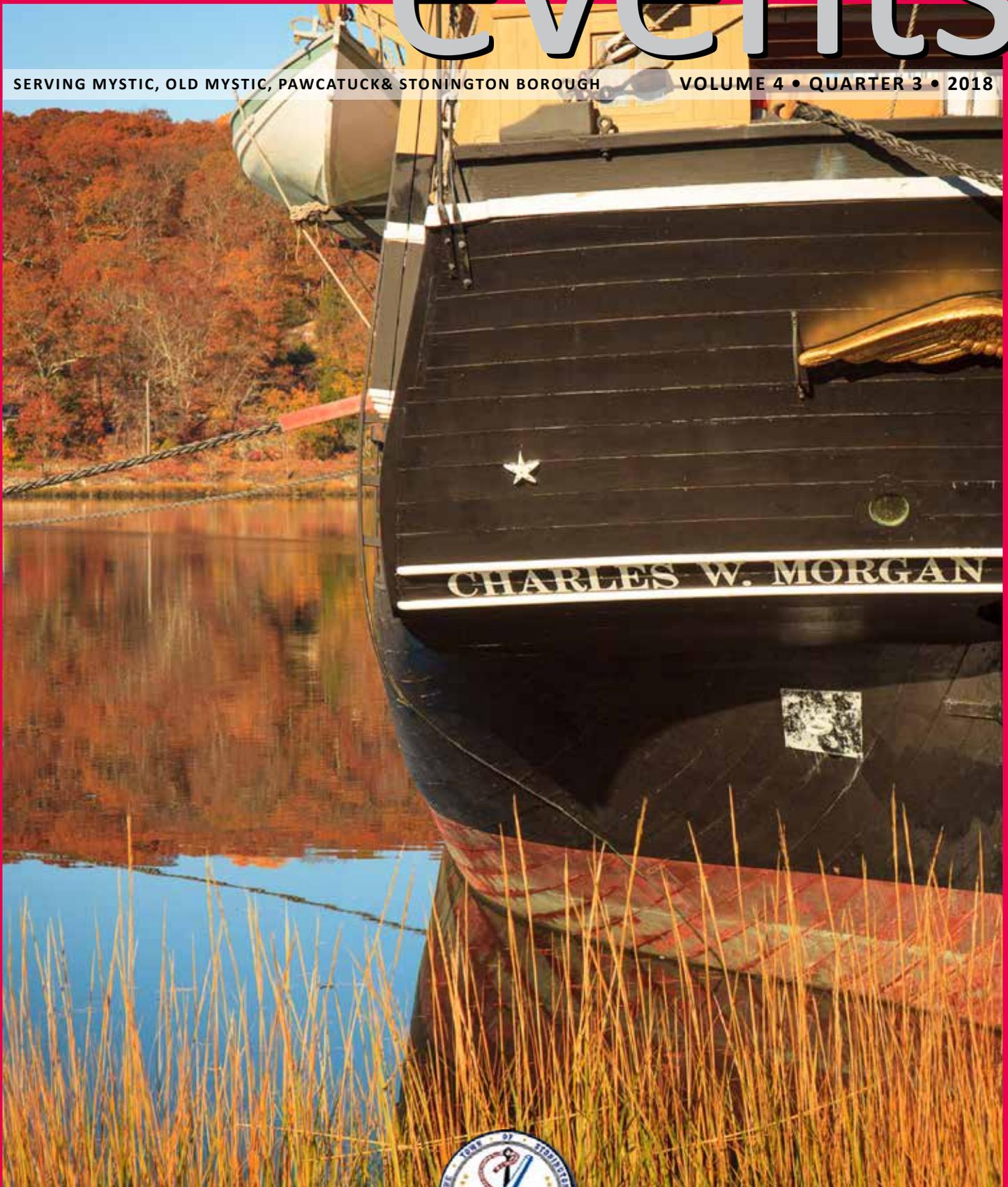


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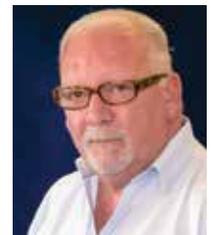
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Selectmen's Corner

Summer is here. School is out. Kids are home. Families are having fun. And it really is a good time to reflect on some of the great things that have been going on with education here in Stonington.

For example, at the Stonington High School Scholarship Gala in June, over one hundred graduating seniors accumulated over \$5 million in academic and athletic scholarships to assist them as they go off to college. This is a testament to the talent of our youth and to the generosity of our wonderful community.

Among our youthful success stories this year were our Senior athletes. Shane Smith won the 2018 Connecticut State Open Boys Decathlon Championship, and Cam Whalen is the first Stonington High School athlete to be named All-New England in soccer, indoor and outdoor track and field within the same school year. Also, rising Junior Gabby Dellacono won the 2018 State Open Girls Tennis Championship - a first for Stonington!

The Deans Mill and West Vine Street Elementary schools are nearing completion thanks to the hard work of our contractors, the Education Department, the Board of Education and the K-12 Building Committee. A special thanks goes to K-12 Chairman Rob Marseglia and Vice Chair Selectwoman Kate Rotella.

The Board of Education faced a particularly challenging issue



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earlier this year in deciding which of our two middle schools would close - Pawcatuck or Mystic. For a Town that loves its villages, this was hard choice. But the Board of Education, under the able leadership of Chairman Frank Todisco, laid out the advantages of going with Mystic - and then decided, with the help of the students, to rename it Stonington Middle School. As a consequence, when our middle school students go off to Stonington High School, they will already know each other after three years together in middle school.

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Senior athlete Shane Smith won the 2018 Connecticut State Open Boys Decathlon Championship



Junior Gabby Dellacono won the 2018 State Open Girls Tennis Championship.

Sadly, Frank Todisco has decided to step down as Chairman of the Board of Education citing the pressures of a new job which takes him out of Town for much of the week. He brought a special talent to the Board when he joined in 2011. As Chair of the Board of Education since 2013, he initiated a new era of bipartisan collaboration with the Boards of Finance and Selectmen. He will be missed and we wish him all the best.

One of the biggest reasons for the success of our school is, of course, our wonderful Stonington taxpayers. Education consumes 54% of our tax dollars - far more than 12% for General Government, 9% for Public Works and 8% for Police. In a year when Governor Malloy promised little to no municipal aid for Stonington - a move that was overturned by the Connecticut General Assembly - we have had to work in collaboration with

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Dear Readers & Advertisers!

It is with great excitement that I announce the launch of Events Magazines' inaugural "The Last Word" segment.

WHAT IS "THE LAST WORD?"

"The Last Word" is a new feature article that will appear on the last page of all of our Events Magazines currently published in 13 Connecticut towns. Each quarter there will be a story about someone with Connecticut ties who has made major accomplishments not only in his/her professional field but also in the community. Our inaugural "The Last Word" segment for the third quarter of 2018 highlights NASCAR professional driver Joey Logano, who is a native of Middletown, CT. It touches on his racing career milestones as well as his work in Connecticut and around the country through the Joey Logano Foundation.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Well, I can't really give that away just yet. We've got some ideas in the works for the 4th quarter issue of Events Magazines.

COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK?

As always, we welcome your input and insights on how we can continue to enhance the magazines for the benefit of readers and advertisers alike. All of us at Events Magazines hope you enjoy our first-ever "The Last Word" feature. We look forward to continuing to serve the community through our Events Magazines!

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the Boards of Education and Finance to get the 'biggest bang for the buck'. And we have.

Another aspect to our success is growing the Grand List. After reassessment this year we achieved a 4.6% increase in the Grand List - one of the largest in Connecticut. As a consequence, we have been able to keep the mil rate stable at 22.68 which is down from 22.98 last year. This, in turn, gives our taxpayers a break.

In addition to reassessment, grand list growth is a function of development. Working in accordance with the Plan of Conservation and Development, the value of Building Permits issued over the past two years is \$158,333,699! These two years alone exceed the total of the past six years - an incredible achievement. And yet our growth is in accordance with the character of the Town.

One example of this growth is the Perkins Farm Campus. Originally zoned for 36 single family homes on Jerry Browne Road, the owner decided to build residential apartments, town houses and a medical office park. Working with the neighbors of Stone Ridge, the Stonington Planning

Department and Chairman David Rathbun of the Planning and Zoning Commission, they set aside almost 30 acres of the 70-acre parcel for open space and nature trails. There will be no additional curb cuts on Jerry Browne Road, and the structures will be set back alongside Interstate 95 to minimize the impact. The best part is that the three-phase project may eventually create hundreds of local professional jobs and become one of the highest taxpayers in Town. Stonington taxpayers supported this project overwhelmingly at a Special Town Meeting where they voted for a fixed assessment for the project.

Several months ago, we published an op-ed describing the challenges of managing the Town without a state budget as "riding a roller coaster." In spite of this challenge, however, our local leaders, public officials and private citizens have risen to the challenge. Working together, we will get through these tough times.

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The risk of homelessness is very real for many families who live and work in our community. Because of the high cost of this region's housing market, paying the rent is a constant challenge for those employed in low-wage jobs. A relatively minor financial crisis (fewer worked hours because of a sick child or loss of reliable transportation) can result in enough of an income loss to start a family's slide into homelessness.

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Stonington Historical Society

Rosalie "Rollie" Thorne McKenna (1918-2003) was a Stonington-based photographer who, in her long career, broke gender boundaries in her profession and creative boundaries in her photography. She is known internationally for portraits of 20th century literary giants such as Dylan Thomas and Sylvia Plath and the architecture of Europe and Latin America.

The Stonington collection of McKenna's photography, housed at the Woolworth Library, has been a point of great interest to Stonington Historical Society staff, board, members, and visitors alike. It depicts a way of life in Stonington that is gone but not quite forgotten.

The Rollie McKenna Project was created after the completion of an organization-wide strategic plan in 2017. The plan determined that the Stonington Historical Society should explore more recent historical topics, including 20th-century subject matter. We hope that this time period will be of great **continued on page 8**



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interest to our audiences and will help preserve and better understand our local history and culture.

In 2018, the Rollie McKenna Project was successfully funded with grants from Connecticut Humanities & the Rosalie Thorne McKenna Foundation. The project will feature a new exhibit of Rollie's Stonington photos, a new publication of her work, and selections from oral history interviews conducted over the past year. These will further offer an intimate portrait of a woman who

shared her view of the people and the world around her. In the course of her work, McKenna revealed a great deal about our town's history, culture, and the values of a small Connecticut village. It is our goal to continue to share and celebrate her work and legacy. The exhibit is titled: A Village Love Affair, and is set to open Friday, November 2, 2018 at the Woolworth Library. It will be the first major exhibit since the library's opening in 1998 when a collection of historic Stonington paintings took their place on the walls. For more information, please visit: stoningtonhistory.org.

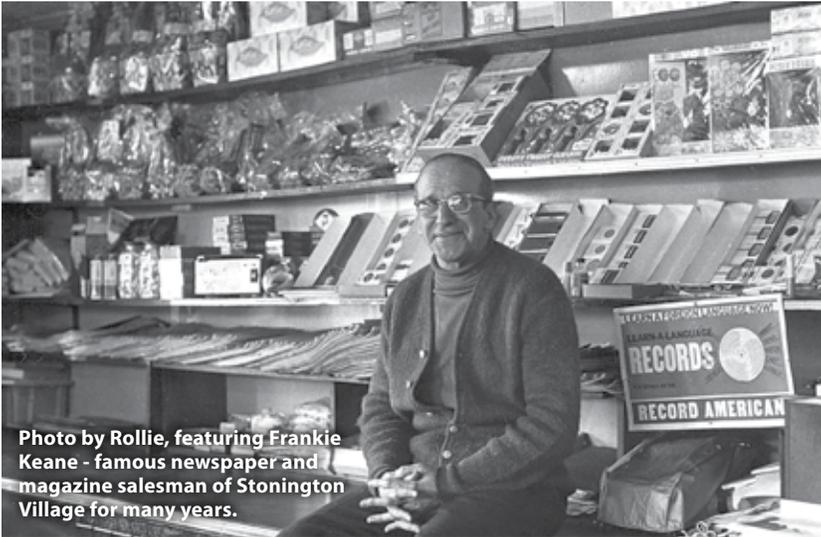


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We partner with the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center to offer library services every Wednesday morning at the Center. Our volunteers are available to check out books and other materials, to take book requests, provide library cards and to offer tech help. We support the Friday Back Pack Program at the PNC with donations of gently used children's books and dvds while offering

the children an opportunity to participate in our Summer Reading Program.

The Stonington Village Improvement Association has added two more Little Free Library kiosks in addition to the ones at Stonington Point and at Mathews Park (*across from Dodson's Boat Yard*). One is at the playground by the Town Dock especially for children's books and the fourth is in the Wimpfheimer Park at the end of the Velvet Mill - a lovely spot that is a hidden treasure of our neighborhood. Our volunteers keep the kiosks well stocked and tidy.

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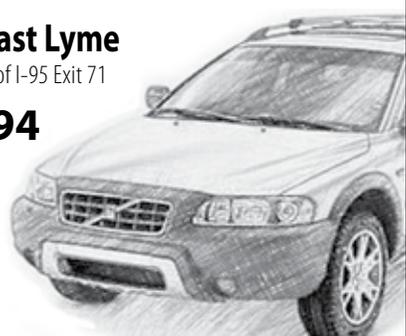
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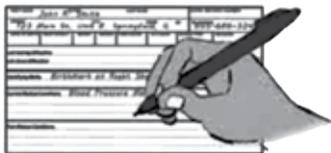
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Is there a light on outside so that we can clearly see the home entrance? If you are mobile, is the door unlocked so that we can enter your home? If you live alone, does a neighbor have a key? Provide all access information to the dispatcher and we can get to you more quickly.



The ambulance arrives. One or more medical personnel may enter your home. Do you have a list of your current medications handy? Do you have

your medical history and the names of your doctors written down? Do you have a history of diabetes, asthma or heart disease? Do you have allergies to any medications? When you are in distress, gathering all of this information is difficult to

do in a hurry. Take a moment now and make a list. Put the list on your refrigerator door in an envelope labeled EMERGENCY. Take time to keep the information up-to-date. EMS and hospital personnel are able to provide improved quality of care when we have correct information about your medications and medical history.



There are also various "vial of life" kits available online to help you organize your information as well as direct emergency personnel to the vial contents.

Planning for the unexpected takes a few moments. Write down your health history and contact information while you have a cup of coffee one morning. Take a look at your home from the road and see if trimming some branches or adding a house number or solar light might make finding you a little bit easier.

Emergencies happen. Be prepared. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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The COMO's MakerSpace studio is now offering open studio time to enrolled STEAM students in the MakerSpace studio - a place for adults and children to come together and collaborate while exploring science, technology and art. Another addition is a morning STEAM Explorers class for

youth ages 6-10 who are home educated. Students will work on a scale bridge design, model rocket building, egg drops, science experiments, screen printing, video game making and more. Other MakerSpace programs include Minecraft, digital art and game design, 3D sculpting and printing and adult photo restoration.

COMO KIDS

COMO Kids is a before/after school enrichment program located at Deans Mill and West Vine/West Broad Street Schools where students, ages 5-10, enjoy arts and crafts, free play outside or group gym games with friends from 7:00 am until school and after school until 6:00 pm. In after-care, students have scheduled homework or silent reading time, and occasional STEAM projects with some of their favorite COMO teachers. The COMO also offers IMPACT, an afterschool program for middle school students, located on the COMO campus.

POTTERY

The COMO's pottery studio offers instructional programs, workshops, sip-and-spin socials and independent programs for potters of all abilities. Participants can try their hand at pottery for the first time, or get back to the fundamentals. New this season is a pottery program for students kindergarten to fourth grade. Other pottery programs offered include pre-teen pottery, intro to pottery, create your own dinnerware and others.

ATHLETICS

The COMO's fall athletics programs are open for registration. Offerings this season include junior sharks instructional soccer, tennis and paddle tennis clinics for ages 6+. K-4 instructional basketball and Karate classes for ages 4+. F.A.S.T.T (flexibility, agility, speed, tempo, training), a new exercise class for students ages 6-12, is being offered this fall with Miles Daniels, whose experience as a varsity basketball, football and track and field coach contributes to his dedication to enhancing the lives of youth and families through sports.

All fall COMO programs are now registering with spring opening. For more information, please visit us at: thecomom.org or call the COMO's front office at: 860.535.2476 between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

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Human Services - Information

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The mission of the Department of Human Services is to enhance the quality of life for Stonington residents from all age groups and all economic backgrounds by advocating for their basic needs and promoting self-sufficiency.

The Department is one of five administrative departments established by Town Charter. Four Human Services divisions exist as a means of providing aid to residents that is both relevant to their needs and beneficial in purpose - Senior Services; Social Services; Youth & Family Services; Recreation. The divisions are interdependent in order to effectively utilize departmental resources to provide program excellence and offer advocacy, information and referral.



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Follow the 'Stonington Human Services' page and stay in the loop with current program events and happenings.

VOLUNTEERS

The Human Services Team is very grateful for our volunteers who share their time and talents with us. Some join us monthly, while others share their time weekly. Volunteers are especially needed for reception/clerical support and gardening. All ages are welcome!

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS WANTED!

There may be an activity or program that you enjoy which is not presently offered by Human Services. You may also have ideas for new programs or constructive comments on the improvement of existing programs and services. In either case, we encourage Stonington residents to express their particular ideas and concerns. Please help us offer to you the programs and services which you desire. Send ideas and comments to: Stonington Human Services, 166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379 or via email: LTheodore@stonington-ct.gov.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

All classes register in person at the Stonington Human Services, 166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, Monday-Friday between 9:00 am-4:30 pm, by mail, or outdoor drop box after normal business hours. Online registration is available at: <https://stonington.reccdesk.com/>.

Upcoming Community Events & Day Trips



CONNECTICUT DAY AT THE BIG E

Sponsored by the Youth & Family Services Division

Wednesday, September 19th

\$40/person

(transportation and ticket to fair)

Join as we travel on a full-size Flagship Trailways motor coach to celebrate Connecticut Day at The Big E! The Big E, also known as the Eastern States Exposition, is billed as "New England's Great State Fair." It is the largest agricultural event on the eastern seaboard and the seventh largest fair in the nation. Inclusive of all New England states: CT, RI, ME, NY, MA, NH and VT, each state is prominently represented at the fair. A fun day for all ages! Bus will leave the Human Services lot at 8:00 am for Springfield, MA and returning back to CT by 7:00 pm.



HOUSTON ASTROS VS. BOSTON RED SOX AT FENWAY PARK

Sponsored by the Youth & Family Services Division

Saturday, September 8th

\$65/person

(transportation and ticket to ballgame)

Join as we travel on a full-size Flagship Trailways motor coach to watch the Houston Astros take on the Boston Red Sox. We will leave the Human Services lot at 12:00 pm for the 4:05 pm game. The bus will head back to CT immediately after the game's end.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT MYSTICS PIRATE INVASION!

Friday, October 12th

Stonington Human Services presents: Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead



Men Tell No Tales! Bring your blankets and beach chairs for a family-friendly movie that begins at sundown (about 8:15 pm). Come early and enjoy a picnic dinner or go for a walk through beautiful downtown Mystic. Be on the lookout for those sneaky, scallywag pirates!



18TH ANNUAL GREAT HALLOWEEN EGG HUNT

Sunday, October 28th from 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Enjoy seasonal crafts, games, hayrides, face painting and music - all leading up to the FAMOUS egg hunt! Costumes are optional for the fun family night out! \$5/family at the door, includes all activities - food and beverages will be available for purchase. Free Admission with a non-perishable canned good donation to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center Thanksgiving Food Drive. Items needed: Instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, rice, gravy (canned or in envelopes), canned yams, canned green beans, canned corn, canned peas, pumpkin pie filing, and cranberry sauce.

STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES BENEFIT GOLF CLASSIC



Monday, October 1, 2018

Over the past five years, Stonington Human Services has allocated \$30,000+ in program

scholarship awards to residents in need. Recipients, both young and young at heart, have been able to afford summer camp opportunities, nutritional cooking classes, youth sports clinics, enrichment and literacy programs along with many other special events, clinics and trips that the Department hosts on a yearly basis. The Benefits are ENDLESS! Help us further our mission to enhance the quality of life for Stonington residents of all age groups and economic backgrounds by supporting and attending our first ever Golf Classic!

How CAN You HELP?

Be a Title / Tee Sponsor or provide a Silent Auction or Raffle Item. For additional information please call: 860-535-5015 or email: rward@stonington-ct.gov. You may also contact: Stonington Human Services, 166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379 Attention: Golf Classic for further information.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Registration & check-in 11:00 am
Driving range and chipping area open. Lunch served ahead of the round.
Shot Gun start at 12:30 pm.
Dinner served after the round
Fees: per person - includes green fees, cart, player gifts, catered lunch and dinner.
Go to <https://stonington.recdesk.com> for PLAYER REGISTRATION and FEES.



Human Services - Parks & Recreation

Stonington Recreation REC serves as an advocate for meeting the recreational needs of all the residents within the Town of Stonington. The division, within the Human Services Department, provides youth and adults an abundance of seasonal and year-round recreational opportunities to participate in camps, clinics, leagues, open runs, trips, family movie nights and fitness programs. For current program listings and information please click on <https://stonington.recdesk.com>.

**All Stonington Human Services programs are inclusive. If your child has physical limitations and/or special behavior or developmental considerations, please call Stonington Human Services at; 860 535-5015 to arrange a support plan to ensure their success.*

SPELLMAN RECREATIONAL PARK

Our recreation complex consists of four athletic playing fields, a large playground area, outdoor exercise equipment area, two outdoor basketball courts, six tennis courts and two pavilions. Add Stonington High School's Palmer Field (turf) and its baseball field, and we have one of the finest recreational facilities in the area.

Any organized non-scholastic, sport using the fields for games or practices at the Park or both middle schools, must be registered with the Recreation Division. Please contact Richard Ward at: rward@stonington-ct.gov for additional information.

PLAYGROUNDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Recreation Division oversees and maintains three playgrounds in our community. Please abide by all posted rules and regulations.

Spellman Playground: Located on Spellman Drive - Pawcatuck

Borough Playground: Located off of High Street - Stonington Borough

Haley's Way Playground: Located off of Haley's Way - Old Mystic

PAVILION RENTALS

The Town of Stonington Pavilions, located behind Spellman Park Playground are available to reserve from Memorial Day to Columbus Day Weekend. Cost \$25/day. Call 860-535-5015. Payment required for reservation; application is available online.

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FENCING

Acquire the reflexes of a boxer, the legs of a high jumper and the concentration of a tournament chess player. Equipment for these beginner classes is provided. Participants will have access to purchase their own equipment. Instructor Jonathan Reid has been involved with fencing for over 12 years and has coached and officiated for the sport for 10 years. Min of 7 participants per class, Max of 12. Check current Session Dates/Times/Fees: <https://stonington.recdesk.com>.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Learn how to play, starting with the basic skills of passing, serving, setting, spiking approach, arm swing, rotation, and basic rules. As the group progresses we will incorporate in depth skill work, including: serve receive, offensive & defensive positioning, digging, blocking, approach-jump-hit, quick movements to the ball, transition, emergency drills, combination movements. If interest is shown, this program could grow to a full scheduled league. Join the fun! Check current Session Dates/Times/Fees: <https://stonington.recdesk.com>.

SAFE BOATING / PERSONAL WATERCRAFT CERTIFICATION COURSE

Participants who successfully complete this course and pass the test qualify for the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation. A Safe Boating Certificate (SBC) will allow an individual to operate any recreational vessel registered in Connecticut except a personal watercraft ("jet ski" type vessel) on Connecticut's waters. A Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO) will allow an individual to operate any recreational vessel including a personal watercraft ("jet ski" type vessel). Visit <http://www.ct.gov/deep> for additional information on how to obtain your Safe Boating / Personal Watercraft Certificate. Payments received cover the cost to attend the course only. Pre-Registration required: Max of 35 participants. Check current Session Dates/Times/Fees: <https://stonington.recdesk.com>.

COMO / REC YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES 3 TO 8

The Stonington Recreational Basketball Program is a joint venture run by the COMO and Stonington Human Services - Recreation Division. REC Basketball is intended for all skill levels with an emphasis on athletic enjoyment, instruction, fundamentals, sportsmanship and equal playing time. Teams practice once per week at the COMO or one of the local schools. Games are scheduled on Saturdays. A skills day will be held early November to help coaches and league administrators to form even teams for the season. Practice dates and game times are all TBD.

Girls Age Divisions*

3rd - 4th Grade
5th - 6th Grade
7th - 8th Grade

Boys Age Divisions*

3rd - 4th Grade
5th - 6th Grade
7th - 8th Grade

Skills Day: Saturday, Nov 3 (times TBD) **
Practices: Begin on or around the w/o November 12**
Games: December 1-January 26 (no games 12/29) **
Early Bird Resident Fee
(before Oct 15) \$75
Resident Fee: \$90
Non-Resident Fee: \$120

**Some age groups may be combined due to actual registration numbers*

***Dates are subject to change based upon gym availability and inclement weather.*

Register at Stonington Human Services or online at: <https://stonington.recdesk.com>

HIGH SCHOOL REC BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Recreational games are played on Thursday evenings from December-February (including playoffs and championship games). Email Richard Ward for availability at rward@stonington-ct.gov.

ADULT OPEN BASKETBALL

Get in a good "run" with some open, recreational pick-up games. Join and attend at any time but will max at 20 participants. This program does not run on any holidays and/or school closings due to weather. Check current Session Dates/Times/Fees: <https://stonington.recdesk.com>.

OPEN SHOOT BASKETBALL FOR GIRLS

Basketball Open Gym for shooting and possibly pickup games. Pre-registration required; students may join at any time. Check current Session Dates/Times/Fees: <https://stonington.recdesk.com>.

FALL YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS

Instructed by George Crouse. Held in conjunction with our Morning Playground portion of Summer Camp, young athletes learn proper grips, footwork, strokes, volleys and serves, as well as the rules and etiquette that make tennis an exciting game. Limited availability outside of pre-registered Summer Camp participants. Mr. Crouse is the long-standing coach at Stonington High School and is a USTA & USPTA trained tennis instructor.

STONINGTON REC NFL YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Limited space was still available as of press time! Rec Flag Football runs from early Sept into Nov (schedule TBD) with practices and games held at Spellman Park behind Stonington High School and/or Pawcatuck Middle School. Each team will practice once during the week, with games being played on Saturdays. Goals of the league are that all participants will develop their social and mental skills, as well as physical strength and character while safely learning how to play flag football. Teamwork and active participation are key components. WE ARE A PASSING LEAGUE with very

strict rules on blocking and contact and every child plays-no cuts! This is strictly a recreational league and commitment to the league will not conflict with other fall sports. NEW THIS YEAR - Each player will receive an Official NFL Flag reversible Team Jersey. Also, our coaches and referees will have access to amazing trainings and support tools to better teach and prepare for practices and games!

Age Groups:

- 5-7 years old
- 8-10 years old
- 11-14 years old
- High School (winter indoor)

Check current Session Dates/Times/Fees: <https://stonington.recdesk.com>.

Human Services - Youth & Family Services

The programs and services that are offered by Youth and Family Services are done so as a means of promoting positive youth development and supporting improved family and community relations. Check online for up-to-date program and after school offerings at: <https://stonington.recdesk.com/>.



STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES PRESCHOOL 2018-2019 School Year

Every parent wants a nurturing environment for their young child's early education. Get off to a good start and enroll in our program! Open to fully potty-trained children ages 3-5. Located within Stonington High School, 2, 3 and 5-day options are available. Students must be fully potty-trained and 3 years of age by September 1st.

Registration opens March 5 (\$25.00 non-refundable registration fee is due at the time of sign up.)

Operating Days	Program Hours
Tue/Thu or Mon/Wed/Fri	9:00 am - 12:30 pm

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YOGA

The most important part of a yoga practice is that you do it. Whether you think you need more strength, flexibility, calming of the mind, or someone told you that you should try yoga, YES-here's a great

opportunity! Together, let's eliminate some of the excuses that have stopped us in the past. All levels of experience are welcome! Wear your comfy clothes, and we'll figure out together how to make your practice work for you in this stage of your life, using vinyasa, an active flow-based practice as our medium. All you have to do is show up and breathe!

Day/Date:	Mondays (ongoing, beginning September 17th)
Fee:	\$10/person per class
Location:	Stonington Human Services
Time:	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Instructor:	Sara Kimball

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Fall athletic, STEAM, pottery and educational programs for youth and adults now registering at thecommo.org

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Driver Education at Stonington High School provided by AAA/Briarwood Driving Academy 30+ Hour classroom study and 8 additional hours of individual in-car lesson (four private lessons) in a specially equipped training vehicle. To register, call: 860-570-4239 or 800-594-0346.

Age: Must be 16 years old by the first class
Day/Date: Mondays and Wednesdays;
September 24th - November 19th
Fee: Classroom Only / \$250;
Add Private In-Car Lessons / \$595

LENTZ & LENTZ PSAT/SAT PREPARATION

Designed to benefit students of all ability levels, this 30-hour program is divided equally between English and math and covers all facets of the SAT and the PSAT.

Class features: Test taking techniques, preparation for the essay, practice tests, advanced math and shortcut math, vocabulary development, speed-reading and online downloads for supplemental review. The downloads are extremely helpful to all students, especially those with cognitive and perceptual disabilities. Extra help at no charge, course materials and complimentary refresher sessions are included in the tuition. Previous SAT and PSAT type problems are used in conjunction with our own copyrighted curriculum. Lentz & Lentz teachers have been specifically trained to teach this program and all of our instructors have a background in teaching. Lentz & Lentz also allows students the flexibility to attend live make up classes at any of its nearby locations. Positive scores on the SAT and PSAT could translate into thousands of dollars in scholarships and savings.

Free extra help and live makeup sessions included in tuition:

Students can set up free extra help by making an appointment to meet with their instructor directly before or after class. If a student misses a class or has a scheduling conflict they can contact Lentz & Lentz to set up a live make up class at a neighboring location. For questions, please call 845-638-2826 or to register please visit www.Lentzsatprep.com

Date/Day: Wednesdays September 12th - November 1st
Time: 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Fee: \$385
Location: Stonington High School, Room 107



COMING SOON... CANNING WORKSHOP

Is your harvest so great you need to preserve it? Come join us in September! Bring your produce to swap with others. This workshop will be held at the Stonington High

School in the home economics classroom. Bring your own mason jars. Canning equipment will be provided. Date TBD. Please call Human Services for more info.

Supportive Programs

PAYLESS SCHOOL SHOE VOUCHERS

Vouchers are now available to eligible Stonington youth at Stonington Human Services through the Salvation Army's Payless School Shoe Program. Please contact Stonington Human Services to obtain an application.

SANTA'S ANONYMOUS BOOT PROGRAM

Stonington Human Services is currently accepting names of children for the Santa Anonymous Boot Program. The program, sponsored by TVCCA's Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), provides new winter boots to eligible Stonington children. Please call Stonington Human Services for more information, or if you would like to be a sponsor and help a child receive a new pair of warm, winter boots.

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY COUNSELING

Individual & Family Counseling is available at no cost to all Stonington residents. Call 860-535-5015 for more information or to schedule an intake appointment.

JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD

The purpose of the Juvenile Review Board (JRB) is to provide an alternative to Juvenile Court for juveniles who have committed minor criminal violations in Stonington, and to assist youth who have exhibited problems in the home, school, and community. The goal is to provide a plan for each individual by utilizing community programs, services, and other resources, which will effectively deal with the particular incident, assist in positive development, and encourage responsible behavior.

FAMILY WITH SERVICE NEEDS REVIEW BOARD

Families with children who are engaging in risky behaviors such as running away from home, school truancy, and defiance of family or school rules often rely on state operated programs to help address these problems. The state of Connecticut has defined such children and parents as a Family with Service Needs (FWSN). Beginning in 2005, Connecticut began enacting a series of legislative, policy and procedural changes to address these issues. These changes were grounded in the belief that swift, community-based family services were the best approach for Families with Service Needs. The new approach to at-risk youth and families rejected the use of the justice system as the first response to FWSN cases. Research demonstrates that these behaviors are strong predictors of continued involvement with juvenile, criminal and child welfare agencies. Therefore, intervening with appropriate services at an early stage is crucial to reducing future involvement with the justice systems. Based on a need in the community, in 2015, Stonington Human Services and the Stonington Public School District, in collaboration with the Stonington Police Department, Juvenile Court and DCF, developed a Family with Service Needs (FWSN) Review Board. The

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purpose of the Board is to intervene and divert at risk children from the entering the court system. The Board recommends diversions that encourage positive, pro-social development, school attendance, family engagement and participation in community-based programs.

BIKE RECYCLING PROGRAM

If you need a bicycle please contact Stonington Human Services to obtain an application for the Bicycle Recycling Program, a partnership between the Human Services and Solid Waste Departments. Bicycle donations are also welcome!



STONINGTON PREVENTION COUNCIL

The mission of the Stonington Prevention Council (SPC) is to permanently change community attitudes, laws, and policies to stop substance abuse and establish a safer community. Currently, the SPC is working on reaching out to the community to bring awareness about recent drug trends and advising residents to safely dispose their unwanted prescription medications at the Stonington Police Department.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP BOX AT THE STONINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Do you have unused, unwanted or expired medications?

Sponsored by Stonington Prevention Council in 2015, the Stonington Police Department installed a permanent Prescription Drug Drop Box in its main lobby and hundreds of pounds

of medication have been collected since! Accepted items include: prescriptions (including patches, medications); over-the-counter medications; vitamins; samples; pet medication. The following items are not accepted: needles/sharps; ointments/lotions/liquids; aerosol cans; inhalers; hydrogen peroxide; thermometers. Open 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, the box is a free service and no paperwork is required to participate!

NEXTSayKNOW!

NextSayKnow is a prevention campaign developed by Dr. Frank Maletz. Stonington Prevention Council is adopting this message to help educate our community through a community conversation series. This conversation series will focus on educating our community on various drug trends and risky behaviors. Please watch for more details on the first community conversation about "The Effects of Vaping" this September.



TIPS CERTIFICATION ONLINE

Leading the way in responsible alcohol service training for over 30 years... TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) is the global leader in education and training for the responsible service, sale, and consumption of alcohol. Please contact Stonington Human Services if you are interested. The Stonington Prevention Council has TIPS vouchers available for those seeking certification.

Human Services - Social Services

How can Stonington Human Services help you? Please call us for more information or to set up a time to come in. During your appointment, you'll be screened for a wide variety of federal, state and local supportive programs that may be able to assist your situation. Please do not hesitate to reach out! Our team of friendly, knowledgeable staff are happy to help you in any way they can. If we cannot meet your needs on a local level, we will advocate for you to find an agency/organization that can!

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Stonington Human Services has been a local fuel bank for the last sixteen years, participating with Operation Fuel, TVCCA, and United Way energy assistance grant programs. Income guidelines for TVCCA's programs cap at 60% of the State Median Income (CHAP). Assistance amounts are based on established guidelines (set to be released in October) regarding family size and vulnerability. We started taking applications on August 1, 2018. Fuel deliveries do not start until the first part of November and will continue until March 15, 2019.

Operation Fuel and United Way also offer energy assistance programs in an effort to help keep folks warm during the cold winter months, avoid power shutoffs, and address other crisis situations when the TVCCA program been depleted or in other circumstances where a family may not have been eligible. Guidelines for these programs are also adjusted each year with changes in the economy. Contact Human Services for more

information and an appointment. Residents with Eversource "metered" heating services (electric and natural gas serviced) are also eligible for heating assistance. In addition, applicants who have been approved for the TVCCA program (both CEAP & CHAP) are eligible for the Matching Payment Programs (MPP) offered by these companies. The program puts those qualified on a budget plan and will match all payments made during the winter heating month (November through April) dollar for dollar in an effort to reduce the customer's balance to zero. Human Services can help with these programs as well as a low-budget worksheet that may reduce the monthly payment even more. MPP begins each year on November 1st.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO MEET YOUR MONTHLY EXPENSES?

Sustaining self-sufficiency is at the core of maintaining one's housing, employment, and self-esteem. Programs are designed

on an individual basis given family dynamics as well as personal and financial needs. Are you ready to “take 100% responsibility” for your life and move yourself “from where you are to where you want to be?” Call us for information on our new and innovative program that offers goal setting, skill building, and accountability tools to help you achieve all the success you desire.

UNITED WAY MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Serving an average of 85 area families each month, the United Way’s Mobile Food Pantry makes a stop in the Stonington Human Services’ parking lot on the first Monday of every month from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. (And during the cold winter months, Stonington High School offers the warmth of their cafeteria.) The pantry is set up similar to a farmers’ market and has a “no questions asked” policy. Those in need are asked to bring a photo ID and grocery bags when visiting the pantry. Call 860-535-5015 for more information, or if you have an interest in volunteering.

SNAP OUTREACH

SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, is part of the nation’s safety net against hunger. The program’s debit card system allows for convenience and confidentiality. SNAP applications can be completed online at CT’s DSS site and required documents can be uploaded directly to DSS at <http://connect.ct.gov>. Contact Human Services for more information or application assistance with the online process. Residents are

also referred to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood center’s Food Pantry and WARM’s congregate meal site (both supported with town funds), as well as the food pantry at Stonington Arms.

2-1-1 BENEFITS SURVEY

www.211navigator.org - This benefit survey will help you determine if you are eligible for food, health insurance, and child care assistance. No name or address is required, so it is completely confidential.

CT NETWORK FOR LEGAL AID

Do you have a legal question? Check out www.ctlawhelp.org for self-help guides, audio/video guides, court forms, and links. The CT Network for Legal Aid provides free legal services for people with very low income. Call toll-free 1-800-453-3320.

CT DENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

The CT Dental Health Partnership (CTDHP) is the state of CT’s dental plan for HUSKY and Medicaid participants. The CTDHP provides comprehensive dental coverage and will help find a local dentist, explain dental benefits and set up an appointment. Call 1-866-420-2924 for assistance.

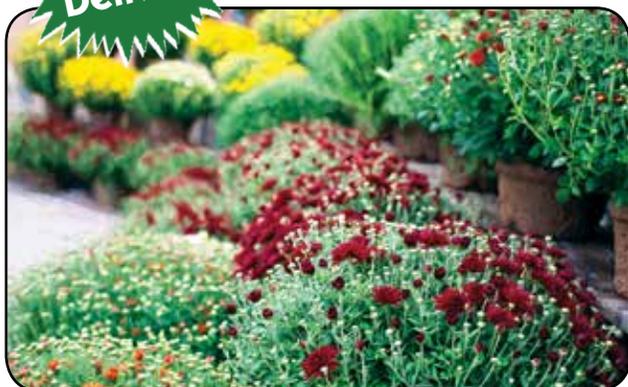
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of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management (OPM), is intended to help seniors (65+) and/or disabled (18+) meet the demands of today's housing costs, offering a one-time check each year to those who qualify. The program limits annual income in 2018 to \$35,300 for an individual and \$43,000 for a married couple. There is no asset limit for this program. Each year the program runs from April 1st through September 30th.



CHOICES

Human Services has CHOICES counselors on staff offering personal & confidential appointments for Stonington residents to discuss Medicare options, supplemental insurances, Medigap policies, HMOs, "special help" for Medicare Part D, Medicare Buy-in programs, Social Security, and more. Home visits are always available for residents who are homebound.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION FOR STONINGTON RESIDENTS

The Town funds the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center to

provide senior transportation to residents age 60+. Please contact them directly at: 860-599-3285 for more information. The Eastern CT Transportation Consortium, Inc. (ECTC) also provides Stonington seniors, age 60+ (and disabled residents, age 18+) with medical transportation (Dial-A-Ride), as well as reimburse caregivers for medical mileage expenses for those who have access to a driver. The Dial-A-Ride program will provide transportation for residents to medical trips within New London County and Westerly. Transportation will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please contact Human Services for further information and to register.

EASTERN CT TRAVEL VOUCHER PROGRAM

This transportation service provides subsidized taxi, livery or wheelchair accessible rides for residents of eastern CT. Sponsored by the New Freedom Initiative, the program provides an affordable alternative when existing transportation services are not able to meet an individual's needs. Enrolled participants purchase travel vouchers from ECTC. A book of 10 vouchers, normally costing \$50, cost \$25 through this subsidy program. A maximum of three books per month per enrollee can be purchased. Contact Human Services to obtain an application.

Human Services - Senior Services

Acting as an advocate for elderly residents in the Town of Stonington, the Commission on Aging (COA) is a twelve-member commission which meets monthly in order to discuss issues with regard to the elderly. The division provides local and regional access to supportive services, as well as a variety of educational workshops and socialization opportunities. Are you interested in making a difference in your community? Call 860-535-5015 for more information on joining the Commission on Aging.



Left and right: Volunteers from Brookside Village assist with the Gray Matters newsletter mailing.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Many Hands Make Light Work!

Each quarter Stonington seniors come together to help us compile our Gray Matters newsletter mailing, by folding, labeling and sealing 1,300+ items! To encourage participation and socialization, we travel to different senior housing facilities throughout the year and also welcome volunteers from the community at-large. Thank you to our Summer 2018 host site, Brookside Village! If you're interested in volunteering, please call: 860-535-5015 for more information.

SENIOR SERVICE PROVIDERS NETWORK

Agencies and organizations serving Stonington senior citizens are invited to join us, as we come together quarterly to share group updates and discuss regarding gaps and needs in service, client trends, as well as suggestions on how we can increase collaborate to address these issues and develop creative solutions for the benefit of our mutual clientele - Stonington residents. Call: 860-535-5015 for more information.

FRIDAY LUNCHEON SERIES

From October to May each year, seniors are invited to join us for lunch, one Friday per month, from 12:00 -1:30 pm at various local venues. This very popular program includes a delicious meal, followed by a brief educational presentation or entertainment. Thank you to all our 2017-2018 host locations.

KNIT & GIVE

This "knitting for a cause" group is ongoing, meeting every Monday from 10:00 am - 11:30 am at Stonington Human Services. Thank you to our dedicated knitters who, over the past three years, have generously crafted hundreds of hats, mittens and scarves for local children in need. Items are also regularly donated

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to Safe Futures of New London County and the Westerly WARM Center.

COMPUTER LAB OPEN TO STONINGTON RESIDENTS!

Monday - Friday - 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Set up your resume, send a few emails or read the paper online! Our lab is open to all residents, Monday - Friday from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm.

NEED A HAND SETTING UP THAT NEW SMART PHONE OR FACEBOOK PAGE?

Do not be intimidated by technology! Appointments are available for those in need of basic instruction on setting up a Smart Phone or social media page, such as Facebook. Call: 860-535-5015 to set up an appointment. We would be happy to help!

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

This program, offered by AARP, is the nation's first and largest refresher course and has been taking place for over 25 years. AARP's new format reduces classroom requirement to one day and only four hours. Call: 860-535-5015 for a current class schedule.

YELLOW DOT PROGRAM

TRIAD is a national cooperative effort of law enforcement

agencies (police/fire/sheriffs), senior citizens, and senior organizations, focused on reducing crimes against our most vulnerable citizens: our elderly population. This national TRIAD initiative affixes a yellow dot in the car's rear window to alert emergency response personnel to senior drivers' and passengers' medical information stored in the vehicle. Information is also utilized to alert emergency personnel of the senior's family members whose care may be dependent upon the senior, such as a homebound spouse. Call Human Services for an appointment to register or for information on upcoming Yellow Dot events.

FILE OF LIFE:

Store vital medical information on your refrigerator! Emergency personnel are alerted by a magnet on your refrigerator, enabling them to access your medical information, even if you are unable to communicate. File of Life packet magnets are available at Human Services - free to all residents. *Important note: Be sure to update your Yellow Dot and File of Life information as your medical needs and prescription drugs change.*

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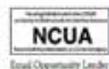


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- Sick day guidelines
- Tips for dealing with stress
- How to set small and achievable goals

These are just some of the topics covered!

Program dates: Fridays, Sept 7, 14, and 21
 Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
 Location: Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center 27 Chase St, Pawcatuck, CT 06379
 Fee: No Cost (The book, "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions" is available on loan or can be purchased)
 To register call: Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center at: 860-599-3285

Sponsored by Ledge Light Health District, Senior Resources, the CT State Department on Aging & CT. Dept. of Public Health.

SAVE THE DATES

- **October 13:** Wright's Chicken Farm Restaurant, gift shop, working farm & bakery and Roger Williams Zoo's Halloween Spectacular Coach. Lunch and admission to the zoo \$50.00.
- **November 2:** Kettle Pond RI National Wildlife Refuge Complex in Charlestown, RI Scavenger Hunt, presentation and box lunch. Transportation on own or carpool with friends. Cost \$5.00. Dress comfortably. Trails are handicap accessible!

Stonington Cemetery Association

The grounds of the Stonington Cemetery Association are the final resting place for veterans of ten wars and conflicts from the Revolutionary War to the Gulf War. Although flags mark burials throughout the cemetery, there is no comprehensive record of veteran burials. Over the past six months, with the help of volunteers, we have been compiling a sharable database. Our sources are information from epitaphs and from stones provided by the Veterans Administration, VFW markers, family contacts, Wikipedia, and a WPA survey conducted by Charles Hale in 1933. Recent burials will be recognizable to friends and family. It is our hope that every veteran's grave will be flagged for future Memorial Days using permanent markers located at the headstone. Information about birth and death dates, branch of service, etc. will be accessible through our website. There are still many veteran burials not recorded. We are seeking assistance from the community to help us identify those. Please contact us through our website or by phone. We need your help. Our veterans deserve to be honored.

Lynn Callahan, President, Stonington Cemetery Association







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Joey Logano – Inspiring others to do for others

by Sigrid Kun

Professional NASCAR driver Joey Logano started his racing career right here in Connecticut racing quarter midget cars and quickly made a name for himself. Starting at the age of six, the Middletown, CT native started winning championship after championship – to the point that, by the time he was 15, he was already on the radar with NASCAR racing legends. Now, he's always to be reckoned with on the NASCAR racing scene, competing full-time in the Monster Energy NASCAR series and part-time in the NASCAR Xfinity series.

THE STATS ARE IMPRESSIVE.

- Youngest driver to win a NASCAR Xfinity Series race - winning at Kentucky Speedway in 2008 when he was just 18 years, 21 days old and in only his third Xfinity Series start.
- 2009 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Rookie of the Year
- Won the Daytona 500 in 2015 - Second youngest driver to win this race.
- 49 combined wins in NASCAR's top-three series

There is, of course, the glitz and the glamor that pervades NASCAR as a whole. And there's the occasional race-action controversy. And there are the ups and downs. After early successes (leading to the nickname, "Sliced Bread") and nearly winning a championship in 2016, Joey failed to make the playoffs in 2017. This year could mark a turnaround. Joey notched a win at Talladega Superspeedway in April, which ended a nearly year-long winless streak and, as of press time, he is sixth in the NASCAR Championship Point Standings.

But there's more to the 28-year-old than that. Joey and his wife Brittany, whom he married in 2014, welcomed their first child into the world this past January. Joey and Brittany have also been very committed to giving back. In a previous conversation, Joey mentioned, "If we can touch a few people's lives and help them become contributing members of our community and the world, it's really going to make a difference and it starts one person at a time." That's the crux of the Joey Logano Foundation that invests in organizations offering second chances to children and young adults during times of crisis and works to inspire others to live a life of generosity.

WHY SECOND CHANCES?

First, there was a life-changing visit to Joplin, Missouri in 2011 where Joey helped to rebuild a home for a local family following the tornado that devastated the area. That family needed a second chance. Little did Joey know that he would soon need his own second chance. He had been driving the No. 20 Toyota Camry for Joe Gibbs Racing since the 2009 season, but that ended in 2012. He received his second chance when he was picked up by Penske Racing in 2012. The following year, the Joey Logano Foundation was established.



Upper right: Joey Logano. Middle photo: Number 22 on the track. Bottom left: Joey and his wife Brittany at a Meet and Greet. Photos courtesy of the Joey Logano Foundation.

Since 2013, the foundation has invested almost \$2.7 million in various organizations across the country. Programs include inviting children who are facing tough situations (whether physically and/or emotionally) annually to a NASCAR race to be part of the crew for the day, supporting non-profit organizations during the 10-week NASCAR playoffs in each playoff race market, assembling and donating comfort care backpacks to foster and/or terminally ill children, and an annual fundraiser in Connecticut, called Driving Hope Home. A portion of the Driving Hope Home proceeds are donated to The Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut with the remaining proceeds donated to reputable charities the foundation supports to offer children in need a first or second chance. "It's our responsibility. You have to do it. If we're not going to do it, who else is going to be an advocate for these kids," says Brittany, who notes that first chances are important too. "They need a first opportunity in life. If we can shed light to this and inspire others to do the same, we can have a bigger impact than the two of us. That's our goal."

There is no doubt that Joey is a fierce competitor and a pure NASCAR racing talent. But don't overlook the other side. "When you are able to make a difference like that, you can see it in that person's face, how much it affects their lives - there's no better feeling than that," he observes. "I can talk about race wins as much as I want and how great that is but there's nothing better than that win - when you're able to affect something. That's a bigger win than any racetrack can get you."

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