

# The Simsbury Scoop



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The Simsbury Board of Selectmen is seeking input from residents on the senior center. To see the Jan. 2015 status update, [click here](#). Submit comments to [sriefe@simsbury-ct.gov](mailto:sriefe@simsbury-ct.gov).

## GIS system launched

**zoning, assessor, open space, land use maps and more online**

**T**he Town of Simsbury launched its publicly available Geographic Information System (GIS) on January 13, 2015. GIS provides georeferenced information via the internet to the public including:

- parcel information
- property ownership
- historical documentation of various properties
- natural resource information
- floodplain information

This information can be printed remotely on standard size paper.

"I would like to thank town staff, and in particular our town engineer, Jeff Shea, who has been heading up this project, for their excellent work in assembling and scrubbing the huge volume of data that supports this system," said First Selectman Lisa Heavner.

The GIS includes thematic maps that may be of interest to the public including

zoning, assessors tax maps, land use, open space and others.

This information will help provide the public with material to aid in a wide range of community input on planning and land use matters.

Because the underlying data is subject to change, GIS should be used as a guide but is not necessarily 100 percent accurate. A "Report Issues" function is available to pose questions or com-



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ments on the information provided on the GIS system.

Homeowners, developers and businesses should continue to consult with town staff prior to initiating construction projects.

To see the GIS data follow this link: <http://simsbury.mapxpress.net/>.



**Take Your Child to the Library! day at the Simsbury Public Library is Saturday, February 7. In celebration of the fourth annual state-wide "Take Your Child to the Library Day" the children's room is sponsoring activities all day. There will be a live animal show, scavenger hunt, guessing games, and crafts.**

## Energy assistance is available

**T**he Simsbury Social Services Department has been designated as an official intake site for residents wishing to apply for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program.

This program is available to assist households in paying

for primary heating bills incurred after November 15.

- First fuel delivery date: November 12, 2104.
- Last fuel delivery date: March 16, 2015.
- Last date to apply: May 1, 2015

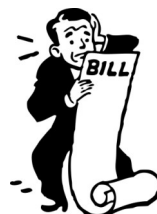
Asset limits:

- Homeowners: \$10,000 (liquid assets)
- Renters: \$ 7,000 (liquid assets)

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program does

have a heat included in rent component.

Please call the Social Services Department at 860-658-3283 to schedule an appointment to apply for this program. Documentation is required.



## Library program highlights ...

### All Things Harry Potter



**Thursday**  
**February 5, 2015**  
**6-7:30 p.m. in the**  
**Teen Space**  
 \* Games \* Trivia \* Snacks  
 \* Make your own wand  
 \* Costume contest with prizes

Come celebrate Harry Potter book night. For grades 5 and up. To sign up, [click here](#).

### COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE ALL AGES!

**WEDNESDAY, February 25, 2015**  
**6:30-7:30 p.m.**



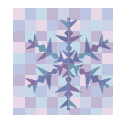
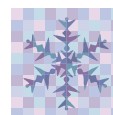
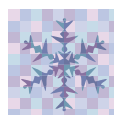
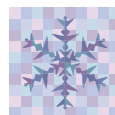
Hands-on participation with different types of drums and percussion instruments! Free and open to all. Drop in.

For more, [click here](#) or [sarar@simsburylibrary.info](mailto:sarar@simsburylibrary.info)

**Simsbury Town Offices and the Simsbury Public Library are closed for President's Day on Monday, February 16, 2015. Simsbury Public Schools will be closed February 16 and 17.**



## Take a ride in a snow plow!



The Town of Simsbury, Department of Public Works is offering the opportunity for residents to ride-along with one of their snow plows during a winter storm. There is no fee for the ride-along. Participants need to be at least 18 years old and capable of climbing into the truck.

#### How it works:

Interested participants can fill out an application with times that they are available to participate in the ride-along. Applications are available on the town's website on the public works home page, [or click here](#).

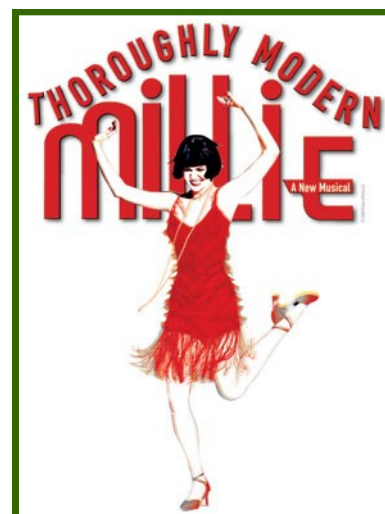
One or two days before a winter storm, town staff will confirm your availability for the anticipated storm and schedule a time for your ride-along. Participants will arrive at the public works facility at 66 Town Forest Road, where they will be

given an overview of the town's snow plowing operations and a tour of the public works vehicle maintenance facility. Following the tour, the participants will meet the plow driver and climb into the truck. The ride-along will typically last one to two hours and return to the public works compound on Town Forest Road.

#### What to bring:

Participants should dress in comfortable clothes and stable footwear, boots are preferred. Layered clothing is recommended, as the cab of the plow trucks are kept very warm to minimize the ice build-up on the windshields (most of the driver's only wear a T-shirt or light sweatshirt while plowing).

Questions: Contact Tom Roy, Director of Public Works at [trov@simsbury-ct.gov](mailto:trov@simsbury-ct.gov) or at 860-658-3222.



#### Performances are:

- February 6 and 7 at 7 p.m.
- February 1 and 8 at 2 p.m.

#### For tickets:

<http://simsbury.tix.com>