

The Simsbury Scoop



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Work begins on the 'pool barn' property

The approved development of the convenience store and the multi-use barn at 155 Hopmeadow Street has begun.

In 2014 the property owner received approval for a 4,513-square-foot convenience store and fueling facility along with a 6,520-square-foot mixed use for the existing barn structure on the property.

The property will also provide a connection to the existing multi-use bike/pedestrian trail at the rear of the property and a small outdoor eating area for customers, pedestrians and bikers. The rehabilitated barn on the site has histori-

cally been used for many uses including manufacturing, retail sales, auto sales and repair as well as wrapping cigars for which the building was originally designed.

According to the owner The site will become an active spot where residents can get small convenience items, obtain motor vehicle fuel take a short rest from biking on the trail or possibly have a

small business located in the rehabilitated barn building.

The potential for several different types of businesses to be located in the barn exists as well.

These uses could be small or large as the barn will accommodate a variety of unit sizes depending on the tenant's need. This facility should be open for business this fall.



The property known as 'the pool barn' is being redeveloped.



June is Dog License Month ... it's time to renew your dog's license! You can do that at the town clerk's office. For information, [click here](#).



June is Handicapped Parking Awareness Month in Simsbury. The Simsbury Police Department is working with the Aging and Disability Commission and members of the business community to help educate motorists and prevent and enforce violations. If you see a violation, contact the Simsbury Police Department at 860-658-3100.

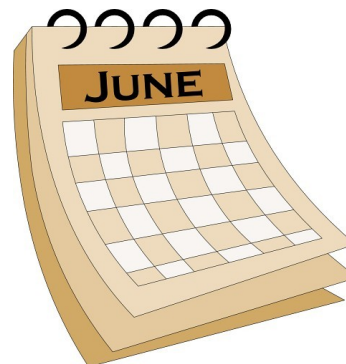
Senior/community center public outreach meeting June 8

On June 8 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Simsbury Public Library, members of the Senior/Community Center Architectural Selection Committee will hold a public outreach meeting for residents.

The purpose of the meeting is for the selection committee to gather input on what

information the public would like members to consider when developing questions for the selection of the architect as the committee prepares for interviews.

All residents with an interest in the project are encouraged to attend and provide their input on this important selection of the architectural team.



The Household Hazardous Waste collection is June 13

The Town of Simsbury, in conjunction with Avon, Canton and Granby will be holding a household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at the Simsbury Public Works Facility at 66 Town Forest Road. (Town Forest Road is located off of Stratton Brook Road.) The collection will run from 8 a.m. to noon and will be open to all residents from Simsbury, Avon, Canton and Granby.

What items are acceptable to bring to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection?

- Fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- Batteries — common household batteries including rechargeable

batteries (excluding car batteries).

- Lawn care chemicals — fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides.
- Switches or items containing mercury — thermometers, thermostats, motion detectors.
- Household cleaners — acids, adhesives, aerosol cans, ammonia, drain cleaner, disinfectants, moth balls, etc.
- Chemicals from the garage or workshop — anti-freeze, ant/bug spray or bait, brake fluid, old gasoline, oil based paint, lighter fluid, polyurethane, pool chemicals, road flares, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, wood stain, etc.

What items are not acceptable?

- Ammunition and/or explosives.
- Asbestos.
- Business waste.
- Car batteries.
- Cement.
- Electronics.
- Fire extinguishers.
- Freon.
- Marine flares.
- Ice melt — ice melt is not hazardous and can be disposed of in the regular trash.
- Latex driveway sealer (Genite) — driveway sealer is not hazardous;



solidify then throw in the regular trash.

- Medicine/drugs/needles/syringes.
- Propane tanks for gas grills.
- Appliances.
- Smoke detectors.
- Tires.
- Used oil and oil filters.

For more specific information, [click here](#) or contact the public works department at 860-658-3222 or the Simsbury Landfill at 860-658-9481.

Simsbury Chamber of Commerce debuts “Ike on the Bike”



Simsbury Chamber of Commerce recently debuted their new “mascot”, “Ike on the Bike” as part of Bike Month in May.

“So many people commented on how pleased they were to see a bicyclist featured prominently on the chamber’s new logo, so our new health and wellness task force decided to make him our mascot,” said Joseph Shiman, chairman of the task force.

“Ike” was isolated from the logo to appear as a large cut-out, and also on

bumper stickers, window stickers, and as smaller cut-outs members and others can purchase for \$1 to show their support of the chamber’s health and wellness initiative in the workplace and in the community.

The Simsbury chamber’s new logo was unveiled in January. At that time, Lisa Gray, executive director, noted that the new logo better represents the town and the things that people love about it, including the fact that it is one of Connecticut’s favorite towns for outdoor

recreation, and especially biking.

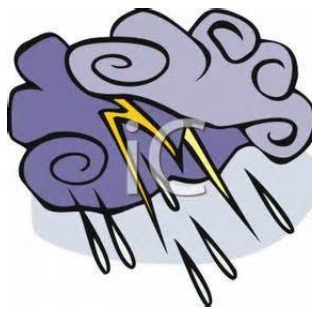
“Ike will be present at all of our events for photo opportunities, and we look forward to seeing stickers in the windows of bicycle-friendly businesses and on the bumpers of cars all over the Simsbury area,” said Gray. “We’d also love to see people taking photos with the large and small cut outs of Ike and posting them all over social media.”

To get your own Ike on the Bike cut out, bumper, or window sticker, call the Chamber office at 860-651-7307.

Now is a good time to prepare for a summer storm power outage

With summer on its way, the Town of Simsbury and Eversource want to remind you that there are steps you can take to make sure you are ready for storms that may cause a temporary power outage. Power outages can occur for a number of reasons, including storm damage, planned service interruptions and excess demand during periods of extreme heat. Here are some steps you can take right now to be prepared:

- Stock up on non-perishables, such as canned goods and pet food, and make sure you have adequate medical supplies and prescriptions for yourself and your pets.
- Pick up some paper goods: paper plates, paper towels, plastic ware.
- Keep flashlights and batteries on hand available throughout the house.
- Have a battery-powered radio available.
- Make sure you have fresh batteries that are the correct size for the flashlights and radio.
- Be sure there's a first aid kit in the house.
- Fill your car with gasoline since you don't know where you'll have to go. Your car can also be a good place to get warm or, if you have air conditioning, to cool off as long as you keep it well ventilated and don't go to sleep while it is running.
- Be prepared to cook outside. You can use charcoal or propane grills or even a camping cook stove if the power goes out. However, never bring grills inside!
- Have extra gasoline on hand if you own an electric generator.
- Place a list of emergency numbers near a phone (landline, since cordless phones don't work during outages) and in your mobile phone: Red Cross, fire, police, family doctor.
- Invest in an Uninterruptible Power



Supply (UPS). During a momentary power outage, the UPS will continue to provide power to your personal computer. (A UPS is not designed to operate a computer indefinitely, only long enough to allow users time to save their work and shut down properly.)

You should also consider updating your telephone number and e-mail address with Eversource, and signing up for storm text updates at

www.eversource.com. The Eversource website also has important information about steps you should take when a storm is approaching, especially if you use a home medical device, such as a ventilator.

Finally, if you lose power, it is important to contact Eversource at 800-286-2000 or report your outage online at www.eversource.com so the company knows you don't have electricity. You should also remember to stay safe if you see a downed power line. Always assume it is live, do not go near it, and never drive over the line. Report it as soon as

June 13 Composting Open House

The Community Farm of Simsbury (CFS) and the Simsbury Recycling Committee will host a free composting open house on June 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the farm at 73 Wolcott Road in Simsbury. In addition to master composters leading discussions on composting best practices, a member of the CFS educational staff is coordinating activities for children. Presentations will take

place at 10 a.m. and noon, but people are welcome to stop in anytime to meet with the master composters and tour the farm. This event will provide composting best practices for people interested in starting or expanding their home composting efforts and information on local businesses that will pick up food waste for a nominal fee.

Connecticut's adopted goal is to divert 58 percent of the waste

stream by 2024. Currently in Simsbury, 24 percent of the waste stream is redirected into recycling programs. By expanding composting efforts in Simsbury, everyone will benefit from the reduction in municipal solid waste and the gain in quality compost.

For more information, please call 860-904-8873.



Burgers on the Bridge, June 10, 2015

4:30 to 7 p.m. (rain date June 11)

A fundraising event where volunteers will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, cheeseburgers, veggie burgers, chips, and beverages to raise money for the Old Drake Hill Flower Bridge. In addition, there will be live music.



Teen fun at the library!

Cupcake wars, teen tech, comic drawing classes and yoga are planned for teens this summer at the Simsbury Public Library. For a full list of summer fun for teens, [click here!](#)





Students raise funds for a school in Ecuador

The Take Action Club at Tootin' Hills Elementary School raised \$12,000 to build a school in Los Rios, Ecuador. A total of \$10,000 will go toward the actual building of the school. The club decided to use the additional funds to purchase furniture and textbooks and provide training for 10 teachers. The students also chose to have some of the funds help two families start a farm with goats and chickens that will give the families the chance to sell eggs and milk, pay for school fees and learn the skills to run a sustainable small business. The club worked with the organization Free the Children in Canada.

Renter's Rebate Program

Simsbury's Social Services Department is now accepting applications for the Renter's Rebate Program. The program application period runs through October 1, 2015.

Applicants must be at least 65

years of age, or be totally disabled — with proof of disability (as of December 31, 2014). Maximum gross income for a couple is \$42,200; and for a single individual is \$34,600.

Applicants will need to pro-

vide financial information for the calendar year 2014, including the 1099 Social Security form; proof of any other income; all rent and utility receipts; CRT fuel assistance award letter; and if filed, their 2014 income



tax return.

For more information and/or to schedule an appointment, please call 860-658-3283.

Simsbury Free Bike

Simsbury Free Bike opened for the season May 1. Borrow bikes for up to 24 hours with a \$10 refundable deposit from **Fitzgerald's Supermarket, J. Foster Ice Cream, Live Every Day Physical Therapy, Mitchell Auto Group and The Simsbury Inn** (guests).



- ♦ Rent bikes through October 2015
- ♦ Riders must be 18
- ♦ "Like" them at www.facebook.com/simsburyfreebike
- ♦ Email: simsburyfreebike@gmail.com

Dates to remember:
June 21 is Father's Day and Summer Begins!



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Harriet Beecher Stowe:

Her Words Changed the World

Wednesday, June 24, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Simsbury Public Library Program Room

Her Words Changed the World is a multimedia program that shares the life and work of Harriet Beecher Stowe, writer of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, the prolific anti-slavery novel that shifted the conscience of a nation and galvanized the anti-slavery movement in America preceding the Civil War. The program is designed to inspire people to embrace Stowe as a relevant role model in the 21st century to illustrate how one person using their gifts and talents can make positive social change in the world. The program will also include details about Stowe's connection to the town of Simsbury through her son Charles Edward Stowe, minister of the Simsbury, CT Congregational Church from the 1880's until the late 1890's. Additionally, Her Words Changed the World highlights the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center and their current work and programs as an international historic site and center for promoting activism for social justice issues. This program is in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Juneteenth, the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. It was held in the state of Texas in 1865 and is celebrated on June 19 each year. Registration requested at 860-658-7663 x2200 or [click here](#). Free and open to all.

