

Preston Pipeline²

VOL 7 ISSUE 4 SPRING 2018

From the Desk of the First Selectman Bob Congdon



Fiscal Issues – The State Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth recently outlined Connecticut's fiscal and economic growth problems.

The committee projects that unless we address the fiscal problems in Connecticut, the State is facing a two-billion-dollar deficit in 2020 and a three and a half billion-dollar deficit in 2022. We have seen how difficult

it has been for municipalities over the last several years due to the State's inability to pass a State Budget and the impact of reduced municipal funding from State as they dealt with a one-billion-dollar deficit.

The fiscal issues are only one of the problems the State is facing. The second problem is that our State economy has declined 3.5 percent since 2007 while our neighboring states of New Jersey, Massachusetts and New York have all seen growth over that same period of time.

The third problem is the outward migration of wealth from our State. Households migrating to Connecticut are earning \$30,000 per year less than those leaving Connecticut. In 2017, the over 30,000 residents who left Connecticut had an average household income of \$123,000, over three billion dollars left our economy, while those migrating to Connecticut an average household income of \$90,000.

We can no longer "kick the fiscal can down the road".

The Commission's Report can be found on the Town of Preston's Web Site. I encourage you to read the report and as you evaluate candidates this election cycle ask them if and how they plan to address the issues raised in the report.

Issues and ideas – If you have something you'd like to present to your elected officials, please attend a Selectmen's meeting held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm, contact me at (860) 887-5581, or e-mail me at: Congdon@preston-ct.org.

Preston Baseball League recently honored

Paul LoPresti for

50 years of service to Preston Park and Rec!

Right: Paul throwing first pitch on

Opening Day 2018

Below:

The Congdons watch the festivities.

Thank You Paul!!!



Boy Scout photo: Recently Troop 75 made history! It's first three way Eagle Scout Ceremony was held as Seth Hurt, Conrad Waters and Digby Ludlow were presented Eagle Scout awards together.

The ceremony also marked the fourth generation of Eagle Scouts in the Ludlow family. Howard Ludlow 1949, Phillip A. Ludlow 1960, Phillip Wess Ludlow 1987 and Digby Ludlow along with his cousin Seth Hurt in 2018. Conrad Waters was given Eagle Pledge by his brother Devon Waters who received his Eagle in 2017.

Conrad's grandfather is also an Eagle Scout.



You are ready to buy a home

***Shouldn't
your mortgage
help you put
down roots?***

Your bank for
turning a house
into a home

- Fixed & Adjustable Rate Mortgages
- Bi-Weekly Mortgages
- Short Term Mortgages
- FHA & VA Loans
- Home Equity Loans & Lines of Credit

Apply online: JCSBank.com



**Jewett City
Savings Bank**

Since 1873

Brooklyn • Dayville • Jewett City
Plainfield • Preston
JCSBank.com • 860-376-4444



Eleanor J. Miller

Preston – **Eleanor J. Miller**, 91, of Miller Road passed away Tuesday March 27, 2018 at the Orchard Grove Specialty Care Center.

She was born July 1, 1926 in Windham, CT, the daughter of John Griffin and Louise (Kucharski) Griffin. She is survived by her son William J. Miller and his wife Susan Klein of Asheville, NC, two daughters Dorothy E. Miller of Preston, Eleanor L. Miller of Preston and granddaughter Katie Miller also of Asheville, NC. Eleanor was predeceased by her husband Walter Miller, her parents and two brothers John Griffin and Carl Griffin.

Eleanor worked as a secretary and bookkeeper for the State of Connecticut, first for Thames Valley Technical Institute in Norwich, Niantic Correctional Institute, and retired from Eastern State Community College in Willimantic.

Eleanor was born in Windham, CT graduating from Windham High in 1943. She was a resident of Preston since 1962, communicant and member of the Ladies Guild of St. Catherine of Sienna. She was a member of the Preston Community Chorus for many years and also sang with the Golden Nuggets of the Rose City Senior Center. She volunteered for the Cancer Society giving rides to people needing to get to their appointments, was also a member of the Preston Historical Society and Avalonia Land Conservancy. She volunteered her time as writer for the Preston Pipeline, interviewing residents with a story of interest.

This was her pet project as she enjoyed writing, talking with and meeting new people. Preston will not be the same without her. She loved her town, the community and the life she made for herself within it.

Her most precious time was spent at home in her beloved yard, gardening, feeding the birds, baking pies with the berries that she picked every season, taking walks with her dogs, reading and spending time with family. She liked to keep busy with numerous activities such as day trips, baking for the church suppers, attending a performance, going out to dinner, being at the beach.



Eleanor was exceedingly proud of her three children and granddaughter, supporting and applauding their every accomplishment. She was a wonderful mother and taught values of high standards. She was not just a mother but a friend and was always there to help when needed. She will be missed beyond words.

The family would like to thank the Preston/Poqueta-nuck EMT's for their commitment, patience and kindness in helping with our mom while she was at home. There were times where we could not have done it without them. Also we'd like to thank Hartford Health Care and Hospice for their assistance at a difficult time.

Please visit www.cummings-gagnefh.com to leave condolences or share a memory.

Your Local Fire Department Needs You!
Stop in Monday nights 6-8,
call 860.887.4815, or visit
PrestonCityFire.com to apply
today!

Layout and design by Tracy Lyn Designs, LLC in Preston CT.
To advertise in the next issue of the Preston Pipeline2 please contact Tracy at: 860-889-0238.
Email: tracylyndesigns@comcast.net

The publisher reserves the right to accept or reject any and all advertising.
The publisher is not responsible for typographical errors and reserves the right to edit or delete information provided for space considerations.



Preston Historical Society

Preserving The Past for Future Generations

Dr. Brian Jones speaking at Long Society Meetinghouse



Though the day was a bit chilly, and the pews in the meetinghouse proved to be a bit hard, Dr. Brian Jones, CT State Archaeologist, shared some of the recent finds from digs in Glastonbury and Windsor. He described how some of the finds were made by radar-based surveys as well as excavations. Definite finds relating to Dutch settlement were noted as well as the links to the native Americans at the time.



Findagrave.com

Have you been searching for the whereabouts of a the final resting place of a long lost relative? Then you'll find this site very interesting. Most of the headstones and inscriptions for the Town of Preston can be found here as documented in the book, Cemetery Inscriptions in the Town of Preston available at the library and town hall. It is the world's largest gravesite collection with over 170 memorials. The free website is: <https://www.findagrave.com/>

Long Society Meetinghouse Update Check out the New Roof!!



We are proud to report that the new roof is up and looks great. Drive by and see how things have progressed! A special thank you to Jon Gauthier of Custom Carpentry and his crew for a job well done. Our next project will be to remove some nearby trees and, with help from some local grants, create a walkway to the front of the building. Thank yous go out to all of our members and donators who have kept the restoration of this beautiful building going.

Preston Third graders and their teachers will be taking a tour of the town in June, visiting the old Blacksmith shop (Peter Leibert), the Baptist Church (Pastor David Roseland), Old library, Bates Fountain, town pound, poor farm, town hall (to see the deed, the Preston Revolutionary mural and a special visit with First Selectman, Bob Congdon), Poquetanuck Cove, and a tour of the Meetinghouse and cemetery. We're proud to be able to share the town's past with these budding historians!



The Historical Society recently joined the CT League of Historical Organizations and are participating in Connecticut Collections (CTCo). It is an open-source, online resource tool that allows history and heritage organizations to accomplish three of their primary goals: 1) to privately manage their organizational collections in a state-of-the-art collections management system, 2) to share their collections with the public through a portal that includes collections from other CTCo users, and 3) to preserve their digital collections and associated metadata in the Connecticut Digital Archive (CTDA) where they will be safe for generations to come.

Though the collection is not up on a public portal at this time, we are in the process of entering data into the online software – a long process, and we are only just beginning. We could use your help!

Wanted - Volunteers to assist in entering data. You must have a computer with access to the internet (a scanner is helpful, but not required). We will have a short workshop to introduce volunteers to our project with constant support. Help us save these documents and create a searchable database. **Call or email Linda at 860-887-5828, LindaCh5@comcast.net.**

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Preston Historical Society is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 7, 2018 at 6 pm** at the Old Preston Library, 296 Route 164, Preston. Come out and check us out. Want to join or renew your membership?

Please check out our website at www.preston-ct.org for information and an application.

Look for us on Facebook at facebook.com/prestonhistoricalsociety/

Preston School District

Roy Seitsinger; Superintendent

The 2017-2018 school year is quickly approaching its final days. The parents, teachers, staff, and, of course, students have worked hard throughout the year. When we began the year we shared a motto: Remember the Palm! It reminds us that we hold those we love in the palm of our hands and that we should make decisions based on those we hold close.

At all times our primary task is to ensure a calm, safe, learning environment for all of our students. There are complex social issues in the world that make that a challenge that often stretches our capacities. As the district grows and changes, we will need more specialized support to care for our students. That is why we have proven the need for a school social worker through the budget process.

For the first time in the district's history, the Board of Education has adopted a comprehensive strategic plan. The five-year plan is a living document that will guide us and grow with the district. It will guide the Board in many operational and budget decisions. A component of the Strategic Plan, along with the Technology Plan and Preventative Maintenance Plan which are in development, is the five-year Capital Improvement Plan that was approved by voters in November 2017. We deeply appreciate the support of the community is maintaining our facilities.

As the student population slowly and steadily increases as it is predicted to do over the next several years, the district will need new resources. Recently, after an intensive review by the Board of Education, the Board of Finance decided to move the Board of Education budget forward to the voters unaltered.

On May 17th there will be the budget hearing. It will be followed on May 31st by a town meeting that will determine the final budget amounts that will be voted on during the referendum. The referendum will be held on June 12, 2018.

During the 2018-2019 school calendar year we will include four days identified as weather days. This strategy will allow the end of the year school dates to remain stable. Please take a look at the proposed calendar on the school district's web page at www.prestonschools.org and let us know what you think.

We are proud of the work our students are doing. For example, at PVMS, as in both schools, safety is a priority. In grade five we run a ten-week DARE program presented by one of our resident troopers. In grade four we present Safe Futures that focuses on preventing violence. At PPMS students benefit from on-going collaborations with regional resources: 7th and 8th grade students participate in Project O activities both on the water and on land as part of science instruction while 8th grade students study American history topics, specifically slavery and immigration, by engaging in instructional programs offered by the Mystic Seaport.

We are optimistic about the future. The town and the school district are seeking ways to more closely work together. We believe in our district, our staff, our families, and most especially, our children. There is so much to look forward to, to wonder about, to experiment with, and to explore.

From "The Friends of the Preston Public Library" THANKS FOR A SUCCESSFUL BOOK SALE!

We would like to send a special thank you to all of the staff, Boy Scouts and volunteers, and all those that helped us during this year's Friends of the Preston Public Library Book Sale which was held April 12th-14th at the Poquetanuck Fire Dept. in Preston. Thank you also goes out to Troop 75 Preston Boy Scouts for their tremendous help, and to our thoughtful Preston Library Staff who are always interacting with patrons and providing help when needed. The sale brought in close to \$2,000 to use for purchasing items and providing quality programming for you.

The Friends know these sales only work when donations are brought in and when a lot of people come to the sales. So far, we are getting both! A HUGE thank you to the Friends' volunteers for working at the sale and a special thank you goes to Linda Christensen and Ann Legler for their unending dedication and commitment as co-chairs of the Book Sale, Marie Perrin and Pat Berthiaume. We can't say thank you enough!

AA
AFFORDABLE AIR LLC
FRANK DAVIS, JR.
*Residential/Commercial Air Conditioning & Heating Installs
Ductwork • Mitsubishi Ductless Sales & Installation
High Efficiency Gas Furnaces*
affordableaironline.com
Licensed & Insured
Lic # 393495
Established 2002
Tel: (860) 564-5909
Serving Southeastern CT

We are a heating and cooling business and a MITSUBISHI ductless diamond dealer. We have been in business over 15 years and have served up and down the 395/95 corridor! I am a PRESTON resident and my wife and I have attended PRESTON schools. We look forward to helping people with heating and cooling needs!

Preston Public Library

389 Route 2 (Across from Town Hall) Preston, CT 06365 • Phone 860.886.1010
Find us online! www.prestonlibrary.org • Email us: library@prestonlibrary.org
Hours: Monday 9-3 • Tuesday-Thursday 9-8 • Friday 9-5 • Saturday 9-1

SERVICES:

Best Sellers/ Fiction & Non-fiction Books for all ages
Audio books-cassette/MP3/CD/Playaways
Videos & DVD Interlibrary loan Magazines
Audiobooks and **E-books** from **RBdigital**
(*There's an App for that!*)
Online Catalog Reading groups
Passes to area attractions
Reference services
Computers for Internet Access (please check in at desk)
Wireless Access for Laptops, Cellphones, etc.
(please check in at desk)
Preston Historical Society files

ON-LINE DATABASES:

Consumer Reports w/ Cars
researchIT CT- free online resources
Encyclopedia Britannica
JobNow-Live, anytime, anywhere job assistance
LearningExpress- Learning Center **free for
Preston residents with library cards**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Story Times - Yes! Story Time will continue through the summer!

For children – Birth to five years old. Join us for stories,
songs, fingerplays, and crafts. Tuesdays, 10 to 11 am
and Wednesdays, 10 to 11 am.

Holiday Hours & Closures:

Saturday, May 26th through Monday, May 28th-Closed
Wednesday, July 4th- Closed

*During the school year, for the safety of our staff and patrons,
the library follows the inclement weather policy of the
Preston Schools. All cancellations are announced on
WFSB channel 3. Thank you for your understanding.*

Have you seen our new flag?

After a long and harsh winter our flag needed replacing.
**Thank you to the Richard E. Hourigan VFW Post 594,
for the donation of a new outdoor flag and to
John Waggoner for making the arrangements.**

Did you know...?

The library has a collection of children's books on DVD?
Check out our display in the Children's area.



Have you tried Learning Express?

Learning Express is one of the online databases accessible with your Preston library card, through the library website (prestonlibrary.org). There are centers for adults and students of all ages, including college and college prep as well as a career center. Brush up on skills; learn something new, study for the GED or SAT. Sign-up for your free account now!

It will soon be Summer Reading Time!

Keep checking the website (and students' backpacks!) for Summer Reading information. The library staff is gathering books and planning programs for our students. We have books from the Governor's Reading List as well as books that will focus on our program's theme. Nutmeg books will be available as well.

Are you watching "The Great American Read" on PBS? Your library has many of the titles on the adult and children's lists. Look for displays at the library. Rediscover an old favorite or find a new one. You can even participate in helping to choose "America's Best-Loved Novel", in a nation-wide vote!

Planning a trip to the Roger Williams Zoo?

**Thinking about a trip to the Mystic Aquarium or
Mystic Seaport? Come to the library first and check
out a pass to save some money on your entrance fee!**

We have passes to many local area attractions for free or reduced fees! You can see a current list of all available passes on our website under the "Passes" tab. You may call ahead to reserve a pass and we will hold them for one day only- to ensure passes are fairly shared amongst our patrons.

Library Board of Trustees: Katherine Allingham, Patricia Bell, Kelly Ennis-Davis, Ann Legler, Mary Jo Nugent
Email: prestonlibraryboard@gmail.com

State Legislative Update

By State Representative Mike France

After three months of working through the committee process, holding Town Hall meetings to hear from my constituents, and debating proposed legislation in the House Chamber, the 2018 Regular Legislative Session came to an end at midnight on Wednesday, May 9th. In the short Session,

the status of the state budget was our primary focus, ensuring that both the current and next fiscal years are restored to balance. However, we also voted on several important bills that could affect you, your family and/or your business when they become law. Here is a summary of the legislative actions taken during the short Session.

The Budget

In the bipartisan budget adopted in October, which I voted against, the Legislature gave the governor the authority to make budget reductions in order to achieve both targeted and unallocated lapses in addition to the 5% legislative reduction in the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant. Due to the lack of legislative direction for the unallocated lapses, instead of reductions in back-office expenses and staffing, Governor Malloy chose to reduce education funding to cities and towns. All three towns I represent had their ECS grant funding further reduced by approximately 8.4%, which resulted in an additional almost \$250,000 being reduced from the Preston education funding. During this Session, the General Assembly has drafted language that will prevent the governor from making similar cuts for future budget years. Republican lawmakers proposed a fully balanced Fiscal Year 2019 budget that eliminated the projected \$321.5 million deficit. Unfortunately, it was rejected by the Appropriations Committee.

This balanced, no tax increase, budget plan included policies to address the state's long term unfunded liabilities and put the state on a path toward predictability and sustainability. Instead of spending

one-time revenue or relying on massive tax increases, the proposed budget upheld the principles of the volatility cap agreed to in the bipartisan budget that stopped the practice of relying excessively on unpredictable revenue to justify spending that the taxpayer cannot afford. It fully funded the Special Transportation Fund, restored funding for the Medicare Savings Program, and eliminated many of the governor's proposals to increase taxes and drastically reduce education funding and municipal aid.

At the time I am writing this legislative update for Preston Pipeline, we have one week left in Session and we have yet to debate a Deficit Mitigation Plan for the current fiscal year or a viable budget proposal to balance the next fiscal year. I hope that by the time you read this, we will have approved a fiscally-responsible and sustainable budget plan. For more information on how we balanced the Republican budget plan, or fund our "Prioritize Progress" transportation plan, please visit www.cthousegop.com and click on the "Fy19 Budget" tab. To follow the Legislature's progress on the budget as a whole, please visit our "Open Connecticut" tool at www.osc.ct.gov/openCT.

Important Legislation

Current law states that pregnant women are not allowed to exercise a living will, which generally outlines their wishes for health care instructions, such as being removed from life support and other advance directives. They only have the right to appoint a health care representative in the case that one becomes necessary. However, under new legislation I co-sponsored in House Bill 5148, which passed unanimously through the House on April 24th, a pregnant woman 18 years of age and older will be granted all of these rights. She would be allowed to indicate whether she intends to accept life support if her doctor believes that doing so would allow the fetus to reach a live birth, and even whether or not she would allow her living will to be executed with or without modifications to its original instructions.

Living wills are medical directives that every adult deserves access to, regardless of gender or condition. Removing the statutory exclusion for pregnant patients to

enact such directives enables an expectant mother to establish her desires for the appropriate level of health care at every stage of life.

I also co-sponsored legislation in Senate Bill 344 that requires the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with aquaculture (e.g., shell fishing) licensees for the Department to use electronic surveillance devices to monitor their locations and adopt regulations by 2020 that establish criteria for enforcing a requirement that the licensees use the devices. Any cost associated with the devices will be paid by the Department of Agriculture.

Other significant legislation that has been debated and passed the House in the final two weeks of Session include House Bill 5421, concerning Connecticut joining the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, House Bill 5210, concerning codifying the Affordable Care Act into state law, and Senate Bill 4, that provided access to institutional aid to students without legal immigration status. I opposed each of these bills. House Bill 5421 would reduce state sovereignty and potentially diminish the role of Connecticut state electors in the Electoral College during presidential elections. House Bill 5210 is an excessive state mandate of federal law that has been determined to be unsustainable and unaffordable. Finally, Senate Bill 4 would have the potential effect of reducing availability of institutional aid to Connecticut students who are U.S. citizens. Institutional aid is a percentage of paid tuition that ranges from a low of 13% at a community college to 36% at Eastern Connecticut State University, which is equivalent to a 56% tax on paid tuition.

Contact Me

Please follow me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RepFrance or sign up for my e-newsletter on my website at www.RepFrance.com to receive notifications of upcoming quarterly town hall meeting dates. I would enjoy meeting with you and discuss the major issues you want addressed this year. Please also feel free to contact me anytime via email at Mike.France@housegop.ct.gov or phone at 1-800-842-1423.

PRESTON PARKS & RECREATION

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PRESTON PALOOZA

Parks & Recreation and Preston Veterans Memorial School PTO will be holding our 5th Annual Palooza! What's this your ask? A fun night for the Preston community. Event is open to Preston residents only.

When: Thursday, May 31, 2018

Time: 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: Preston Veterans Memorial School

Ticket Fee at Gate: \$13.00 per person
(children 2 & under are free!!)

Ticket will allow event goers to enjoy each of the following once: BBQ, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cone, caricature artist, and pony rides. Ticket also includes unlimited use of carnival games, moonwalks, dunk tank, bubble soccer, face painting and cake walk — all of those activities are unlimited and included with the price of ticket.

New for 2018...MELTDOWN INFLATABLE!!! We will also be bringing back the toddler inflatable playground.

Show off your creative side and bake a cake for the cake walk...or maybe baking isn't your thing. Why not sign up to bring a side dish for the BBQ. Anyone who brings a cake or side dish will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a \$100.00 gift card!!

Lots of volunteers are needed to help make this event successful!! In addition to adult volunteers, we are looking for Preston high school students who want to be a part of this FUNtastic community event!! Contact the Preston Parks & Recreation office if you are interested in volunteering by email recreation@preston-ct.org or call 860-887-5581 x113!!

2nd Annual

SHOWDOWN ON THE PLAYGROUND

Adult Kickball Tournament

at Preston Community Park

Coming September 2018 !!

The basics...

- ** CO-ED Tournament
- ** Cash prize for winning team
- ** Team entrance fee of \$200
...save \$50 per team if your register by July 10th!!
- ** More info available on our website
www.preston-ct.org



SUMMER CAMPS

MINI-HAWK CAMP

(SOCCER, BASEBALL & BASKETBALL)

This multi-sport program was developed to give children a positive first step into athletics. The essentials of baseball, basketball and soccer are taught in a safe, structured environment with lots of encouragement and a big focus on fun. Register online at www.skyhawks.com

Dates: Monday - Friday, August 6 - August 10, 2018

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ages: 4 - 7

Location: Preston Community Park

Fee: \$119.00 per kid



...Complete listing of all summer camps

on our website www.preston-ct.org

ADULT PROGRAMS

CORE DE FORCE LIVE

CORE DE FORCE LIVE is an empowering, core-focused workout that combines authentic Boxing, Kickboxing, and Muay Thai moves, explosive power moves and interval training. Ready to get into killer shape? It starts with one punch! Bring an exercise mat.

Dates: Tuesdays: July 10 - August 14 (6 weeks)

Time: 6:00 - 6:50 pm

Location: Preston Community Park

Ages: 16+

Fee: \$37 per person

FREE CORE DE FORCE TRY IT OUT CLASS ~ TUESDAY, JUNE 26!

...you must pre-register at www.preston-ct.org so we have an accurate head count

INSANITY LIVE

INSANITY® LIVE is the hottest cardio-conditioning workout around. Get ready to dig deep and push past your limits, completing a series of explosive, dynamic drills to get you in the best shape of your life! It's athletic, challenging, and results-driven! Bring an exercise mat.

Dates: Wednesdays: July 11 - August 15 (6 weeks)

Time: 6:00 - 6:50 pm

Location: Preston Community Park

Ages: 16+

Fee: \$37 per person

FREE INSANITY TRY IT OUT CLASS ~ WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27th!

...you must pre-register at www.preston-ct.org so we have an accurate head count

SENIOR BUS TRIP ~ 55+

NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE ~ REMEMBER ME

Travel with Preston Parks & Recreation to Newport Playhouse to see Remember Me during LOBSTERFEST. The Newport Playhouse dinner theatre is unique...enjoy a great buffet—a wonderful play and a fun-filled cabaret. Play Synopsis: Mary and Brian have been married a long time. Their children are grown and out of the house. Mary and Brian pride themselves on their ideal marriage and being best friends—and then Mary's old college boyfriend shows up (or does he??)—and Brian goes into a rage! It's about fantasy, jealousy, and when a marriage gets to be where you are just best friends! Bus will depart and return to Preston Veterans Memorial School

Dates: Monday, June 25, 2018

Time: 9:45 am

Location: Ages: 55+

Fee: \$55.00 per person

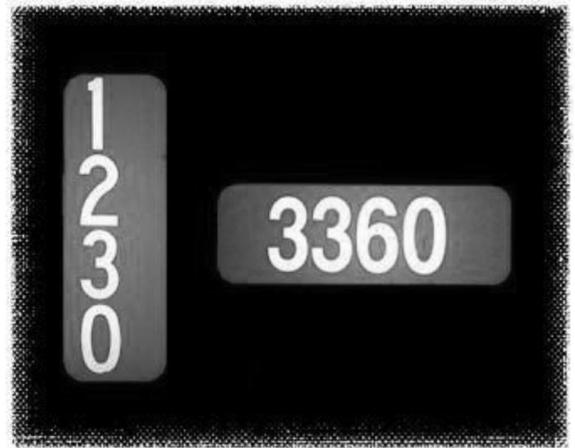
PRESTON PARKS & RECREATION

389 Route 2 • Preston, CT 06365 • 860.887.5581x113 • www.preston-ct.org • recreation@preston-ct.org

911 REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGN FUNDRAISER

During an emergency every second counts and valuable time can be saved if emergency responders (EMTs, fire fighters, police) can easily find your address. If you called 911, could emergency personnel find your home quickly??

Preston Parks & Recreation is now offering highly visible reflective address signs for **\$26.00 per sign**. The 6" x 18" aluminum signs are covered in reflective green with large white numbers. The signs can be hung horizontal or vertical on your house, mailbox post, or on another post near the street.



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!!
Order by June 1st
and save
\$5.00 per sign!!

To order your own customized sign, please complete the order form below and submit to Parks & Recreation or use our website www.preston-ct.org to place your order!!

Orders are due by July 10, 2018

Signs must be picked up at the Parks & Recreation Office. We will call when signs are ready to be picked up.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will help fund future projects at Preston Community Park

Questions?? Contact Preston Parks & Recreation (860) 887-5581 x113 or email recreation@preston-ct.org

✂ ✂ CUT HERE ✂ ✂

PRESTON PARKS & RECREATION • 911 REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGN FUNDRAISER • 2018

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ City, State & Zip Code _____

Email Address _____ Fee Enclosed _____

Address Number Requested: _____

Mounting Preference: _____ Horizontal _____ Vertical
(please check one)

**** Submit completed form and payment to: Preston Parks & Recreation • 389 Route 2 • Preston, CT 06365 ****

Preston Redevelopment Agency

By Sean Nugent & Merrill Gerber

Our efforts have continued to focus on progressing the clean up of the property, which will allow us to convey the site to the Mohegan Tribe.

Work has progressed on (a) allowing us to start the final remediation of the site and (b) abatement of the remaining buildings. Over the past nine months we have worked closely with DEEP's (Department of Energy & Environmental Protection) endangered species group and DECD's (Department of Economic and Community Development) archeological group to ensure their requirements were met. We held numerous meetings and site tours with both groups to work through their questions and requests. Once agreement was reached with both, we were able to finalize our "detailed remediation engineering plan" which describes the specific actions required to complete the remediation of the site. This engineering plan then underwent extensive reviews by our 3rd party engineering firm (formal requirement) who signed-off in February. This 3rd party approval allowed us to submit our permit applications to the Town, State, and Federal agencies. To date we have received approval from the Town's Planning & Zoning (Phase 1 application) and Inland/Wetlands commissions. We anticipate approval from DEEP on the Stormwater application in May. This, coupled with the Town approvals, will allow us to begin the actual remediation work in late May. We have also submitted two applications for work along the Thames River which requires approval from both DEEP and the Army Corp of Engineering. We have been addressing their questions and have set a site tour

date in May. Once we have their approval, we will request a final Phase 2 approval from the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission. It is important to note that the remediation could take up to 12 months to complete. We will work with our contractors to accelerate this where and when possible.

In addition, Manafort Bros. (MBI) has moved forward with the abatement work on the remaining buildings. This work slowed some due to the harsh winter we have experienced.

We hope you were able to visit the Mohegan Ceremonial Fires that were held at the site in March. The fire was held to honor those that came before us (tribal ancestors, those who once lived on the site, and those who worked at the former mental hospital). The ceremony served as a cleansing of all that has gone on before and to bring good medicine for the future use of the property. The fire was located in the field near the commuter lot and remained lit 24 hours a day for the four days. This was the third of four seasonal fires with the final one scheduled for July 5th through 8th. We encourage you to drop by and participate in this cleansing event.

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

Cleansing Fire to Burn Again in July



On July 5th, the Ceremonial Cleansing Fire will once again be lit at 10:06 a.m.

From left to right: Brian Quidgeon, Vice Chairman Council of Elders Charlie (TWO BEARS) Strickland, Tom Epps, Kevin Zig, Renee Hughes, John Robert Hughes and Matthew Hughes.

Eric Maynard is missing from this picture.

Editors note: Think about stopping by and saying hi to the Mohegans who watch and tend this fire. They are so nice and very willing to talk to you about the significance of the ceremony.

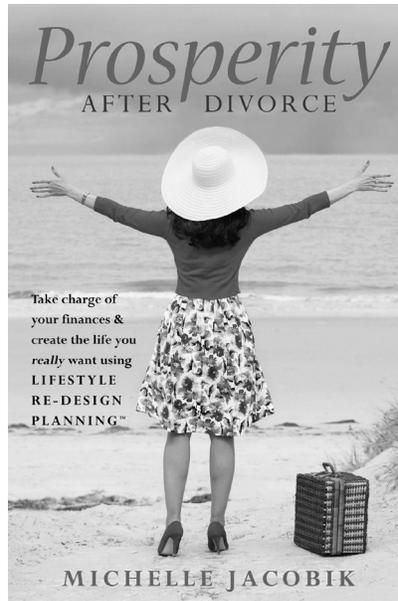
Michelle Jacobik; Preston Author and Finance Coach

Michelle Jacobik, resident of Preston CT, has published her first book: **Prosperity After Divorce: Take charge of your finances & create the life you really desire using Lifestyle Re-Design Planning (TM)**.

About the Book

When prosperity and finance coach Michelle Jacobik divorced in 2009, she went on a quest to rediscover her prosperity from the inside out. What she found was surprising: that our finances are a powerful gateway to reclaiming ourselves and finding fulfillment in all areas of our lives!

Why? Because money is linked to our deepest identifications with security, fulfillment, stability, and freedom. And when we look closely, our money



habits, fears, and desires can tell us a lot about who we are and where we want to go.

With a practical, funny, take-no-prisoners approach, Michelle weaves her own story and stories from the clients around the practical aspects of her Lifestyle Redesign Planning process to help women of all ages and means find true prosperity after divorce. Regardless of how much you have in your bank account right now, you can find real prosperity the kind that supports and nourishes you from the inside out, and lasts a lifetime.

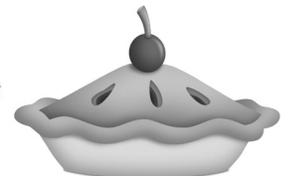
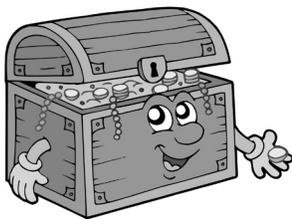
You can find her book locally at Bank Square Books, Mystic, CT & Savoy Bookshop & Cafe in Westerly, RI as well as on Amazon. It is available in both paperback & Kindle versions

St Catherine's Church Gathering Events!



Annual 5K Road Race

The race takes place at Amos Lake Beach Club
Thursday, June 14th at 7 p.m.



Trash & Treasure Yard Sale!

Fri. & Sat. June 15 and 16
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

243 • Rte. 164 • Preston, CT

We will also have our **Flower Sale and Homemade Pies** baked by the ladies of the parish. Mark your calendars and come join the fun!

TRASH & TREASURE ITEMS NEEDED!

Drop off in the church hall any day starting May 21 - June 12 from 9am to 6pm.
NO Sunday drop offs!

We can **NOT** accept: Stuffed animals, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, air conditioners, grills, car seats, VHS tapes or large TVs (only working flat screens) and only working electronics. **ONLY CLEAN ITEMS Please!!**

Questions? Call Nancy at the rectory at 860-887-9966

Bee Sure to Call the BEST Locally, Call...

Andersen Oil



Delivering:
Fuel Oil
Kerosene
On and Off-Road Diesel

Offering:
Budget Plans
Pricing Programs
Prebuys
Price Caps
Heating System
Service & Installation

It is time to
call Andersen!

860-464-7628

Licensed & Insured

www.andersenoilcompany.com

(860) 887-1998
Fax (860) 886-8091

MATTERN CONSTRUCTION INC.
GENERAL CONTRACTING / CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

GEORGE MATTERN
PRESIDENT

26M BUSHNELL HOLLOW RD.
BALTIMORE, CT 06330

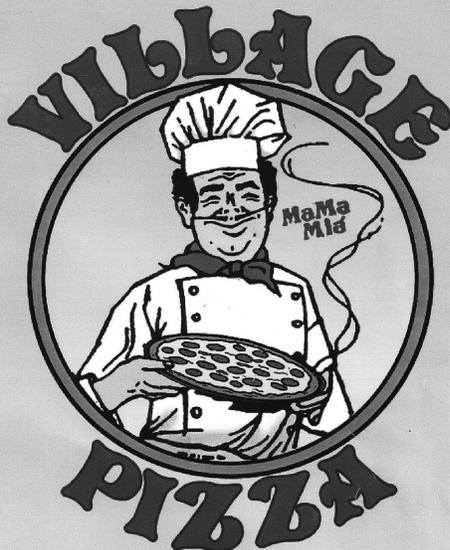
georgem@matternconstruction.com



MATTERN & STEFON
LAND SURVEYORS

SUSAN F. MATTERN, L.S.

148 ROUTE 2, PRESTON, CT 06365
PHONE 860.889.1999 • FAX 860.383.2524
WWW.MATTERNSTEFONSURVEYORS.COM
SUSAN@MATTERNSTEFONSURVEYORS.COM



GRILLE & LOUNGE

The "Upscale" Country Pizzeria & Grille

Gourmet Pizza
Calzones! Wraps! Wings!
Specialty Salads • Grinders
Pastrami!

Mama Mia!
It's Soooo Good!

Route 165 • Fleming's Center
Preston CT (860) 887-1930

AVALONIA LAND CONSERVANCY: Spring into Summer

By Margaret Gibson

The Preston Town Committee, with its new chair Bob Chapin, is springing into action to ready the trails on two beautiful Preston land trust preserves for your walking pleasure in the coming months.

We have renewed the blazes (yellow) on the trail that winds through the Greenwood and Songbird Tracts of the Mitchell Preserve. Trail head entry is down Lake of Isles Road, on the left, about half way down the road, well before you get to new housing. There's a large brown sign.

We still have work to do—clearing some of the larger trees that the storms in the fall and winter brought down, but the trails are open.

Off Krug Road on the Preston Nature Preserve, the fields and the pathways are beginning to green. We keep the paths mowed for walkers through the grass-growing season. It's beautiful land, a former farm, so there are fields, upland woodlands, and a wetland area with a trail and bridges. You can download a map by going to: avalonialandconservancy.org

NEW ACQUISITION

Known as the Tri-Town Ridgeline Forest, this high conservation-value purchase will preserve an extraordinary property and connect to an important greenway running through North Stonington, Griswold, and Preston, and beyond. The property is 409 acres, and is the largest fee purchase made in Avalonia's 50 year history. The Tri-Town Forest borders on 76 acres of Avalonia-owned land in Griswold and abuts over 600 acres of conservation easements held by the Nature Conservancy. A 213 acre section of the Pachaug Forest owned by CT DEEP is across the street from Tri-town, and the 24000 acre Pachaug Forest connects into Rhode Island's Nature Conservancy Borderlands Project.

Although the actual land area in Preston is small, we should be proud to be part of this conservation project, which focuses on connecting new with existing open space to create

large unfragmented areas of conserved land, which are key to preserving increasingly rare wildlife habitat.

The Forest protects the headwaters of Miller Brook and Broad Brook, which flows into the Quinebaugh, Shetucket, and Thames Rivers. Over 10 miles of broad, historic stone-walled trails head west, north, and east through scenic mountains and valleys. The diverse topography, spectacular 100-foot cliffs and rocky outcrops, historic colonial farm ruins, numerous cairns, and other unique stone structures all make for terrific hiking and other passive recreational activities.



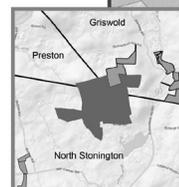
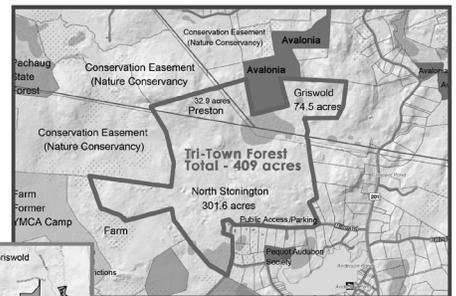
New Acquisition: TRI-TOWN RIDGELINE FOREST

A 409-Acre Cornerstone of Conservation and Cultural and Historical Heritage

Known as the Tri-Town Ridgeline Forest, this high conservation-value purchase will preserve an extraordinary property that connects to an important greenway running through North Stonington, Griswold, Preston and beyond.

On March 20th, Avalonia closed on one of its most exciting acquisitions in many years. The Tri-Town Ridgeline Forest, a 409-acre property straddling Griswold, North Stonington and Preston, is the largest fee purchase made in Avalonia's 50-year history, bringing Avalonia's total preserved acreage to exactly 4,000.

The Tri-Town Forest borders on 76 acres of Avalonia-owned open space in Griswold and abuts over 800 acres of conservation easements held by The Nature Conservancy. A 213-acre section of the Pachaug Forest



owned by Connecticut DEEP is across the street from Tri-Town, and the 24,000-acre Pachaug Forest connects into Rhode Island's Nature Conservancy Borderlands Project.

The Forest protects the headwaters of Miller Brook and Broad Brook (the latter stocked regularly by CT DEEP with brook trout and brown trout) which flow

www.avalonialandconservancy.org



The accreditation seal was awarded to Avalonia Land Conservancy for meeting the highest national standards for excellence and conservation permanence.



LoPresti's Farm

Hanging Baskets • Perennials
All kinds of early vegetable plants
Cabbage • Lettuce • More!
Our own tomatoes first week in June!
Open 9 to 6 • Rte. 164 • Preston CT

Preston City Congregational Church

Reverend Stanley E. White, Minister



*Where
Friends
Become
Family*

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

321 Route 164 • Preston, CT
860.887.4647 or 860.886.7200

Join Us This Sunday!

Summer Worship Schedule:
May 27 – September 2, 9:00 am

Yard Sale: May 19, 8-2 pm
(Rain date: May 26)

Chicken BBQ June 23
call the church office for time
and ticket reservations

Vacation Bible School:
July 9-13, 9 -11:30 am
\$12 per child, \$30 per family
Age 4 (by August 1st)
through Grade 7.
Call the church office to register

News From The Preston City Congregational Church Two Can Food Pantry



The Toucan Food Pantry wishes to thank the many donors who continue to supply us with much needed items for the families we serve. Our church family, along with the parishioners of St James in Poquetanuck and St Catherine's continue to provide items each month. Below is a photo of Nancy Mignault from St Catherine's, delivering the usual monthly donations from that church.

Just a reminder...as you leave to go to church each Sunday, grab a can or two from your kitchen shelves to leave at your place of worship for the needy families who come to the Toucan Food Pantry...your donations are always greatly appreciated.



**THANK YOU to
everyone who donates!
There are boxes at the
library, Jewett City Savings
Bank and town hall too!
It is so greatly appreciated
by those who visit the
food pantry.**

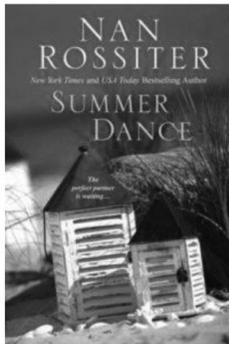
Town of Preston Part Time "Recording Secretary" Needed

Preston Town Hall seeks a Recording Secretary for the Board of Finance. They meet every 3rd Wednesday at 7 PM. Pay is \$85 for up to 2 hours of attending the meeting (plus \$20 per additional half hour should the meeting exceed 2 hours). Recording Secretary is responsible for translating the Minutes.

On occasion and moving forward, there may be opportunity for this person to pick up other recording hours if they are interested. Recorder equipment is provided by Town.

Direct experience is not required.
If interested, for input contact Nancy at
Town of Preston: 860-887-5581, ext. 101 or
nmusa@preston-ct.org

Please come join The Friends on The Connecticut Authors Trail (starting in July 2018), as we welcome author Nan Rossiter and her new book "Summer Dance", at the Preston Library on Thursday, August 16th at 6:30pm.



Summer Dance, New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Nan Rossiter brings together characters from her acclaimed novel Nantucket in a powerful, heartwarming love story that bridges past and present. When Liam Tate was seven years old, his uncle Cooper opened his heart and his Nantucket home to him. In the intervening decades, Liam has found both love and loss on the island, and since learning of his son Levi's existence, a new kind of happiness. Yet one piece of his family history remains elusive—the long-ago romance between his uncle and Sally Adams. Now Sally has a revelation that sets the whole town abuzz . . .

Nan Rossiter grew up in Pelham, New York. Some of her earliest memories include riding a green stingray bike—complete with banana seat and sissy bar—to the Pelham Library which, at the time, was a tiny, cave-like space tucked beneath Hutchinson Elementary School. It was from the shelves of this library that Nan first discovered the magic of books. Some of her favorite characters included Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle, Pippi-Longstocking, Laura Ingalls, The Scarlet Pimpernel, and Harriet the Spy.

When she was in middle school, Nan moved with her parents to Barkhamsted, Connecticut. She graduated from Rhode Island School of Design, and after freelancing for several years, began writing and illustrating children's books, including RUGBY & ROSIE, winner of Nebraska's Golden Sower Award, and most recently, THE FO'C'SLE: Henry Beston's Outermost House.

Nan lives in rural Connecticut with her husband, two handsome sons, and a noble black Lab named Finn, who takes her for long walks every day, no matter what the weather !

Preston City Congregational Church • 321 Route 164, Preston, CT



Save the Date.
Scarecrow Festival 2018
Saturday, September 22nd, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

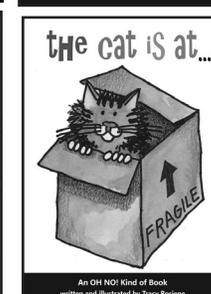
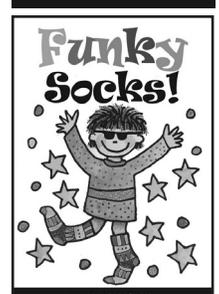
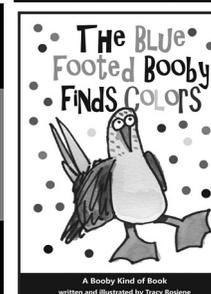
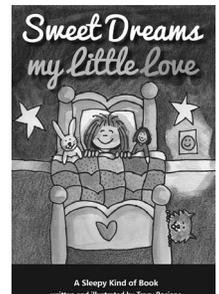
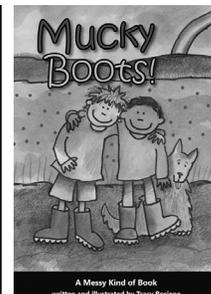
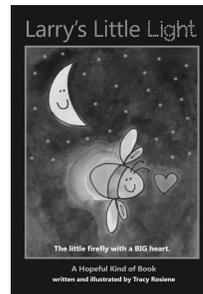
Something for Everyone ...

FREE admission

- Vendors & Crafters – Accepting Registrations Now
- Business Owners – Do you conduct business in or nearby Preston?
 - Opportunity for Very Discounted Radio Advertising on: 97.7 WCTY, 100.9 K-HITS, 1310 WICH and 98.7 WNLC
 - FREE Promotion for your business by entering a Scarecrow on "Main Street!" Register in advance and get your company name broadcast LIVE on WCTY & K-HITS the day of Festival!
- Scarecrows – the Heart of our Festival! Groups, Individuals, Family & Friends – Plan to Enter the Scarecrow Contest! Win cash prizes!!!
- Chicken Barbecue, Pumpkin Patch Children's Area, Crow's Nest, Animals, Games ... and so, so much more! All the fun & good food you've come to expect!

Mark Your Calendar Now!!

FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS VISIT
 WWW.PRESTONCITYCONGREGATIONAL.ORG/SCARECROW-FESTIVAL/
 860-887-4647 OR EMAIL SCARECROWFESTIVAL2018@GMAIL.COM



Books written and illustrated by Tracy Rosiene. Now Available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble and other sites.

Win a \$25 Gift Certificate to Village Pizza!

What is your favorite summer activity?

Email your answer to: tracylyndesigns@comcast.net
or mail to:
Tracy Lyn Designs, 211 Rte. 164 Preston, CT 06365

Lu-Macs

LOTTO!
Open Sundays 10-5
PACKAGE STORE 352 Rt 2 • Preston, CT

Warehouse Priced Wine, Beer and Liquors

**Vodkas • Scotches • Gins • Beers
Whiskeys • Wines Buy Local!**

CLASSIC MIMOSA
2 oz. orange juice
4 oz. champagne
Optional
1 tsp. Grand Marnier

Fill champagne flute
1/3 full of fresh orange juice. Top up with champagne.
Add the teaspoon of Grand Marnier.

FLEMING'S FEED

Open 7 Days • We're LOCAL!

353 Route 165, Preston CT 860-889-7536 | 786 Route 1, Stonington, CT 860-535-3181



We Deliver

Top Soil \$40/yd. • Compost \$55/yd.

Mulch (Brown or Black) \$39/yd

Mulch (Red) \$45/yd

Stone (3/4", 3/8") \$45/yd • Sand \$45/yd

BULK EARTH PRODUCTS

Bagged Mulch

Big 3 cu. ft. bags!



We Deliver

	5 or more	
Natural Cedar	\$3 ⁹⁹ ea.	\$4 ⁹⁹ ea.
Cedar Chips	\$5 ⁴⁹ ea.	\$6 ⁴⁹ ea.
Brown, Black, or Red Colored Cedar	\$5 ⁴⁹ ea.	\$6 ⁴⁹ ea.
Hemlock	\$7 ⁴⁹ ea.	\$7 ⁹⁹ ea.
Cypress	\$7 ⁴⁹ ea.	\$7 ⁹⁹ ea.
Pine Mulch, Nuggets, or Mini-Nuggets	\$7 ⁴⁹ ea.	\$7 ⁹⁹ ea.
Playground Mulch 2 Cu. Ft.	\$5 ⁴⁹ ea.	\$6 ⁴⁹ ea.
Cocoa 2 Cu. Ft.	\$6 ⁴⁹ ea.	\$6 ⁹⁹ ea.

FREE IN-TOWN DELIVERY

When you spend \$150+ on bulk mulches and soils

Coupon. Exp. 6/3/18

Amish-Made Wooden Folding Adirondack Chairs \$99 each

When you buy 2 more more!

(Reg. \$119 each)

Coupon. Exp. 6/3/18



Propane

20lb Refill

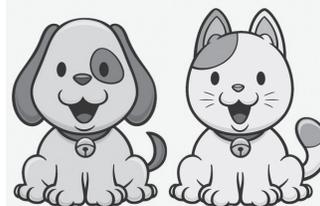
\$9.99

New 20lb

Tank with fill

\$39.99

Coupon. Exp. 6/3/18



RABIES CLINIC

Sat. June 2

10am-12noon

\$15 each