

Preston Pipeline²

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From The Desk Of The First Selectman

by First Selectman Bob Congdon



Bob Congdon

November 3rd is Election Day for local positions. While most of the media's attention is on the State and National elections that will be held a year from now, the outcomes from local elections probably have the biggest impact on our everyday life. There are not a lot of contested races this year but your vote is still very important. Please remember to vote.

In the last edition of the Pipeline, Special Needs and Emergency Notification programs were introduced.

A special thanks to Joreen Mattras for her efforts. She helped develop both programs and gave of her time at the Scarecrow Festival manning a booth to spread the word about the programs and solicit forms from interested residents. Joreen collected fifty completed forms bringing the number of households interested in participating to a little over one hundred. More information and applications are available on the town website, www.preston-ct.org, as well as at the Town Hall, Library and Senior Center.

Many of you have been following the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Committee to address the health issues caused by Canadian Geese at Green Memorial Park. Some of the reasons the geese are attracted to the site are the presence of a water source and the availability of short grass to feed on. The pond was designed to be drained in the summer months and flooded for skating in the winter.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation raised the level of the drainage pipe along Route 117 creating a situation where the which limits our ability to completely drain the pond. Thanks to the Russell Green family for generously funding the construction work performed by Coon Construction to mitigate this problem. We are now better able to control the water level of the pond. The Board of Finance has appropriated funds to the Parks and Recreation Commission to provide the financial resources necessary to help mitigate the health problem caused by the Canadian Geese.

Issues and ideas - If you have something you'd like to present to your elected officials, please attend a Selectmen's meeting held the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm, contact me at (860) 887-5581, or e-mail me at congdon@preston-ct.org.

Friendly Faces From The Scarecrow Festival



Above: Chairpersons Shirley Hodgkinson and Carolyn Shea

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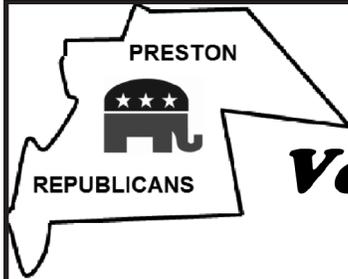


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***On November 3th
Vote for Preston's Future***



The Preston Team

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Preston Historical Society files

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Story Times- For children - birth to three years old. Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts. Tuesdays, 10 to 11 am and Wednesdays, 10 to 11 am.

School has started, and little brothers and sisters everywhere wish *they* could go too...
Moms & dads (and grandparents too!), are you looking for a place where you can take the little ones so they learn, play and socialize?



Holiday Hours & Closures:

Wednesday, Nov 11th

Thursday, Nov 26th through Sunday the 29th

Thursday, Dec. 24th through Sunday the 27th

Friday, Jan 1st 2016

Saturday, Jan 16th through Monday, Jan 18th 2016

For the safety of our staff and patrons, the library follows the inclement weather policy of the Preston Schools.
Thank you for your understanding.

Come to "Story Time" at the Library! Ms. Jayne and her young friends read stories together, sing songs, have group play- and sometimes they have special events like crafts, egg hunts or other holiday appropriate fare! Registration is not required, but is suggested. Tuesday & Wednesday, 10am-11am.



Get Inspired!

Are you planning to bake your gifts for this holiday season? Were you thinking of knitting an afghan, or crafting a quilt?

We have many wonderful books to assist you in planning for Holiday meals, crafts or other artistic endeavors!

Come in and check-out some inspiration!
We can help you get a head start!



The Preston Public Library is a collection point for "Box Tops for Education" and "Labels for Education"

Did you know you that funds and points for programs and supplies for our students can be earned simply by clipping and saving box tops? Save them up and drop them in the collection box at our circulation desk!

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Life In Finland Today

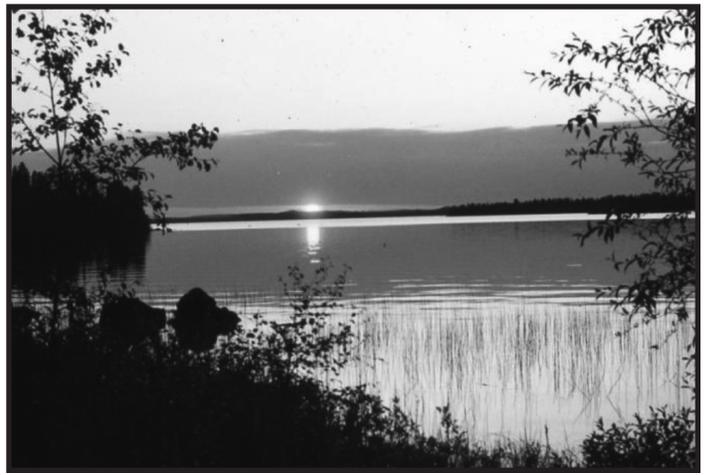
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Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015

6:30pm at the

Preston Public Library

Friends of the Preston Public Library
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Please join us for a presentation which explores life in Finland today as experienced by Anita Smiley. Anita is of Finnish descent, speaks Finnish, and has relatives in many parts of Finland. During the 20 unique tours to Finland that Anita has organized, she has introduced the beauty and culture of Finland to people from all corners of the U.S. This formerly little-known, poor country has become one of the most technologically advanced countries in the world, sometimes referred to as the "little wonderland of the north." Anita's photos and dialogue take you into the homes and lives of the Finnish people.

**A Few More
Friendly Faces
From
The Scarecrow
Festival**



News From The Preston City Congregational Church Two Can Food Pantry



Thank You! From all of us here at the Food Pantry!

On Saturday, November 16, Boy Scout Troop 75 will conduct their annual food drive. Yellow plastic bags will be placed on town mailboxes on November 7 (the Saturday before), and you are asked to put in some non-perishable food items. Place the filled bags on your mailbox for pickup on the 16th. All will be put on pantry shelves to feed the needy. Last year, we received over 1600 items. Please note: **WE CANNOT DISTRIBUTE OUTDATED ITEMS!** Please check the expiration date on each item you place in the bag! ...and **THANKS** in advance.

Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays mean special items for our families. Last year, with the help of area farmers, local churches, and generous neighbors, we were able to supply 75 - 100 families with turkeys and the "fixins", (potatoes, squash, turnips, onions, gravy, stuffing, and cranberry sauce), in addition to their "regular" bags. If you can help us in any way, (donations of food items, area supermarket gift cards, winter vegetables, etc), our families would greatly appreciate it. Looking forward with you to a wonderful holiday season!



Rena's Pizza of Preston

Breakfast at 7am until 2pm

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Or Email me at tracylyndesigns@comcast.net

Preston City Congregational Church



*"Where Friends
Become Family"*

Reverend Stanley E. White, Minister

Join Us This Sunday!

Worship 9 & 10:30 A.M. Sunday School 8:45 A.M.

A Free Concert* "LUNCH"

(Local United Network to Combat Hunger)

featuring the music of Harry Chapin

Sunday, October 25, at 4.P.M.

*a free-will offering will be received to benefit local social services and the "Two-Can Food Pantry" Please bring a non-perishable item to the concert.

The Annual Holiday Bazaar

November 21, from 9 - 2 P.M.

Lots of great items, baked goods, and more!

Christmas Eve Services:

December 24th, 4 & 11 P.M.

Celebrate Christmas in the city!

For more information, check out our website: prestoncitycongregational.org. Check us out on FACEBOOK!!!

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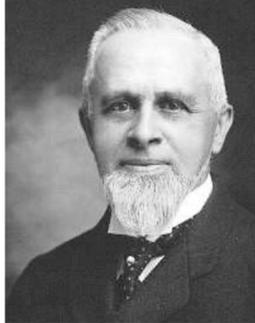


Preston Historical Society

Preserving The Past for Future Generations

News from the Preston Historical Society

WILLIAM HOWARD DOANE



In recognition of the upcoming celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Preston City Bible Church (formerly the Preston City Baptist Church), it would be nice to pay tribute to William H. Doane, a gifted composer and writer of hymns who attended the church in the 1800's and he grew up in a home to the left of the Baptist Church - presently Downer-Doane Park. He received his early schooling in a one room school house in Preston and later attended Woodstock Academy.

Mr. Doane was a multi-talented individual - a successful businessman, an inventor, a philanthropist and a composer of hymns.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Preston Historical Society is our Annual Meeting scheduled for **Sunday, Oct. 25, 1 pm** at Long Society Meetinghouse, 45 Long Society Road. Everyone is invited. Come out and check us out. Want to join? Please check out our website at www.preston-ct.org for information and an application. Look for us on Facebook at Preston Historical Society of Connecticut.

A Lantern Tour of the Meetinghouse

A Lantern Tour of the Long Society Meetinghouse and Cemetery will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 7**. Please look in the local paper and on our website and facebook pages for more information.

And More: Got an idea for a different event?

Contact: Donna Bowles (860-884-4663 or zhf.alpacas@gmail.com) Linda Christensen (860-887-5828 or LindaCh5@comcast.net)



FIRST ANNUAL PRESTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

The First Annual Preston Music Festival was held on Saturday, August 29th in Preston Community Park. We were so lucky to have some of the area's finest musicians come to entertain the crowd. The weather was great; our emcee, Jim King, was terrific and kept things moving. If you missed it this year, please join us next summer.

Update: Long Society Meeting House

The Preston Historical Society was recently awarded a matching grant of \$14,500 from the 1772 Foundation through the CT Trust for Historic Preservation. The money will be used to perform urgently required structural repairs to the building's truss knee brace and eave plate supporting the roof and corner post; install foundation drains; and perform excavation and installation of a foundation drain. All of this work is required before the next phase of replacing sills, footings and foundation walls at the meetinghouse can take place. Our recent fundraisers will go to help match this grant. We have sent out invitations to bid on this job and work should be starting soon.

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PRESTON PARKS & RECREATION

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT

Preston Parks & Recreation & PVMS PTO will be hosting Preston's 5th Annual Trunk or Treat event. Free night of family fun including decorated trunks filled with candy and treats, hayrides, snacks & drinks. Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the following contests: best decorated pumpkin, carved pumpkin contest, best decorated trunk contest.



TRUNK DECORATORS ARE NEEDED. We are looking for 30 people to decorate the trunk of their vehicle and hand out candy on the night of the event (candy will be supplied). We say "trunk" but you can decorate your car, minivan, truck, trailer, etc...use your imagination!! If you own a company, decorating a trunk is a great way to advertise to the Preston community for FREE!!

Lots of volunteers are needed to make this event successful! Still need volunteers for the following: set-up & clean-up, serve snacks, help with hayride. Please contact Preston Parks & Recreation if you are interested in helping with this great community event!!

This event requires lots of candy!! If anyone is interested in donating candy, donation buckets will be at Preston Veterans Memorial School and Preston Town Hall starting October 1st.



Date: Friday, October 23
(rain date: Saturday, October 24)

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

Where: Preston Veterans Memorial School Parking Lot

Trunk or Treat is for Preston residents only; ID required to enter

PRESENTS FOR PRESTON

Preston Parks & Recreation and Preston Veterans Memorial School PTO want to make sure every child under 14 years of age in Preston has a Merry Christmas. If you are in need of help this holiday season or know a family that is, please contact Preston Parks & Recreation by phone or email.

Must be a Preston resident to qualify for this program. All requests must be made by December 1. All requests will be kept strictly confidential.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a child or making a donation towards this program, please contact the Preston Parks & Recreation office



TODDLER / PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

PRE-K MINI SPORTS



This program is a combination of warm-up games and sports such as soccer, kickball, wacky ball and basketball. It will ease children into learning the basics of all these great games as well as teaching them the importance of team work! Each class F.A.S.T. Athletics will have new and exciting games planned for the students.

Instructor: F.A.S.T. Athletics

Dates: Mondays: November 2, 9, 16, & 23

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

Ages: 3 & 4

Fee: \$46 per child (4 week program)



Stay up-to-date with all the programs, events, and happenings Preston Parks & Recreation is offering!! "Like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PrestonParksRecreation

YOUTH PROGRAMS

SUPER SPORTS

Get up, get going, get active. F.A.S.T. Athletics will offer a variety of sports each week such as: soccer, basketball, flag football, dodge ball, Baseball, and Kickball. Programs will include proper stretching and warm-up games as well as learning basic skills of each sport, each class will end with a high energy game with the sport played that day.

Instructor: F.A.S.T. Athletics

Date: November 2, 9, 16, & 23

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm

Grades: Kindergarten - Grade 2

Fee: \$46

BOWLING & TRAMPOLINE FIELD TRIP

Join Preston Parks & Recreation on Tuesday, November 3rd for a day of FUN — no school for Preston students (it's a professional day for staff). We'll be traveling to Norwich Bowling and then to Flight Trampoline Park — where kids will get to bounce off the walls...literally!



Date: Tuesday, November 3 (no school for Preston students)

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Grades Kindergarten - Grade 5

Registration Fee: \$35 per person

Before Care & After Care also available for an additional fee

INFLATABLES & INDOOR FUN FIELD TRIP



Join Preston Parks & Recreation on Wednesday, November 4th for a day of FUN — no school for Preston students (it's a professional day for staff). We'll be traveling to Zoink's Fun Factory in North Oxford, MA. Kids will enjoy indoor inflatables (moon bounces, obstacle course, slides, jumping pillow, etc); laser maze; 22' climbing tower; and more!! Lunch is included in the price of the trip as Zoink's Fun Factory will be serving pizza for lunch.

Date: Wednesday, November 4 (no school for Preston students)

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Grades Kindergarten - Grade 5

Registration Fee: \$35 per person

Before Care & After Care also available for an additional fee

YOUTH SPORTS

YOUTH RECREATION BASKETBALL



Registration for recreational youth basketball teams for grades 3 - 8 begins on September 1st. All registrations forms due October 31, 2015. Practices will be weeknights starting in November. Games are played mostly on Saturdays, starting in December and running through February.

Registration Fee: \$60 per person

(fee includes full uniform: jersey & shorts)

Preston Parks & Recreation is looking for a parent coordinator for our Kindergarten - Grade 2 Basketball program for this year. This program typically runs for 6-8 weeks during January & February. Contact the Parks & Recreation for more information.

TRAVEL BASKETBALL TEAM TRYOUTS FOR BOYS IN GRADES 7 & 8

Thursday, October 29 ~ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Preston Veterans Memorial School Gym

Team will play in a highly, competitive travel league!



SENIOR ACTIVITIES ~ AGES 60+

(Programs offered at discounted rates for PRESTON seniors)

CHAIR YOGA

A complete yoga practice using the support of a chair. Breathing techniques, yoga philosophy, meditation and deep relaxation are woven into each class. In this fun and informative class students will take home tools for mindfulness and relaxation as well as movements for energizing and stretching the body. This class is appropriate for all ages and abilities.

Instructor: Sandra Hartnett

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 am

Location: Preston Public Library Meeting Room

Fee: \$20 Preston residents; \$30 non-residents (6 week sessions)

Session #1

Date: Mondays: November 9 - December 14

Session #2

Dates: Mondays: January 4 - February 22 (no class 1/18 or 2/15)

ADULT SPORTS FOR AGES 18+

MEN'S BASKETBALL

When: Thursdays: October 1 - May 26

(Baseball does not meet on holidays, school vacations, half days, or snow days/early dismissals during winter)

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Preston Plains Middle School Gym

Fee: \$20 per person



ADULT PROGRAMS FOR AGES 18+

ZUMBA

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? Forget the workout and just lose yourself in the music. This class requires no previous dance experience and is effective for all levels of fitness abilities. Zumba features exotic rhythms set to high energy Latin and international beats. Before you know it, you'll be getting fit and your energy levels will be soaring. It's easy to do and totally exhilarating.

Instructor: Sharon Brouillard

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Preston Plains Middle School Cafeteria

Fee: \$41 per session or sign up for both sessions and pay only \$77 or \$10 per week for walk-in registrations

Session #1

Date: Thursdays: November 5 - December 17 (no class 11/26)

Session #2

Dates: Thursdays: January 7 - February 11

BASKET WEAVING

Experience the ancient art of basket weaving while learning from a professional basket maker. Enjoy making a lovely twill weave basket and using it for years to come. There is a \$15 material fee payable to the instructor at the first class.

Date: Wednesdays: December 2 & 9

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Fee: \$28 per person



YOGA BASICS

For beginners and experienced students. Practice includes a variety of foundational postures (standing, seated and on the floor) that focus on balance and alignment. Breathing techniques, yoga philosophy, meditation and deep relaxation are woven into each class. Modifications are offered to optimize each individual's experience.

Instructor: Sandra Hartnett

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Session #1

Date: Mondays: November 9 - December 14

Session #2

Dates: Mondays: January 4 - February 22 (no class 1/18 or 2/15)

Fee: \$45 per session or sign up for both sessions and pay only \$82

MODERATE YOGA

This moderate-level class will give you the opportunity to stretch and release tension from both mind and body. This class offers a strong practice of asana (postures) and then deep relaxation followed by meditation. Learn different techniques of meditation and yoga philosophy which will help you navigate through your busy life. This class is not recommended for beginners.

Instructor: Sandra Hartnett

Time: 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm

Session #1

Date: Mondays: November 9 - December 14

Session #2

Dates: Mondays: January 4 - February 22 (no class 1/18 or 2/15)

Fee: \$45 per session or sign up for both sessions and pay only \$82

CPR/FIRST AID CLASS

Do you know what to do in the case of an emergency? Come learn how to respond to emergency situations.

This course is ideal for parents, grandparents, and anyone who would like to learn the basics of first aid and CPR.

Class to be taught by members of the Preston City Volunteer Fire Department and Poquetanuck Volunteer Fire Department. Preston residents only.

Dates: Saturday, November 7

Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Fee: \$20 per person



ENGRAVED BRICKS

Preston Parks & Recreation is selling engraved bricks. All profits from brick sales will go towards renovating the amphitheater and funding summer concerts at the park in 2016.

Bricks will go on sale on November 1. The bricks will be placed in the Spring of 2016.

Engraved bricks offer a great opportunity to leave a lasting impression on our Preston community! Specifically, it's a personalized brick that can be customized with: your name, (memorial to) names of loved ones, a business or corporate name, or a message of your choice.

Democratic Candidate Board of Selectmen Lynwood Crary



- Lifelong Preston resident, raised on a dairy farm, attended Preston schools, NFA and Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from UCONN
- Married to Jennifer and father of three children (Peter, Hannah and Nathaniel), all of whom attend Norwich Free Academy
- Employed as a Principal Engineer at Electric Boat
- 4th generation working on the family farm growing hay for cows, horses and alpacas
- Served for 12 years on Preston Planning & Zoning Commission, representative to South Eastern CT Council of Government and Regional Planning Commission
- Served on Preston 325th Anniversary Committee, Narrator for the Preston Community Chorus, Moderator for Preston City Congregational Church, serve on the Preston City Cemetery Board
- Serving for the last four years on the Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission
- Serving for the last two years on the Board of Selectmen

Vision: I feel I have developed a good understanding of the workings of the Town and created a good working relationship with the rest of the Board. I have enjoyed using my professional skills on several town projects, including the purchase of two new plow trucks and the installation of a new heating and air conditioning system in the Preston Public Library. Over the next term I pledge to further promote and support our town's farms and agri-businesses, back the final stages of the work being done by the Preston Redevelopment Agency to bring the Preston Riverwalk to a shovel-ready status, and to continue to act in a fiscally conservative manner in order to maintain a balance between town services and property taxes.

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Jerry Grabarek, Treasurer*

Democratic Candidates

Board of Finance

Melissa Lennon

- Norwich, Lisbon, Griswold, and Preston, CT resident for over thirty years
- Lead for PVMS Playscape project; developed, presented, and oversaw the budget; worked with and attended meetings of BoE, BoF, and BoS
- Coordinated multiple fundraisers at private elementary school; accounted for all monies in and out; accounted for individual family contributions and profits
- Early Literacy Program Teacher at Canterbury Public Library & Slater Library

Vision: Regardless of who owns the budget, all expenditures need to be thoughtfully considered as to the value to the receiver, the necessity of the expenditure, and the ability to afford it. My goal is to work for the Town of Preston and with the members of the Board of Finance to look critically at expenditures and support what is necessary for the success and future of this town.

Jerry Grabarek

- Lifelong Preston resident
- 14 years on Preston Planning & Zoning, 14 years as a Selectman, 16 years on Inland/Wetlands and 6 years on the Board of Finance
- Dairy farmer and maze maker

Vision: I always will try to balance the needs of the Town with the ability of residents to pay for it.

Board of Education

Deb Burke-Grabarek (4 Year Term)

- Longtime resident of Preston and present BoE member
- Farmer: together with my husband and son, we own and operate Preston Farms Registered Holsteins & Corn Maze on Route 2
- Degrees from UCONN

Vision: Ensure that our children receive the highest quality education possible providing them strong preparation for high school, college and life.

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Board of Education

Jan Clancy (2 Year Term)

- Preston resident for 42 years; married with two sons and two grandsons
- 22 years as a School Media Specialist (retired)
- BA in English from UCONN, MLIS from URI, MS in Educational Technology from Univ. of Hartford
- 4 years on the BoE (three as the chairperson), 8 years on the Library Board, 29 years as a lecturer at St. Catherine, 4 years as a volunteer with CT Services for the Blind, and 8 years on the Democratic Town Committee

Vision: The combination of a background in education, a Preston taxpayer, and having no children/grandchildren in the Preston school system gives me a unique perspective of the school system with no personal agenda. My goal is to assist in overseeing the educational growth of our youth and making the importance of this growth clear to those not involved in education.

Sean Nugent (4 Year Term)

- Preston resident for 11 years
- Currently serving on the Preston Redevelopment Agency (6 years; chairman for 4 years), the Shared Services Working Group, the Board of Education (since March 2015) and the Democratic Town Committee (chairman)
- PhD in organic chemistry, 28 years in the bio-pharmaceutical industry (retired since 2011), Life Sciences Consultant, and educator (Univ. of Notre Dame: post-graduate program)

Vision: To apply my professional skills and experience to ensure a proper balance between the needs of the Town and providing the best education for our children (students). My short time on the Board of Education has enabled me to become familiar with the issues and I welcome the opportunity to be part of the team that solves them in the future. This may require making tough decisions that are not always popular but ensure our children are prepared for life.

Board of Assessment and Appeals

Lydia Crary Lavoie (2 Year Term)

- Lifelong resident of Preston, raised on a dairy farm
- Attended Preston Schools, NFA and Eastern CT State Univ.
- Human Resources Administrator at Charles River Laboratories
- Previously served on Board of Assessment & Appeals for 6 years
- Currently serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Democratic Town Committee
- Involved in many activities at the Preston City Congregational Church

Vision: Getting involved in our local government can be very challenging and rewarding. I plan to treat our townspeople and their property in a fair and consistent manner.

Planning & Zoning

Denise C. Beale

- Built Preston home in 1991; raised four children (Jacquelyn, Samantha, Jacob and Johnathan) in Preston
- Recent graduate of Three Rivers Community College (Assoc. of Science; Magna Cum Laude); continuing my education at Three Rivers pursuing an Associate degree in Marketing
- Office manager at Burnett's Landscaping & SafeLawns of Salem
- Currently serving as an alternate on Planning & Zoning
- Previously served as a Preston Justice of Peace

Vision: Since the birth of my first child 27 years ago, I have felt the need to give back to the community in which I live. I moved from the city to raise my children in the country. While looking out for the best interest of our town, I hope to preserve Preston, now and in it's future. I feel my background and experience would continue to serve our town well and see it grow in the best direction possible. I enjoy my role serving on Planning & Zoning and therefore wish to continue as a member.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Donna Bowles

- Preston resident for more than 25 years
- Worked in the energy industry for more than 30 years, retiring as head of communications for a global power technology company
- Vice President, Preston Public Library for many years
- Past President and current Vice President, Preston Historical Society for many years
- Board Member, Zoning Board of Appeals for two years

Vision: In the two years I have served on the ZBA, we've experienced a significant increase in the number and variety of appeals brought before us. If elected, I pledge to listen with an open mind to each new property owner's case, to ask questions and encourage debate as necessary, and to consider Preston zoning regulation variances in a consistent and non-arbitrary manner. I consider it an honor, as well as an important responsibility, to thus protect the character and vitality of our town.

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Your Town Government - The Geese Police Are Coming!

By Norman Gauthier

It's a real mess, the goose poop is everywhere; on soccer and softball fields, on the play areas, on the walking track - everywhere. On some days it gets so bad that the recreation areas at Preston Community Park become unusable.

When we consider the various functions of town government, we think of things like education, road maintenance, recorder of land records, collecting taxes, marriage licenses and stuff like that. Controlling goose poop is not usually high on the list of government functions and never ever brought up in political campaign debates. But this year is different. Goose poop is getting a lot of attention. Preston's problem with goose poop has been reported in local newspapers. It has been discussed at multiple meetings of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and the Parks and Recreation Commission. A recent joint meeting on the subject was covered by news reporters from both local papers and a radio station.

Canada geese are beautiful birds and fun to watch. However, they can damage property, spread disease, and present other public safety and health problems. Canada geese deposit nearly a pound of feces per bird per day while grazing; an average size dog drops about a half pound. In a recent study of two beaches in the Great Lakes area, waterfowl were the largest source of E. Coli identified in water, sand, and sediment.

Many methods of control have been proposed: deny feeding, landscape modification, barriers, scaring devices, herding dogs, egg and nest destruction, oral contraceptives, and capture. Based on reviews we have read, no single technique seems to provide a final solution. A couple years ago strobe lights were installed at the community park to deter the geese. The lights were tuned to the light spectrum and

strobe frequency that geese hated - that didn't work. Then a fake wolf (or coyote) was brought in - that didn't work. The geese kept coming. People tried to scare them away by chasing them on foot, with a lawn tractor, with drones, and remote controlled vehicles; the geese didn't scare, they just moved out of the way.

This year, Parks & Rec wanted to call in the federal government to attack the geese, not the Pentagon, the Department of Agriculture. The USDA has a special team that can be hired to capture and kill the geese. When this plan became known it ruffled some human feathers and the Board of Finance withdrew funding. Paying for dogs to visit the park to hassle the geese a couple times a day seemed like a waste of money. The Public Works department reviewed several options and offered to spray the area with chemicals that would give the feeding geese a belly ache and make them go where the cuisine was more to their liking. The Board of Finance didn't want any chemicals sprayed on our children's play areas so they refused to fund that plan.

So, what to do? A special meeting was called in early September with members of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and Parks & Recreation Commissions and it was decided that it was a Parks & Rec problem and they should figure it out. The Selectmen promised their support and the Board of Finance provided sufficient funds. Parks & Rec is committed to do something but it may be a long time before we know whether or not they are successful. In the meantime, if you visit the Community Park, watch your step.

We welcome your questions and comments. Contact the author at N.Gauthier@usa.net



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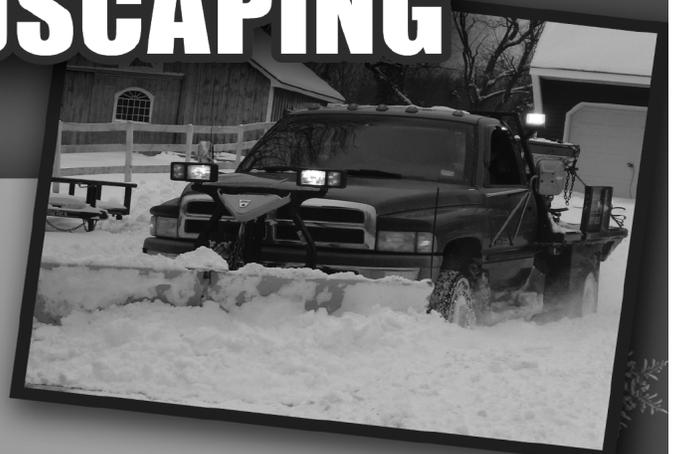
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Update on Preston Riverwalk

Sean Nugent, PRA Chairman

I'll admit that I struggled with writing this article after the referendum for the PRA's request for \$260,000 failed. We will continue to find ways to raise funds and continue to get us closer to being a 'shovel ready site' as we know this requirement is needed to increase attraction to the builder/investor community! While the Agency was disappointed by the referendum outcome, we were more discouraged by some of the sentiments and comments made about the Agency. I'd like to address those in this article.

The Agency has no plan: We respectfully disagree. Our plan has always been and continues to be to clean up and redevelopment of the property. Recall that we issued an RFP (Request for Proposal) to the developer/builder community in 2011 and were not successful. Our debrief following this indicated that this lack of success was directly related to (a) the developer/builder community was interested only in the main campus property and (b) the fact that clean up of the main campus was seen as a deterrent. With this information, we focused our efforts on raising the funds to clean the property. We also engaged JLL to market the property 'opportunisticly'; that is to offer all six parcels collectively or individually. You may not agree with this approach but we now know that the notion of 'selling with the blighted buildings as-is' is not going to work.

The Agency can't be trusted: We are shocked by this comment! The comment/accusation implies that we are lying and that we have something going on which provides some type of personal gain to each member of the Agency. Somehow the fact that we are volunteers (no pay!), live in Town and are taxpayers and are making the time to make Preston a better place to live and work has been lost.

No Presentations to the Town: Again we respectfully disagree. We present monthly to the BoS and the BoF and all of our meetings are open to the public (we rarely have someone from the public attend). We publish regularly in the Pipeline and have articles (based upon news reporters attending the above meetings and reaching out to us) in both local newspapers. As for formal presentations, we did that a number of times in the past and only had 20 people show up (with half of them PRA members). Frankly that's a lot of time, money and volunteer effort for 10 people. For those who are referring to the recent Town Meeting on the referendum, you can't give a presentation at a Town Meeting. One can answer questions and we answered the only one that was asked.

Now to the future...

Over the past six years the Agency has raised almost \$15 million dollars from the State, the Federal Government, and the Town of Preston. These monies are a mixture of grants, loans and Town matches. With these dollars in hand the Site Operations team worked closely with Manafort Brothers (MBI) and Tighe & Bond (T&B) to abate/demolish 49 of the 57-targeted structures that also includes 90% of the tunnels. Of the original 1.3 million square feet of structures the Town acquired in 2009, the abatement and demolition of the Kettle Building results in almost 80% of this original footprint being removed. We are currently working with T&B, our Licensed Environmental Professional (LEP), DEEP (CT Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection), and the EPA (the Environmental Protection Agency) to establish a plan that addresses their respective soil clean-up requirements and is cost effective.

Once our newly formed Economic Development sub-team completes their initial task, we will direct JLL to switch to a more aggressive and focused marketing effort as we are now seeing an increase in interest (e.g. requests for information and site tours) that is associated with the demolition of the Kettle Building.

Should you have any questions, suggestions or comments, please attend one of our meetings at Town Hall on the second or fourth Wednesday of the month or contact Sean (860 917-6567) or Merrill Gerber (860 887-7169).



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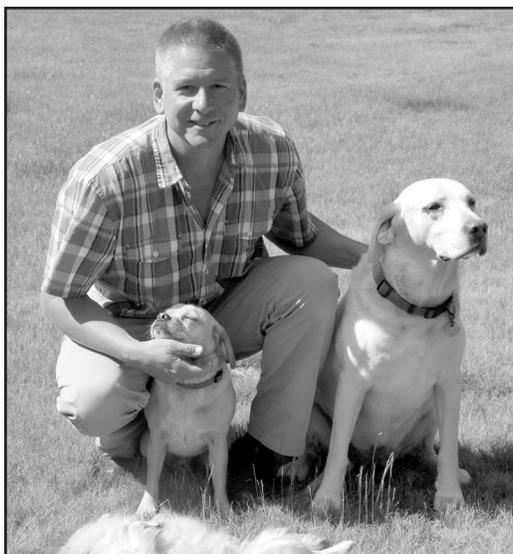
Dr. Craig McIlquham, D.V.M.

PRESTON ANIMAL HOSPITAL - CRAIG MCILQUHAM, D.V.M.

By Eleanor Miller

Dr. Craig McIlquham took over Dr. Doolittle's practice 10 years ago and it was evident he was where he wanted to be; ever since early childhood he dreamed of being a veterinarian. It is a small practice where he is able to educate his clients on the care of their pets. It is a very friendly country environment located at 38 Doolittle Road in Preston.

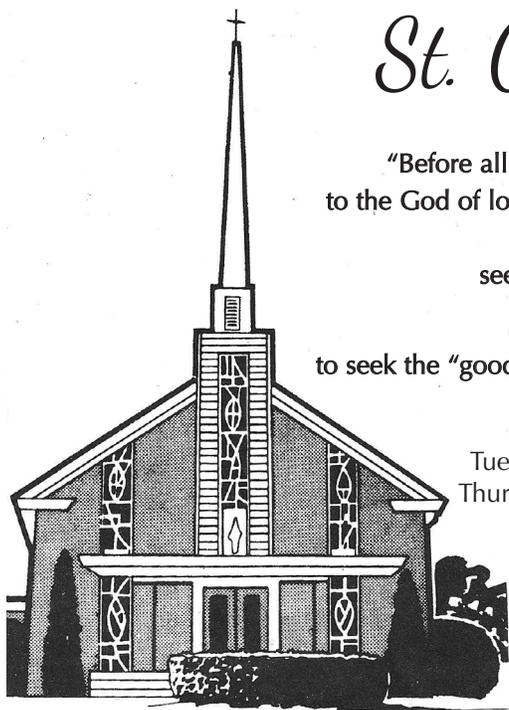
He grew up on a small farm in the Berkshires in Dalton, Massachusetts and went to Tufts Undergrad and then graduated from Tufts Veterinarian School in 1992. He then moved to Michigan where he served as an associate vet after which he worked at Whittaker Road Animal Clinic for six years as a veterinarian. He moved to Connecticut in 2002 and worked in various practices for three years. In 2005 he started working at the Preston Animal Hospital. At that time the Hospital treated some of the dogs rescued from Hurricane Katrina and the well-known dog, Pacino, who had been abused.



He performs healthy pet care as well as sick pet care. He conducts a physical examination and tries to detect a problem before it becomes serious. He spays and neuters and does blood work and diagnostic testing at the lab in his office. For serious illnesses he isn't equipped to treat, he refers to a specialist. He encounters many problems with ticks, such as Lyme Disease, Anaplasmosis, Ehrlichiosis, and Heartworm Disease.

At times, he helps, Patti Daniels, the Preston Dog Warden, with her animals. He also treats rescue animals from Friday's Dog Rescue Foundation in Groton. Some of their dogs are taken from short stay shelters in Virginia where they would be euthanized,

Dr. McIlquham lives in Groton and has three children; Danielle-15, Allyson-13 and Andrew-12. He can be reached for appointments at the Hospital at 860 889 4736.



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4:30pm

Children's Joyful Noise Choir

Christmas Day Mass
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Adult Choir

State Legislative Update

By State Representative Mike France

It's almost time to prepare for my second legislative session, which convenes this coming February. I've been doing a great deal to prepare for it since we wrapped up the 2015 session in June, but there's still so much to reflect upon from my first term. Will Connecticut return tolls to our highways? Will casino gaming be expanded? What are the final steps in Connecticut's budget process? These were all questions asked by district residents at the Preston Public Library when I hosted a Town Hall meeting in June. Residents have a right to know what's happening at the State Legislature. You have the loudest voice in determining what impact state government will have in our area. This Town Hall meeting was particularly engaging as we discussed transportation, keno, and the possibility of jobs moving out of the state.

Later that month I held another joint Town Hall meeting with Rep. John Scott in Ledyard. More than a dozen concerned citizens turned out to discuss legislation, how policy decisions made in Hartford will directly impact Ledyard and Southeastern Connecticut, and the budget implementer vote. Questions revolved around the state's spending, budget deficit and budget-writing process. We also discussed funding for education, transportation and hospitals, as well as the potential for Connecticut to see losses in businesses, jobs and state grants. Constituents inquired about unitary, car and entertainment taxes, in addition to Connecticut's travel industry, Uber and benefits for military personnel.

I was glad to hear constituents say that they closely followed what was happening at the Legislature this session. There were quite a few bills that had the potential to significantly impact our residents. I appreciate them taking the time to share their opinions on these issues, as well as make time in their busy schedules to stay in tune with how state government could affect them both personally and professionally. I am always happy to answer questions from my constituents and hear about their specific concerns. Town hall meetings will continue to be held on a quarterly basis.

In August, I was honored to host a show on SEC-TV with former State Representative Pam Sawyer. We discussed the establishment of Safe Haven Day annually on April 4, which is critical to increasing awareness of the Safe Havens Act (Public Act 00-207) passed in the 2000 Session. I would like to continue doing what I can to help young women of Connecticut learn about this law, which has the potential to save two lives - both the mother and her newborn. Greater awareness will further reduce the instances of abandoned newborns in our state.



Over the past few months, I have also helped to raise awareness of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, potential threats of the Gypsy Moth to Connecticut's environment, and the importance of reducing standardized testing for 11th graders. I supported legislation this session that replaced SBAC testing with the SAT, and made the SAT free to all Connecticut students.

This summer, I was also pleased to celebrate Connecticut's Maritime Heritage aboard the USNS Trenton docked at Fort Trumbull State Park in New London, and take part in the groundbreaking of Ledyard's new Police Station. I applauded the Connecticut Department of Housing for awarding Community Development

Block Grants to Ledyard and Montville for their respective Housing Rehabilitation Loan Programs, and I attended the Yankee Institute's "Shirt off my Back" public forum to address the state budget and subsequent tax burden with district residents.

As a state representative with both casinos in my district, supporting the continued viability of a significant employer proved to be an extremely crucial issue for me this session. In order to support the stability of our region, my goal was to save jobs and revenue. As a former Ledyard Town Councilor, I understand the challenges the casinos presented to our region when they opened, as well as their transition over time to dedicated stewards and corporate partners. Special Act 15-7, passed this session, will assure the tribes that a development agreement will be given consideration next session by the General Assembly. This agreement will give potential host towns the opportunity to evaluate the costs and benefits of establishing a single satellite gaming facility in their town. Only after reaching an agreement will the next step be taken in considering construction approval. I look forward to reviewing development agreements to see the potential of a new facility that can save Connecticut jobs.

Other pieces of notable legislation I supported and/or co-sponsored included: the establishment of tax increment financing districts (PA 15-57), the creation of educational opportunities for veterans looking to kick start a new career in agriculture (PA 15-117), clean elections reform (HB 6749) and support for students with dyslexia (PA 15-97).

I am ready to get started with the next legislative session where we will deal with many issues that will have a profound impact on the lives of every Connecticut resident. I look forward to meeting and talking to you at my next Town Hall meeting in your town.

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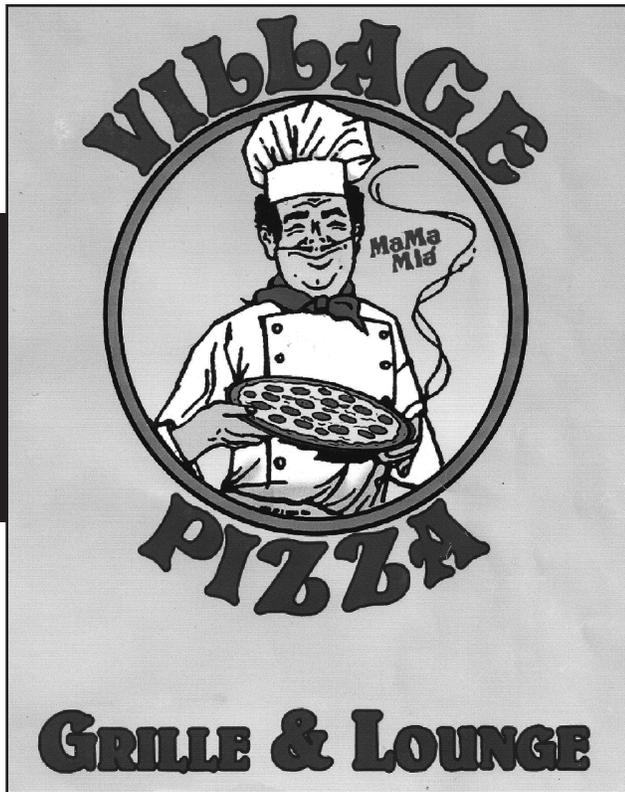
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Things are about to get a lot hotter at Foxwoods Casino!



Classic rock trio **The Drawbridge Band** announced today (Sept. 25) they will perform their first ever residency at Foxwoods Casino. They start playing in September twice a month. The run of shows for 2015 will start Sept 25 and go Oct 10, Oct 24, Nov. 7, Nov 21, Dec. 5 Dec 12, from 4:30p-7:30p at the Grill inside Foxwoods Casino's Two Trees Hotel in Mashantucket, CT.

Band members John Oliva, Janet Wells Oliva and John Butler say, "We're thrilled about playing The Grill this fall. The shows will have a great balance of energy and intimacy that will make you want to come back again and again. The band has been gearing up for these shows with frequent stops at clubs including a three year run at The Riverwalk in Mystic, The Knickerbocker Café, Keenan's Irish Pub, Angelico's Lake House and other local favorites.

Based in Preston CT, the band has been touring the Northeast since 2006 with their smooth vocal harmonies, an arsenal of captivating originals, and a lively blend of classic rock covers.

Prior to forming The Drawbridge Band, they toured with daughters Nicole and Simone in the band Tip The Van, voted Best Band in Connecticut by the Hartford Courant 4 years running. Touring with Tip The Van inspired the Drawbridge Band to forge their own path, and they have become a force to be reckoned with. For all the latest updates, check out <https://www.facebook.com/TheDrawbridgeBand>

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The Preston City Bible Church is having their 200th anniversary celebration beginning October 24th through November 1, 2015. The Church will be holding an open house, Monday October 26th through Thursday October 29th, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm for school field trips and interested public.

Additionally, there will be a public open house Saturday, October 24th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Docents dressed in 1800's period costumes will portray historic Preston Church

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John's Eagle project to to reconstruct the Ely Maze at St. James Church. John's Dad (Eric) Connors had constructed the original Maze in 1993 for his Eagle Project.



"Father Son Eagle Affair" shows from left to right: John Scoutmaster Wess Ludlow (Class of 1986), Mr. Phil Ludlow former Scoutmaster of Eric (Class of 1960), Eric Connors (Class of 1993) and John Connors Class of 2015.



Recently at a Troop 75 Court of Honor Troop 75 presented Past Fire Chief Dennis Wolters with a Life Time Achievement Award. Assistant Scout Master and Troop 75 50th Annv. Committee Chairman Dwight Hopkins presented Dennis with his award for outstanding support of Preston Troop 75 and the Preston community. Dennis was an original member of Troop 75 in 1963 and his dad was the first official Scoutmaster of the troop. Dennis has always been willing to help the troop and has kept us safe during times of need. Congratulations Dennis Wolters.

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