

The Simsbury Scoop



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Budget vote set for May 5, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The referendum on the budget will be held May 5 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Henry James Memorial School, 155 Firetown Road, Simsbury. The sample ballot is as follows:

1. Shall the appropriation recommended and approved by the Board of Finance for the purposes of paying the expenses of the Board of Selectmen annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, be approved and implemented in the amount of \$18,867,969?
2. Shall the appropriation

recommended and approved by the Board of Finance for the purposes of paying the expenses of the Board of Education annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, be approved and implemented in the amount of \$66,453,005?

3. Shall the appropriation recommended and approved by the Board of Finance for the purposes of paying the expenses of Sewer Use Fund

(Sewer Treatment Plant), Residential Rental Properties, Simsbury Farms/Special Programs, Non-public

Schools, Debt Retirement/Capital and Capital Non-recurring annual budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, be approved and implemented in the amount of

\$13,257,653?

4. Shall the Town of Simsbury appropriate \$1,100,000 for improvements to the

Simsbury Farms skating rink and pools and authorize bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?

5. Shall the Town of Simsbury appropriate \$2,150,000 for installation of climate control improvements to Simsbury High School, Henry James Memorial School, Central School, Latimer Lane School, Squadron Line School, Tariffville School, and Tootin' Hills School and authorize bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?



Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, is observed in the United States in commemoration of those members of the armed forces killed in war. The town hall is closed, as is the Simsbury Public Library and the Simsbury Public Schools.

There are two parades being held in Simsbury. The Tariffville parade will step off at the intersection of Main and Winthrop streets at 9 a.m. It will conclude with a ceremony at St. Bernard's Cemetery. A second parade will step off at the intersection of Owens Brook Boulevard and Hopmeadow Street at 1:30 p.m. The parade will conclude at Eno Memorial Hall.



May is bike month ... take a ride!

The League of American Bicyclists designates May as National Bike Month and Simsbury has many events planned. Simsbury is the only Silver Bicycle Friendly Community in the state, and one of only 70 in the U.S.

- **May 1:** Start National Bike Month off right and join First Selectman Lisa Heavner for a 5-mile bike ride beginning at 1 p.m. from the Simsbury Town Hall parking lot, 933 Hopmeadow Street. The looped ride is suitable for all ages.
- **May 3:** Bicycle Trails of the Farmington Valley: Past, Present and Future, will be held 1 to 4 p.m. at Simsbury Public Library with Rob Dexter

of the East Coast Greenway and Larry Linonis of Simsbury Free Bike. The half-hour lecture will be followed by a bike ride, rain or shine. To sign up or to request a bike from Simsbury Free Bike, [click here](#).

- **May 9:** Women's CycloFemme Ride, (cyclofemme.com) 10 a.m. Bicycle Cellar, 532 Hopmeadow Street, a national day that celebrates women on bicycles around the world.
- **May 15:** Silver Bicycle Friendly Community Celebration at the Red Stone Pub, 10 Jim Gallagher Way, starting at 5 p.m. It's also Bike to Work Day, roll in at Iron Horse

Boulevard from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. for a meet and greet.

- **May 29:** Slow and easy new bicycle rider/refreshers ride, hosted by First Selectman Lisa Heavner, beginning at the Simsbury Free Bike shop, 710 Hopmeadow Street, at 1 p.m.

Simsbury Free Bike opens **May 1**, for more [click here](#). To take part in the Simsbury Bike Challenge, go to www.nationalbikechallenge.org, or [click here](#), where you can sign up, log your miles, and be eligible for prizes.

For a full event schedule go to the Simsbury Bike Pedestrian Advisory Committee's website, www.simsbury.bike.



Pool passes on sale until May 31

Simsbury recreation department pool passes are now on sale. Join the department for a fantastic summer at Simsbury Farms and Memorial Pools and purchase your 2015 summer pool membership today.

New for this season – passes will only be sold until May 31. After May 31 you will only be able to enter the pool by paying the daily rate of \$5 for residents or \$7 for non-residents.

Pool memberships can be purchased online at www.simsburyrec.com.

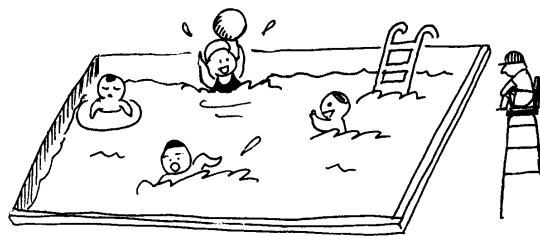
Swim Lesson Registration Now Underway

For more information on lessons or to register for a class go to www.simsburyrec.com.

Season pass holders save \$10 off the cost of a lesson.

Summer 2015 Highlights

- Pool season extended an extra week.
- Early evening and weekend special events for working families.
- Season pool pass holders can be cash free at the snack bar with the new debit account system.
- Double the amount of chairs are available -- 100 chairs for your comfort.
- Band aid pool safety program.



Summer camp registration with the Simsbury recreation department is underway. Don't wait -- get your camp spots early. [Click here](#) for more info.

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

2015 Top Dog Photo Contest

Who's Top Dog?

Entry forms and rules are available at the town clerk's office, 933 Hopmeadow Street, and on-line at simsbury-ct.gov/townclerk.

Deadline to enter is May 31.

At a special ceremony in June, presided by the Chief of Police, the Animal Control Officer, and the Town Clerk, the top 4 winners will receive doggie treats and a free license for one year.



Natural Lawn Care

Thursday, May 7, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Simsbury Public Library Program Room

Storm water and polluted run-off from your lawn can adversely affect rivers. The Farmington River Watershed's Aimee Petras will outline the steps you need to take to manage your lawn naturally, including getting a soil test and mowing techniques, as well as delving into common lawn problems. Go home with great ideas on how to get your lawn 'off drugs' and keep the rivers clean. Registration is requested at 860-658-7663 x2200 or [click here](#). Free, all welcome.



If you get the call, take the call, your voice matters

The Town of Simsbury will be conducting a phone survey of residents to gauge opinions on various topics, such as the senior center, quality of life, town government, economic development, open space and more. Before that happens, the town wants to hear from you. What do you want to talk about? What are your concerns? What issues do you want the town to explore? For the survey to have the most impact, the town wants to know what's on your mind.

A meeting will be held **May 11** from 5 to 6 p.m. in the main meeting room of the town hall with the express purpose of

hearing from you about the topics you'd like the survey to cover.

If you cannot make the meeting, please send your comments to Stephanie Riefe, C/O Simsbury Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070, or sriefe@simsbury-ct.gov by May 11.

Then, during the last two weeks of May, the town will be conducting a residential telephone survey, as part of a long-term planning study for the town.

The survey itself will be conducted by GreatBlue Research, Inc., a research firm located locally in Cromwell, CT. This survey will be vital in helping the

town understand the concerns and priorities of its residents and guide them in making decisions that best reflect the goals and character of its population.

A random sample of residents will be called and the name "GreatBlue" will show up on caller ID.

GreatBlue maintains the anonymity of respondents to surveys the firm conducts. No information will be released that might, in any way, reveal the identity of the respondent to the town.



Don't forget *Mother's Day* is May 10!



**Scenes from Simsbury's
Innovation Fair, April 25**