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A Newsletter for Lisbon Residents



Summer 2019

## Lisbon Farmers' Market - Opening Day June 27, 3:30 - 6:30 PM

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### LISBON SENIOR CENTER

### Trips

June 27 – Wrights Chicken Farm

July 2 – Theatre by the Sea – "Singin in the Rain" and lunch at Bistro by the Sea

July 12 – Rhode Island Bay Cruise and lunch at Gregg's Restaurant

July 23 – Log Cabin – Lunch and Motown Show

August 6 – Log Cabin – Lunch and Elton John Show

**August 7** – Essex Steam Train & River Boat Pirate Adventure

August 12 – Newport Playhouse – Lobsterfest buffet and "Funny Money" Show

June 21 - Summer Breakfast

July 9 – Luau with "Airborne Jazz Trio"

**August 21**– Picnic with Mr. Magic"

June 25 – Red Cross Blood Drive 11-4

### **TOWN CLERK'S CORNER**

# June is Dog License Renewal Month!!!

As a resident of Connecticut, the law requires you to license your dog yearly in the Town Clerk's office of the Town in which you reside, beginning as soon as the dog has reached the age of 6 months. Newly obtained dogs must be licensed within 30 days of new ownership.

In order to license a dog, proof of a current rabies vaccination with expiration date is required and, if applicable, proof of the dog being spayed or neutered. The fee to register a dog is \$8.00 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$19.00 for an unaltered dog.

Dog licenses expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Therefore, license renewals occur yearly in the month of June. If a dog is not registered in a timely fashion, there is a statutory fee of \$1.00 per month assessed beginning in July.

If you have any questions about registering your dog, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-376-2708.

### From the Assessor's Office: Renter's Rebate and Additional Veteran Tax Relief

Angel Johnstone, Assessor 860-376-5115

Renters with one year of CT residency who are over 65 or totally disabled and meet income guidelines may qualify for rent relief. The program opens on May 15<sup>th</sup> and closes on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Assessor's office for current qualifying income limits and paperwork needed to file.

To qualify for the Additional Veterans program, dishonorably discharged veterans must be over 65 or totally disabled and have a qualifying income equal to or less than \$43,900 for married couples or \$36,000 for individuals. The program opens on February 1st and closes on October 1st each year and requires documentation of your income eligibility including tax returns, social security statements and other statements of all income sources every two years. (Continued page 2)

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#### **Motor Vehicle Taxes**

In late June, tax bills are mailed out and typically Lisbon residents have many questions regarding motor vehicles bills. Here are some general facts about MV tax bills:

- since we share a zip code, new registrations are often coded to Griswold in error. Although the towns work diligently to trade information for billing, DMV must correct this on your registration to receive your bill from Lisbon promptly in future years.
- You are required to notify DMV of your new address within 48 hours of a move however, you typically pay MV taxes to the town you live in as of 10/1 each year unless the vehicle is stored elsewhere (i.e. Motor homes at a campground).
- If a vehicle was registered on October 1<sup>st</sup> of 2018, a bill will be generated due in July 2019 – a full 9 months later!
- Vehicles registered AFTER 10/1/18 will be billed for a partial year in January 2020. Yes, this means some bills are created well over a year later!
- The tax assessor DOES NOT get notified by DMV if you cancel a registration or dispose of a car. Therefore, July

- assessments/bills are calculated for a full year of ownership (October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019).
- Motor vehicle assessments may be prorated to the last month of ownership with proof of vehicle disposal and proof of plate cancellation submitted to the Assessor. Bring in your documents promptly after selling, trading or junking a vehicle so you don't overpay!
- Mileage and condition adjustment requests must be presented to the Board of Assessment Appeals in September for vehicles billed in July.
- Any unregistered, expired registration, junk, or under repair cars that you own are STILL taxable as personal property until proof of disposal is provided to the assessor.



# Market News Amanda Moreno, Market Manager

The Lisbon Farmers' Market has an exciting season for market goers this year, kicking off with Opening Day on June 27! Many new vendors will be joining us, as well as our

favorite vendors from past seasons. Included in our line-up are:

# Produce, Meat, Dairy & Baked Goods:

Grants Berry Patch - vegetables, corn, berries
Johnny B Good Garlic - garlic, garlic powder, cut flowers
BZB Farm - beef, veal, chicken, lamb, goat, turkey, eggs, sheepskin rugs, maple syrup
Swampy Acres Farm - beef, poultry, pork, locally bottled sodas

Dovehill Farm - fruit, vegetables, herbs, cut flowers, seedlings, freerange chicken & duck eggs, wood crafts, artisan soaps, fabric crafts Blueberry Hill Organic Farm - USDA Certified organic berries, melons, greens, micro greens, vegetables, chicken eggs 18th Century Purity Farms - sustainably produced fruits & vegetables
Country Comforts Cooking -

breads, muffins, pastries & pies
Standish Brook Farm - Plants,
vegetables & baked goods
Grand Slam Garden - Microgreens
Meadowstone Farm Artesian
Cheeses - goat cheese

### **Crafters & Specialty Vendors:**

AAA Driving School
April's Balloon Creations
Freak of Nature Soap
Mika Skin Care Soap
Elaine n the Sun Handcrafts
Life Expressions Signs For His Glory Signs
My Mac Bag - rope bags
Jacqui's Art Studio - art class
information and painting demos
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# Non-Profit & Community Vendors:

Lisbon Volunteer Fire
Department
Slater Library
St. Mary's Food Pantry
CT Draft Horse Rescue
Boy Scouts of America
Girl Scouts of America
USDA Farm Service Agency
Friends of Pachaug Forest

The Lisbon Farmers' Market is a Town initiated market operated by the Farmers' Market Committee. It is open on Thursdays. From 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM at Lisbon Meadows Park, by the "barn". The 2019 market season begins on June 27 and ends on September 19. More information about the market can be found on our website

www.lisbonfarmersmarket.com, or by visiting our Facebook page @lisbonfarmersmarket



The Lisbon Farmers' Market will have numerous local and regional farmers offering fresh vegetables, fruits, baked goods, meats and dairy products this season. Severe Weather Closings will be announced on our Facebook page.

### Eversource to Conduct Transmission Work in Town Kevin Witkos, Eversource

As part of our everyday effort to deliver reliable energy to our customers and communities, Eversource and our approved contractors will be conducting various activities associated with transmission line maintenance in Lisbon throughout the remainder of this year. Work is expected to take place between the Canterbury town border off Pleasant View Cove Road, the Riverview Drive Substation, and the Preston town border near River Road. Maintaining infrastructure is one of the many ways Eversource supports the safe and secure transmission of electricity throughout the region. The scopes of work may include inspections of existing transmission structures both by foot and utilizing drone patrols, as well as the replacement of some existing wood structures with new weathered steel structures. Please note that these work activities will not interrupt electric service to homes or businesses.

For larger undertakings including structure replacement projects, we will follow-up with more detailed project schedules and locations, and also ensure that nearby property owners are being provided with a 1-800 number, an email address, and that our project team performs door-to-door outreach ahead of construction. General work hours will be Monday through Sunday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

As part of our ongoing efforts, we may also be speaking with property owners in your community about topics such as securing off-rightof-way access, and if anyone calls with questions about any Eversource transmission work to please let us know and we will follow up promptly.

### Lisbon Historical Society -Colonial Wills, Bequests, Gifts, and Legacies

Marcia Shafer, Town Historian

Wills and such in Colonial Times were documented much differently than today. Courts appointed trustworthy men to document the earthly goods of the newly departed. The wills and inventories give us a picture of what people owned and the value of each item. They documented lands and gifts, their farm animals, the tools of their trade, and all the household goods including the furniture, linens and sheets, and their clothing to their children and family members.

The will instructed his executors to collect and pay his debts, funeral expenses, what should be given to his widow or how the children should support her.

Women in those days had no voice and had to settle for whatever their husband dictated.

In the 1600's wills were written creatively and not formal-more so what the dying person said on their deathbed. In the 1700's every possession and debt had to be listed - crops in fields, slaves, stored harvest crops, acreage, goods, property, and every piece of furniture clothing, tools, lumber or anything on their property.

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In the 1800's they designated who would get their lands or goods with instructions or stipulations for their wife, children and sometimes their siblings who had not married. They designated who got what items of their property and goods, some were simple wills and others were complex with obligations to be met before the property was settled or they met the criteria of the will.

Ethical wills have bequests of values as well as valuables. This will might have stories of the deceased's life. Personal information to share with loved ones. Others may make a bequest to a charity, church, or to annual religious services.



The Historic Bishop House on South Burnham Highway -Photo by Cheryl Blanchard

Some bequeath money or possessions to schools, churches, museums, colleges, charities or to their slaves or servants. They may have passed slaves and servants on to other family members, or may have given them their freedom. Others directed the sales of specific items with the profits

to discharge their debts or to be given to a specific family member.

Some wills had stipulations about property being left to a person but if that person didn't fulfill the stipulation, then the property, money or such went to another person or benefitted an organization or agency. This was usually if an immediate family member didn't fulfill a parent's wish, another child got the property upon their marriage or birth of a child.

Benjamin Burnham, who originally purchased the land which became the tavern and inn on the stagecoach road from Norwich to Woodstock, had a will which listed the possessions of the household as well as all his tools of his trade for furniture, but especially the building of chairs and his cache of lumber and spindles for the chairs. This was done in the year 1723.

# **Burnham Tavern Trails**Joe Lewerk, Chairman, LTC

The trees are filling out and the streams are gently flowing so what better time to enjoy a walk on the Burnham Tavern Trails? Trailheads are located across from Strawberry Fields' Sergeants Way entrance and at 62 Kimball Road. With all the rain there are some wet areas so mind your footing and wear waterproof shoes. Check out the site of the butterfly garden on Puppy Hill Lane (Blue Trail) and keep coming back to track the growth of the milkweed that will nourish future winged residents. Members of the Lisbon Trail Committee continue to maintain the trails and look forward to making further

improvements as time and resources permit. Report any maintenance problems or issues of concern on the trails to the town hall. Trail map may be found on the Town website:

www.lisbonct.com/trail\_commit tee.php

## Cub Scouts Pack 73

Denise Howard

Pack 73 Cub Scouts welcomes you to join them at a meeting or stop by and visit us at the Lisbon Farmer's Market. Summer vacation is just around the corner, but we are still active during the summer months! Boys and girls can join Cub Scouts at age 5. Financial assistance is available.

Here are just a few of our

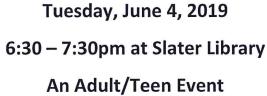
adventures over the summer:

May 27 - Marching in Memorial Day Parade, Jewett City June 1st - Pack 73 Picnic Day -Harkness Memorial Park June 7-9th - Family Campout & Rank Advancement Ceremony with Troop 73 June 18th - Lisbon Farmer's Market "Touch a Truck" June 25th - Lisbon Farmer's Market "Military Appreciation Day" JUN 29 - CT Tigers Scout Night / Sleepover @ Dodd Stadium JUL 22-26 - Cub Scout Day Camp July - Other hiking activities! August 15th - Lisbon Farmer's Market "Back to School Blitz" August 29th - Lisbon Farmer's Market "Scouting"

Contact us to learn more! Lisboncubscouts73@gmail.com; Facebook: @lisboncubscout73

# Connecticut Rock 'N' Roll: A History

The Nutmeg states role in rock!





Join us in welcoming author Tony Renzoni as he shares his research on the history of Rock 'n' Roll in the state of Connecticut. Learn about the role our state played in making some of the greatest names in music into stars on stage. From New Haven's Five Satins to Saturday Night Live Band's Christine Ohlman and legends like Jimi Hendrix and Bob Dylan. Tony shares his knowledge through video and his book. Please join us for this presentation and book signing event.

Please reserve a seat for this program

Ages 13 & up.



Visit Slater Library at 26 Main St. in Jewett City or call 860 376 0024

Tuesday Topics have been funded this year by Eastern CT Savings Bank and "Friends of Slater Library"



Summer Reading @ Slater Library 2019 Sign up for our Summer Reading Challenge beginning June 17th!

### Padawan Training with Saber Guild Temple Kessel

Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, two sessions @ 11 am and noon for ages 6 – 10, sign up required. Younglings learn about the ways of the Force and how to wield a lightsaber from real Jedi Masters! At the conclusion of the program, participants are given the rank of "Padawan" along with a certificate of completion. Space is limited; sign up begins June 17th.

### A Universe of MAGIC w/ Mr. Magic, Rich Rothstein

Monday, July 8th @ 4:30 pm. Join us as we welcome back Attorney Rich Rothstein, a.k.a. Mr. Magic! He will treat us to magical feats highlighting our summer theme, "A Universe of Stories." Drop-in: no registration required. For all ages.

### Celestial Creatures with Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center

Monday, July 29th @ 3:00 pm. Learn about the star groups called "constellations" and meet some the animals they are named after. Ages 6-10, sign-ups appreciated as space is limited.

# Universe of Stories presented by 4-H OF NEW LONDON COUNTY



Join these engaging programs on a different space-related topic each week! This is where science, fun stories, and activities meet! Mondays @ 1 pm. For ages 8 and up; please register for each week individually starting 6/17.

### **Activities include:**

**6/27 Rockets to the Rescue**: Using an air-propulsion rocket, we will try to bring supplies to travelers stranded on Mars!

**7/1 By the Light of the Sun:** Try activities and that uncover the secrets of uv light.

**7/22 Osmo in Outer Space**: Try Osmo, a fun app activity using iPads.

7/29 Flinking Satellites and an Oreo Moon: No, that's not a typo! Learn what flinking means with a fun experiment involving a make-your-own satellite.

**8/5 Orange Twiglets from Mars:** Name your own interstellar foods! (And eat them, too!) **8/12 Meteoric Ozobots:** Make your own craters and then program tiny Ozobots to find their way around meteors.

### Weekly Drop-in Classes:

Music and Movement with Melissa Lennon, for ages 2-5, Tuesdays @ 11:30 am on the following dates: 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 8/6, 8/13. No sign-up required.

Wee Play! An open playgroup for ages 0-5 and caregivers (siblings welcome), meets Wednesday mornings @ 10:30 am. Stop in and make a craft, play with the toys and make new friends! Please enter through our side entrance as we meet before the library is open.

A Universe of LEGO's - Wednesdays all day! Build something new and out of this world every week to display at the library ©

### Weekly Drop-in Crafts during library hours:

Week of:

June 24th: Straw Rockets

July 1st: Salt Paint Fireworks

July 8<sup>th</sup>: Marshmallow Constellation
July 15<sup>th</sup>: Constellation Starfinder
July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Coffee Filter Planet
July 29<sup>th</sup>: Constellation Luminary

Craft-tastic Tuesdays! @ 2 pm for ages 6 and up; drop-in while supplies last@

June 25th: Space Painting

July 2<sup>nd</sup>: Nebula Jars July 9<sup>th</sup>: Moon Rocks

July 16th: Gummy Greenhouse Gases

July 23<sup>rd</sup>: Planet Magnet July 30<sup>th</sup>: Astronaut Pudding

August 6th: Paint a Constellation Rock

### **Summer Reading Challenge 2019:**

Participating is easy: Children visit the library between June 17<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup>. When you visit:

Bring your Summer Reading Challenge card (one card per patron/per summer).

Have it stamped and dated by a librarian.

Add a star sticker to our "Solar System Wall."

Each visit: Raffle Ticket for a bigger prize!

Every three visits: Choose a free book!

A special gift for all who complete 20 visits!

Raffles for gift cards will be drawn at the conclusion of the program.



# **LISBON**



SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

19 SOUTH BURNHAM HIGHWAY (RTE. 169), LISBON, CT SEPTEMBER 27: 4:30 - 7:00 PM; SEPTEMBER 28: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

OUR LITTLE TOWN HAS A LOT TO OFFER!!

NEW! Costume Contest. Also, Dance Demonstrations, Art Exhibit, Paint Party, Music, Touch A Truck, Games and More! Many Crafters and Vendors!

Step back in time at the Bishop House with demonstrations and open-hearth cooking!

NEW This year! Experience "pen turning" and create your own pen from wood at the Lisbon Senior Center!

NEW! View beautiful hand-made quilts at the Senior Center quilt show!

Friday: Our famous chowder and fritters 4:30 - 7:00 PM Saturday: Vendors and Crafters! Games! Entertainment!

Road Race at 10:00 AM!

Food served 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Pancake Breakfast at Newent Congregational Church Starting at 7:30 AM
Chicken Barbecue at the Lisbon Fire House on Sat. evening (purchase advance tickets)

lisbonfallfestival.org

Facebook: http://bit.ly/LFF2019

QUESTIONS? lisbonfallfestival@gmail.com



