

TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, September 6th the Town Council Personnel and Appointments Committee meeting has been cancelled.
- Tuesday, September 6th, Town Council Committee of the Whole Special Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Tuesday, September 6th, Town Council, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Wednesday, September 1st, Town and City Councils/RTM/ Board of Education Liaison Committee, 5:30 p.m., Administration Office, Room 11

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

Please be advised that all Groton Town offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 5th. Please enjoy the upcoming holiday with your friends and family.

2017 NATIONAL MEDAL FOR MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICE NOMINATION

The Groton Public Library has been nominated by Congressman Joe Courtney for the 2017 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. This annual award is presented by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and was created to underscore the significant contributions that museums and libraries make to their communities. The award honors institutions that demonstrate extraordinary approaches to serving their constituents and that exceed expected levels of community outreach.

The required forms, information and letters of support must be submitted by the Library before October 3rd in order to be considered for the Medal. If you are interested in providing a letter of support for the Library, please contact Betty Anne Reiter at breiter@groton-ct.gov.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 is a flyer from the American Red Cross for the Home Fire Preparedness Campaign. Red Cross team members will set up appointments with residents to install new 10 year smoke alarms in their homes and provide lifesaving preparedness information. To schedule a visit, register at www.redcross.org/ct/schedule-a-visit or call 1-877-287-3327 and choose option 1.
2. Attachment 2 is the article “Eversource expands natural gas distribution in Groton,” from The Day newspaper published August 31st.
3. Attachment 3 is an invitation from the Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Connecticut to the Great Futures Benefit Dance on September 16th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Ocean Beach Park. General admission is \$20.00 per person or \$25.00 at the door. Seniors, students and active military receive discount admission of \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at Muddy Waters Café, The Telegraph or Blu-Prints Unlimited in New London, the Mystic Boathouse in Mystic, or the Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Niantic.

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Hylton, Lisa

Subject: FW: Red Cross Home Fire Preparedness Program
Attachments: SmokeAlarmApptFlyer CT.docx

The American Red Cross needs your help in passing along information on their new program, Home Fire Preparedness. Red Cross team members will set up appointments with residents to install new 10 year smoke alarms in their homes and provide lifesaving preparedness information. There is no cost for this service and only takes about 20 minutes. We will also check existing alarms, replace batteries and install new alarms where there are alarms over 10 years old. It is estimated that for every 1000 smoke alarms installed one life will be saved! That is pretty important!

Red Cross decided it was important to actually help install the alarms vs giving them out, so families don't need to focus on the tools, correct placement, or struggle with the actual installation. We all know how easy it is to say "I will get to it tomorrow" and leave the alarms sitting in the box! In most communities we are working with the local fire departments to identify target areas, share install information and even help with the installs. Some local Fire Depts already have a program in place and often times we partner up to install more.

So far we have installed over 1700 alarms in Eastern CT since the program began in 2015. Pretty Amazing. I am asking that you help us pass the word to your town employees, community residents, friends, family and anyone that would benefit from this service. Attached is a flyer to help spread the word. Here are some ideas that have worked in other communities.

- Many towns across the State have added the link to their websites to encourage their residents to take advantage of this free program.
- Having flyers available at Sr. Centers, Schools, Town Hall Etc.
- Placing the flyer in Tax Bills, Utility Bills
- Having the information in Park and Rec Booklets, Town wide newspapers etc.
- Emailing residents, staff members or other groups

Questions? Let me know! Thanks for helping to save a life!!

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At no cost to you, we would like to share some simple steps you can take at home that will help you protect your family against fire. In addition, the Red Cross will install FREE smoke alarms within your home. Visits generally last 20 minutes and can be scheduled at your convenience.

During your home visit, you will receive:

- Installed smoke alarms if needed
- Guidance in the development of a Family Disaster Plan
- Valuable emergency preparedness tips and information

All demonstration and installation services will be performed by Red Cross-trained volunteers and/or licensed/insured professionals.

To schedule your visit, register at www.redcross.org/ct/schedule-a-visit or call 1-877-287-3327 and choose option 1.

If you are interested in becoming a Red Cross volunteer, please email:



American Red Cross

Hylton, Lisa

Subject: FW: Eversource expands natural gas distribution in Groton (New London Day)

Eversource expands natural gas distribution in Groton

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Groton — Eversource is investing \$5.1 million to expand its natural gas system in Groton, making the fuel available to an additional 400 residents.

Work began Tuesday on the project to install about 5 miles of underground pipeline in the area of Bel Aire, Ensign, Ridgewood and Ring drives, as well as Corey, Hilltop, Indian Field and Oakwood roads, the company said in a news release.

Residents and business owners in the Fort Hill north and Bel Aire north areas of town would be able to access natural gas when the work is done.

Eversource has about 1,300 natural gas customers in Groton.

"This is investment in an area we've received a great deal of interest from potential customers," said spokesman Mitch Gross.

Weather permitting, crews will work from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, the news release said. The company will update community leaders and customers where work is being done to minimize the impact on traffic and coordinate with other roadwork, the release said. Drivers may experience delays due to alternating, one-way traffic.

The project is expected to be complete in November.

Natural gas can be used for home heating, water heating, clothes drying and cooking, as well as barbecuing, fueling fire pits and heating swimming pools and hot tubs, the company said.

For more information on the project or accessing natural gas, visit Eversource.com or call 1 (855) 645-2427.



GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF SOUTHEASTERN CT**



Friday
September 16, 2016
7 PM - 10 PM

**Dance the night away.
Help create GREAT FUTURES.**

GREAT FUTURES BENEFIT DANCE



**Ocean Beach Park
New London, CT
06320**

You will have a blast when you join us for a fun-filled evening to **help create GREAT FUTURES for the kids in our community who need us most.**

Dance to the tunes of Rock 'n' Soul Revue.

Dress is casual and fun is abundant.

Bring your lucky rabbit's foot to help you walk away with some great prizes from the silent auction and tea cup raffle. Auction and raffle prizes include a football signed by

Patriot's Tom Brady, local artwork, catering services, Visa gift cards, jewelry, bountiful baskets and gift certificates from local merchants including, but not limited to: Mystic Seaport, Mystic Aquarium, Lazy Leopard Thai Cafe, Steak Loft, Two Wives Brick Oven Pizza, Garde Arts Center, Eastern CT Symphony Orchestra, Contractor Larry Lewis, One Personal Grooming Studio, Jac's Cleaning Service, Matta and Gager Attorneys.

You too can help **OPEN DOORS to GREAT FUTURES!**

Become a Sponsor. Advertise. Purchase tickets.

Tickets:

General Admission: \$20 / \$25 at the door

Seniors/Students/Active Military: \$10 / \$15 at the door

Available at:

Muddy Waters Cafe | The Telegraph | Blu-Prints Unlimited

New London

The Mystic Boathouse

Mystic

Arthur Murray Dance Studio

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Rock 'n' Soul Revue



The Rock and Soul Revue is an eight-piece dance band firmly rooted in R&B. Their strong vocal harmonies, rhythm section and great stage energy brings life to Dance hits from the Motown era through the 80s. The band's sound includes Blues, Soul and Motown. They also play classic rock from The Rolling Stones and Santana, and Dance hits from Gloria Estefan and Tina Turner.

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