

The Simsbury Scoop



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How does a great library become better? You tell us!

Many regard the Simsbury Public Library as a great library. For example, the library received a 99.5 percent satisfaction rating in the 2015 resident opinion survey. But how does a great library improve and become better? The Trustees of the Library are initiating a five-year Strategic Plan to do just that.

The trustees have assembled a group of citizens representing as many different interest groups in Simsbury as possible to form the Strategic Planning Committee. The committee will help develop a plan that will be used by the trustees to set direction for the library.

"As a 42-year resident of Tariffville and a committee member, I am very excited to help plan the Simsbury Public Library of the future — a place that will help fulfill all residents' visions for their town," said Joan Nagy. "This is a new

approach to library planning, one that has the potential to provide great results."

The development of the plan will begin with the committee soliciting residents' aspirations for Simsbury. This is done with a simple four question sheet known as the ASK form, which takes only about 10 minutes to complete.

The committee will gather input from a wide spectrum of residents and library patrons. This process will be done over the next two to three months with many sessions conducted outside the library. The committee will then use the results of the ASK form, and the results of the resident survey done in 2015, to determine how the library can help Simsbury fulfill its aspirations.

How can you help? Visit the library and fill out the simple four question form (the ASK). If you're contacted



by a Strategic Planning Committee member, please take 10 minutes to give your input. The library is very interested in what the community has to say.

Watch for dates and times of sessions at town locations.

Please contact David Blume 860-651-8302, DJBMO@aol.com or Gail Ryan Gail.Ryan@comcast.net for more information.

Spend time at the Simsbury Historical Society in March

Celebrate Simsbury's Irish Immigrants on **Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 6 p.m.**

Partake in Irish food at 6 p.m. in the tavern followed by Rick Spencer and a program of Irish music in the ballroom. BYOB. \$25/person. Reservations needed. Call 860-658-2500 or info@simsburyhistory.org.



On Sunday, **March 20, 2016 at 2 p.m.** in the Ellsworth Visitor Center, 10 Phelps Lane, attend "House Talks." Own an

older home? Want to learn about preservation options? Co-sponsored by the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. Members \$7 and nonmembers \$10.

To register call 860-658-2500 or 860-836-5911 or info@simsburyhistory.org.

Latimer Lane All-4-Kids Consignment Sale

The Latimer Lane Elementary School PTO will hold its annual spring/summer All-4-Kids Consignment Sale Saturday, April 2 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school gymnasium and cafeteria. The sale features quality, gently-used children's items from 100 consignors including children's seasonal clothing and shoes, baby layette, toys, books, games, outdoor play and sports equipment, bikes, strollers, and more. Half-price sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on items marked for discount.

The Friday evening presale will be open to registered first-time parents (expecting first child or with a child under 1 year). Registration closes on

the Wednesday before the sale and is limited to the first 50. Register at LatimerAll4Kids@gmail.com.

The sale benefits Latimer Lane Elementary School and Cradles to Crayons. Free admission. Cash and local checks accepted. Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own shopping bags, baskets, or boxes.

Latimer Lane Elementary School is located at 33 Mountain View Road, Weatogue (Simsbury).

More information is available at:
<http://www.facebook.com/LatimerLaneAll4KidsConsign-mentSale>
<http://www.simsbury.k12.ct.us/page.cfm?p=1179>



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Summer is around the corner! Sign up for camp now!

Camp registration is underway! Visit www.simsburyrec.com for all the info. Registration for pool passes and swimming lessons will be coming soon, so be sure to check the website often for details.



March Dates to Remember

March 13: Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 25: Good Friday

March 27: Easter

♦ **The Simsbury Public Library will be opening at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16 so the staff may attend training.**

♦ **Simsbury Town Hall and Eno Memorial Hall will be closed on Friday, March 25.**

♦ **The Simsbury Public Library will be closed Friday, March 25 and Sunday, March 27.**

♦ **Simsbury Public Schools are closed Friday, March 25 and Monday, March 28.**

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AARP tax help is for all ages

The AARP Tax-Aide program will be offered again this year through a partnership between the Simsbury Senior Center and the Simsbury Public Library.

The tax-aide program provides trained and certified tax volunteers who work one-on-one with taxpayers to prepare and electronically file both federal and state tax returns free of charge.

The program will be coordinated by the Simsbury Senior Center and host-

ed by the Simsbury Public Library.

To participate in this tax assistance program, taxpayers must first book an appointment by calling the Simsbury Senior Center at 860-658-3273.

Appointments are available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursdays, through April 7.

The AARP Tax-Aide service is free of charge and open to anyone who needs assistance regardless of age or town residence.



Time to get your ducks in a row!

The Tootin' Hills PTO is sponsoring Simsbury's second Duck Race at the historic Old Drake Hill Flower Bridge on Friday, May 20, 2016 from 4 to 7 p.m.

The event is lots of fun and serves as a fundraiser for the Tootin' Hills PTO which is a 501(c)(3) organization. The free family event will offer food, music, free inflatables, Touch-a-Firetruck, Best Dressed Business Duck contest, fun duck-themed items for sale and about 4,000 ducks racing on the Farmington River under the flower bridge.

All event info, including ticket prices and sponsorship levels, can be found on the event website at www.simsburyduckrace.com.



2016-2017 Budget Workshops

Listed are the dates and times for the Regular Budget Workshop meetings of the Board of Selectmen for 2016:

- ♦ Thursday, March 10, at 5:30 p.m.
- ♦ Saturday, March 12, at 8:00 a.m.

*Wednesday, March 16 – 5:30 p.m.

*Saturday, March 19 – 8:00 a.m.

*Additional dates if needed.

The meetings will be held in the Main Meeting Room located in the Simsbury Town Hall.

Residents are encouraged to attend. If you are unable, remember you can reach out to local officials through email or the telephone.



Job Hunter's Series

Teens/College-Aged



Mondays 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 7: Networking/Self-Marketing

What is Networking and Self-Marketing? Two essential tools for expanding your professional "inner circle" and for landing potential job opportunities. Here is your opportunity to learn: Relationship building, How to approach professionals, Selling your skills and accomplishments, About careers and organizations, and Self-promotion. This one hour workshop will provide the knowledge and skills necessary for professional Networking and effective Self-Marketing in your career search! Come join us for an opportunity to learn and interact with your peers, as we explore the dos and don'ts of Networking and Self-Marketing. **To sign up [CLICK HERE](#)**

March 14: Interviewing I, To sign up [CLICK HERE](#)

March 21: Interviewing II, To sign up [CLICK HERE](#)

Interviewing is the key step toward achieving your desired employment or even college admissions. Come learn the essential skills needed to be success as an "Interviewee." We will explore traditional interviewing, as well as "Informational Interviewing." In Interviewing II, we will practice mock interviewing giving you an opportunity to practice those Self-Marketing skills learned in the first session. This session will include a roundtable discussion of the "Do's and Don'ts" in Interviewing.

March 28: Dress for Success

This workshop will introduce tips on how to impress on a budget, appropriate and inappropriate workplace attire, and so much more! Come learn how to dress for success! **To sign up [CLICK HERE](#)**

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