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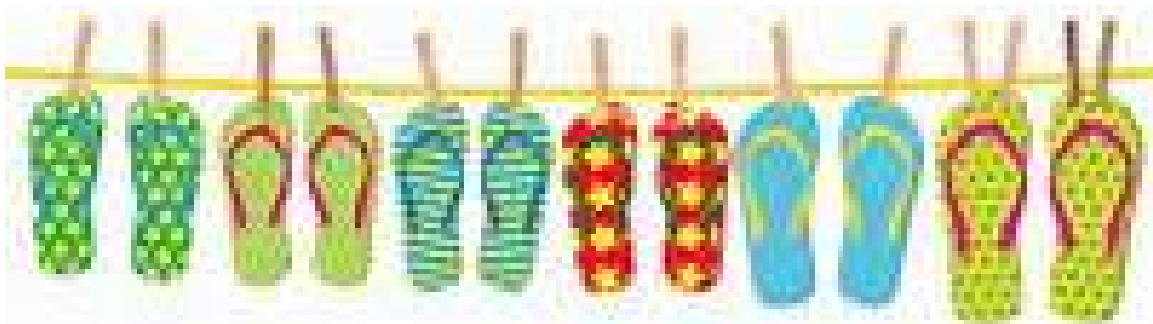
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When Shirley Osle retired, after decades working for the Town of Plainville as our assistant Town Manager, she looked forward to relaxing with her children, traveling and just enjoying the quiet life with friends. The stress of having to confront hostile people and situations she had to face daily would be gone, or so she thought. A few days ago, after Shirley came home from a shopping trip she pulled into her garage, parked her car and carried in her purchases. As she went about putting her things away she heard a loud crash in her garage. As she opened the door to the garage she came face to face with two full grown bears.

She quickly shut the door and luckily a neighbor had seen not just two bears but five in Shirley’s yard. The quick thinking woman got in her car and pulled into Shirley’s driveway, honking the horn until the bears decided to move on down the road.

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38 Pinnacle Rd: Carolyn P. Buden of Plainville to Helen Santana, \$216,133 on 4/5/2023

2 Linden St: Laura Damico of Plainville to Lorenzo Fjr LLC, \$375,000 on 4/6/2023

240 East St: 240 East St Offices LLC of Plainville to 240 East Street LLC \$540,000 on 4/5/2023

N/A: Norton Corinne G Est and William S. Norton of Plainville to Tilcon Connecticut Inc, \$12,500 on 4/5/2023

9 Laurel St: Stephen J. and Beth A. Kalisz of Plainville to Marcin Hak and Anna Korkus, \$135,000 on 4/10/2023

304 Cooke St: Lily Jiang of Plainville to Jakub Marynowski, \$325,000 on 4/10/2023

79 N. Washington St: Dallas and Jennie R. Martel of Plainville to Miriam M. Juarez, \$185,000 on 4/10/2023

39 Farmington Ave Unit D3: Rick A.Gagnon of Plainville to Adriana Damico, \$168,000 on 4/10/2023

135 New Britain Ave Unit 10: Daniel Teixeira of Plainville to Marci Kmita, \$252,000 on 4/12/2023

24 Elizabeth Ct Unit 5: Nancy A. Peshka and Jacqueline S. Mccreesh of Plainville to Megan A. Mccreesh, \$118,000 on 4/17/2023

4 Rosemont Dr: Sean B. Gunning of Plainville to Samantha L. Goodson, \$215,000 4/24/2023

5 Meriline Ave: Carolyn Ticino of Plainville to Tyler J. Chasse, \$252,000 on 4/25/2023
98 Cooke St: Lunden Properties LLC of Plainville to Ernesto Arriola, \$305,000 on 4/25/2023

13 School St: Carol A. Saluk of Plainville to Cynthia Rosado, \$292,000 on 4/26/2023

62 Forestville Ave: Mikael Poeshi of Plainville to Brendan M. Quiltor, \$313,000 on 4/27/2023

149 Willow Brook Dr Unit 35: Newport Willow Brk Partne of Plainville to Diane B. and James F. Stinchon \$432,716 on 4/28/2023

31 Macarthur Rd: Jonathan S. Hernandez of Plainville to Sierra Gallagi, \$265,000 on 4/28/2023

218 East St: Scott Benoit of Plainville to Remzi and Sadet Hoxha, \$280,000 on 5/1/2023

161 Willow Brook Dr Unit 37: Newport Wilow Brk Patr of Plainville to Mark D. Moskowitz, \$471,442 on 5/3/2023

145 Willow Brook Dr Unit 34: Newport Willow Brk Patr of Plainville to Belinda B. and Michael A. Baruffi, \$457,550 on 5/1/2023

7 Bradley St Unit 20: Zavaski Children T and Heather L. Terry of Plainville to

Gurmit S. and Amrit K. Batra,\$382,500 on 5/3/2023

9 Betsey Rd: Antolnetta Power of Plainville to Rachel Grenier, \$189,900 on 5/3/2023

42 Betsey Rd: Sandra J. Crowell of Plainville to Kristine and Arthur Mitchell, \$290,000 on 5/4/2023

177 Tomlinson Ave Unit 9: Richard E. Dulac of Plainville to Michael and Heidi Dulac, \$235,000 on 5/2/2023

130 Williams St Unit 1A: Oak Land Developers LLC of Plainville to Carolyn Ticino, \$289,000 on 5/12/2023

124 Willow Brook Dr Unit 31: Newport Willow Brk Partne of Plainville to Cynthia R. and Gary F. Brasile, \$500,245 on 5/9/2023

77 Bohemia St: James E. Demay of Plainville to Resmi Memeti, \$239,900 on 5/10/2023

39 Cottage St: William J. Hall of Plainville to Freedom Property LLC, \$225,000 on 5/10/2023

228 W. Main St: Daniel J. Militar of Plainville to Zachary Harmon, \$230,000 on 5/8/2023

67 Oakwood Cir Unit 67: Trumbull Homes LLC of Plainville to Timothy W. and Diane B. Ragali, \$445,695 on 5/8/2023

1 Town Line Rd Unit 4: New England Svc Co of Plainville to One Townline Ave LLC \$127,500 on 5/11/2023

184 W. Main St: Connor Odwyer and Abby Ozburn of Plainville to Robert H. Cohen T. and Robert B. Levine, \$290,000 on 5/10/2023

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# MICHAEL PAULHUS, TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT TO TOWN COUNCIL MAY 1, 2023 & MAY 15, 2023



## Town Council Meeting May 1, 2023 Town Manager Report

### Middle School of Plainville Update

- At the previous Town Council meeting, the members discussed holding a work session to explore the development of an RFP for an outside consultant to look at a third option for the closure of MSP and/or consolidation.
- The question on the authority to close a school was also raised and whether it is a BOE decision or Town Council decision.
- The BOE Superintendent sought a legal opinion from their counsel (Tom Mooney) and found he has a conflict with the town. In order to proceed in getting a legal opinion from Attorney Mooney, the BOE needs a waiver from the Town Council.
- Since the legal question on which body has the authority to close a school remains open, it was felt that drafting or discussing an RFP may be a moot point if the authority rests with the BOE.
- There is an item under New Business to waive the conflict and allow Attorney Mooney to write an opinion.

### TNP/Farming Canal Heritage Trail Update

- At the last meeting, I spoke about the second area of modification involving Tomasso Nature Park. Specifically, the impact of having the trail run inside the park fence, using the existing pedestrian bridges and established path.
- Design concepts for the separation between the FCHT and TNP are being laid out with proposals around access points to the park, fencing and landscaping. Certain types of fencing would not be allowed because it would restrict the movement of wildlife, (Regulatory Issue), thus, a split rail fence and landscaping are likely.
- Specific attention is focused on the impact the trail will have on the turtle breeding habitats or turtle beds. In working with Mark DeVoe and Art Marino, we believe we have come up with a reasonable solution to lower the impact on the turtles' breeding habits.
- As part of the effort to reduce the impact on the turtles, the Town will prepare and submit an application for the Inland/Wetlands and Watercourse Commission to request a ruling on establishing two new turtle beds within TNP as a permitted and nonregulated use.
- The two proposed beds will be in areas off the path in flat locations, which will not be highly vulnerable to erosion and will offer much better access for breeding purposes. They are ringed with low vegetation that the turtles can traverse that also provide a buffer between the water's edge and the nesting areas.
- A work session on the North/South alignment is recommended for the Town Council for the May 15, 2023, meeting in order to review the timeline and status of all three phases of the FCHT.

### Robertson Airport Projects Update

- The Aviation Commission has been working on three important capital projects: AWOS/PAPI/Segmented Circle & Wind Cone installation, Fencing Project, and Small Roof Replacement for the Administration office.
- The Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) is a system that collects and reports data about airport weather conditions automatically, continuously and in real-time.
- The Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) project is a set of lights positioned beside a runway which provide pilots with a visual

indicator of their aircraft's position relative to the correct glidepath for the runway.

- The segmented circle and wind cone are visual indicators that provide traffic pattern information to pilots at airports without a control tower. All of these components are expected to be completed by the end of June.
- The fence project will replace the existing perimeter fence line facing out away from the runway towards Johnson Avenue. The fence bid was opened on Wednesday, April 26th, and the project will likely start in the fall pending FAA review.
- The roof replacement project is waiting for materials to be delivered and should be completed by July, if not sooner.
- The living tribute for Bill O'Leary and the new fire pit on the pation should be ready for early Summer.

### Honor Heights Sewer Extension Project Bid

- At the last meeting, I mentioned the drafting of a "Preliminary Assessment" to file on the Plainville Land Records stating that a \$10,000 preliminary sanitary sewer assessment is pending for the (80) properties affected by the Honor Heights Sewer Extension Project. That language is being reviewed by the Town Attorney's office.
- The Town Attorney's office is also assisting in reviewing the draft easement agreements which involve three properties.
- The Town Engineer has drafted a letter to notify homeowners that the staking of lateral lines will begin on or around May 4, 2023.
- The construction is estimated to begin in June 2023.

### Camp Street Development Project Update

- A developer is proposing 74 senior citizen apartments in Bristol with property access and traffic entering and exiting via Camp Street in Plainville near Overlook Drive. The public has an opportunity to share concerns about traffic and ask questions at the Bristol Zoning Commission in the Bristol Board of Education Auditorium, 129 Church Street, on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.
- In order to inform the public, Andy has created and posted pertinent information to the Town's Facebook page with links to the Hartford Courant article and to the site plan.
- I have also scheduled a meeting with the attorney representing the developer to discuss the project and raise the town's concern for traffic entering

## Happenings

Reported at the Town Council Meeting  
on May 1, 2023

*Andy Cirioli, Assistant Town Manager*

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Plainville residents can participate in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection at the Town of Berlin's Residential Recycling Center located at 642 Christian Lane, Berlin, CT on Friday, May 19, 2023 from 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Proof of residency is required.

A list of acceptable items is available on the Town of Plainville website at [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com).

### FIRE COMPANY – HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL

The Plainville Fire Company is still encouraging people to sign up to volunteer at the Balloon Festival scheduled for the evening of Friday, August 25, 2023 and all day on Saturday, August 26, 2023. For more information and a list to sign up, visit [www.plainvillefireco.com/](http://www.plainvillefireco.com/).

### PUBLIC LIBRARY

For information on Library programs, including registration, call the Plainville Public Library at 860-793-1446 or visit [www.plainvillect.com/library](http://www.plainvillect.com/library).

### Plainville Schools Art Show

Friday, May 5 – Tuesday, May 23

- Artists from Plainville Schools will have their works on display during library business hours for all to enjoy.  
Gizmo's Pawesome Storytime Read-Along  
Tuesday, May 9th from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- The Youth Services Department is hosting a read-along for children ages 5-11. This presentation will give youth tools to help care for their own mental health. Families are encouraged to attend. Guests will get the chance to meet Gizmo the puppy in person. Registration is required.  
New Britain Symphony Orchestra Concert  
Wednesday, May 10th from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
- The New Britain Symphony Orchestra presents the Beatles String Quartet; performing songs made famous by the iconic band. Visit the library's calendar [plainvillect.com/library](http://plainvillect.com/library) to register.

### Monthly Movie Matinee

This month's movie is A Man Called Ove. No registration needed.

### Online Safety Training

Friday, May 12th at 11:00 AM

- A Reference Librarian will be teaching participants about Online Safety. Registration is Required.

## SENIOR CENTER

For information on Senior Center programs, call the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728. All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise indicated.

### Healthy Bodies Series

- Join Karen Pagliaro, RN in exploring healthy eating habits that can assist you in moving your body in a healthier direction. Share recipes and welcome guest speakers.

### Kentucky Derby Lunch & Party

- A fun afternoon of eating and "betting" on the horses! Lunch will feature Kentucky Style Fried Chicken Tenders, Potato Salad, Cornbread and Pecan Pie. There will be prizes and treats too.

### Michaela's 4 O'Clock Plant Sale

- Benefits the Petit Family Foundation & the Plainville Library.

### Caregiving Connections

- Connect with other caregivers at the Senior Center to support one another on our journeys and recognize the challenges and frustrations of 24/7 caregiving.

### Goat Party

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 from 1:00 PM—2:00 PM at Norton Park Pavilion - MEMBERS ONLY.

Rain Date: May 10

- Petting, feeding & interacting with goats! A fun experience with Got Your Goat from Washington Depot!

### Handwriting Analysis Class (Graphoanalysis)

- Instructor: Pat Senich, certified graphoanalyst teaches participants to uncover the secrets hidden in your handwriting. Unlock personality traits and characteristics.

### The Life and Times of Sidney Poitier

### Pet Day at the Senior Center

- Bring your pet for treats and a photo that you can take with you.

### Breakfast Club

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 9:00 AM

- An informal breakfast at a local Plainville restaurant with a great group of friends. You'll order (and pay on you own) off the menu.

### Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 10:30 AM

- Share resources, ideas, struggles, joys and more with others who are raising their grandchildren.



**Town Council Meeting  
May 15, 2023  
Town Manager Report**

**Memorial Day Parade Update**

- This year's Memorial Day Parade will take place at 9:00 AM on Monday, May 29th. As in previous years, several road closures will be in effect along the parade route for approximately one hour until the parade concludes.
- However, this year's parade will have a modification to the route. The route will start the same way as it has in the past, at the intersection of Broad Street and Whiting Street, but the final leg will direct participants from West Main Street up Whiting Street and proceed south back to its starting point. This will truncate the procession, eliminating Crown and Maple Street.
- At the conclusion of the parade, there will be a small ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Park on the corner of Maple Street and Whiting Street.

**Shuttle Meadow Pump Station**

- The Shuttle Meadow Road Wastewater Pump Station, located at 66 Shuttle Meadow Road, serves the southern section of Town. It was last upgraded in 2000 and the aging equipment requires a significant upgrade.
- The Town started the design process by issuing a request for proposals (RFP) in 2021. Tighe & Bond, Inc. ("Tighe & Bond") was selected through that competitive procurement process. The agreement between Tighe & Bond and the Town was amended in 2022 to include design phase engineering services (Amendment No. 1).
- The Water Pollution Control Facility ("WPCF") is proposing to amend the agreement again to include bidding and construction phase engineering services (Amendment No. 2).
- This scope of services would include assisting the Town during the bidding process, coordinating the Clean Water Act and the State Revolving Fund (SRF) application and associated tasks to get 2% funding from DEEP, assisting the Town during the construction of the project, providing part time resident engineering services, and providing post construction engineering.
- Given Tighe & Bond's familiarity with the project, it is recommended that the Town continue to utilize their services.
- There is an item under New Business to waive the competitive procurement process and award Bid 2023-18: Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Bidding and Construction Phase Engineering Services to Tighe & Bond, Inc. in the amount of \$274,000.

**WPC Security Cameras**

- The Water Pollution Control Facility ("WPCF") is planning to install security cameras at their main plant and satellite pump stations. This project consists of replacing outdated existing camera units and installing new camera units to expand coverage.
- The original camera system was installed after the September 11 attacks when Congress required security enhancements at water and wastewater facilities. This system was later updated after cameras began to fail, and WPCF paid for a third party to monitor the system. The existing system has low resolution cameras with limited coverage and utility.
- WPCF received a quote from Omni Data, LLC ("Omni Data") for a total of \$26,333.04, which includes hardware, software, and professional installation services. Omni Data products and software are currently utilized throughout the Plainville school system and in other Town facilities.
- It is recommended that the Town continue to

utilize Omni Data's services, as they will ensure the Information Technology Department and Police Department have complete access to security cameras throughout the Town on a single compatible platform.

- There is an item under New Business to waive the competitive procurement process and award Bid 2023-25: WPCF Security Cameras to Omni Data, LLC in the amount of \$26,333.04.

**WPC SBR Decanter**

- The Water Pollution Control Facility ("WPCF") utilizes four sequencing batch reactors (SBRs) to remove undesirable components from wastewater. A decanter is a mechanism in a SBR that removes clarified wastewater from the tank during the decanting (or emptying) phase of the operational cycle.
- Decanters that would be compatible with the WPCF's SBRs are no longer manufactured, and it is unlikely that a functional and suitable unit from another facility could be procured. In the event a decanter was to breakdown, WPCF operations would be seriously impacted for a protracted period.
- WPCF received a quote from Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc ("Aqua-Aerobic") for a total of \$99,783, to produce a new decanter that can be retrofitted with one of WPCF's SBRs.
- It is recommended that the Town utilize Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc, as a sole source provider to build a new decanter to retrofit the existing system.
- There is an item under New Business to waive the competitive procurement process and award Bid 2024-01: WPCF SBR Decanter to Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$99,783.

**Vehicle Auction**

- I have received a request from B&G Superintendent Dave Emery to sell a town vehicle at auction.
- The vehicle in question is a 2010 Ford Explorer with the following VIN 1FMEU7DE3AUA04106
- This vehicle was formerly used by the Fire Marshal and has been stored at Buildings and Grounds for approximately 1 year. The vehicle has a blown transmission and a malfunctioning computer module which is obsolete. It has no value other than parts or scrap.
- There is an item under New Business to approve the sale of the vehicle at auction.

**Auditor Appointment**

- Connecticut municipalities are required to notify the State Office of Policy & Management by June 1st of the firm that will be performing the Town Audit for FY23.
- The Finance Director is recommending that the Town Council appoint CliftonLarsonAllen, our current auditors, to conduct this audit.
- There is an item under New Business to appoint CliftonLarsonAllen as auditors for FY2023-2024.

**ARPA Discussion**

- The next item ready for public hearing is the masonry work at the High School. Using a combination of ARPA (\$150k) and Capital funding (\$20k), the Board of Education (BOE) is proposing to restore exterior masonry on the 1954 section of Plainville High School (PHS).
- The project would include materials, cleaning, repairs, waterproofing, painting/staining, and inspection.
- The scope of work is estimated to be approximately \$170,000 and will be utilizing the eZIQC contracting program through the Capital Region Purchasing Council.
- There is an item under New Business to send this item to a public hearing for June 5, 2023.

**Charter Revision Commission Update**

- The Charter Revision Commission is in the

process of composing their draft final report that outlines their recommended changes to the Town Charter.

- The Commission is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 18th to approve a draft report, which will then be posted to the Town website for public review. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 5:30 PM at the Plainville Public Library Auditorium where the public can share their thoughts on the recommended changes.
- The Commission will meet again after the Public Hearing to consider any further changes and approve a final report to be submitted to the Town Clerk.
- The deadline for submitting the final report to the Town Clerk is Monday, June 5, 2023. The Commission is on schedule to meet that due date.

**Happenings**

*Town Council Meeting on May 15  
Andy Cirioli, Assistant Town Manager*

**RABIES CLINIC – ANIMAL CONTROL**

Plainville Animal Control and Plainville PAWS are hosting a Rabies Clinic on May 20 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at 29 Granger Lane in Plainville, CT. The cost is \$15.00 per cat/dog and the clinic is only accepting cash. Vaccines will be administered by Dr. Shapiro of Ragged Mountain Veterinarian.

**DOG LICENSING REMINDER  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

The Town Clerk's Office is reminding dog owners that all dogs over 6 months old must be licensed by June 30 for the 2023-2024 year. Renewals may be done in person, by mail, or online if the rabies vaccination is current. If the rabies information is not current, owners must submit the updated rabies certificate for the license to be processed. The cost of a dog license is \$8 for a neutered or spayed dog and \$19 for non-altered dogs. After June 30, a penalty charge will be imposed of \$1 per month for each month that the dog is not licensed. For more information, call the Town Clerk's Office at (860) 793-0221 x7153.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE  
COLLECTION – PUBLIC WORKS  
ADMINISTRATION**

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**CONNECTICUT ARCHITECTURE EVENT  
–HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Plainville Historical Society is hosting a program with Christopher Wigren, the author of the book Connecticut Architecture: Stories of 100 Places published by Wesleyan University Press, on Wednesday, May 24. The program starts at 7:00 PM at the Historical Center at 29 Pierce Street. The public can register by emailing [plvhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:plvhistorical@gmail.com).

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Regional Business After Hours - Higher Med

□ Wednesday, May 24 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Higher Med, LLC at 53 Whiting Street

□ Meet and create relationships with other business professionals representing variety of industries. Refreshments will be provided.

Legislative Roundtable

□ Wednesday, May 31 from 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM in Hughes Auditorium of Bristol Hospital

□ The event will feature guest speaker Eric Gjede, Vice President for public policy with CBIA. Admission is free and participation can be either in-person or virtual.

State of the City and Towns

□ Thursday, June 22 from 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

□ Join municipal leaders from the surrounding area, including Town Manager Paulhus, for a special breakfast meeting to learn about how local communities are doing and what is in store for the remainder of the year.

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Spring is in the Air: A Piano Celebration

□ Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 PM in Chase Auditorium of the Library

□ Enjoy a medley of spring-themed songs by pianist David Eberly, featuring classics from Rodger & Hammerstein to Frank Sinatra.

Butterfly Crafts for Kids

□ Week of May 22 – May 27

□ The Library's Youth Services Department has been raising butterflies, and to celebrate their release to nature, children of all ages can stop by the Library to make a butterfly craft

Drop-In Lego Club

□ Tuesdays from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM until the end of May

□ The Library's Youth Services Department is hosting a Lego club open to children ages 5+ and their caregiver. No registration required.

**SENIOR CENTER**

For information on Senior Center programs, call the Plainville Senior Center at 860-747-5728.

All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise indicated.

Healthy Bodies Series

□ Join Karen Pagliaro, RN in exploring healthy eating habits that can assist you in moving your body in a healthier direction. Share recipes and welcome guest speakers.

**Snappy Seniors Photography**

□ Join this event where participants will share photos of their favorite events or activities.

Memory Café at the Senior Center

□ Memory Café is a warm & welcoming program for individuals with memory loss. Anyone experiencing memory loss is welcome to attend with their loved one or caregiver.

Veterans' Social Hour

□ Tuesday, May 23 at 10:00 AM

□ Conducted by Sherri Vogt, Veteran's Liaison for Hartford HealthCare Senior Services.

**FOR ALL VETERANS OVER 60 AND THEIR SPOUSES.**

Memory Screening

□ This is not a diagnosis of any particular illness and is completely confidential. Conducted by Hollis Hartman, Memory Care Advisor, Arden Courts.

Book Buds May Book: "The Magnolia Palace" by Fiona Davis – For Members Only

□ This Historical Novel is set in one of New York City's most impressive Gilded Age mansions. The book is available at the main desk at the Plainville Public Library.

**Inside Alcatraz**

□ Thursday, June 8 at 10:00 AM

□ Presented by Joe Ouellette "The History Guy"

**From the Desk of:  
Cal Hauburger**

*Economic Development &  
Special Projects Coordinator*

**Hygrade Precision Manufacturing** – A Plainville business owner, Pedro Soto, of Hygrade Precision Manufacturing was named as the SBACT Manufacturer of the year. Hygrade focuses on precision finishing techniques on several components, mainly focused within the aerospace sector. Pedro Soto purchased Hygrade in October 2019 and weathered COVID by utilizing several state and federal funding assistance, allowing him to keep long-tenured employees on board, and, during COVID, was able to refocus Hygrade's work around several medical components to help meet demand as the aerospace sector paused at this time. Pedro is now focused on the continued growth of the company and their services. Through additional government-based contracts, Hygrade is looking to expand their employee base and introduce a second shift over the next year.

Representatives from the Town, SBA, CBIA, DECD, and Senator Martin and Blumenthal's offices toured Hygrade when the award was announced, and a formal awards ceremony was held May 4th at Rentschler Field.

**Americold** – Construction of Americold has been completed and a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued by the Building Department. Finalization of the automation programming is nearing an end and Americold has begun promoting job opportunities at the plant. The town has been told a soft launch of the site should be happening near the middle of June with operations ramping up throughout the summer until full capacity is reached. I'm working with Attorney Mastrianni to finalize language for the Tax Fixing Agreement and will present it to the Town Council for ratification at the first available meeting.

**EDA Forgivable Loan** – During the pandemic you all decided to enact a Forgivable Loan option to assist local businesses keep their doors open. As the offering may have been lost in the slew of other state and federal funding programs, we only received a single application from Big Steve's Grill. The funding went towards the relocation and operation of the restaurant from Whiting Street to Woodford Avenue. As Big Steve's has remained in operation in town, for a period of two (2) years from the date of loan issuance, the full loan amount of \$10,000 has become fully forgivable, per program regulations. I will be issuing a release notice to their attention, and this will officially close out the program.

*Cal Hauburger Economic Development & Special  
Projects Coordinator P: (860)793-0221 x7178  
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**The FED has ruined the American Dollar.**

\*Their aggressive actions to beat inflation have failed as the world further tilts towards recession leaving American's suffering heavily.

\*The rate hikes and recent printing of \$7,000,000,000,000 are accelerating the collapse of the U.S. dollar.

\*The dollar is set to lose its status as the world's reserve currency.

\*To make things worse, Biden and the Fed are currently working on a secret "Project Hamilton", a new form of digital currency that will obliterate your freedom and privacy.

\*America is out of time. We are feeling just the tip of the gigantic iceberg that will sink the U.S. ship very soon.

\*This is not the time to gamble with your money while the U.S. Monetary system is heading into a reset.

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**Cooley Acknowledges  
Connecticut Alzheimer's  
Advocacy Day**

HARTFORD- State Rep. Francis Rexford Cooley (R-22) joined fellow Alzheimer's advocates on Wednesday May 17 at the State Capitol a day of advocacy urging Connecticut state lawmakers to support legislation that would assist people with dementia and their families.

Rep. Cooley said, " Today, we heard many heart-wrenching stories from family members. The legislature can and should do more to help those with dementia and their families."

One of the pieces of legislation Alzheimer's advocates are championing, SB 931 An Act Expanding Access to The Alzheimer's Disease Respite Care Program.

According to the proposal, starting July 1, 2023, this bill expands eligibility for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders to participate in the state's Respite Care Program. It does so by increasing the program's (1) annual income limit from \$51,114 to \$70,000 and (2) annual liquid asset limit from \$135,892 to \$179,000.

The other piece of legislation, Senate bill 1025, An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Homemaker-Companion Agency Task Force has a provision which would establish a Statewide Dementia Coordination.

A State Dementia Services Coordinator is an individual within the state government whose job is to ensure coordination of Alzheimer's programs and policies across state agencies.

**A State Dementia Services Coordinator would:**

- \* Oversee the implementation and updating of the State Alzheimer's Disease Plan
- \* Coordinate Alzheimer's and dementia work groups and task forces
- \* Establish and maintain relationships with all relevant state agencies and community organizations to meet community needs and prevent duplication of services
- \* Evaluate existing Alzheimer's and dementia programs and services
- \* Identify service gaps within the state government
- \* Increase awareness of and facilitate access to quality, coordinated care for people with dementia.

Currently there are 80,000 people in Connecticut living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia. The Alzheimer's Association estimates that this number will rise to 91,000 people by 2025.

Connecticut is the 6th oldest state in the nation and age remains the biggest risk factor to developing Alzheimer's disease or other dementia.

**Lunch and Learn Job Fair**

The Independence at Home team is looking for new team members and will share the keys to employment at a Lunch and Learn Fair.

Join the fair on Tuesday, June 13, from 11 am-2 pm, at Independence at Home, 205 Kelsey St., Newington. Park in the back, enter in the back and go to the second floor.

The team is hiring personal care attendants (PCA/HHA/CNA) for hourly (4- to 12-hour cases) and 24/7 live-in care positions in Central Connecticut.

Attendees can expect complimentary lunch along with the five keys, which are:

- 1) Job description details.
- 2) Meet and greet with the team followed by a chance to ask questions.
- 3) Computers for on-site applications, with application support.
- 4) On-site interviews
- 5) Offers and the ability to complete the onboarding process.

*If you are interested but cannot attend, please call Christine Bassi, recruiter with Hartford HealthCare Independence at Home, at 860.819.5289.*

**Hartford HealthCare Independence at Home**



## No Lord Stanley's Cup for the Bruins

By: Francis Rexford Cooley

The Boston Bruins set an NHL record for the most wins, 65, and points (wins plus overtime losses), 135, in a season. The Bruins easily captured the NHL's Presidents' Trophy for the best season record. Hopes were high for the Bruins entering the playoff to capture a seventh Stanley Cup. Those hopes were quickly dashed by the Florida Panthers in the first round. It was a crushing loss for a team that had so dominated the regular season and illustrated once again why the Stanley Cup playoffs are often referred to as a second season.

The Presidents' Trophy has been given annually to the team ending the regular season with the most points at the end of the season since the 1985-1986 season. It is the successor to the Prince of Wales Trophy given to the NHL season champion from 1937-1967 in the pre-expansion era. Teams get two points for a win and a single point for an overtime loss (formerly for a tie prior to the implementation of the Shoot Out to settle games after the overtime period). A cash bonus goes to the players of the team capturing the season title. It is similar to soccer, like that of the Premier League in Britain, which has long had a separation between the season league championship and Cup play. What wins during the season does not necessarily translate to winning in the playoffs. In the prior 36 seasons the award was given only 8 teams have gone on to survive the Stanley Cup playoffs and won the Cup. The other 24 teams, and now the Bruins, that have captured the President's Trophy only to lose their bid to double up with the Cup.

One would instinctively think the team that has been strongest all season long should prevail in the playoffs. That is not the case. The statistical trend of an 82 game regular season does not reflect what will happen in a best of seven playoff, that has to be repeated four times to capture the Stanley Cup. The Washington Capitals won the Presidents' Trophy in 2016 and 2017 but were defeated both years in the second round by the Pittsburgh Penguins who finished second to the Caps in their division before beating them on the way to their back-to-back Stanley Cup wins those years. Thirteen times the Presidents' Trophy winner has fallen to the eventual Stanley Cup champion in the playoffs, the last being the Bruins

who lost to the Tampa Bay Lightning in 2020 (The Panthers are still alive in the chase for the Cup as this is being written). Only three of those Presidents' Trophy winners even made it to the Stanley Cup finals before losing. The odds seem stacked against teams that win the Presidents' Cup.

There are no sure things in sports. In hockey that is especially true in that a single player can dominate as few can in other sports. The goalie makes or breaks a team. Great goalies when they are "on their game" or "in the zone" can take a good team to a championship. Patrick Roy of the Montreal Canadians and, later, Colorado Avalanche won four Stanley Cups with only the 2001 Cup coinciding with his team taking the Presidents' Trophy that same year. Martin Brodeur of the New Jersey Devils took a team that finished fifth in their conference to win the Stanley Cup, the first of three Brodeur won with the Devils though he never won a Presidents' Trophy with them. Just two years ago Carey Price took the Montreal Canadians, the lowest qualifying team for the playoffs during the Covid shortened season, all the way to the Stanley Cup finals before falling to the Lightning. Price's performance illustrated how much a "hot" goalie can impact the playoffs by metaphorically carry the team on his shoulders though in this case not even Price could carry the offensively challenged Canadians all the way to the Cup.

Lord Stanley's Cup is won each year by the team that works hard, gets timely goal tending, and gets a lucky bounce of the puck or two (or three or four...). In a short seven game series a "hot" goalie can beat the best of teams, lucky bounces are magnified since there are not enough games for such bounces to be within statistical norms of a regular season, in short it is a brand new season in which what has gone before no longer counts. Each round in the playoffs starts a new race for the Cup until only one team remains and rarely it is the one that won the Presidents' Trophy. So once again the team that raised the Trophy is denied from drinking the sweet taste of victory from Lord Stanley's Cup.

*The author is bleeds blue and green, loves hearing "The Brass Bonanza," still has a Whalers Adams Division regular season champions mini-banner from the 1986-1987 season, and enjoys watching the Stanley Cup playoffs no matter who is playing.*

To all who supported the Wonder of Women event on May 2:

## THANK YOU!

A record 450 individuals joined us for the 22nd annual Wonder of Women (WOW) event, an incredible, uplifting evening that proved life is better when you're laughing. Christine O'Leary WOWed us as the guest speaker, inspiring us and making us laugh as only a comedian could. We are so grateful she was able to join us!

The Women & Girls Fund at Main Street Community Foundation works to improve the conditions and opportunities for women and girls in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. Net proceeds from the WOW event benefit the Fund's annual grant cycle. Last year, \$43,400 was awarded to 13 organizations; a full list can be found here. Since the Fund's establishment in 2001, over \$718,000 in grants have been awarded to improve the lives of local women and girls.

This year's WOW event was a success in every way and will allow so many grants to be awarded.

*But more than that, a special Pass the Purse collection was done at the event to benefit the women and children affected by the war in Ukraine through the Polish American Foundation of Connecticut. Last year Pass the Purse benefitted the same cause, and this year we welcomed Anna Kobylarz and Zoriana Kramarenko from the PAF to provide an update.*

*They are now specifically working with the City of Goodness project in Ukraine, a shelter for orphans and mothers.*

*We asked everyone to once again Pass the Purse, and are overwhelmed by the response - \$7,200 was raised and is being donated. Your generosity continues to amaze and inspire us.*

Thank you to all of the sponsors and silent auction donors, and thank you for joining us and supporting local women and girls.

You are part of a legacy of donors who are making a difference and creating lasting change.

### New Britain Bees Fundraising Event, July 15, 2023

Location: New Britain Stadium (i.e. Willow Brook Park, adjacent to Beehive Field) Cost: \$12 per person, of which \$6 will go to the Lions Low Vision Center. Please send in your orders and checks by: July 1st to the Plainville Lions Club, P.O. Box 92, Plainville Contact: Lion Craig Banks at 860-644-8472 or [craig.r.banks@](mailto:craig.r.banks@)

## Come to Our Community Tag Sale:

### Reserve Your Space Now:

Reserve your space now for the Plainville United Methodist Church Community Tag Sale, being held on church grounds at 56 Red Stone Hill, Plainville, Saturday, June 3rd, from 9 am to 3 pm, rain day is June 10th.

A 12 ft. by 6 ft. space is only \$15.00 or include a table and two chairs for \$20.00.

To request and application form, or for more information, please email the church at [plainvillunited@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plainvillunited@sbcglobal.net) or contact the office at 860-747-2328. Thank you for considering this fun event!

### Community Tag Sale:

The Plainville United Methodist Church is having our 2nd Community Tag Sale on church grounds at 56 Red Stone Hill, Plainville, Saturday, June 3rd with rain date of June 10th from 9 am to 3 pm.

Come and browse the tables and bring a friend and/or neighbor with you to join in on the fun. You might just find one or more treasures to bring home! We will also be having a bake sale and selling hotdogs, chips and lemonade. *If you have any questions, please email the church at [plainvillunited@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plainvillunited@sbcglobal.net) or call the office at 860-747-2328.*

If you have any questions, please email the church or call the office at 860-747-2328. Eliana Foertsch - Administrative Assistant

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**Thinking About Starting A Business In Plainville?**

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*For assistance Contact:*

Cal Hauburger, Economic Development Director  
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  - 53. PRECIOUS STONES UNIT OF WEIGHT
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  - 58. A SEED WITH HOOKS OR TEETH
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  - 6. NOT STANDING
  - 7. CHINESE PHILOSOPHY
  - 8. COMPUTER GIANT
  - 9. A DEVICE TO CATCH
  - 10. EMITS COHERENT RADIATION
  - 11. ACTOR O'NEILL
  - 12. SMALLEST INTERVAL IN WESTERN MUSIC
  - 13. NOT LOWER
  - 15. REVOLVES
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  - 21. NUMBER ABOVE THE LINE IN A FRACTION
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  - 30. BULLFIGHTING MANEUVERS
  - 32. BROADCAST
  - 35. \_\_\_ ANGELES
  - 37. VEHICLE
  - 38. NOT RELIGIOUS
  - 39. NORTH AMERICAN PEOPLES
  - 42. A BAGLIKE STRUCTURE
  - 43. BODY ART (SLANG)
  - 46. PICKED FOR A ROLE
  - 47. ACTRESS TOMEI
  - 49. FORMER HOOPSTER "BIG COUNTRY"
  - 50. ICELANDIC POEMS
  - 52. MORE PLEASANT
  - 54. IT CAN ADD FLAVOR TO MEAT
  - 55. SELF-IMMOLATION BY FIRE RITUALS
  - 57. EXPRESSION OF ANNOYANCE
  - 59. \_\_\_ SPUMANTE (ITALIAN WINE)
  - 62. CONSUMED
  - 63. BODY PART
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## Rep. Cooley, House Republicans Unveil Biennial Budget Proposal

2024-2025 plan provides more tax relief than Governor and Democrats, invests in key areas including education and nonprofit social safety net providers

State Rep. Francis Rexford Cooley (R-22) and his House Republican colleagues released a balanced budget proposal that provides more than \$1 billion in broad-based tax relief to Connecticut residents while also making historic investments in education and providing more funding for nonprofit providers.

"Providing tax relief for the working families of Plainville, Farmington and Southington was my number one priority and this budget plan accomplishes that goal," said Rep. Rexford Cooley. "This proposal accelerates senior tax relief and creates a new state child tax deduction all within the fiscal budget guardrails put into place back in 2017."

The fiscally conservative plan from House Republicans constrains overall spending growth in the general fund to less than zero percent in FY24 and 2.6 percent in FY25. The Republican plan offers \$1.16 billion in tax relief through a variety of means, including a retroactive structural middle-class income tax cut with additional relief for seniors and, for the first time, a state child tax deduction for everyone at a rate of \$2,000 per child.

The Republican budget meets the challenge of funding core government services, and in several cases spends more in key areas than Democrats. That includes a \$290 million investment in local education funding that provides fully funded special education grants (more than \$50 million) for the first time. The budget matches Democrat-level funding for colleges and universities but also installs new reporting requirements for both the UConn and CSCU systems. The plan also provides a 2.5 percent increase for nonprofit service providers.

### Tax Relief for Connecticut Residents

(\$200 million more than Governor or legislative Democrats)

\*Adopt but enhance Governor's income tax cut proposal by using one-time \$300 million of FY23 surplus to make it retroactive to January 2023. Removes benefit from top 1 percent earners

\*Create first-ever state child tax deduction for everyone, \$2,000 deduction per child

\*Help job creators by restoring pass-through entity tax credit to 93.01 percent

\*Eliminate Highway Use Tax on trucks

\*Establish phase-out threshold for state tax on retirement income

\*Eliminates sales tax on children's clothing under \$100

\*Supporting Students, Parents, Educators

\*Invests \$290 million in education, including \$214 million to implement components of H.B. 5003, \$20 million to hold harmless towns that would have seen an ECS decrease; fully funds special education grants (\$50 million); funds

\*Danbury charter school (\$4 million)

\*Expands support for Care4Kids program (\$60 million)

\*Increases minority teacher scholarship funding by \$1 million

\*Meets Democrats' funding level on higher education, but requires oversight

\*Increase parent representation on State BOE and Parent Cabinet

### General Government

Increases funding for nonprofit social service providers by 2.5 percent (\$100 million) **Greater detail at: [www.taxreliefbudget.com](http://www.taxreliefbudget.com)**

## "Ask Sheila"

Q-1) My 65th Birthday is Aug 14, and I've heard I have a 7-month period to sign up for Medicare. Can I just wait until January?

**A-1) The 7-month period you are referring to is called "Your Initial Enrollment Period". The 7 months are: 3 months before your Birthday month, your Birthday month and 3 months after your Birthday. If you currently have Insurance, you would be eligible to enroll at a different time, but if you do not have Credible Insurance, you should sign up during your Initial Enrollment Period.**

Q-2) I am 67 and was covered under my Spouse's Medical Insurance. He unexpectedly passed away, so I no longer have Insurance. Can I sign up for Medicare now?

**A-2) First, I'm sorry to hear of your loss. And second, yes, you have a Special Enrollment Period, due to loss of Employer coverage. You have only 2 months; so, you should enroll in Medicare as soon as possible, to avoid any Late Enrollment Penalties.**

Q-3) I enrolled in Medicare at 65 and have been working and paying quarterly for my Medicare Benefits. When I stop working and collect my SS, will I still pay quarterly for Medicare?

**A-3) Once you start collecting your Social Security Benefits, your Medicare Payments will be taken out of your Social Security check each month. No more quarterly payment required.**

**I you have any specific questions, or if you'd just like to talk Medicare, Please feel free to give me a call 860-965-0091 Sheila Dow**

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### Aging and Dental Health

Xerostomia affects 30% of patients older than 65 years and up to 40% of patients older than 80 years; this is primarily an adverse effect of medication(s), although it can also result from comorbid conditions such as diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, or Parkinson's disease. Xerostomia, while common among older patients is more likely to occur in those with an intake of more than 4 daily prescription medications. Dry mouth can lead to mucositis, caries, cracked lips, and fissured tongue.8 Recommendations for individuals with dry mouth include drinking or at least sipping regular water throughout the day and limiting alcoholic beverages and beverages high in sugar or caffeine, such as juices, sodas, teas or coffee (especially sweetened).

Older adults are at increased risk for root caries because of both increased gingival recession that exposes root surfaces and increased use of medications that produce xerostomia; approximately 50% of persons aged older than 75 years of age have root caries affecting at least one tooth. Ten percent of patients 75 to 84 years of age are affected by secondary coronal caries; this is likely related to the prevalence of restorations in the older population.

Adoption of good oral hygiene, which includes use of rotating/oscillating toothbrushes, and the use of topical fluoride (i.e., daily mouth rinses, high fluoride toothpaste and regular fluoride varnish application), as well as attention to dietary intake have been recommended in the literature.

Because cardiovascular disease is common among older individuals, it has been suggested by Ouanounou and Haas that the dose of epinephrine contained in anesthetics should be limited to a maximum of 0.04 mg. The authors recommend that even without a history of overt cardiovascular disease, the use of epinephrine in older adult patients should be minimized because of the expected effect of aging on the heart. They recommend monitoring blood pressure and heart rate when considering multiple administrations of epinephrine-containing local anesthetic in the older adult population.

### Cognitive limitations affecting dental care and home oral care

Patients with severe cognitive impairment, including dementia, are at increased risk for caries, periodontal disease, and oral infection because of decreased ability to engage in home oral care.

Education of the caregiver, as well as the patient, is an important part of the prevention and disease management phase of dental care. Communication during the dental appointment may be challenging when the older adult has cognitive impairments. It is recommended that the number of people, distractions, and noise in the operatory be minimized when providing care to a patient with dementia, although a trusted caregiver in the room may provide reassurance to the patient. Patients should be approached from the front at eye level and use of nonverbal communication, such as smiling and eye contact, is important.

The dentist should begin the conversation by introducing himself or herself. Because a patient with cognitive limitations may become overwhelmed by information easily, instructions should be simple and sentences short, such as, "Please open your mouth."

Because cognitive impairment or dementia can affect a patient's ability to follow instructions following oral surgery, it is recommended that practitioners ensure local hemostasis (i.e., sutures, local hemostatics, socket preservation techniques) prior to dismissal from the dental practice.

Dentate patients with cognitive limitations should be encouraged to brush their teeth two or more times daily; use of an electric or battery-operated toothbrush should be considered.

The same oral care routine should be followed consistently, as possible. In patients with removable prosthetic devices, the device(s) should be removed, inspected, and cleaned before bed and returned to the mouth in the morning.

## Wheeler's 38th Annual Golf Classic Set for September 13, 2023 at

### The Country Club of Farmington

Mutual of America Financial Group Is Presenting Sponsor for Fifth Year in a Row; M&T Bank, Others, Join Growing List of Supporters

In 2022, the Golf Classic event grossed a record-breaking \$100,000 to support individuals and families in care through Wheeler's Basic Needs Fund, bringing the total amount raised since its inception to more than \$1.3 million.

For more information, visit [WheelerHealth.org/Golf](http://WheelerHealth.org/Golf) or contact Sue O'Connell at 860.793.4214, 860-609-1583, or [soconnell@wheelerclinic.org](mailto:soconnell@wheelerclinic.org).

## To: All Civic & Religious Organization

We would like to invite everyone: to share your activities with our readers. Please forward all news and pictures to:

**[plainvillehometown@gmail.com](mailto:plainvillehometown@gmail.com)**

*Thanking you in advance! .... The Editor*



# Water Infrastructure Work to Begin in Plainville

## Water Main Replacement Project Scheduled to Start June 1, 2023

Plainville, CONN. – Aquarion Water Company continues to perform essential work on infrastructure necessary to ensure the reliability of Plainville’s water system. A water main replacement project is scheduled to begin June 1 on Hultenius Street, Rosewood Drive, and Kari Drive in Plainville. The project is expected to be completed by July 2023. Final paving will then be scheduled in coordination with the Town of Plainville.

The project, which will replace approximately 2,070 feet of water main, is part of an ongoing program to improve Aquarion’s water distribution system and to ensure the highest quality water. The infrastructure upgrades will also help to reduce leaks and water main breaks that can cause service interruptions.

“We greatly appreciate residents’ patience during this project,” said Justin Xenelis, Aquarion’s Manager of Utility Programs. “We will work closely with our customers, contractors, and town officials to coordinate the work and minimize any disruptions.”

Due to construction, customers should expect minor traffic delays and

possible detours during the working hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Manchester-based Correia Excavators Inc. will be serving as the contractor for the water main replacement project.

To keep customers informed about scheduled/unscheduled work, Aquarion utilizes an Everbridge notification system to call affected customers. Aquarion encourages customers to sign up for this free service at [www.aquarionwater.com/alerts](http://www.aquarionwater.com/alerts).

Customers with project-related questions may contact Luke Scatenato, Aquarion’s project manager, at (203) 362-3040. For service or water-related issues, please contact Aquarion Customer Service at 1-800-732-9678.

### About Aquarion Water Company:

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 750,000 people in 72 cities and towns in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. It is the largest investor-owned water utility in New England and among the seven largest in the U.S. Based in Bridgeport, CT, Aquarion has been in the public water supply business since 1857. Across its operations, Aquarion strives to act as a responsible steward of the environment and to assist the communities it serves in promoting sustainable practices. Aquarion Water Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Eversource. For more information on Aquarion Water Company, please visit [www.aquarionwater.com](http://www.aquarionwater.com) or [www.facebook.com/aquarionwater](http://www.facebook.com/aquarionwater).

# Life With Wanda



As we all age there are fewer and fewer things we can find or can afford that might give us some pleasure. Things we used to dread like grocery shopping, going to the mail box or going to the doctors seems to become the highlight of our week.

Yes, joining a senior group gives us a few laughs but then we find everyone there has the same aches and pains as we have, so the only thing we begin to talk about is what hurts, where and what doctor are we going to.

This week I spoke to a couple of sisters and I think they have stumbled onto something. When I called one of them they were both laughing and carrying on like two gals at a bar.

I asked where they were that they were in such high spirits. They said they were both getting Three Dimensional Massages. It seems their doctors had set them up for massage treatments and they haven’t missed one appointment. I asked how long they have to go before they are cured and they said, “Hell, we were cured four months ago, but don’t tell our doctor.”

Not only are they getting massages every week but Medicare is paying. Now this is really a deal. They figure they can probably string this along for another year or so.

Now, if they can only convince the masseuse to serve a little wine during their sessions it would be perfect. If you limp, when you go to the doctors next time, I bet you can convince your doctor to recommend this treatment.

I, Thank God for Medicare!

## Main Street Community Foundation Awards Over \$11,000 to Benefit Plainville Residents

Main Street Community Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life in Plainville in a variety of ways, one of which is through grantmaking from the Plainville Community Fund. Recently, MSCF awarded four grants totaling \$11,086 from the Fund to organizations serving Plainville residents in several areas of need.

**Imagine Nation**, A Museum Early Learning Center was awarded a \$2,000 grant to continue their Imagine Nation Loves Plainville STEAM outreach program for Plainville children, allowing them to engage with science, technology, engineering, art, and math in a fun and collaborative way.

**The Plainville Community Food Pantry** was awarded a \$5,000 grant to fund their Intervention, Outreach and Referral Program that provides food and other basic need items for Plainville residents.

A \$1,586 grant was awarded to the **Plainville Senior Center for The Caregivers Toolbox program**, a five-week dinner education series on topics pertinent to caregiving for the elderly.

Lastly, **The Congregational Church of Plainville** received a \$2,500 grant to support the Music Sacred Project, a new concert series that features a variety of music genres and musicians that will be open to the public.

The Plainville Community Fund was established at Main Street Community Foundation in 2006 by a group of community leaders to create a permanent resource of assets for charitable programs and projects that enhance the quality of life for Plainville residents, emerging needs. Over the past 17 years, the Foundation has awarded grants totaling \$129,186 from this Fund.

The Fund relies on the donations of individuals, families, and businesses to help meet the changing needs of Plainville residents. Contributions can be made at any time to the Plainville Community Fund by donating online at [www.mainstreetfoundation.org/donate-PlainvilleCF](http://www.mainstreetfoundation.org/donate-PlainvilleCF) or by sending donations to Main Street Community Foundation, P.O. Box 2702, Bristol, CT 06010.

For more information on Plainville Community Fund or Main Street Community Foundation, visit [www.mainstreetfoundation.org/plainville-community-fund](http://www.mainstreetfoundation.org/plainville-community-fund).

The Main Street Community Foundation =A nonprofit public charity, created by private citizens, the foundation works with donors in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott who wish to build permanent charitable endowments to support their communities. Since its founding in 1995, the foundation has provided over \$26 million in grants and scholarships.

## Plainville Lawmakers Collecting Weathered U.S. Flags for Retirement

State Representative Francis Rexford Cooley (R-22) and State Senator Henri Martin (R-31) are encouraging residents to retire your worn American flags at two drop-off locations within Plainville.

**Flags will be collected until Thursday, June 13th.**

**Plainville Town Hall, 1 Central Square**

**Plainville Public Library, 56 East Main Street**

The U.S. Flag Code specifies that old American flags no longer in service must be properly disposed.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Rep. Cooley at [Francis.Cooley@housegop.ct.gov](mailto:Francis.Cooley@housegop.ct.gov), or by calling (860) 842-1423.

## TASTE OF PLAINVILLE JULY & AUGUST 2023 PRESENTED BY PLAINVILLE REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

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West Main Pizza 97 East Main Street 860-747-2724	Yummi Sushi 275 New Britain Ave. 860-793-8899	Zen Bar “Everything for Everyone” 317 Farmington Ave. 860-747-8886
	Salty Dog 24 Whiting Street 860-846-0533	
Bon Appetit!!	Thank You !!!	2023 Taste of Plainville





**PHS UNIFIED PROGRAM ATHLETES PARTICIPATE IN WEEK OF WELLNESS**



Plainville High School students in the Unified Sports program recently participated in a “Week of Wellness” coordinated by Plainville High School Special Education faculty member, Sheila DiMinno. “The student athletes raised money for the Week of Wellness activities through the school store that they operate,” explained DiMinno. “Through the various wellness related activities, they were able to practice life skills and reinforce the need to take the time for self-care.”

The first wellness visit for the students featured a trip to Wilcox Technical School in Meriden, where students and staff opened their doors to provide haircuts, manicures and facials to all of the Plainville students who attended. Tuesday’s wellness focus was on learning to do things for others who have supported the Unified Program. As such, the Unified Team members baked 500 cookies for fellow Plainville High School students and staff as a thank you for supporting their school store. Additionally, Saint’s Restaurant of Plainville donated coffee for high school staff members. On Wednesday, the Unified Team members visited the "FitLife 24/7" gym in Southington and participated in yoga and meditation classes led by Plainville staff member, Samantha DeMauro. Thursday’s wellness visit was to Lola’s Bistro & Grill in Plainville, where students enjoyed a meal and practiced social skills.

“The Week of Wellness was the perfect opportunity for our students to focus on self-care and practice important related life skills. We are so appreciative of the local businesses and organizations that supported our students and the activities they facilitated,” said DiMinno.

“We are grateful to our community partners who made the Week of Wellness a huge success,” said Christina Kiley, Supervisor of Special Services.

“This week of wellness represents a wonderful combination of wellness skills and opportunities for our students to support the wellness of others while also expressing gratitude. I appreciate all the hard work and coordination that went into this by Mrs. DiMinno and everyone involved, including our wonderful community partners,” said Superintendent of Schools, Steven LePage.

**BE THE CHANGE: HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS AND THE BRIAN BAG PROJECT**



The Petit Family Foundation presented Plainville Adult and Continuing Education with a grant award of \$2,518.83 to

support, “Be the Change: Homelessness Awareness and the Brian Bag Project.”

Donna Finneran, founder of the Brian O’Connell Project, will offer a presentation this fall about homelessness and her organizational mission: to pass on aid in the name of Brian O’Connell (her twin brother) who passed away in Connecticut while homeless. As part of her presentation, Finneran will explain the origin and development of the “Brian Bag” initiative. 100% of funding received from the Petit Family Foundation will be used to purchase a structured set of items for “Brian Bags,” including: first aid supplies, food, water, socks, and toiletries. Adult Education students and staff will partake in a Brian Bag production session, after which 50 Brian Bags will be available to students, staff, and community members for distribution. The remaining 50 Brian Bags will be donated to The Brian O’Connell Project, who will handle direct distribution to those experiencing homelessness.

Jill O’Brien, Plainville Adult and Continuing Education Coordinator, commented, “This event will bring greater awareness about homelessness issues to our learning community and thanks to the Petit Family Foundation’s generosity, we may offer immediate relief with Brian Bags.”

To register for Donna Finneran’s public presentation (at Plainville High School on October 3rd at 6pm) or to pick up a Brian Bag to distribute to someone in need, please call Plainville Adult and Continuing Education (860) 793-3209.

**June 12th  
2023 PHS Graduation**

**June 14th  
Last Day of School**



**PHS Valedictorian and Salutatorian Honored by Board of Education**

The Plainville High School Class of 2023 Valedictorian (Spencer Michalek) and Salutatorian (Matthew Kuczynko) were recognized at the May 8th Plainville Board of Education Meeting.



Superintendent of Schools Steven LePage, Todd Michalek, Valedictorian Spencer Michalek, Jennifer Michalek, and Plainville Board of Education Chair, Lori Consalvo.



Superintendent of Schools Steven LePage, Monika Kuczynko, Salutatorian Matthew Kuczynko, and Plainville Board of Education Chair, Lori Consalvo.

**Toffolon Garden Club Hosts Plant Sale**

The Louis Toffolon Elementary School Garden Club recently held a plant sale! The student group sold Roma Tomatoes, Bodacious Tomatoes, Eggplant, Celery, Kale, Bell Peppers and Banana Peppers.



In photo Left to right: Reese Landrette, Alynn Anane, Abby Campbell and Cayden Taylor.

*I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag...*



# CONGRATULATIONS



~Valedictorian~



**Spencer Michalek**

~Salutatorian~



**Matthew Kuczynko**

On behalf of the Plainville Board of Education and the Plainville Community Schools administration, faculty, and staff, I wish to offer our sincere congratulations on your graduation from Plainville High School. Successfully completing your school career in Plainville brings our community pride and joy.

The theme of the yearbook this year is "People Magazine." When I saw this theme, the first thing that struck me was what this magazine would look like for each of you if it contained all the people who have helped get you to this accomplishment. I imagine there would be teachers from elementary school, most likely at Linden, Toffolon, or Wheeler, who helped you so much as you began your school life. I am sure there would be many friends, some you made in kindergarten, that are still with you today celebrating this occasion. I know there would be more people from MSP, the ones that helped you during those years to help you grow into the person you were as you started PHS in the Fall of 2019.

As principal of PHS, I sincerely hope many pages will be filled with friends, staff, teachers,

and everyone else that makes PHS such a special place to go to school. I know most of all, though, that there would be many pages dedicated to your family. They are the ones who have been with you throughout this whole journey and helped you get to this day. Moments like graduation are a fantastic opportunity to reflect on all the people who have assisted you in accomplishing this goal. Whether they had a minor impact that only lasted moments or the most significant impact that has lasted your whole life, take a moment and think about all these people who have supported you this entire time.

As you end this magazine edition and start a new one, we all at PHS look forward to what will be in that next issue. Whether those moments will come from continuing your education, volunteering to serve your country, joining the workforce, or something else entirely, we wish you all the best. You have been prepared well by your time at PHS, and you are ready for the future, whatever that may hold. But, no matter what that may include, remember, "Once a Blue Devil, Always a Blue Devil."

Carl R. Johnson, Principal



# Graduating Class of 2023!!!





# Schools in Review

## Plainville Lions Club Roars

The Plainville Lions Club awarded scholarships to the following well deserving Plainville High School Seniors: We wish them the very best as they continue their education.



Ngoc Barnett



Isabella Grasso



Kendall Hall



Roman Lee



Isabella Taylor

### “PUT LOCAL ON YOUR TRAY” TASTE TEST EVENT A SUCCESS!

Students, faculty, staff and special guests enjoyed a “taste test” during the Put Local on Your Tray event held at Frank T. Wheeler Elementary School on April 18th. The event, which was coordinated by Plainville Community Schools Food Services Director Ashley Carl, and held during the school’s lunch waves, introduced Kale Salad as a taste test item, featuring locally grown kale from the Maple Bank Farm in Roxbury, Connecticut. Additionally, students enjoyed locally produced maple syrup from the Lamothe Sugar House in Burlington, Connecticut, Greek yogurt from Cows Around the Corner in Bethlehem, Connecticut, and several additional healthy food items as part of the lunch menu that day. “Farm to School activities such as this tasting event are beneficial to Connecticut’s students, farmers, and communities at large,” said Connecticut Department of Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt. “We applaud the educators and administrators at Plainville Public Schools for bringing this experience to their students while supporting local producers with their purchase of CT Grown products.”

“It was a great event and the kids were so excited to try the kale! Many students were even asking for seconds, and we will now feature Kale Salad on our menu in the future. I am very lucky to have such strong support from our district, non-profit partners, and the Connecticut State Department of Education,” noted Carl.



Harper L'Heureux, Lydia Jones and Isabella Reyes



Summer Pace and Sarai Rowley



Austin Voisine, Maddox Teixeira-Robinson and Xavier Morales with Superintendent Steven LePage



:Superintendent Steven LePage, Cafeteria Associate Melissa DiMauro, Food Services Director Ashley Carl, Cafeteria Manager Tina Ross, Assistant Superintendent David Levenduski and Wheeler Principal Andrew Batchelder

### PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HONORED WITH “STUDENT ROCKS AWARD”



Plainville High School students Tamara Greene, Andrew West, and Bobby Wright have been named recipients of the second semester “Student Rocks

Award” recognizing their outstanding contributions to Plainville High School. The Student Rocks Award was established by three teachers in 2010 as a way to honor those students who “do the right thing” every day without looking for acknowledgement.

“Tamara is not afraid to be challenged or to challenge others. She is an incredibly supportive classmate and always finds ways to bring joy to her class. She has a wealth of knowledge that adds depth to a class lesson, but also possesses a genuine curiosity to know more.” noted Ryan O’Connell.

West, a senior, was nominated by staff members Suzanne Nord, Sarah Centore, and Deb Pikiell.

“Throughout the years I have known Andrew, I have been in awe of his ability to set lofty goals and his strength and perseverance to achieve them. He takes on all life has to offer with a smile and a positive attitude. He is a truly deserving recipient of the Student Rocks Award,” noted Pikiell.

Wright, a junior, was nominated by staff members Christina Roy, Sarah Centore, and Kevin Szydlo.

“Wherever Bobby goes, whether in the classroom or in the halls, he brings good vibes with him, and I think that’s something that will be so incredibly valuable to any team or community he wants to be a part of. I was ecstatic to see Bobby was chosen as one of our Student Rocks recipients, and I know that this is just one of many great achievements that he will have in his life,” noted Szydlo.

Tamara, Andrew and Bobby were honored on May 17th during a high school faculty meeting.

“The Student Rocks award is one of the most prestigious and in my opinion, best awards a student can earn at PHS. It recognizes the impact these students have had on our school culture. The three students honored this semester embody what we hope for from all of our Blue Devils at PHS. Our faculty could not have chosen three better recipients of this award,” said Plainville High School Principal, Carl Johnson.

### Plainville Community Schools Sponsors Art Show

The Plainville Community Schools Fine Arts Department sponsored an art show to honor the creative achievements of Plainville students in grades K-12. The Plainville Public Library has generously provided exhibition space throughout the building.



Antoni Krupski and Amber St Onge



Paige Stilwill



Jacob Keen



### Toffolon Student Participates in Connecticut Kid Governor Program



Louis Toffolon Elementary School fifth grader Isabella “Bella” Peters was recognized on May 24th, for her participation as Toffolon’s primary candidate for the Connecticut Kid Governor election this past fall, according to Toffolon faculty member, Susan Fabrizio.

The Kid Governor program for fifth graders was created by the Connecticut Democracy Center at Connecticut’s Old State House. The program, which coincides with the November Election Day each year, provides the opportunity for schools in Connecticut to enter one fifth grade candidate into a statewide election that fellow fifth graders across Connecticut vote in, and ultimately elect the next year’s “Kid Governor” who for the 2023 year is Elisavet Mendez of Monroe, Connecticut.

*Photo above: Superintendent of Schools Steven LePage, Louis Toffolon Elementary School faculty member Susan Fabrizio, Isabella Peters, and Louis Toffolon Elementary School Principal, Alicia Atterrato*

# of the United States of America!



## From the Desk of..... Thomas A. Wurz GRADUATION SEASON '23

It's that time of year again when young adults enjoy the excitement of entering their next stage in life. High School graduation brings a sense of accomplishment, excitement, and optimism for all of the graduates. For most, graduation also presents an opportunity to celebrate with a party. Whenever there is a party, the threat of alcohol being present should always be on the minds of parents. Some parents may try to control the consumption of alcohol by allowing their children to drink under their supervision. However, the dangers associated with underage drinking will persist even when adults are present.

Connecticut criminal law penalizes anyone who sells, ships, delivers, or gives alcoholic liquor to a minor, by any means, with a fine not to exceed \$1,500 or imprisoned not more than 18 months or both. The law specifically outlines parents as a person who may be guilty of this crime. If the minor child were ever to be charged with possessing and consuming the alcohol given to them by their parent(s), then the parents could also be charged with a crime. This law extends to any minor, so if you child's friends consume the alcohol you provided, you expose yourself to criminal charges. The application of the law is probably not that shocking for any parent who may be reading this article. The law may not even be enough to deter some from allowing alcohol at a graduation party. Although, after considering the potential civil liability you expose yourself to you may want to reconsider facilitating any underage drinking.

The potential for anyone to get injured after consuming alcohol is always apparent. When that person is an underage, inexperienced drinker the odds obviously increase exponentially. Therefore, when an adult gives a minor alcohol and that minor injures themselves or others, that adult will be liable for the result. The adult is liable because they set forth the chain of events by supplying the alcohol. Civilly, this opens them up to be sued for the damages they helped create. If the parent or other adult gets a civil judgment ordered against them they may have their wages attached or just about anything they own in order to pay the judgment. Most people would not risk everything they have or may potentially have with someone they trust. So why would anyone risk everything they have to a group of people they may hardly know and have no control over? Regardless of how responsible your children and their friends may be, supplying alcohol to them will always expose you to whatever they do under the influence. Whatever perceived control you may think you have, the reality is that you can never prevent some things. You may end up being liable for something as small as a trip and fall or something as big as a death.

Graduation season is a time for joy and celebration. The last thing anyone wants to think about is an unfortunate incident when they reflect on a graduation. So don't hesitate to tell your kids "No" when it comes to underage drinking. As always, if any of these situations become a reality in your life, consult with a licensed attorney so that you may better understand and protect your rights.

### Attorney Thomas A. Wurz

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*“Freedom is never more than  
one generation away from extinction.  
We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream.  
It must be fought for, protected,  
and handed on for them to do the same.*

*Ronald Reagan*



## CANNABIS CONVERSATION

with

**Dr. Paulina Miklosz**

**DNP, APRN**

This month's edition of Cannabis Conversations will explore using cannabis medicine through oral consumption. While there has been significant progress made in the research and application of medical cannabis over the last decade, cannabis unfortunately remains stigmatized among much of the general public and health professionals alike. One of the main contributing factors here is the negative portrayal of cannabis use in the media (think typical lazy stoner smoking doobies on the couch) and lack of public education regarding the many other ways in which cannabis can be used. Last month's article touched on the various methods in which one can use medical cannabis, and today we'll cover the basics when it comes to choosing oral cannabis preparations (often classified as edibles in the dispensary). Here are the different varieties of oral cannabis products:

- **Capsules & Tablets:** Cannabis capsules and tablets offer discreet, convenient medication use and consistent dosing. Capsules are often made of gelatin and filled with a cannabis extract and carrier oil, such as olive oil or coconut oil. Tablets and capsules can be taken with or without food, and they typically start to work within 40-60 minutes with cannabis effects lasting from 6-8 hours on average.
- **Edibles:** Edibles usually refers to any food products that have been infused with cannabis. This can range from baked goods like cookies and brownies to chocolate, gummies and drinks. The onset is typically a bit longer with edibles, with effects starting around 60-90 mins after ingestion and lasting for 6-10 hours on average. These may be especially helpful for chronic conditions or symptoms that respond best to long-acting/extended-release medications.
- **Tinctures:** Cannabis tinctures are liquid extracts of cannabis that are available in dropper bottles and are typically taken sublingually (a few drops under the tongue). Absorption is quicker than with capsules/tablets as their effects typically start within 15-30 minutes.
- **Sublingual Sprays:** Cannabis sublingual sprays are a fast-acting way to take cannabis medicine. They are typically made with a cannabis oil that has been mixed with a carrier oil or alcohol base. Sublingual sprays are absorbed quickly into the bloodstream, and they typically start to work within 15-30 minutes.

When first starting an oral cannabis medicine, it is important to consider your experience and tolerance level with cannabis. For those who are relatively new to cannabis, starting with a low dose and increasing the dose very gradually is key to preventing or minimizing potential side effects. The most common side effects of cannabis medicine include dry mouth, red eyes, hunger and drowsiness.

If you are interested in starting a cannabis medicine regimen, I encourage you to talk to a healthcare professional (whether that be your primary care provider or a cannabis clinician like myself) to determine if you are a good candidate for medical cannabis. Your clinician should also review whether you have any health conditions for which cannabis is not recommended or if you take any medications that can interact with cannabis (both CBD and THC have many drug-drug interactions). For guidance on medical cannabis use and dosing as well as medical cannabis consultations, please contact our clinic, Higher Med at (959) 900-8206 or check out our website at HigherMed.org.

*Dr. Paulina Miklosz is a doctorally-prepared Family Nurse Practitioner with over 10 years of experience in primary care, population health and advanced diabetes management. She is the owner and medical director of Higher Med, a Plainville-based health clinic specializing in Cannabinoid Medicine*



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**Nightingale Awards for Excellence in Nursing**



A Jerome Home nurse earned one of Connecticut's most prestigious honors, the Nightingale Awards for Excellence in Nursing. The Nightingale Awards honors nurses for going above and beyond clinical and educational environments. The awards were created 21 years ago as a gala to celebrate and elevate the nursing profession, paying tribute to Florence Nightingale and her willingness to serve her patients.

On Monday, May 8, honorees were attended another gala at The Convention Center in Downtown Hartford. Maria Aguas, BSN, RN, was honored.

Aguas has been with Jerome Home for more than 25 years and, as a discharge planner, she ensures every resident is ready to transition home.

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## FROM CROUCHING TO LIFTING, GARDENING IS GREAT EXERCISE.

Protect your knees while gardening this summer.

This summer make sure you are making the necessary precautions while in your garden. Whether you're uprooting begonias or shoveling topsoil there are certain precautions you should take.

Make sure to keep your body in tip-top shape and prevent injury, awareness is critical.

You'll especially want to protect your knees and other joints from the bumps and jolts that are a part of any hike. Otherwise, you may find your summer adventures sidelined by injuries or pain in your knees, back, hips, or ankles. This is where an investment in the right hiking gear can make all the difference.

### KNEELING

To ease knee symptoms and keep your joints healthy, start with a good kneeling mat or pair of knee pads. They will:

\*Reduce the load to the knee cap by creating a consistent soft surface.

\*Allow you to get areas where you would have difficulty crouching

\*Improve your back and knee mechanics throughout your time in your yard

For maximum benefit, be sure to move your mat as you weed, plant, or dig—you may have to adjust as you make progress, *don't reach*. Many times if gardening is your goal, your physical therapist will engage in exercises to address core control while on your knees or in the quadruped position.

### LIFTING

We have all heard the old adage lift with your legs. While this rolls off the tongue you may also want to add the glutes into this as well:

**Direction:** When lifting make sure you are squared up to the item you are about to lift. Whether this is a boulder, the lawnmower catcher, or a bag of soil keep it close to your body and your sternum should be directly facing the item.

**Put It Down:** Again, this is tied to unloading your load—make sure to step and point your toes to your desired landing or resting space. Injury is incurred when your hips and upper body go different directions when setting a heavier item down. It is good practice to do this with even lighter items to keep you in good practice.

### SHOVELING:

Just as in lifting you should square up to your target and when throwing soil, leaves, or other items point your lead foot in a ¼ lunge movement toward the landing place.

**Gloves:** Many injuries seen by therapists could be avoided with a good pair of gardening gloves. Very often a client will have a bag, tree, or shrub begin to slip due to their grip and they attempt to awkwardly catch it in mid fall.

**Hips Don't Lie:** Good hip strength and mobility can significantly take pressure and subsequent pain out of the knee joint and also the knee cap. A skilled therapist can not only assess your hips but also depending on your anatomy let you know the custom exercises that will keep your lawn green, vegetables growing, and your beds flowering.

### PUSH-PULL-CARRY

Before you move a heavier garden item remember the push-pull-carry philosophy. This is the hierarchy of how you move something it not only reduces shear forces and wear to the knees, but also takes the load off of your lumbar spine.

Sometimes the biggest help here is taking a breath and assessing what will be the safest and most efficient to accomplish your horticulture goal.

### IS INJURY INEVITABLE?

Despite all your precautions, you may end up getting hurt. A common injury is patellofemoral pain syndrome (PFPS), we also call it gardener's knee. It's not a specific injury—it's a broad term for describing the pain that comes from one of several knee problems. You'll usually notice the pain in front of your kneecap, but it can be felt around or behind it. You might also have swelling, hear popping, or have a grinding feeling in the knee. Many times there is an ache not only in the garden but also when you finally sit down for a well deserved beverage.

Treatment from a good physical therapist can ease pain and help you heal. Your PT can also provide strengthening exercises that prevent injury down the road—or in the garden!

*If you are aching from gardening or unable to garden, contact us at Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Center of Plainville.*

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Dear Friends & Editor

Eversource and UI recently announced electricity rates for the year's second half. CT households will see relief from the astronomical bills of the last few months since the second-half prices are always lower than the first-half rates. However, prices will still be 15% higher than last year. CT residents can switch from Eversource/UI standard service to other reputable suppliers and reverse the price increase entirely. Thousands of CT households have already switched and saved money. There is no catch. It takes a few minutes and can be done online. Below is the how and why:

Households can comparison shop and save money on electric supply: Residential and business customers can conveniently review and compare various suppliers on [www.energizect.com](http://www.energizect.com). Electric supply markets are deregulated and households can choose from a number of competing suppliers by clicking on [www.energizect.com](http://www.energizect.com). Currently, suppliers are offering electric supply for less than 12c /kWh for a term of 18 months. In comparison the Eversource standard service is currently 24c, and for the second half, it will be 13.82c. The first half of 2024 is likely to be higher again since winter prices in CT are higher than summer prices. Hence shopping for electricity will save money.

CT legislation ensures fairness and reliability of a competitive market: The legislature has set up clear and strict rules where all suppliers must be transparent, and all contracts must be cancellable at any time without penalty. So while a household can sign for a fixed price for 18 or 26 months, they can cancel anytime for any reason. In prior years, comparison shopping was less critical because supply costs were low and stable. But now, comparison shopping saves

money because of the gas supply constraints in winter months.

Your electricity bill consists of two parts- Supply and Delivery: Supply refers to the electrons flowing when you use your lights. Delivery refers to the costs for wires and substations needed to get those electrons flowing to your home. Supply is deregulated, price is volatile, and multiple generators/suppliers can serve you. On the other hand, delivery is regulated, meaning you have no choice. The total bill is a sum of the supply costs and delivery costs. When you switch you are still provided the same reliability and service from the utility since they are still getting paid for delivery.

If you do not choose a supplier, you get the default standard service price: If customers do not choose a supplier, the statute requires that the utility - Eversource or UI procure electricity for those customers. The default procurement is called "Standard Service." The standard service is procured via several auctions one year before the term. Considering the energy volatility in recent years, suppliers are reluctant to bid into these auctions, hence the high prices. Switching is easy and takes only a few minutes. However, it does take one to two billing cycles for the utility to enable the switch. Hence, looking ahead for 1 - 2 months before making any change is essential.

Please email me if you have any questions.

*Sincerely,*  
**Harry Arora**  
*Former State Representative*  
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# Young at Heart.....Plainville Seniors

## PAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES Maxine Kollar, Editor/Office Assistant

### JUNE EVENTS

#### GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

If you are a grandparent or relative who is raising a grandchild, niece or nephew, you are not alone. Come to the support group on Tuesday, June 6 at 10:30 AM, at the Senior Center and share resources, ideas, struggles, joys and more with others who are raising their grandchildren. Funding for this program is made possible in part by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging. You must register to attend. Call the Senior Center or go online at [www.schedulesplus.com/plainville](http://www.schedulesplus.com/plainville) to register.

#### INSIDE ALCATRAZ THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 10:00 AM— FREE presented by Joe Ouellette ‘The History Guy’

The Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary was a maximum security federal prison on Alcatraz Island, which operated from 1934 until 1963 and housed the nation's most notorious and dangerous criminals. Meet those on the guest list and take a look around at this interesting bit of history. We'll explore the genesis of the institution, its famous "guests", the accommodations, The Battle of Alcatraz and the players, the routine and the food. Did The Bird Man really have birds at Alcatraz? We'll also explore the odds of an escape. Let's discuss...Great Photos too! Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register.

#### CAREGIVING CONNECTIONS

Join your caring friends on Tuesday, June 13 at 10 AM at the Senior Center as we support one another on our journeys and recognize the challenges and frustrations of 24/7 caregiving. You must register to attend. Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register.

#### SNAPPY SENIORS PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP MEETS

THURSDAY, June 15, 10:00 AM

Share photos from anytime or place. Show us something you learned OR a special photo OR one of your all time favorites! Bring ideas for future classes, trips & lectures. Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register.

#### AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 12:30 PM—4:30 PM  
Cost: \$20 FOR AARP MEMBERS—\$25 FOR NON-AARP MEMBERS.

The AARP Smart Driver course teaches valuable defensive driving strategies and provides a refresher for the rules of the road. Drivers learn research-based trips to adapt their driving to compensate for physical & cognitive changes that may occur with aging. Plus, you may qualify for a multi-year automobile insurance discount by completing the course (check with your auto insurance agent for details). Register and pay at the Senior Center.

#### MEMORY CAFÉ THE SENIOR CENTER THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2:00— OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Memory Café is a warm & welcoming program for individuals with memory loss. Anyone experiencing memory loss is welcome to attend with their loved ones or caregivers. Memory Café is a social gathering with a safe, supportive, & engaging environment that gives everyone a place to make new friends and interact with others. Enjoy appropriate activities such as crafts, games, music & conversation. Memory Café, which meets monthly, is free and welcome to all. This program is funded in part by Title III of the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. & the CT State Unit on Aging. Call Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register.

### BREAKFAST CLUB –

#### MEN AND WOMEN INVITED

TUESDAY, June 20, 9:00 AM

Join us for an informal breakfast at a local restaurant! You'll order (and pay on your own) off the menu. Enjoy breakfast out with a great group of friends. If we have enough interest, we will try and make this a regular event! Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register.

#### HOOSKIRTS TO FLAPPERS- HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2:00 PM, FREE.

*Presented by CT Historical Society*

A woman born in 1850 who lived for 80 years would have seen fashion change dramatically in her lifetime. In this presentation of the CT Historical Society's Costume and Textile Collection, you'll see how women's clothing transitioned from the iron reign of the hoopskirt to the relative freedom of the flapper dress. Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register.

#### STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE DAY THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 3:30 PM FREE FOR SENIOR CENTER VOLUNTEERS!

**COST: \$4.00 NON-VOLUNTEERS  
(MUST BE A Senior Center member).**

*Sign up for volunteers and non-volunteers  
begins June 6*

Join the Senior Center Committee on Aging as we celebrate summer and the strawberry season with delicious homemade strawberry shortcake! We'll also say "thanks" to our many volunteers for all they do to keep our programs and services running so smoothly at the Senior Center!

#### BOOK BUDS JUNE BOOK:

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FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 10:00 AM

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### MEMORY SCREENING

TUESDAY, June 27

10:00 AM—12:00 PM BY APPOINTMENT

Are you worried about your short-term memory? Take 10 minutes for a Memory Screening from the Alzheimer's Foundation of America—simple & safe "healthy brain check-ups" test memory and other thinking skills. Open to anyone whether they have current memory concerns, are at risk for Dementia, or just want to see how their memory is now for future comparisons. This is not a diagnosis of any particular illness & is completely confidential. Conducted by Hollis Hartman, Memory Care Advisor, Arden Courts. Call the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 to register.

#### VETERANS' SOCIAL HOUR TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 10:00 AM

These monthly information and support meetings are conducted by Sherri Vogt, Veteran's Liaison for Hartford HealthCare Senior Services. FOR ALL VETERANS OVER 60 AND THEIR SPOUSES. Call the Senior Center at (860)747-5728 to register.

#### DENTAL CLINIC RETURNS

The Community Health Center Mobile Dental Clinic will be offering preventative dental services by appointment on Wednesday, June 28 and Thursday, June 29. To schedule an appointment, call Monica Caseley at (475)471-5011. Services include x-rays, cleaning, fluoride & oral health education. For patients with no dental insurance, a standard fee of \$30 for cleaning, x-rays and fluoride applies. Patients unable to afford the \$30 fee can contact Stephanie for scholarship and eligibility information. You must contact Stephanie at 860-747-5728 prior to your appointment.

#### SENIOR CENTER & LIONS CLUB SUMMER PICNIC

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 11:30 AM

MEMBERS ONLY.

**COST: \$6.00 PER PERSON.**

Join us at the Senior Center for an indoor summer picnic co-sponsored by the Plainville Lions Club. The Lions Club members will be supplying and grilling hot dogs and hamburgers for us! The picnic menu will also include macaroni salad, coleslaw, chips, watermelon and an ice cream truck! The ice cream truck will be provided by The Pines of Bristol. Following lunch, sit back and enjoy the eclectic array of acoustic music performed by Elana Zabari. \*Volunteers needed to help with set up, preparing salads and clean up. Please contact Ronda if you can help.

### JUNE Events - Clip & Post on Refrigerator

**June 6, 2023 10:30** Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group. Open to the public. Call Stephanie at the Senior Center for more information.

**June 8, 2023 10:00** Inside Alcatraz Presented by Joe Ouellette "The History Guy". Call to register.

**June 13, 2023 10:00** Caregiving Connections support Group. Call to register.

**June 15, 2023 10:00** Snappy Seniors Photography Club – for Senior Center Members Only. Call to register.

**June 15, 2023 12:30—4:30** AARP Smart Driver Course Cost: \$20 AARP members or \$25 Non-AARP members. Register and pay at the Senior Center.

**June 15, 2023 2:00** Memory Café at the Senior Center-open to the public. Call for more information or to register.

**June 20, 2023 9:00** Breakfast Club at D' Marie's Restaurant. Pay on your own. Call to register.

**June 20, 2023 2:00** Hoopskirts to Flappers – Presented by the CT Historical Society. Call the Senior Center to register. Open to the Public.

**June 22, 2023 3:30** Strawberry Shortcake Day – Summer celebration and volunteer 'thank you'. Free for Senior Center volunteers! COST: \$4.00 NON-VOLUNTEERS (MUST BE A Senior Center member). Register and pay at the Senior Center.

**June 23, 2023 10:00** Book Buds. Members Only. Enjoy a great book discussion on "The Christie Affair by Nina de Gramont. Call to register.

**June 27, 2023 10:00—12:00** by appointment Memory Screening. Call to register.

**June 27, 2023 10:00** Veterans' Social Hour. For all veterans over 60 and their spouses. Call to register.

**June 28, 2023 and June 29** Community Health Center Mobile Dental Clinic. Call to schedule an appointment, call Monica Caseley at (475)471-5011.

**June 29, 2023 11:30** Senior Center & Lions Club Summer Picnic – members only. COST: \$6.00 pp Register and pay at the Senior Center by June 23.

**HELP FOR VETERANS:** For those needing assistance with VA benefits, forms & programs, call 203-805-6340 to make an appointment with Jason Coppola on the third Tuesday of the month at 10 AM. His first appointments will be June 20th. (If there is no answer, please leave a message giving your full name and phone number). Jason will conduct a phone interview to find out your status, needs & paperwork required. This will prepare for your face-to face appointment at the Plainville Senior Center. No drop-in appointments are available. Jason's position will be serving residents of the 5th Congressional District only which means he is unable to serve Southington or Bristol residents but can serve Plainville & New Britain. **Call Jason for an appointment 203-805-6340**



# OBITUARIES

## ~ Cecelia Labieniec DiFrancesco ~



100 of Plainville died peacefully on May 8, 2023. She was born on October 11, 1922 to John Labieniec and Sophie (Suprynowich) Labieniec of New Britain. She was the last surviving member of her family of 5 brothers and 3 sisters. She married Louis (Bobo) DiFrancesco in 1941, settled in Plainville where she raised her family and was an active member of the community.

Cecelia will always be known as an energetic, assertive, friendly person. She was an avid quilter whose hand sewn quilts won many awards. She leaves countless memories of her quilting and ceramics crafts to her family. She was a lifetime member of the Plainville Historical Society, prior member of the OLM Ladies Guild, the Plainville Womens Club, Friends of the Plainville Public Library and the Metacomet Quilters. In her alter years she was very committed and involved at the Plainville Senior center where she enjoyed the activities, trips and classes.

She leaves four children, Genievieve DiFrancesco of Planville; Rocco DiFrancesco and his wife Virginia of Wet Virginia; Louis DiFrancesco of Plainville and Patricia Keller and her husband Charles of Avon. She leaves nine grandchildren; Laura Moscove, Larry Plochanski, Christine Mastrianni, Jennifer Lech, Rocco-John DiFrancesco, Susan Walker, Marc DiFrancesco, Jesica Abate and Ben Thompson. She leaves 17 great-children Stephanie Moscove, Mark Mastrianni Jr., Matt Mastrianni, Bret Lech, Lisa Lech, Angelina DiFrancesco, Rocco "Buddy" DiFrancesco, Isabella DiFrancesco, Sophia DiFrancesco, Olivia DiFrancesco, Meredith Walker, Bradley Walker, Leo Abate, Samuel Abate, Emily Thompson, Boden Thompson and Drew Thompson. She leaves two great-grandchildren Vincent Mastrianni and Eli Mastrianni.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church with internment at St. Joseph Cemetery.

At Cecelia's request donations can be made to the Plainville Senior Center Dial-A-Ride program. The family expresses their gratitude to the wonderful caregivers who supported Cecelia in the last years of her life, especially Sarah Cassidy who became a dear friend and provided much comfort and compassion.

## ~ Emma A. (Fusco) Dalfino ~



99, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 12, 2023 at Sheriden Woods, Bristol, where she resided for the past 7 years.

Born on September 25, 1923, she was the last surviving of eight children to the late Salvatore and Bridgida (Pastore) Fusco of Cheshire.

She married Vito Dalfino in 1950, and settled in Bristol where they shared the next 68 years together until his passing in 2018.

Besides her parents and her husband, Emma was predeceased by her four brothers Daniel, Michael, Victor, and Umberto Fusco and her three sisters, Mary Perugini, Anna Perugini, and Lena Carbone.

Although she had no children of her own, she leaves several nieces and nephews with many cherished memories. Everyone's favorite Aunt, she was always there to lend a helping hand, bake mountains of delicious Italian cookies to be enjoyed at bridal showers and weddings, and family picnics were not complete until she arrived with her Lemon Lush for dessert!

Emma chose Sheriden Woods as her home, where she enjoyed gardening (planting tomatoes just last week!), reading, crossword puzzles, and the challenge of assembling 1000 piece jigsaw puzzles. She quickly won the hearts of the nurses, aides, and employees who all treated her as a member of their own family. It is with great appreciation we acknowledge their excellent care and dedication. We as a family could think of no better place for her to call home.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Emma's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial was held. at St. Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave, Bristol. Committal followed at St. Thomas Cemetery, Southington. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## ~ Thomas M. Morgan ~



69, of Southington, formerly of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 21, 2023.

Born in Bristol, CT on January 22, 1954, Thomas was one of thirteen children to the late Robert R. and Theresa C. (Sullivan) Morgan. Tom was an

avid outdoorsman, working several years with his father clearing land, selling firewood and just about anything that needed to be done to help. He loved fishing at the Farmington River and hunting deer in Vermont. Tom was the family gardener, tending to the vegetables and flower beds, but especially loved his hobby as the beekeeper of the beehive he had in his youth. Although Tom never had any kids of his own, he was the very special "Uncle Tom" to many nieces and nephews who he cherished very much.

Tom's family would like to send a special thanks to Hartford Healthcare at Home Hospice Team for their care and support during Tom's final days.

Tom is survived by his significant other, Denise Carpentier, of New Britain; and his siblings, Margaret Shover, of Plantsville, Sally Garuti, of Cumming, GA, Catherine Shover, of Southington, Robert Morgan Jr., of E. Longmeadow, MA, David Morgan, of Virginia, Will Morgan, of New Hampshire, and Stephen Morgan, of New Hampshire. He was predeceased by his siblings, James Morgan, Russell Morgan, John Morgan, Joseph Morgan, and Betsy Tenney.

Per Tom's wishes, his family will celebrate his life privately. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville extends their gratitude to the Morgan family for their continued trust they have placed in us to take care of their family. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## ~ Anthony D'Amico ~



33 of Plainville, beloved son of Marc and Laurene (Normandy) D'Amico, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Born in Bristol on October 5, 1989, Tony attended schools in Avon and Plainville, and EC Goodwin Technical School in

New Britain. Born into the construction profession, he was a natural when it came to operating heavy equipment and was self-taught, enthusiastic bulldozer operator. He previously worked for D'Amico Construction and was currently employed at Mizzy Construction, where he was well respected for his knowledge and hard work ethics. With his trademark sunglasses and his hair styled to perfection, he showed up each day with an infectious love for his job. Second to his love for Cat equipment and apparel was his affection for the tacos that he consumed on a daily basis. Tony had an eclectic choice in music that his entire neighborhood knew about as he played it loudly enough for all to hear. He leaves his family heartbroken, but with many cherished memories for them to reflect upon with a smile as he would have wanted.

In addition to his parents, he leaves his twin sister Angela, with whom he shared a special bond; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, his close friends and co-workers; and his beloved dog, Mocha. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Anthony and Ann Marie D'Amico and Rose and Frank Normandy.

In lieu of flowers, Tony may be remembered with contributions to the Hospital for Special Care, 2150 Corbin Ave, New Britain CT 06053 or at [www.hfsc.org](http://www.hfsc.org) to benefit the care of his sister and countless others.

Funeral services were held from Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Committal followed at St. Joseph Cemetery, where he will be laid to rest with his grandfather, Tony. Family and friends gathered at the funeral home. To share memories or online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## ~ Robert R. Paciotti ~



82, of New Britain, passed away on May 23, 2023. He was the loving husband of Gabriele (Czyrko) Paciotti for 42 years. Robert was born in Peckville, PA on March 24, 1941 son of the late Raymond Paciotti and Eleanor (Bielawski) Paciotti Augustyn. After high school, he enlisted in the United States

Air Force where he served for a short period of time before being honorably discharged to support his mother and sister after his father's passing. He went on to serve his country as a member of the Air Force Reserves for 18 years. Robert made a successful career as a New Britain police officer, raising to the rank of Lieutenant. He served the city of New Britain for 28 years, retiring in 1995. Upon retiring, he became a Judicial Marshall and spent another 10 years working for the State of Connecticut. Robert was proud to be a member of the New Britain Elks Club 957.

Along with his wife Gabriele, Robert is survived by his sons Robert R. Paciotti, Jr., and Christopher Paciotti and his wife Marianna; daughter Michelle Denis and her husband Clark; and grandchildren Jacob and Amanda Paciotti. He is also survived by his sister Diane Lukaszewski and her husband Larry; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Robert was predeceased by his step-father Raymond Augustyn, step-brother Raymond Augustyn, Jr., and step-sister Lorelei Kubas.

Visitation was at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes New Britain. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. in Sacred Heart Church, New Britain. He was laid to rest with military honors in the State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown. Memorial donations in Roberts name may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org). To share a condolence with his family, please visit [www.duksa.net](http://www.duksa.net).

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Before it is too late,  
Or save an older person from  
The horror of that fate.  
Enable me to be alert and  
Hear the weakest shout,  
And quickly and efficiently  
To put the fire out.  
I want to fill my calling and  
To give the best in me,  
To guard my every neighbor  
And protect their property.  
And if according to your will  
I have to lose my life,  
Please bless with your protecting hand  
My children and my wife.



# OBITUARIES

## ~ Mary M. Michaud ~



88, of Plainville passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home on Saturday, April 29, 2023 after a courageous two-year battle with stage 4 breast cancer. Her loving family was by her side. She is now reunited with her devoted husband of 41

years, Gary C. Michaud.

Mary was born on October 13, 1934 in Caribou, Maine daughter to the late Henry and Lucie (Hebert) Bell. A devoted and loving wife, mother, and memere. Mary spent many years caring for her family, a blessing that came natural to her. She lived every day with a smile on her face and a positive outlook on life, no matter what circumstances came her way. Mary was loved by all; her family, her friends, her neighbors, especially the neighborhood kids who she happily baby sat for several years instilling kindness and generosity into all she surrounded herself with. A nickname of many, Mary was well-known as "Mangia Mary" making sure no one ever went hungry and enjoyed a delicious meal. She volunteered for a few years at Midstate Medical Center and was a member of the Red Hat Society. Mary enjoyed shopping, going to eat at the 99 Restaurant, and had a knack for ceramics. She was a wonderful mother and caregiver, and even through her battle with cancer she kept smiling. She is now at rest, with a new job to do: be the guardian angel for her family. She will be missed tremendously and everyone will always remember her, forever cherishing the memories they shared with her throughout her 88 years of a blessed life.

Mary's family would like to thank the Hartford Healthcare Hospice team and the Franciscan Ever There Care Team for their exceptional care and compassion, especially for helping to keep their mom at home where she was most comforted. A special thanks to Janifer Abraham, who was Mary's live in aid, who took wonderful care of Mary and was a true godsend to their family.

Mary is survived by her children, Denise Hermann and her husband, Mark, Greg Michaud, and Andrew Michaud; her grandchildren, Thomas Michaud and his wife, Becca, Karyl Armstrong and her husband, Stuart, Christopher Michaud and his wife, Kellie, Daniel Michaud, Natalie Michaud, Aimee Michaud, Deirdre Hermann, and Kyle Hermann; her great-grandchildren, Avery Michaud, Camden Michaud, Connor Armstrong, and Cory Michaud; her brother, Gilbert Bell; her sister, Cecile Cammilleri; her former daughter-in-law, Tracey Press, and several extended family members. She was predeceased by her son, Michael Michaud.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A service in celebration of Mary's life was held. Burial in St. Laurent Cemetery, Meriden, will be held privately. Donations in memory of Mary can be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Fund, 13770 Noel Road, Suite 801889, Dallas, TX 75380, or to the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd S #4b, Southington, CT 06489. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com).

## ~ Patricia H. Sauvron ~



82, formerly of Bristol, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 12, 2023 at Apple Rehab of Avon. She is now reunited with her husband, the late Nicholas Sauvron and family pet Quincy, her favorite Boston Terrier. Patricia was born on September 14, 1940 in Mas-

peth, New York, the only daughter of the late Charles and Frances (Belz) Ellis. Raised in Plainville, Patricia graduated from Plainville High School and worked at Rowley Springs for many years before retiring. She was a former member of the Asbury Methodist Church in Forestville. A woman of simplicity, Patricia found her enjoyment in crossword puzzles, word searches, crocheting and living her life to the beat of her own drum. She loved chocolate and was fond of Law and Order, but most importantly, Barry Manilow. Known to her family as the woman of nine lives, Patricia leaves a legacy of love and perseverance.

Patricia is survived by her sons, Kenneth Sauvron and his wife, Rachel, and William Sauvron and his wife, Billie-Jo. She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren, Matthew, Michael and Brendan Sauvron, and her grand-pup, Nash, a Golden Retriever.

Patricia's family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Apple Rehab of Avon for the compassionate care and love they showed to Patricia, giving her a place to happily feel at home.

Family and friends gathered at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville, CT 06062. Funeral services were on Wednesday, May 17 with prayers and words of remembrance led by Rev. Stephen Volpe. Burial followed in West Cemetery, Plainville. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Patricia can be made to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd, Newington, CT 06111 or The Hartford Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 30, PO Box 1568 Hartford, CT 06144. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com).





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## ~ Marlene Ann (Dallesander) Stawski~



loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully on Thursday May 4, 2023. She was the wife and best friend of Walter Stawski, with whom she shared 55 wonderful years of love and life adventures.

Born in Hartford on November 3, 1946, she was

the only daughter to the late Michael and Evelyn (Beebe) Dallesander. Raised and educated in Wethersfield, she was a 1965 graduate of Wethersfield High School. A member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, she furthered her education at Endicott College, from where she graduated Magna Cum Laude and began her passion for championing for women's rights. She and Walter settled in Watertown where they raised their family of three daughters and became proud grandparents. Marlene began her career as a buyer for Sherwin Medical, a job she thoroughly enjoyed, and retired in 2000 as an executive assistant at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, having been in the comfort of their care during her final days. Her 23 years of retirement were spent leaving no stone unturned. She fulfilled her love for the beach, wintering in Florida and cruising to the islands; traveling the world on dream vacations, including crossing Paris off of her bucket list; and entertaining family and friends with her infectious love for life and addictive cinnamon rolls. She had a love for shopping, mostly so she could spoil her children and grandkids with thoughtful gifts, and embraced quiet times at home tending to her gardens and enjoying a good book. While she has left this earthly life, she leaves her family and many dear friends to whom she was loyally devoted with countless memories of love and laughter.

In addition to her husband Walter, she leaves her three daughters, Debra Gallo and her husband Scott, Theresa Stawski, and Amy Plourde and her husband, Kevin; her fourth "daughter" Marybeth DePompa with whom she shared a special bond; her adored grandchildren, Nathan and Jacob Gallo, Riley Stawski, and Peyton, Logan and Griffin Plourde; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family and lifelong friends.

In lieu of flowers, Marlene may be remembered with contributions to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research PO Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741 or at <http://www.michaeljfox.org> Family and friends gathered in celebration of Marlene's life at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial followed at St. Dominic Church, 1050 Flanders Rd, Southington. She will be laid to rest privately at a later date. To share memories and expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

### West Cemetery - Spring 2023

As Mowing Season is starting, a reminder of our Rules and Regulations:

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4. Stones or Mulch are not allowed around markers or monuments .

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# OBITUARIES

## ~ Philip Randall Doucette ~



75, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and devoted coach, passed away suddenly but peacefully at his home on Friday, May 26, 2023.

One of three children to the late Harold and Anamaria (Forcella) Doucette, Randy was born in Bangor, ME.

He graduated from Plainville High School in 1966 where he met the love of his life, Carmela Lepore, and settled in Burlington where they shared 52 wonderful years of marriage and raised three loving children.

A lifelong athlete, he excelled in baseball and football at Plainville High School, and continued as a wrestler for Central Connecticut State University where he earned his Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Physical Education. Affectionately known as "Coach," he went on to impact countless lives as an educator for more than 40 years at Plainville High School, challenging his students and athletes to always "work hard and keep your head in the game" in every aspect of life.

He coached several of his children's teams and was highly accomplished with the PHS swim team where he earned the CIAC Connecticut Boys Swimming Coach of the Year in 2009, and was later inducted into the Plainville High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.

An avid sportsman, he played hockey, enjoyed backpacking and fishing, and spent his retirement years with his family, camping, boating, gardening, woodworking, cheering on his beloved Boston Bruins, and recently leading the pickleball program for the Bristol Parks & Rec department.

A lover of animals, Randy would take dog treats with him on walks so that he could feed them to all the neighborhood dogs he saw. His passion and spirit will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, pets, and all who knew him. In addition to his wife, Carmela, he leaves his children and grandchildren who were his pride and joy, Michelle Rawcliffe, her husband, Rob and their children RJ and Rita; Craig Doucette, his wife Erin and their daughter Josephine; and Rebecca Stefanczyk, her husband Karl, and their daughter Marina. He was predeceased by his sister, Patricia Doughty. He also leaves behind his brother, James Doucette and his wife Marianne and many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Association, and because of Randy's love for animals, also to the Animal Rescue Foundation.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 11:00 AM at St. Gregory the Great Church, 235 Maltby St. Bristol, CT 06010. There are no calling hours and burial will be held privately. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Doucette family for their trust. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

### NOTICE: SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY

No mulch is allowed in front of any cemetery markers. It is difficult to maintain the placement of the mulch when mowing the grass or during the process of cutting weeds around the stones. Please help us keep the cemetery tidy and clean. Thank You!

## ~ Michael John Bakaysa, Jr. ~



77, a resident of Bristol, whose heart remained in his hometown of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, May 27, 2023. He was the husband of Patricia (DuBois) Bakaysa. Born on May 19, 1946, he was one of two sons to the late Michael John and Ida

(Pedrolini) Bakaysa. A 1964 graduate of Plainville High School, he went on to earn his Associates Degree in Electrical Engineering from Hartford State Technical College. Mike proudly served his country in the US Air Force for four years during Vietnam, and was honorably discharged in 1969. A successful and hard-working self-employed contractor for over 50 years, he quickly made friends with countless customers and business associates along the way. Having played many sports over his life, he continued this lifelong love through coaching and helping establish numerous youth teams in both Forestville and Plainville. He was honored with many awards for his efforts, including becoming a U.S. Jaycees Ambassador and Life Member and a Plainville Sports Hall of Fame inductee in 2014, both of which he continued to volunteer for until his passing. A devoted family man, he especially beamed with pride watching his grandchildren excel in their many endeavors. His presence will be missed by his adored family and by the town that he was tirelessly dedicated to making better.

In addition to his wife, Patricia, he leaves his son, Michael John Bakaysa, his wife Shannon and their children, Michael John V and Maryssa Bakaysa; his extended family Amber (Jimmy) Morales, D'Avanté Santiago, Zackary Morales, Aria Morales, and Drue Dziados. He was predeceased by his brother, David Bakaysa and leaves his niece Tasha Plourde, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and wide circle of friends. In lieu of flowers, Mike may be remembered with contributions to the House of Heroes Connecticut, 3342 Whitney Ave, Hamden, CT 06518 or [www.hohct.org](http://www.hohct.org) Mike's life will be celebrated with Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at St. Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave, Forestville. Honoring his wishes, there will be no calling hours. He will be laid to rest privately at the State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Bakaysa family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

## ~ Pearl A. (Cheney) Gilpatrick ~



95, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at Apple Rehab Farmington Valley.

She was the wife of the late Carl Gilpatrick. Born August 28, 1927, and raised in Lubec, Maine. She was the last surviving of seven children to the late Reginald

and Margaret Cheney. She moved to Connecticut in the 1960s with Carl and was a dedicated nurse at Bristol Hospital until her retirement.

In addition to her first husband, Carl Gilpatrick, she was also predeceased by her second husband, Vincent Choquette.

She was the youngest of seven children and predeceased by her siblings, Clifton, Victor, Alger, Clayton, Bernard, and Louise. She leaves many nieces, nephews, extended family, and her three stepsons Marvin, Keith and Kevin Choquette.

She also leaves behind a close longtime family friend she thought of as a niece, Peggy Sue (Matthews) Casarella. Peggy's parents also came from Lubec and grew up with Carl and Pearl. They were like family, and Peggy cared for Pearl in her final years. According to her wishes, Peggy will return Pearl to her beloved hometown of Lubec to be laid to rest.

The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to Pearl's family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

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This bipartisan event permits advanced manufacturers direct access to the workforce of the future. Over 500-plus students across CT will be bussed into the Capitol to meet with local small, medium, and large advanced manufacturers to learn about manufacturing, and get excited about career opportunities in their own backyard.

There were students from Plainville Middle School and Kennedy Middle School, Southington High School, DePaolo Middle School from Southington.

"What a wonderful event and opportunity to build the education-to-career pipeline for the thousands of industry jobs that will need to be filled over the next decade," said Rep. Cooley. "Many parents and students were able to learn what coursework is needed to have a career in STEM/manufacturing and will learn how manufacturing can be a solid career that pays well and sometimes can lead to no college debt."

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# Jake's Sport Talk

Hi! Welcome to this month's Article of Jake's Sports Talk



This month I am recapping a Plainville Baseball game. **May 1st**

**Plainville vs Avon game notes**  
**Win 6-5**

- #7 Keith Laggasey CF had one single a ground out and a hit by pitch
- #23 Charlie Hills 3B had two singles and a double
- #3 Mike Oulette SS had two singles and a pop out
- #5 MJ Bakaysa 2B had a double and a strike out
- #15 Tate Stevens C had two ground outs and a single
- #22 Gavin Cooke RF had three strikeouts
- #10 Matt Boney 1B had two ground out's a fly out and a strikeout
- #2 Dylan Cianci LF had a walk and two strikeouts
- #11 Jayden Castro DH had three strikeouts

# Wedding Congratulations



~Johan and Evan Schuler ~

Daughter of Reyna & Guillermo Buitron and Son of Sarah Schuler. They first met in Southington Connecticut, had their first date in Collinsville and were joined together in the Holy bonds of matrimony May 3rd 2023 by the Justice of Peace Helen Bergenty in Plainville. They both have been Plainville residents for several years.

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## School Business Community Partnership Program Breakfast Event

Community partners from a number of local businesses and organizations gathered for an appreciation breakfast event on May 10th, hosted by the Plainville Community Schools "School Business Community Partnership Program." The event featured a number of student, faculty and staff speakers who shared comments about the tremendous support provided by the district's many community partner individuals, businesses and organizations.



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## Setting the Facts Right in Plainville Real Estate

There is a lot of news regarding the current state of real estate, interest rates, credit scores and the projection of real estate. All of these reports discuss national trends, but it's important to understand your local community.

### Myth 1: Real Estate prices will plummet.

2019 was the last full year we had pre-COVID. In Plainville, 185 single family homes closed with an average sale price of \$216,000.\*

In 2022, the most recent full year of sales post-COVID, 175 single family homes closed with an average sale price of \$278,000\*.

For Plainville, the trend has been a decline in inventory but an increase in sales prices. Real estate follows the law of supply and demand. When there are more buyers than properties, prices will rise and vice-versa.

2023 has only continued to give Plainville low inventory. If we take the number of homes closed from January 2023 through the end of April 2023 and we continue on the same trend with the same number of houses closing per month, we will only see 108 homes close in Plainville in 2023\*. Yet again, we anticipate a decline in supply and that's why we remain in a Sellers market.

### Myth 2: Interest Rates are Unattainable for Buyers

Interest rates have risen, but with the projected rise in sales prices, Buyers are locking down homes now and planning to refinance in the future. Buyers are also weighing out the financial benefits of owning rather than competing with the rising cost of rents. The rapid increase in rents has significantly attributed to the supply and demand issue.

### Myth 3: Buyers with Higher Credit Scores will Be Penalized

There are some fee changes for strictly conventional loans. However, homebuyers with higher credit scores will still pay lower fees than someone with a lower credit score. FHA, VA, and CHFA loans, loans that are most commonly used by first-time homebuyers, will not have this affect them.

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## ANNUAL MEETING

**PLAINVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 3 @ 2 O'CLOCK**  
**HISTORIC CENTER**  
**ALL MEMBERS**

There is always something new, about something old, at the Historic Center Research Room. We discovered a box of professional photographer's prints, in stunning black and white, of vintage homes in Plainville. There was no note explaining the original purpose of them, the person behind the camera, and no addresses attached. But they were like the mother lode of the past to us, and they caught the attention of our historic homes specialist volunteer, Lucie. She loves old houses and she lives in one-- in Plainville.

Our plan is to post a picture of one house (or more) each month. If you recognize the house, all we need is the address. You can remain anonymous. Leave a message on our land line or at our e-mail address. If you are familiar with the house, and so-inclined, we would love some fun facts about it. We will add the house to our growing files of vintage homes for future reference, to delight future generations of researchers.

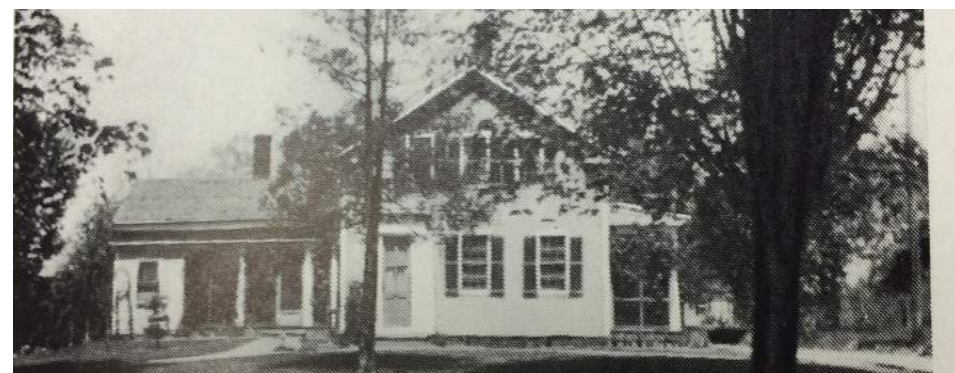
Our Research Room is available to you during Historical Society office hours or by special appointment. You never know what you might find.

**DID YOU KNOW?** ...That a house more than 75 years old in Plainville cannot be demolished unless the Historical Society is duly notified. Then Lucie does a search to assess whether the property has any historical significance. We still mourn the Trumbull mansions.

... That the Charles Norton house, on East Main St. -- a known stop on the Underground Railroad in the 1800s-- was destroyed and replaced by a commercial building. What? Don't know what the Underground Railroad was? Our Plainville African-American History Specialist, Gail Williams, could explain.

*Check out the TV antenna on the chimney*

*Charles Norton House - Stop on the Underground Railroad -Gone*



## PLAINVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Participation and membership are encouraged. Society members are all volunteers. We love to have new people involved! Please see Membership and Support for more information. Call at 860-747-6577

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The Plainville Historical Society has received a grant from the Connecticut Humanities for 2023. The grant helps to fund our operating costs and to continue offering the quality programs and services to which we are committed.



## PLAINVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MISSION

Keeping Local History Alive Through Preservation, Inspiration, and Education. Established in 1968 under the leadership of the legendary Ruth Hummel, the Plainville Historical Society has been keeping local history alive for over 50 years. Our goal is to accomplish this through:

\*Collecting and preserving resources including documents, photographs, memorabilia, or other objects related to Plainville or considered to be relevant Americana. Providing public accessibility to the Plainville Historic Center which the Society maintains as a research center, museum, offices, and store.

\*Promoting interest in local history through programs, media, education, and personalized assistance with research and genealogy.

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The Historical Society will host 150 bicyclers who will visit our Canal Room on June 24, a Saturday, mid-day and early afternoon, as they pedal through Plainville on the Farmington Canal trail. They will arrive in groups beginning about 11 a.m. If you are able to volunteer to help us a few hours on that day, please leave a message on our land line or at our e-mail address.

### HELP

We have discovered that we have a complete set of Plainville High School yearbooks dating back several years, except for the year 2000. If you happen to have one, and are willing to part with it, we would love to have it. Call, write to our e-mail address or appear at the Historic Center any Monday (not Memorial Day) or Wednesday morning between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Use the Research Room door or ring the bell. We'll be so glad to see you!

## Historical Society Program on Connecticut Architecture

Christopher Wigren, the author of Connecticut Architecture: Stories of 100 Places. The book is a fascinating account of our state's architecture. As Mary Donohue from the State Historic Preservation Office said "Wigren weaves together the stories of Connecticut's peoples across over 300 years of building. With his deep grasp of existing research and the buildings recognized on the National Register of Historic Places, he provides both the scholar and day trip enthusiast with a list of places to visit." the author highlighted a number of the 100 sites including Plainville Campgrounds with its gingerbread style cottages.

*Rosemary Morante, Publicity Chairperson  
for the Plainville Historical Society*

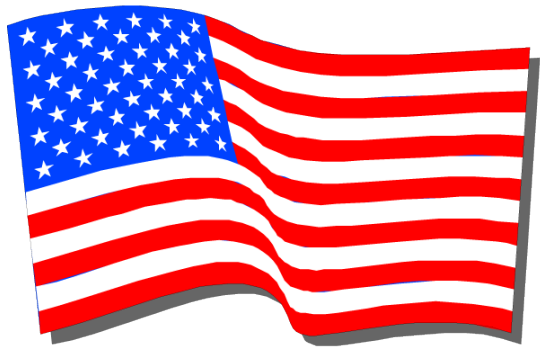
## OUR MAY PROGRAM

The little spring sprinkling of rain didn't dampen the spirits of our audience on Wednesday, May 24 as we welcomed Christopher Wigren from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation; author of Connecticut Architecture, Stories of 100 places in Connecticut. We were delighted with his presentation and especially with special attention paid to the history of the Plainville Camp Grounds.

The atmosphere was reminiscent of graduation rites; a learned collegiate speaker, the sharing of interesting historical information about our buildings, the message promoting appreciation of the lovely old buildings in our daily life and the challenge and mission to preserve them for the future.

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Hope you had a relaxing and safe Memorial Day. The Grand Marshall was Earle Jackson, a Vietnam War veteran who grew up in Plainville. Earle is also a member of our Plainville Historical Society. (Please note: During this year, I was asked to manage the email account belonging to the Historical Society. Therefore, I'll be transferring the mailing list from my personal email to the official Historical Society email account which is [plvhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:plvhistorical@gmail.com). All subsequent emails you see will come from that address!) *Rosemary Morante*



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Nick Broczkowski at North Washington Market actually had gas pumps. He also stocked kerosene for customers who still used it to fuel lamps. His daughter, Helen, weekly delivered a metal container of kerosene to an elderly lady who lived a ways down the road toward Farmington, on foot. Talk about personal service.

If you did get to the store, the clerk would put a brown paper bag on the counter and proceed to retrieve each item you chose and write the price down on the bag with a pencil. When your order was complete, he would tally it up, in his head and write down the total; you would pay and then he put your stuff in the paper bag and you would leave with your groceries and your receipt on the outside of your bag.

With the advent of the Super Market in the 1940s and the arrival of the First National Store to downtown Plainville, shopping carts and more automobiles, everything changed.

The only vestige that remains of this era is, of course, our Gnazzo's. Still at Broad and East, it is Plainville's own historical grocer. And we are so very lucky to have the Gnazzo family who continue to maintain a tradition of community vibe and personal service.

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## Small Business On The Great Plain

By: Gertrude LaCombe

The first settlers to the new world sought to find suitable land on which to farm and build their homes and raise a family. Farmers became the first small business men as they raised their own food and or specialized in a commodity that could be sold or bartered for money to provide for their families.

Fertile land near a river was most desired for a settler to accomplish this goal. Rivers could provide the property with power, food and transportation. It was Thomas Hooker who established Hartford on the Connecticut River. Within a few years the new settlers began to reach out to land areas beyond and purchased a large parcel of land from the local Tunxis Tribe. The Town of Farmington was established in December of 1645 with 5 acre lots laid out along the Farmington River and parts of the Great Plain.

No interest was taken in the Great Plain until the late 1600's when a group looked into the White Oak area with the Great Pond (Hamlin's Pond) the headwaters of the Quinnipiac River. By 1740 most of the Great Plain area that we now know as Plainville had been laid out and farming families were able to purchase land around another river known as the Pequabuck where the town's center eventually developed.

Small business began to abound to meet the needs of these new families. The millers damned the rivers to produce power for grinding the farmers grain. The Cooke family farm in the White Oak Area provided lodging and a blacksmith to repair carriages along the New Haven to Hartford Highway (Rt.10). Broad St. was built West off the highway and became the main road to Bristol over Red Stone Hill. Small businessmen built farms and in home businesses along Broad St. such as tin maker Uri Bishop. As the population grew Farmington built the West District school and meeting house at the intersection of Broad and Washington Streets to serve the local farming community.

The town didn't grow much until the Farmington Canal was built in 1828 when the Whiting brothers took the Great Plain by storm and built two canal basins. These business entrepreneurs built buildings and two basins on Farmington Ave. and on Main St. to accommodate the canal boat travelers and to ship products made by local farmers and businessmen. Even after the demise of the canal the new railroad played a great part in our population growth and development as we became a town in 1869.

When the Plainville Knitting Mill was built over the canal basin many businesses started growing along West Main St. and Whiting St. to serve the developing town. At the time of the industrial revolution and World Wars small businesses started to pop up all over town to serve families away from the center. Small grocery stores such as Tom Maskery's, and the Chapor family on West Main St. Berardy's store was popular after school at Broad and Washington St. and Hurlburt's store at the corner of West Main and Bohemia is where my Mom would send me to pick up a loaf of bread for lunch.

There were also many home delivery and mobile entrepreneurs such as Roger's Bakery, the vegetable man, the milk man and the rag man calling out "Cash paid for rags."

*Small business made our town what it is today open and friendly to all.*

## Your Help Needed:

The volunteers of the Historical Society would love to bring pictures of any of the above Mom & Pop Stores to all our readers. The Society does have some pictures, so if you or your family know of anyone with pictures, please contact the Plainville Hometown Connection office by calling 860-747-4119 and leave a message or Email [plainvillehometown@gmail.com](mailto:plainvillehometown@gmail.com) with the information. *Thanking you in advance for your help!!*

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## REDEEMER'S AME ZION CHURCH

110 Whiting Stree, Plainville  
Phone: 860-747-1808  
Worship Services -  
**Rev. Dr. Shelley D. Best**  
Sunday School.....9:00-9:40 a.m.  
Praise & Worship.....9:45-10:00  
Church Service.....10:00 a.m.  
**Bible Study**  
Wednesday..11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
**Board Meetings**  
Senior Ushers (1st Sat before 1st Sun) 11a.m.  
Gladys Floyds Missionary Society (2nd Sun)  
Deaconess Board (3rd Sun)  
Lay Council (1st & 3rd Sat) 9:30 a.m.  
Christian Education (3rd Tues) 7:00 p.m.  
Men's Meeting (2nd/4th Sat) 9:30 a.m.  
PEP (Every Sat) 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Trustee/Steward (9:30 a.m. & 2nd Mon. of May)  
**Choir Practice**

## THE TABERNACLE

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860-747-5209

Fax/Prayer Line 860-747-5011  
Email: fbc1902@yahoo.com  
Web: www.faithbiblect.com  
Rev. Dr. Jim Caron, Pastor

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- To Know/Glorify/Worship God
- To follow Jesus Christ as LORD
- To Grow in GRACE
- To Understand the BIBLE/  
Apply it to our lives
- To reach others for JESUS
- To be committed to the GOSPEL:  
Jesus died, was buried and rose again on the 3rd day. (He LIVES)  
**Sunday Service: 10 am**  
(JOIN US: LIVE OR FACEBOOK)  
Bible Study: Tuesday  
@ 7 pm by Zoom/in person  
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**Pastor 1-646-522-3471**

E-mail: plainvillesda@gmail.com  
jacksonsg5@sbcglobal.net  
**Pastor Franklin Jackson**  
**Saturday Morning**  
Bible School @ 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service @ 11:00 am.  
FREE lunch after service  
**Wednesday Evening ~**  
Family Prayer Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.  
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**John 3:16**

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222 Farmington Ave., Plainville  
Phone 860-747-5191  
**Rev. Chris Dion, Pastor**  
Worship: Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Visit us at:  
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## An Invitation

You are invited to join the volunteers of the Hometown Connection. We need you to be in charge of contacting the member churches of the Hometown Religious Directory. Name your own hours.  
**Call 860-747-4119**  
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## PLAINVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

56 Red Stone Hill, Plainville  
**Rev. Stephen Volpe, Pastor**  
**Church (860)747-2328**  
**Parsonage (860)747-2592**  
**Cell 1-203-232-2752**

Email: plainvillunited@sbcglobal.net  
Website: www.plainvilleumc.org

### JUNE SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
WORSHIP TIME: 10:00AM  
Sunday School: 10:00AM

**REGULAR EVENTS**  
AA..... Sunday, 7 PM  
Single Purpose Women's Group...  
Saturday, 9:30 AM

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
**COMMUNITY TAG SALE:**  
Saturday, June 3, 9 AM to 3 PM

**WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION:**  
(Celebrated w/Gluten Free Bread)  
June 4, 10 AM  
Peace with Justice Sunday  
To watch our live stream on Facebook use this link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Plainville-United-Methodist-Church-CT-Live-108293257471508>

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**For info please contact Pastor Andrea Osborn at (860) 919-7470 ozzyunk@gmail.com**  
Visit our website:  
wwwspiritualistloveandlight.org  
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**The WELL**  
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**1 Northwest Drive Plainville**  
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**For Worship and the Word of God Tuesdays at 7:00 pm for Bible Study**

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**Rev. Raymond Smialowski, Pastor**  
**Robert Berube, Senior Deacon**  
**Parish/Cemetery Office**  
**19 S. Canal Street**  
Office Hours:  
Mon.to Thur. 9 am to 4 pm  
Friday 8am to 12:30 - Afternoons by appointment only.

**Phone 860-747-6825**

### Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 4:00 P.M.  
**Sunday**  
**8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.**  
**Weekday Liturgy**  
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat 8:00 A.M.

### Devotions

Rosary-Monday-Saturday before Morning Mass  
**Sacrament of the Sick**

Call the office for any sick person to receive the Holy Eucharist or to be anointed.  
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**Feast of St. Anthony**  
**Tuesday, June 13th**  
**8 a.m. Mass**

St. Anthony Members will meet after mass for a Breakfast  
*Any questions, please contact Elaine Osipowicz at 860-747-2528 or call the Parish Center Office at 860-747-6825*

## CHURCH OF THE BIBLE

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**Peter A. Stonis, Pastor**

## WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Nursery Care is provided for all Sunday Services  
Sunday 10:00 am  
Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 am  
Morning Worship Service 11:00 am  
Junior Church Ages 4-8 11:00 am  
Evening Worship Service 6:30 pm  
Bible Study & Prayer Wednesday 7:00 pm  
*For information about the church visit our website @cobplainville.org*

## HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

18 East Main Street  
Plainville, CT 06062  
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Rev. Donald Richey, Deacon  
  
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Adult & Children's Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday 10 a.m.  
Prayer Table outside in front of the church  
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# Pet Page

## From the Plainville Animal Control Desk:

### JUNE IS DOG LICENSE MONTH

It is time again to get your dog license, available at the Town Clerk's office in the Municipal Center. The fee is \$19 for un-neutered dogs, \$8 for neutered. You will need your certificate of current Rabies vaccination unless you have a valid 3 year certification on file. All dogs 6 months old or older must have a license. If you have any question, or if you no longer own the dog you licensed last year, please notify us here at the animal control desk. It will be so appreciated. Call at 860 747-1616.

### BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE

The bottle and can drive for the benefit of PAWS will continue. You can leave your returns at the pound at 29 Granger Lane or at the front lobby of the Police Department. We were able to add \$640 to the Plainville Paws Fund at the end of April. Thank you for your support.

### TAG SALE FOR ANIMALS SATURDAY JUNE 24 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. & SUNDAY JUNE 25 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.  
RAIN OR SHINE  
PLAINVILLE POUND  
29 Granger Lane  
Plainville 06062**

### It's here; the season of the "birds and the bees; the flowers and the trees"-- and the bears.

Early spring, and the wild animals that hibernate are returning to our world. We have already had several sightings of bears in Plainville. Pay special attention to securing your garbage.

**Don't try to feed them, it does not help them.  
It is still illegal to hunt bear in Connecticut.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can adopt an animal from the Plainville pound on Granger Lane? When you choose to consider our animals, you can rest assured that it has had its shots up-to-date and has been neutered. While in our care, all pets are monitored for temperament, habits, and interactions with people and other animals. We will answer your questions honestly and share whatever history on the pet is available. It is our goal to achieve happy homes for all.

Did you know that our animals are affordable? There is sometimes a minimal fee, **often none.**



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their thoughts  
about you...  
your family, and  
life in general!!



### Paws & Property: Over 93k Pets Living Illegally in Rented Homes Across Connecticut

By Kacy Bomer

Study Finds: 82% of pet owners would be willing to pay an additional fee to keep them. Half of renters are put off pet ownership due to the challenges they would have keeping them. Interactive map showing the number of illegal pets in each state. Having a pet, and renting a property, poses challenges. Landlords are often reluctant to allow them – barking, shredded cushions, scratched furniture being some of the reasons. But figures show that 86 million households own a pet - and also that 1 in 3 of them rent. Ergo, this must mean that there are a lot of renters out there who live with their pet in someone else's property - but how many of them have actually declared them to their landlord?

AgentAdvice.com wanted to find out, and surveyed 3,000 pet owning tenants. They first discovered that 18% of them had kept the existence of Buddy quiet - equating to about 7.7 million pets across the country. That's a lot of barking to try and cough over, or scratched table legs to try and cover up. In Connecticut, 20% of pet-owning renters admit to not disclosing this to their landlords (equating to 93,085 illegal pets).

**Rental Ruff:** Renters have it tough enough as it is, with landlords always having the upper hand in the situation, so it seems a shame that pets are often not made to feel welcome in a rented property. However, given the choice, the survey found that 82% of pet owners would be willing to pay an additional fee to keep their furry friend in the rental property with them - the extra cost could quite easily be used to make any repairs to anything that was damaged. And when it comes to how much people would be willing to pay on top of their rent, the average amount was \$375.69.

**Tenant Tails:** Not all neighbors would be put off by the fact someone next door had a pet, either; AgentAdvice.com also asked hypothetically whether, "if your property renewal was coming up and someone new was moving in with a dog, would you consider finding somewhere else to live?" Only 26% said yes, suggesting that the vast majority of Nutmeggers are actually pet-friendly. The research also revealed that two thirds thought it was fair for landlords to ask tenants to leave the property if it turned out they had pets which were not permitted. But sadly, the challenge of finding a rental property which allows pets discourages 58% of people from getting a pet if they are renters.

"Caring for a pet is a responsibility that requires commitment and dedication, yet the current rental market often makes it challenging for pet owners to find suitable and affordable accommodations. Discriminatory pet policies and limited pet-friendly options not only place an undue burden on renters, but also deny them the joy and companionship that pets bring to their lives" says Chris Heller of AgentAdvice.com.

AgentAdvice.com have provided 4 tips for convincing your landlord to allow you to have a pet in your rental:

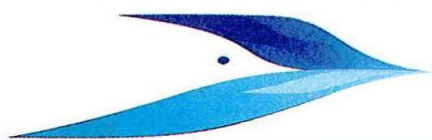
- 1. Talk to Your Landlord** - Getting permission to have a pet as a renter can be difficult as landlords may include a "No Pets" clause in the lease to maintain control over how many pets are in their properties. Many landlords will make exceptions for excellent tenants who are positive contributors to the rental community.
- 2. Be Flexible** - To convince your landlord to allow a pet in your rental, it's important to be flexible with your pet choices. However, if you have a good relationship with your landlord, it's possible they may make exceptions for a responsible and reliable tenant. So don't be afraid to have a conversation about the possibility of bringing in a larger pet.
- 3. Providing Documentation** - If you're a pet owner looking to move into a new rental property, providing additional documentation can help show your landlord that you're a responsible pet owner. This may include a letter from your current landlord, vet records, training records, and spay/neuter records. By demonstrating that your pet is well-behaved and non-disruptive, you can alleviate any concerns your landlord may have about potential property damage or disturbance to other renters.
- 4. Offer to Pay More** - To convince your landlord to allow a pet, offering to pay extra in the form of a deposit or monthly charge can show that you are committed to being a responsible pet owner. While some pet-friendly rentals have upfront policies regarding deposits or rent surcharges, it's possible to convince some landlords who don't allow pets to make exceptions if you offer to pay extra. However, pet deposits can be expensive, so be sure to have the necessary budget before making the offer.

**Sincere thanks to AgentAdvice.com**  
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