

The Simsbury Scoop



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Innovation Fair set for April 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The next time you stop at a stop sign, you can thank Simsbury resident William Phelps Eno.

Eno (1858-1945), known as the "father of traffic safety," is just one of the many innovators that hail from town. In an effort to recognize what has come before, celebrate the spirit of innovation and cultivate new innovation, the first-ever town-wide Innovation Fair will be held April 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at locations around town both in-

doors and outdoors. The event is free and open to the public. For all the details, see simsburyideas.com.

Exhibits, activities and demonstrations will be at the [Simsbury Public Library](#), the

[Methodist Church](#).

What might one see at an exhibit? At the historical society there will be a life-size chess set made of sculptures outdoors. At the library, there will be roam-

To name some of the events.

The Wagner showroom will have a transportation display with a Tesla, some early carriages and other cars from the Valley Collector Car Club that demonstrate

innovations in automobiles over the years.

Simsbury has sprouted clever minds that invented everything from William Gray's payphone to William Bickford's safety fuse, and Henry F. Phillips' Phillips screwdriver. Who knows what may be invented next!

SATURDAY
APRIL 25

SIMSBURY
innovation fair

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[Simsbury Historical Society](#), [Simsbury High School](#) and in the former Wagner Ford main building, as well as the [Simsbury Free Library](#) and the [Simsbury United](#)

ing Techie Teens to answer technology questions, as well as a workshop to create LED bracelets, use the 3-D printer, a seminar to learn code, and a marshmallow catapult.



- Fishing season opens Saturday April 11. (Take note: it is the second Saturday versus the third, as in prior years.) You can purchase a fishing license in town hall at the town clerk's office or online from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). [Click here](#) to purchase a license online or for a copy of the Angler's Guide.
- Fisherman's breakfast at 4:30 a.m. at the Firefighter's Club House on Town Forest Road April 11.
- On April 29, spring turkey hunting season begins. A license can be purchased at the town clerk's office or online, [click here for more](#).

Town and Simsbury Land Trust Share Conservation Award

The [Connecticut Land Conservation Council](#) awarded its 2015

"Excellence in Conservation Organization Award" to the Town of Simsbury and the Simsbury Land Trust for their creative and collaborative work in protecting the George Hall Farm on March 21. "This is a perfect example of a public/private partnership working to support long-standing goals in land

stewardship," said Simsbury First Selectman Lisa Heavner, who accepted the award along with Dick Davis of the Simsbury Land Trust.

For years, the Simsbury Land Trust shared George Hall's desire to see the farm protected, but it did not have the resources to fund a development rights purchase. Federal funding was not available because at 11 acres, Hall's Farm was too small to quali-

fy. To supplement his own fields, Hall had for years leased farmland owned by the Town of Simsbury known as Pharos Farm. The land trust realized that by combining the two farms, the project would have sufficient acreage for federal funding. The land trust structured a deal that allowed Hall to purchase Pharos Farm and the land trust to receive federal funding which, with additional

funds raised by the land trust, permitted purchase of the development rights.

Through ownership of the development rights by the Simsbury Land Trust, buttressed by an easement in favor of the U.S. government, town leaders and citizens can be assured that the land will always be farmed. Today, the original Hall Farm property, which had been at risk, is protected.

Shred event is April 18

DATE: Saturday, April 18, 2015

TIME: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Simsbury Town Hall, front lot

This event is for Simsbury residents only. There is a 3 bag maximum (grocery size) per household.

Sponsored by the Simsbury Police Department and the Simsbury Social Services Department.



Budget Hearing

The public budget hearing, operating and capital, on the proposed 2015-2016 budget will be held Wednesday, April 8, 2015 in the Simsbury High School amphitheatre at 6 p.m. For more information on the budget, [click here](#).

The referendum is May 5.

Simsbury is seeking Hometown Hero nominations

Simsbury is seeking nominations for recipients of this year's Hometown Hero Awards. Since 1986, Simsbury has recognized outstanding individuals for their service to the community who meet the following criteria:

- The person(s) is a resident, or active in the Simsbury community, or who lived in Simsbury during the time period that is under consideration.
- The person(s) has demonstrated selfless and altruistic behavior which contributes significantly to the betterment of the town.
- Such deed or action performed inures primarily to the Town of Simsbury, although not necessarily exclusively; and
- Any individual or group nominat-

ed shall not be a member of town staff, nor a sitting elected or appointed official. Nor shall the hero have benefited economically from his/her endeavors on behalf of the town.

To nominate an individual or group, please write a letter of nomination, specifying why the person should be given this designation; or complete a nomination form, available at town hall, the

Simsbury Public Library and the senior center. Nominations must be submitted by **April 23, 2015** to the *Simsbury Hometown Hero Selection Committee*, Town of Simsbury, P.O. Box 495, Simsbury, CT 06070. Click here for [nomination forms](#), or find them on the town web site at www.simsbury-ct.gov. Forms may be submitted electronically. For more information, call 860-658-3230.

Don't wait -- get your camp spots early! [Click here](#) for more info.

Check the website, www.simsburyrec.com, for additional camps and programs in the coming weeks.



FARMINGTON VALLEY CHORALE

Ellen Gilson Voth, Artistic Director

presents

Farmington Valley's Freedom Trail – A Choral Tribute



– Marking the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War –
Spirituals and Civil War Era Music with

Harriet Squared

*Emerson Theater Collaborative's two one-act plays
about Harriet Tubman and Harriet Beecher Stowe*

Friday, May 1, 7:30 pm
First Church of Christ,
689 Hopmeadow St, Simsbury, CT

Sunday, May 3, 3:00 pm
First Church of Christ, Congregational
75 Main St, Farmington, CT

Tickets: \$15 / Full time students Free
For more information, visit farmingtonvalleychorale.org

Drugs and alcohol: "You can't stop what you don't know"

Presentation April 9 at Simsbury High School, 7 p.m.

Illicit drug use, prescription drug abuse, alcohol abuse and underage drinking affect all communities. Young people in particular are at greater risk for abuse. It is imperative to have an up-to-date awareness of what drugs are common and available in the community as well as the current trends for use and abuse.

Tall Cop – "You can't stop what you don't know" is a presentation sponsored by the Simsbury Police Department, Simsbury Social Services and the Simsbury Public Schools. The presentation is in the Simsbury High School auditorium on Thursday April 9, 2015 at 7 p.m. It is open to any adult who resides or works in Simsbury.

The guest speaker, Officer Jermaine Galloway "Tall Cop", has been an Idaho police officer since 1997. For over 11 years, one of his primary focuses has been enforcement and education relating to drugs and alcohol. He is a nation-

ally and internationally recognized speaker on the subject and is well known for his countless hours of research on alcohol and drug trends.

After attending Officer Galloway's presentation, you will know what types of drugs are likely present in the community and how the drugs are being abused. Some aspects of the drug culture will be identified in order to provide you with signs or indicators of drug abuse.

Each and every adult in the community has a role in the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse.

For further information about the presentation, contact School Resource Officer Tim May at 860-658-3170. Officer Jermaine Galloway and his research can be followed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TallCopSaysStop> or visit his website at www.tallcopsaysstop.com.



At 6 feet 9 inches tall, Officer Jermaine Galloway looks like an intimidating presence, but he is passionate about education, training, and enforcement when it comes to alcohol and drug use and abuse prevention.

April Holiday: Friday April 3, is Good Friday, and Passover begins at sundown. Town hall will be closed, as will the Simsbury Public Library and the Simsbury Public Schools.



April dates of note:
April 4 Passover
April 5 Easter
April 22 Earth Day

Earth Day



Share your ideas for 1 Old Bridge Road



Do you have an idea for the property at 1 Old Bridge Road, commonly known as the Hudson property? Send it to Rachel Blatt by April 30 at rblatt@simsbury-ct.gov. If what you envision lends itself more to a drawing, or a

photograph send that along as well to the same email address. To mail something use 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070. For more information, [click here](#). To see a video of the March 19 public informational meeting, [click here](#).

Money Smart Week @ the Simsbury Public Library, April 18-25

Thinking about finances can often be confusing and stressful. Let the Simsbury Public Library help you make sense of everything during Money Smart Week, April 18-25, 2015. In partnership with the American Library Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, the library and local partners will offer a series of events to increase financial literacy for all ages.

Details for all of these events can be found on the Simsbury library website calendar at www.simsburylibrary.info or by calling 860-658-7663 x2200.

A brochure is available at the library. All programs are free.

