

Washington, CT

Message from the Selectmen's Office

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, I often reflect on how we as individuals, as well as a community, have handled this crisis. I'm always left feeling very proud of our town. While we have not remained untouched by the tragedies of coronavirus, we have continued to embrace the values that make Washington unique. All of our residents have come together to meet the needs of the community. Our businesses, cultural centers, schools, nonprofit organizations and houses of worship have all met the challenges we've faced since the outbreak.

One of the biggest hurdles our community is currently facing is the reopening of our schools. In addition to Washington Primary School and Region 12, we have many private institutions facing this challenge. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 I have been in regular communication with our school leaders and their staff and I'm one hundred percent confident in their ability to reopen safely for the children as well as the community.

Looking forward, we continue to work on many exciting initiatives for the town. The Board of Selectmen has been working steadily to bring the next phase of planning the new community center to another public informational meeting. At this next gathering (in person, virtual or a hybrid of both), we'll present residents with conceptual renderings of the center and its programs and amenities. As we did in January, we'll take your feedback to further fine tune the new community center. We're currently in the engineering phase of a complete overhaul of our transfer station. When complete, we'll have a more streamlined, cost efficient and user-friendly facility. Stay tuned for continued updates on both of these projects.

In closing, I would urge us all to stop and reflect. Give thought to all the good you've witnessed these past seven months. People helping friends and neighbors, taking time out of our busy schedules to help those in need, remaining vigilant and witnessing on a daily basis the creativity and resilience of this amazing community. Thank you to all and stay well.

Jim Brinton
First Selectman
Town of Washington

Shepaug Regional School District 12

Regional School District 12 is deeply appreciative of the support, care and generosity our community gave to our students and staff. We would like to thank the leadership of First Selectman Jim Brinton, our town leaders and Board of Education members who helped guide us through this pandemic. Our town leaders continue to protect, support and carry us through a very difficult time.

The Shepaug graduation parade in June was a wonderful illustration of the community support of our students. Shepaug seniors began their graduation journey at Shepaug Valley School. The parade of cars traveled through the three towns. Our community members lined the streets (using social distance) and made our graduating seniors feel honored and celebrated. Our Shepaug seniors arrived on the Bridgewater Fairgrounds in their family cars. Our students were celebrated with honking horns, cheers, fireworks and confetti cannons. You're invited to view the graduation ceremony on the Region 12 YouTube Channel or by the direct link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8aG0_V2WcZs



Shepaug Agriscience building.

Our school system continues to support our students both within the school buildings and those students whose families choose the distance learning options. The Region 12 staff is proving that their educational reach is boundless. There is a true partnership with families and educators in our schools.

Region 12 schools will continue to showcase our students' talents throughout the pandemic. A special thank you to Judy Black Memorial Park and Pilobolus who found innovative ways to highlight the artistic talents of our students. We continue to welcome community connections to help enrich the educational experiences of our students.

Thank you to all of the families and community members in Washington who supported our students academically and emotionally throughout distance learning in the spring and our return to the school buildings this fall. For information regarding the Region 12 schools reopening plan, please visit our website at www.region-12.org. The pandemic proved that it truly takes a village to raise a child. We look forward to our students' safe return to the school buildings on August 31.



THE JUDY BLACK
MEMORIAL PARK
AND GARDENS

"It Takes A Town!"

Despite continuing challenges posed by the COVID-19 virus, our board, staff and volunteers have worked diligently over recent months to continue to fulfill our mission of "providing a gathering place for neighbors and visitors to relax, learn, play, and share all that our community offers."

Following official guidelines, we were delighted to launch our weekly Saturday Farmers Market on June 6 for the sixth consecutive year, and to follow that with the July 11 opening of a new art show ("Paintings" by Caio Fonseca, a concurrent exhibit with KMR Arts); six Outdoor Drive-In Movie Nights; and an annual FUNraiser for the park, featuring a musical review by the fabulous local actress and singer Audrey Heffernan Meyer.

In our efforts to support the community during trying times, we have learned an important lesson – that it does indeed "take a village," or in our case, it "takes a town" – sponsors, donors and volunteers. Most importantly, it takes a Town Hall and especially a First Selectman who supports your mission and cares deeply about the well-being of the community!

We want to use our space here to express our appreciation to Jim Brinton, Washington's First Selectman, his fellow selectmen Michelle Gorra and Jay Hubelbank, and the entire Town Hall staff, for all the support they have provided to the Judy Black Park over recent months and, as a result to our community.

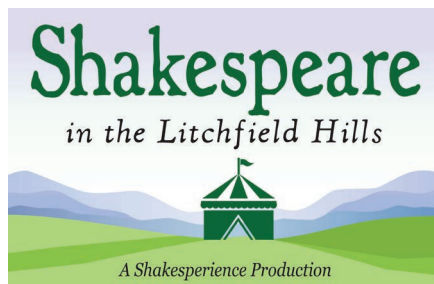
For starters, the Town provided us and other nonprofits with the needed funds to purchase the required PPE supplies (e.g., hand sanitizer, masks and gloves), plus the essential signage we required, in order to open the Farmers Market safely for vendors and visitors.

The Town also partnered with us to move our summer Outdoor Movie Nights from the Judy Black Park to the River Walk Pavilion, so that we could launch our Outdoor Drive-In Movies. First Selectman Brinton joined us on our opening night and welcomed the Town to this special event. On August 8, a night when most of the Town was without power, "Ratatouille" played to a full house of about



70 cars – all safely distanced from each other! We also want to acknowledge the generous support of our 2020 movie sponsors: McIver Morgan Interior Designs, Meadowbrook Gardens, National Iron Bank, and Union Savings Bank. We were pleased to return to the Pavilion again to hold our annual FUNraiser – an event that in pre-COVID years had been held at the Judy Black Park.

Hats off and our sincere thanks to Jim Brinton, the entire Board of Selectmen and the team at Town Hall for their support.



Presents **Wanda Loves William** **A Musical Benefit** **To Make Twelfth Night Happen** **In Summer 2021**

Sunday, September 13, 2020, 4:30 to 6:00pm
River Walk Pavilion and Lawn, Washington Depot, Rain or shine (Come at 4:00pm to watch the musicians set up)

Wanda L. Houston sings the great American Song Book, jazz standards, rhythm and blues, soul and rock. She has lived and performed

professionally throughout the U.S., Europe and Australia. She has performed on Broadway stages, in films, on television and has recorded extensively.

She has worked with Barbara Streisand, Natalie Cole, Eartha Kitt, Patti LaBelle, Eddie Izzard, John Turturro and Sam Harris on the stages of Pasadena Playhouse, Universal Studios, Radio City Music Hall, Madison Square Garden and Carnegie Hall. Locally, she has been on the stages of the Bushnell, Goodspeed, Infinity Hall, Stamford Performing Arts Center, and The Mahaiwi in Great Barrington.

Wanda is delighted to come with her HBH Band to celebrate with us her joy and belief in the power of music and its effect on the hearts of all of us. She's a huge fan of Shakespeare and is thrilled to support our efforts to bring Shakespeare back to The Litchfield Hills in 2021. This will be an afternoon to remember!!

Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$25 for children under 14. Sponsor tickets are \$250 for two tickets which includes preferred seating and special mention.

Box Picnic prepared by the Pantry may be reserved for \$25. Thank you, Michael Ackerman.

Donations of any amount are deeply appreciated.

By Governor Lamont's order and the Town of Washington, we are limited to 100 people at the event.

We will have appropriate markings for social distancing.

Please reserve quickly by calling 203-754-2532 or by clicking the banner at the top of the homepage at www.shakesperience.org

See you there!!



Hollister House Garden

The garden is open now through October 10

Escape to the outdoors with a peaceful visit to Hollister House Garden this season.

Public visiting hours for the remaining 2020 season are Wednesday from 1-4pm, Friday from 1-4pm and Saturday from 10-4pm. While the admission fee has been waived for this season, donations are encouraged. Visitor support makes it possible for us to welcome the entire community.



Plein Air Painters and Photographers
Wednesdays through September 30
On Wednesday mornings, the garden will

be open for plein air painters and photographers from **8am to 12pm**. Come and be inspired by the beauty of the garden in the morning light. Please visit www.hollisterhousegarden.org/events for registration information. \$5.00 donation per visit.



Evening in the Garden

On Friday September 4, 2020
Event Time 5:00 - 7:00 pm

As the sun fades, you're invited to enjoy the garden in the cool of the evening during these special open hours. Come see the garden in a different light!

- Please visit only in groups of two

- Social distancing with other visitors of at least 6 feet is to be maintained at all times
- Masks or face coverings are strongly encouraged
- Proceed with caution, single track driveway



- Picnicking is not permitted in the garden
- Donations are welcomed and always appreciated as we open for the community to enjoy



While many of the Washington houses of worship turned to online religious services for safety purposes during the COVID-19 pandemic, that didn't stop them from continuing to serve their communities. In late May, seven established religious congregations in the Town of Washington agreed to join together to form the Washington Council of Congregations. The goal of the Council is to magnify impact and unify forces to better serve their neighbors through a variety of collaborative efforts. The Council includes First Congregational Church of Washington, the Greater Washington Coalition for Jewish Life, New Preston Congregational Church, the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, and Salem Covenant Church.

Since its formation, the Washington Council of Congregations (WCOC) has worked together on two recurring projects. The first has been three Drive-Thru Food Drives (one in May, June and August),

organized each month by a different congregation and all held at the First Congregational Church of Washington. Look for notices of a fall drive! The Council has donated all donations of shelf stable food cans and boxes, personal care products, cleaning supplies and cash and checks to the Washington/Warren and New Milford Food Banks. The food banks have experienced a significant increase in need since the spread of COVID-19.



The second project has been a weekly collection of fresh produce, other market products and monetary donations at the Saturday Farmers Market from 10am to 1pm at the Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens in Washington Depot. The

congregations take turns hosting the table and then delivering the collection to the Community Culinary School of Northwest CT in New Milford, whose chefs have been using the proceeds to help prepare meals (on average 650 to 700 meals weekly) for the New Milford Senior Center, New Milford Food Bank and Our Daily Bread Food Bank. Thank you to the market shoppers and farmers alike who have made generous donations to this effort each week. This collection will continue until the last Farmers Market at the Judy Black Park in late October, so there is still plenty of opportunity to support the collection!

The next project of the WCOC will be to host a recurring Red Cross Blood Drive, to be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington. If you're interested in donating blood or acting as a volunteer host on the first drive on September 11, or at future drives, please contact stjohnschurch@snet.net or 860-868-2527.

Together, the WCOC seeks to serve our neighbors through a variety of collaborative efforts. For more information about the Washington Council of Congregations and how you can get involved, please contact the office of any of the member congregations.

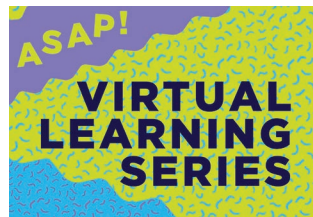
ASAP!® Upcoming Events & Workshops

For more information about these programs, please visit asapct.org or call 860-868-0740.

ASAP!'s VIRTUAL LEARNING SERIES

Grades K- 12, Online

ASAP! presents a free Virtual Learning Series on YouTube (www.youtube.com/channel/UCDBi2racrTy0H8G8ciu3YSg). Experience free recorded maker sessions from home that include movement, visual art, math, theatre, music, cooking, science, engineering, and more! These virtual sessions are produced for all ages and offer a way for communities to stay connected. ASAP!'s Virtual Learning Series encourages everyone to share their videos, photos and drawings for a chance to have their work featured on ASAP!'s social media platforms.



ASAP! SUMMER CAMP 'TOGETHER WE DREAM' MURALS



Ages 4.5 - 17

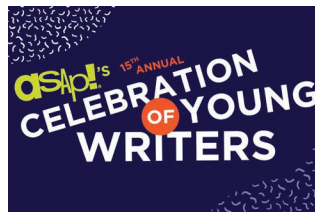
Over the span of ASAP!'s two-week Summer Camp, 'Together We Connect', ASAP! campers ages 4.5-17 expressed their collective vision for the future in the 'Together We Dream' murals. These murals united young artists from across Connecticut and New York City to collaborate on impactful public art. Locations are in

Torrington on Prospect Street (between Summer and Water Street) and Washington, at 32 Bee Brook Drive. Come see the vision in our murals!

The 15th Annual Asap! Celebration of Young Writers Event

Grades K-12, August 30, 2020, 4:00 pm

In place of ASAP!'s typically live and in-person Celebration of Young Writers, we're premiering a pre-recorded event on our YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/channel/UCDBi2racrTy0H8G8ciu3YSg), featuring our host Congresswoman Jahana Hayes and the top 12 young writers of 2020. ASAP! thanks all the young writers that participated in the 2020 Celebration of Young Writers and encourages everyone to keep on writing. All top 32 writing submissions will be published on our Celebration of Young Writers (asapct.org/project/celebration-of-young-writers/) webpage following the event in August.



ASAP! PRESENTS THE 10TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHERS

Grades 6-12

October 1, 2020



The theme for this year's Celebration of Young Photographers is: *Quarantined*. As you might imagine, our *Quarantined* theme was selected to inspire students to focus on images that represent their unique perspective on this unprecedented time in our world, and frame how they feel about the changes that have been forced upon them to experience. We hope students will use the summer to capture images of family, identity, politics, community,

environment, landscape, friendship, or anything else that is relevant to them. ASAP! will allow for photo submissions starting on **September 1** and guidelines can be found by visiting the Celebration of Young Photographers webpage (asapct.org/project/celebration-of-young-photographers/). The deadline for submissions is **October 1, 2020**.

ASAP! VIRTUAL FALL PROGRAMS

Please view their website at asapct.org for exciting information.



Our natural surroundings assume such an important place in our lives at times like these, reminding us that there is actually order in this newly chaotic and unpredictable world. Prime among them is the Lake; our beautiful Lake Waramaug. We swim in it, boat on it, walk, run and cycle around it and just take it in from afar. It's always there, permanent through all its moods; a sanctuary in difficult times.



Whatever the conditions, you may rest assured that we at the Task Force will do everything in our power to get on the water to monitor the conditions and react to what we find. How? By testing, testing, testing; then by adjusting the times that our aerators and diffusers are on, by changing the amounts and timing of the release of zooplankton from our facility on Arrow Point, and by optimizing the schedules of our biologists and divers to capture and remove invasive plants from the Lake. There is so much work to be done and if we take our foot off the pedal now we risk beginning to revert to earlier unpleasant conditions. Please support the Lake Waramaug Task Force. Our sanctuary depends on it.

For information on these and other Lake programs and events, stay tuned to our Facebook, Instagram and lakewaramaug.org. Also, visit our website to sign up for our email list to keep informed. If you have any questions about the Lake or the Task Force, feel free to email or give me a call, seanhayden@lakewaramaug.org or 860-868-0331.

Do you have a question about the WEDC? Want to submit something for the newsletter? Take a look at our page on the Town of Washington website washingtonct.org/economic-development-committee or email us with any questions or comments washingtonctedc@gmail.com.

Gunn Memorial Library & Museum

The Gunn Memorial Library and Historical Museum are OPEN! We ask that patrons coming into our buildings please adhere to appropriate safety protocols, including wearing masks and practicing social distancing. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

We're pleased to announce **Shepaug Libraries Cooperative Programming**. Working collaboratively with Roxbury and Bridgewater libraries, we at Gunn are collaborating with Booth and Burnham staff to bring shared virtual programs to our communities. Check out our websites and look for more information to come!

Virtual Preschool Story-times September - November:

Two-year-old and under - Fridays @ 10:30am
Three and Four-year-old - Fridays @ 2:15pm

Junior Library Saturday Zoom sessions @1pm begin on Saturday, September 12.
Tune in to see what Miss Linda and Miss Abigail have in store!

Monday 9:30am-5pm
Tuesday 9:30am-7pm

Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 9:30am-5pm
Friday 9:30am-5pm
Saturday 9:30am-3pm
Sunday 12-4pm (thru the end of November)

Adult Library 860-868-7586 | Junior Library 860-868-2310 | Museum 860-868-7756
Website: Gunnlibrary.org

Gunn Historical Museum Programs

*All programs are virtual unless stated otherwise.
View gunnmuseum.org for program links.*

"History of the Holiday House" Museum Curator, Stephen Bartkus, will lead an in-person hike to the ruins of the magnificent Holiday House and share its story. Registration is required to attend. Call Steep Rock to register: 860-868-9131. Sun. Sept. 13, 1pm.

"Old Time Industries in Washington" by Edith Heath Rossiter in 1915. Readings from the Archives, Mon. Sept. 21, 6:30pm via Zoom.

"13th Annual Washington Cemetery Tour"

Suffragists, Bootleggers and the 1918 Flu Pandemic. Citizens from long ago will be brought to life by costumed actors who will tell their stories. Fri. Oct. 30, 6:30pm. This we will offer as a virtual tour.

"Washington Responds to Crisis" - Share your stories and memories of difficult times Washington has faced including polio, small pox, Spanish flu, floods, storms, etc. Washington History Club at Night, Tue. Nov. 17, 6:30pm via Zoom.

"Reminiscences of Life in Washington" and "A Paper of Memories of, or Near Washington Green 1872-75" by Rev. Henry Calhoun and Clarence Nettleton, respectively. Readings from the Archives, Mon. Dec. 21, 6:30pm via Zoom.

Explore our exciting exhibit **Washington Connecticut: An American Story**, celebrating the unique people, places and events that have shaped Washington's rich history. Free admission. Thur, Fri and Sat. 10am-4pm.

Questions? Contact Jean Chapin Jchapin@Biblio.org

Explorations in Nature with Steep Rock Association

This fall, Steep Rock Association (SRA) is partnering with local organizations and experts to offer two guided hikes delving into Steep Rock Preserve's rich history. Due to COVID-19, registration is required and enrollment is limited.

History of the Holiday House

Sunday, September 13, 2020
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
2 Tunnel Road, Washington Depot, CT

Travel back in time with SRA and the Gunn Historical Museum on a leisurely, ¾-mile outing to the ruins of the Holiday House, a vacation retreat for working class women at the turn of the 20th century.

Revel in Rossiter's Riverside Retreat

Sunday, October 18, 2020
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
2 Tunnel Road, Washington Depot, CT

Investigate one of SRA's earliest acquisitions on a 2 1/2-mile, fall foliage hike with Carol Santoleri, author of *The History of Steep Rock Association: The Jewel in the Crown* (available September 2020 from Steep Rock Association and Hickory Stick Bookshop), shedding

light on late-19th century land use, founding preservationists, and the lasting protection of Steep Rock.

SRA's Monthly Trail Work Party

Have you ever wondered how trail workers build stone steps through remote forested hillsides or boardwalks that meander through swamps? Participants in SRA's monthly trail work party will learn by doing, tackling new and exciting projects every month, ranging from backcountry trail construction to water and vegetation management. Whether you participate for one workday or for the entire season, you are sure to enjoy the camaraderie of the group while leaving a lasting, positive impact on the trails you love.

The work party meets the third Saturday of every month through October from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Tools provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own hand tools (i.e. loppers, hand saws, etc.) if they have them. Wear/bring close-toed shoes, long pants, seasonally appropriate clothing, a re-usable water bottle, and your own gloves/mask. Some hiking to the varying worksites will be necessary. Each monthly work party project

will be posted on our website, so keep a look out for the latest project.

Families with teens and older children are welcome, but an adult must accompany and participate with children under 18 years of age. Registration is required and limited to 10 participants. Note that participants will be required to follow all CDC Covid-19 related protocols, including social distancing and mask wearing.

Please register at www.steeprockassoc/events-programs/ or call the office at 860-868-9131, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Nature Preserve Monitoring Blitz:

Scramble through the remote corners of Washington and explore the landscape in a truly unique way on Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will start the day with a brief training session, where you will learn to use your smartphone as a GPS, what to look for in the Preserves, and how to mark and record your findings. You will then be assigned a Preserve, walking the boundaries to monitor changes in the landscape. Location to be determined.

People in Places

August 22 – September 12, 2020



Vincent Giarrano, *At the Algonquin*, oil on canvas, 20 x 30 inches

This exhibition is an invitation to WAA's members to portray people and invites artwork that brings visibility to people in the context of their lives: reading, sleeping, Skyping and zooming. The show will focus on identity and relationships. Who are the people in our lives - photograph them, draw them, paint them.

Transforming the Commonplace



Adrienne Abseck, *5 Red Potatoes*, oil on paper, 5 x 7 inches

Washington Art Association & Gallery is pleased to host a show of Member's works, *Transforming the Commonplace*, from September 19 – October 11, 2020.

Still life has always been extraordinary for painters. Bonnard's tables of food are considered among his finest. Marandi's

bottles and cans brought his hometown of Bologna to life as he transformed ordinary objects into architectures of stillness. The challenge of this exhibit is to take everyday items that are seldom honored in art and to memorialize them.

Gallery hours are Thursdays – Saturdays, 10am – 5pm, and Sundays, noon – 4pm. The exhibition is free and open to the public. Please note that masks are required, and all visitors are expected to practice proper social distancing.

Call for entries for the Post Pandemic Exhibition 2021.

The COVID-19 global pandemic is an event unprecedented in living memory and presents a unique opportunity for artists to discover themselves and each other.



Washington Art Association & Gallery invites community members to share work created during an extraordinary time while allowing a glimpse into the new ordinary taking shape beneath it. An exhibition "Post Pandemic" will be hosted by WAA in 2021.

Participants are invited to submit up to three original 5" x 7" (postcard size) works to Washington Art Association for selection toward inclusion in a group show that highlights each artist's experience, impressions and processes during the COVID-19 pandemic. Subject matter and media are at the discretion of the artist. The ultimate aim of this project is to provide support, insight and inspiration, and to celebrate a reunion with our work and each other. Online submissions (jpeg format) will be accepted via email now through September 15, 2020 at info@washingtonartassociation.org For more information, please contact

Washington Art Association:
860-868-2878 or info@washingtonartassociation.org

Washington Art Association Seeks Mural Proposals

WAA welcomes concept proposals for a large mural for the exterior brick wall of the Art Association facing the Bryan Plaza in Washington Depot, CT. Maximum dimensions of 12'x 20' wide. Project could be made up of multiple panels. The medium may be paint, mixed media or photographic images. The theme of the work should be an uplifting expression of human resilience, hope and inspiration in light of the events of 2020. Artists must provide a scale color image of their proposed work. It may be representational or abstract. The cost of the panels and installation shall be borne by WAA at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. The artists will be paid a \$1,000 honorarium upon completion of the work. All of the artists' other expenses shall be their own. The WAA Exhibition Committee and Board of Trustees shall decide the work to be chosen.

Please visit www.washingtonartassociation.org for the guidelines.



Proposals must include: Written description and statement about the proposed work and a scaled color image/s, the title of the work, name(s) of the participating artists and their roles in the project, photos of the artist's own work that may provide insight into the mural's expression or website information.

Please send your proposal to info@washingtonartassociation.org no later than September 30, 2020. WAA will choose the artist by October 30, 2020 and the work must be ready for installation by April 1,

CONVERSATIONS ON THE GREEN

Pandemic Economics: Charting The Recovery

WASHINGTON, CT — Two Nobel laureates in economics walk into a bar in the middle of a pandemic and meet one of the country's most respected and admired businessmen.

"America drank away its children's future," one of the laureates, Paul Krugman, laments in kicking off the conversation with the headline of his recent column in *The New York Times*.

The second laureate, Joseph Stiglitz, and the businessman, Danny Meyer, a restaurateur whose consumer savvy bequeathed him a Midas touch will respond personally on September 20 when the three titans of American economic thought come together in Conversations On the Green's sixth virtual forum of the season.

The first time the dismal science's three giants have ever debated, they will discuss how to repair the economy amidst the worst economic crisis in almost a century and the once in a generation shift now underway in economic thinking. As part of the symposium, they also will examine how to exploit the ongoing calamity and contain the jaw-dropping risks in an effort to launch an era of prosperity like those that followed the Great Depression and World War II.

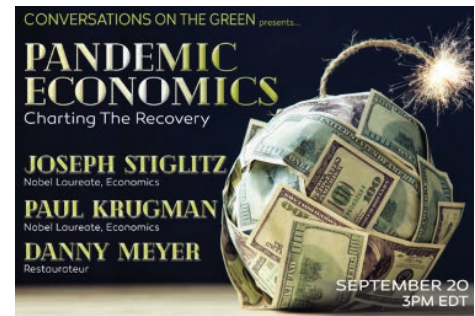
A columnist for *The Times*, Krugman is arguably the most controversial of the three and was called "belligerently, obsessively political" in a 2010 *New Yorker* profile. But that's a recent addendum to his personality. In his earlier academic work, Krugman focused on subjects with little partisan salience and essentially ignored politics, even when while

working for a year as a senior staffer on Pres. Ronald Reagan's Council of Economic Advisors.

The author of 27 books and more than 200 scholarly articles, Krugman also is a Professor of Economics at the Graduate Center of the City University. He previously was a professor of economics at MIT and, later, at Princeton, from which he retired in 2015.

Named as one of the world's 100 most influential people 10 years ago by *Time*, Joseph Stiglitz is the second Nobel Laureate on the panel. He was the chair of President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers from 1995 to 1997 and served as the World Bank's chief economist until he was fired for criticizing its priorities. He also was the lead author of the 1995 report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

Considered "dangerously charming," Danny Meyers, one of the country's leading restaurateurs, is the panel's businessman, an entrepreneur with a divining rod for consumer tastes who is touted for putting soul into business decisions. While he began his career as a political junkie and planned on becoming a lawyer, he soon turned to hospitality and is the founder and CEO of Union Square Hospitality Group, which owned and operated many of New York's most beloved and successful restaurants, including Gramercy Tavern, Blue Smoke and Jazz Standard, The Modern, Maialino at the Gramercy Park Hotel and Untitled at the Whitney Museum, North End Grill, Marta, Vini e Fritti, and Porchlight, among others.



He won the Julia Child Award three years ago and his restaurants and chefs have earned an unprecedented 28 James Beard Awards.

Named as one of the most influential people in the World by *Time* in 2015, Meyer in the first days of the pandemic closed 19 restaurants and laid off 2,000 employees. He garnered the wrath of the Twitterverse after the burger chain received a \$10 million small-business government loan but was widely heralded when he became one of the first to return the money. A philanthropist, he is a national leader in the fight against hunger, serves on the board of Share Our Strength and has long supported hunger relief initiatives, including City Harvest and God's Love We Deliver.

Moderated by former NBC correspondent and national talk show host Jane Whitney, the interactive symposium begins at 3pm on September 20 and runs 90 minutes. It will be live-streamed, allowing anyone with an internet-connected device to participate and ask questions.

Stay tuned as well for October's COG, featuring 2020 presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg and *Washington Post* contributor Jonathan Capehart.

More information to come!



Washington Environmental Council

WEC's new program, **The Washington Road Warriors (WRW)**, is a public participation program

for volunteers who want to help control and reduce roadside litter/trash by collecting and cleaning their road **at least four times a year**. This program is an exciting way for residents to make a vital and positive contribution to our community and the environment. With WEC's help and your efforts, every road in Washington will be safe as well as charming.

As the WRW program grows, WEC is hoping to raise additional funds in order to recognize each road with an environmentally-sound sign as well as provide the supplies needed for a safe and effective litter collection. Washington Road Warrior registration is available 24/7 at www.wec-ct.org.

All of us here at WEC are so grateful to the following list of families, individuals and businesses for being WEC's first round of WRWs:

National Iron Bank, Fossbender Family, Gorra Family, McDonough/Rowe Family, Barrett Family, Decker Family, Hubelbank Family, Braverman Family, Braverman-Dodge Family, Ewing Family, Kelly Family, Nickoll-Armstrong Family, Susie Payne and Family, Horan Family, Mudge Family, Tibbatts-Nichols Family, Anne Kimball, Karen Silk, Paolucci Family, Genovese Family, Hungerford Family.

What's Going on in Washington, CT

This is just a small sampling from **ExploreWashingtonCT.com**. Please check the site for more information and for other events.

September

12 | 6:00-8:00pm

IAIS Annual Founder's Clambake

Location: River Walk Pavilion

It's that time of year again! Savor local Indigenous foods of lobster, clams, corn, and potatoes while enjoying drumming & dancing by the Thunderbird American Indian Dancers! As we honor our past 45 years with social distancing on our minds, we will limit onsite dinner guests and ALSO offer takeout to guests who want to enjoy an at-home clambake.

Reservations required.

<https://www.iaismuseum.org/event/annual-founders-clambake/>

\$50 Adults; \$40 Members; \$10 children 12 and under (hot dogs, chips, and lemonade)

Month-long event

#WashingtonTogether

Location: Online

#WashingtonTogether is a new town-wide project that provides a platform for the community to share and connect virtually. The community can share inspiration, advice, activities, and what everyone is doing

to make life better during this challenging time we are all facing, together! Everyone is welcome to share their posts on Instagram by tagging #WashingtonTogether. Share books and videos you're enjoying, recipes, favorite hikes, how you are helping others, what our local businesses are doing, tips for the kids, art projects, exercise advice, what inspires you, what you are grateful for, really whatever you'd like to share. Posts will appear in realtime on Explore Washington CT on this page: <https://explorewashingtonct.com/together> We look forward to seeing what you all have to share!

Thank you to Jessica Rose and JoAnne Torti of ASAP! who came to us with the idea for this project.)

October

9 | 10:00am-3:30pm

Pumpkins and Gourds at Hollister House Gardens

Location: Hollister House, 300 Nettleton Hollow Road, Washington

Using watercolor techniques you will explore the brilliant colors and funky lumps, bumps and patterns on these autumn treasures.

Step-by-step demonstrations will guide you

through the many challenges these fun fruits present. A materials list for this workshop may be found here. It will also be emailed with your registration confirmation.

Due to current regulations this workshop is limited to 8 participants.

This workshop will be held in the Barn. There is one participant per work table and tables will be spaced a minimum of 6 feet apart throughout the barn. You must wear a face mask when not seated at your work table. If you have any questions call the office at 860-868-2200. Please bring a bag lunch – water, soft drinks and snacks will be provided.

The watercolor workshops at Hollister House Garden are taught by Betsy Rogers-Knox. Betsy received a Certificate in Botanical Illustration from NYBG in 2006. Her work has been widely exhibited in the United States and at the Royal Horticultural Botanical Art Show in London where she was awarded the Silver Gilt Award.

Hollister House Garden members \$95
Non-members \$120
Registration required
hollisterhousegarden.org/events

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