

# The Simsbury Scoop



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## Bocce Anyone?

If you happen by Eno Memorial Hall, on the side of the building is a new 12 x 45-foot bocce court. It's the latest activity offered by the Simsbury Senior Center.

The idea came from some of the bocce playing seniors themselves. By early

summer a meeting between First Selectman Mary Glassman, Public Works Director Tom Roy, and Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Mark Rustic yielded a plan and a location. And as of late October the court was complete. The four-day job included digging down two feet, fill-

ing the hole with sand, and, most importantly making sure the court was level. Compacted stone dust is the finished surface with 6 x 6 pressure-treated timbers framing the court. The project was led by the buildings and grounds department and supported by the highway department.



The new bocce court outside Eno.

## Leaf Collection Information

It's that time of year. After the enjoyment of the leaf colors, there is the raking.

But the Town of Simsbury is here to help. Simsbury provides an annual leaf pick-up program.

Leaves only are accepted

and must be bagged in biodegradable brown paper bags left at the edge of the road. Any brown, biodegradable bag is acceptable. The bags will be picked up on the scheduled day, beginning on Nov. 12 at 7 a.m.

[Click here to search by address to determine pickup date](#)

Click here for a: [Program Overview and Schedule](#)

Click here for a: [Detailed Pickup Schedule](#)



**Don't forget to vote.**  
**November 4 is Election Day!**  
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## Join the Teen Advisory

Calling all teens in grades 7-12. Have your voice be heard!

Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and share your ideas about upcom-

ing programs, materials, and general improvements to help make Simsbury Public Library an even better place for you and your friends.

The group is also a way to

meet school community service requirements, if applicable.

If you are interested in joining TAB, please contact Sara Ray, Teen Librarian, at [sarar@simsburylibrary.info](mailto:sarar@simsburylibrary.info)

### Dates to Remember:

- Simsbury Town Hall will be closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day, Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving, and Nov. 28. Public schools will be closed for Thanksgiving, Nov. 27 and Nov. 28.
- Join the Simsbury Land Trust for a screening and discussion of the film *Symphony of the Soil* ... "an artistic exploration of the miraculous substance soil" on Nov. 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Simsbury Public Library. [For more, click here.](#)



Take a look at this time-lapse video from **First Church of Christ in Simsbury**, [http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=8iEkJ13W3ac](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=8iEkJ13W3ac). Deb Ackels and her daughter, Sarah, organized an event with over 160 volunteers who packaged more than 17,000 meals to feed the hungry in Connecticut with a group called **Feeding Children Everywhere**. For more about Sarah Stops Hunger, click here [www.sarahstopshunger.com](http://www.sarahstopshunger.com).

## Forgotten Drinks of Colonial New England

Explore the origins and taste of the favorite potations of early Americans, learn some modern-day recipes to revive them today, and sample a non-alcoholic drink with Corin Hirsch, author of *Forgotten Drinks of Colonial New England*.



Colonial New England was awash in ales, beers, wines, cider and spirits. Everyone from teenage farm workers to the founding fathers imbibed heartily and often. Tipples at

breakfast, lunch, teatime and dinner were the norm, and low-alcohol hard cider was sometimes even a part of children's lives. This burgeoning cocktail culture reflected the New World's abundance of raw materials: apples, sugar and molasses, wild berries and hops. This plentiful drinking sustained a slew of smoky taverns and inns — watering holes that became vital meeting places and the nexuses of unrest as the Revolution brewed.

Hirsch is an award-winning food and drinks writer who recently moved to the Hudson Valley of New York. She learned

to pull a pint of Schlitz (for her grandfather) at the age of six, and she used to tend bar inside a sixteenth-century English pub. She has written about craft beer for *Serious Eats* and also ghost-blogs and writes in the wine world.

**WHEN:** Friday, November 7, 2014, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Simsbury Public Library, Program Room 150

**FOR MORE:** [Click here](#)

## Health District Monitors Ebola Status

The Farmington Valley Health District serves as the Town of Simsbury's Health Department. The district has met with town emergency personnel, including representatives from the police and fire departments and the volunteer ambulance organization to review its protocols and procedures for responding to infectious diseases including early identification of cases and strategies to control the spread of illness. The health district is working closely

with the Connecticut Department of Public Health to ensure that it stays current with the guidance coming out of the Governor's office and the Centers for Disease Control. A few reminders:

- Stay home when you are sick to prevent the spread of your illness to co-workers, teachers and classmates.
- Get a flu shot — the flu kills thousands of people a year and contributes to significant sick time from school and work.
- Wash hands regularly with warm water and soap; reinforce this with children.

- When you do cough or sneeze — cough into your elbow, use a tissue and immediately wash your hands.
- Always avoid contact with someone else's bodily fluids including blood, vomit and urine.

For more information about Ebola, visit the State of Connecticut's website at [www.ct.gov/ebola](http://www.ct.gov/ebola). Residents with questions about Ebola or other infectious diseases should contact the Farmington Valley Health District at 860-352-2333.

## Dewey Farm Home Serves as Training Ground

If a house is going to come down, you might as well make the most of it. And that is what happened to the house at Dewey Farm on Oct. 18.

The roughly 1,800 square-foot two-story wood framed farmhouse became a live-fire training facility for the Simsbury Volunteer Fire Company.

The opportunity gave firefighters the most realistic training to show how quickly fire spreads through a home, the high heat conditions experienced, and to watch fire behavior in a controlled environment.

The firefighters performed fire suppression activities, and search and rescue techniques to find civilians trapped

inside. Members fighting the fire inside were shown fire behavior and what signs to watch for before a hostile fire event takes place, which could cause serious injury or death to firefighters. Members outside learned about reading smoke, which teaches firefighters how to recognize the signs before a hostile fire event takes place.

The training itself lasted for about 3 1/2 hours with 10 separate evolutions taking



place. Once training was finished, the house was ignited one last time to fully consume it for the town. The final burn lasted approximately 1 1/2 hours. The total time firefighters were on site for set up and clean up was nine hours.

A total of 55 firefighters from Simsbury took part. There were also tanker trucks from Granby and East Granby that assisted with transporting water to the location from nearby hydrants. The Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance assisted with one EMT and one paramedic with an ambulance on scene as a precaution.

Information submitted by Randy Chesaneck, Simsbury Fire Department Assistant Chief, Training Division.

**Simsbury Junior Woman's Club's Luminary Night is the club's major annual fundraiser. Purchase luminaries [online](#), or buy kits at Fitzgerald's Market on Nov. 23. Then *Light up the Night* on Sunday, December 7!**

