution.

June 9, One-Room Green District Schoolhouse on Canterbury Green Open for Connecticut's Open House Day, 10:00 to 3:00

Bring the kids and let them experience first-hand how different school was in the not-so-distant past. Free admission and parking. Regular open hours this season are on the second Sunday in June and the second and fourth Sundays in July, August, and September, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

October 13, Canterbury Historical Society's Old Home Day on Canterbury Green, 10:00 to 4:00 Save the date. As always, our goal for this annual fall celebration on

Canterbury green is to bring together area practitioners of traditional crafts and trades, historical reenactors, farmers, and a variety of nonprofit groups and other exhibitors to celebrate our town. This year's Old Home Day fall celebration is gratefully dedicated to the memory of Raymond Coombs Sr., life-long Canterbury resident, knowledgeable outdoorsman, history enthusiast, tireless volunteer in the community, and a friend to all.

As everyone in town must know by now, on April 26 fire ravaged the historic William Moore house in the center of town. Our hearts are heavy for the family and for our community—both suffered terrible losses that day.

People have been asking us about the house, so we've put this overview of its history and architectural significance. <http://canterburyhistorical.org/?p=2882>

Don't miss us on Facebook & Twitter. There's bound to be something interesting every time you look.

Canterbury Public Schools

Hello from Canterbury Public Schools. I can't believe that it is May already! We are wrapping up our school year with a multitude of events and field trips for all ages. Please read on.

Medicaid

With the passing of the State budget came additional requirements for school districts regarding Medicaid reimbursement for services provided to students eligible for an Individualized Education Plan or a Section 504 plan.

As of December 1, 2017, each school district is required to participate in the Medicaid School Based Child Health (SBCH) Program and must submit billable service information electronically. We can get reimbursed, but the state also takes a big portion of those reimbursements. The new law requires us to inquire about a child's Medicaid enrollment status and requires planning and placement teams to comply with federal parental consent and written notification requirements prior to billing for services under the SBCH Program. Canterbury has entered into an agreement with a third-party vendor, Compuclaim, to assist with meeting the new standards. Training is being provided in the Spring to our staff.

CES

We have started some interesting and fun events for our students in the past few months! The new Science Kid's Club has met twice. The first event interested over 80 students who made marble runs after school. The second Science Kid's Club took place with over 60 students staying after school on a Friday in March to attend UCONN student science centers. This monthly event is open to students K-4. Students explore varying science topics. Many thanks to the teachers and parents who have collaborated to make this wonderful club occur. We are grateful to the Canterbury Education Fund (CEF) for sponsoring this program.

The PTO continues to offer family fun nights. This month, they held a movie night. On Saturday, May 5th, they host a family event which will include opportunities for a family portrait, crafts for students, a bake sale, and a basket raffle. Our PTO Field Day is scheduled for June 15th.

We received a grant from the CT Storytellers! This program brings story tellers every other week to our PK and K classrooms for the entire year of 2018. The students enjoy these story times very much. They like the stories and the music. Each session supports literacy skills. We will offer assemblies for the upper grades in June.

CES Farm Day will be held on the morning of June 9th, sponsored by a Windham County 4-H club and Mrs. Dianne Davis. Children will have an opportunity to meet some animals and their babies. The 4-H club planted the daffodils two years ago that now line the CES entrance. The flowers will be in bloom soon!

PK screenings were held on April 26th and April 27th. Kindergarten registration is planned for May 4th. Should you wish to schedule an appointment, please call the school at (860) 546-6744.

Wishing you well from Canterbury Elementary School!

BMS

The month of March brought several events and programs to bring the school community together to recognize academic achievement, student diversity, and fun and engagement. The

school joined for the Term 2 Honors assembly as students received certificated noting Honors or High Honors. Grade 6 went to see 5 C's at the Pomfret Community Theater as Grade 5 visited the Yale Peabody Museum. Students began try outs for sports and at this time there are approx. 20 softball players; 13 baseball players and 35 track athletes. That comprises almost 40% of the student population. To help support non-athletes this spring, an After-School Program was created with the help of Ms. Erin Quinn to allow students to participate in various clubs after school on Tuesdays during April and May. This is in addition to the Wednesday afternoon Homework Club already in operation. Snacks, teachers, supplies, and transportation is provided for over 30 students in the following programs:

Craft Club: Come and join this fun and relaxing after school activity. Share your creative talents and learn some new skills. We'll be making a variety of craft projects using paper, string, beads, paints, modelling clay, recyclables, and more.

Gardening Club: Gardening is a great way to express creativity, have fun and promote a healthy lifestyle. Of course, it is a great way to beautify your community. In Gardening Club, we will clean up areas around our school community and plant gardens around entrances for a more inviting and colorful look. Let's take pride in making Baldwin more beautiful.

Homework Club: Students work on whatever they need to work on. Assistance is available.

Bulldog Studios: Bulldog Studios will be open for students who are interested in extending their art skills beyond the classroom. We will be working on individualized projects, honing personal interests in the art world, and exploring new techniques, mediums and styles. If you have something you are interested in trying and need the space to work, here's your chance! The classroom is open to both 2 Dimensional and 3 Dimensional project ideas.

Physical Fitness and Outdoor Fun: Students will be learning more about the importance of physical fitness through participating in various activities and the program will be geared in preparing students for their individual goals for their fitness or athletic future. Students will be running, lifting, and using various activities (biking, fitness, obstacle courses) to meet their goals.

In Other News: Teachers have been taking time and visiting NFA for their regional curricular articulation meetings. During these days, teachers join similar content area colleagues from the region with NFA educators and discussion and observations are made on how to best align and prepare students for high school. They are very beneficial to the staff at BMS and it is great to see BMS alums on the NFA campus. As the spring continues, students and teachers will be entering testing time with the SBAC at BMS during the first 2 weeks of May.

Technology: The tech lab has added two coding robots to the tech offerings for students. The dash and dot robots allow students to code the operations of the device and then control it using tablets. In addition to the tech lab, the art room has purchased a new kiln to keep the pottery units and sculpting program moving at great paces.

End of the Year Events: The Grade 8 Recognition Ceremony will take place on Friday June 22nd at 6:00pm at the Baldwin Middle School (rain or shine).

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Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum

Now that spring is finally here we can look forward to the upcoming season for the museum, as you may know Kaz Kozlowski retired at the end of January this year and her position is in the process of being filled, a seasonal position has been approved for this year as well, but the museum won't officially open till sometime in June.

We are very excited about our Symposium on May 12th from 10-4 at the Canterbury Community Center, we have Lisa Joseph, who lives in Canterbury, doing a presentation on

Francis Alexander, who painted Prudence Crandall's portrait; Dr. Sinha, a Draper Chair in American History at UCONN, who will be doing an in-depth exploration of women in abolition; and after lunch, Lynne McKinney Lydick, from the Worcester Women's History Project, will do a one-woman play called "Yours for Humanity-Abby", about 19th century abolitionist Abbey Kelley Foster. During the 2-hour lunch we will have the museum open so that visitors may see the new exhibit, "The Story Will Outlive the Canvas", which

connects Prudence Crandall with the origins of the New England and American Anti-Slavery movements, and the emerging 19th century women's rights movement. Tickets are \$25.00 and include lunch and admission to the museum, they can be purchased at the museum or on the Eventbrite link, <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/friends-of-the-prudence-crandall-museum-inc-17201252767>.

For upcoming events this season check the Friends website.

News From The Last Green Valley

The green has finally returned to The Last Green Valley! Did you know that Canterbury is one of the 35 towns in The Last Green Valley? A National Heritage Corridor, made of 35 towns in northeast CT and south central MA, there is nothing quite like The Last Green Valley.

There are many opportunities to get out and *Explore!* Do you have the all-new, comprehensive adventure and recreation guide to our National Heritage Corridor

yet? *Explore! Outdoor, Indoor & Around Town Adventures in The Last Green Valley* features places to hike, bike, paddle, swim, shop, tickle your taste buds, dally in a museum, enjoy farms open to the public, and all sorts of adventures. Call us to get your free copy. 860-774-3300.

As you can guess, TLGV counts on our members and volunteer Rangers. There are opportunities in the water and on land! You too can be out sharing The

Last Green Valley with others at fairs and festivals or monitoring the water!

Have a Spring and Summer full of fun with us! ENJOY: Ranger Talks, Acorn Adventures, Annual Meeting, Water Quality Monitoring, Ranger led Walks-Hikes-Paddles! Coming this Fall: Tastes of the Valley & Walktober! Keep up to date with all the news and happenings in The Last Green Valley on our website www.thelastgreenvalley.org and on our Facebook page.