

Washington, CT

Welcome Simon Holt!

On June 1, Washington Art Association & Gallery welcomed Simon Holt as its new Executive Director. Originally from the U.K., Simon and his family live in Stonington, CT and he makes the trip to Washington Depot daily. When asked about his time so far at Washington Art Association, this is what he had to say, "Everyone at WAA has been so welcoming; it has been great to meet such enthusiastic artists, art lovers and art supporters and begin to get to know them and their love for WAA. I feel lucky to be working in such a special place! It's also wonderful to be working in such an artistically rich community and the Depot is no exception!"



Simon and his family moved from Herefordshire (a county very similar to Litchfield County) to Stonington in May 1999. Having brought a student orchestra on tour to Old Lyme and Bristol, CT in 1997 from Bristol Cathedral School where he was Director of Music, Simon was approached by Calvary Church in Stonington borough inviting him to be its next organist and Director of Music. Two years later, he and his wife Alison moved to Stonington with their two sons (now 31 and 29) and within two years started two nonprofit art organizations, Calvary Music School and Salt Marsh Opera. Now, more than 20 years later, both continue to flourish and Simon is bringing his experience as a seasoned nonprofit leader to Washington Art Association. As a musician, Simon continues as Artistic Director of Salt Marsh Opera, is the Director of Music at The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, CT, Director of The Anglican Singers in New London, CT and Music Director of Cappella Cantorum in Deep River, CT.

In talking to him about his hopes and aspirations for Washington Art Association, Simon hopes to strengthen relationships with all the nonprofits in the area through program collaboration and partnerships. He also looks forward to serving on the Town of Washington Arts Council. 2023 looks to be an exciting year for Washington Art Association and Simon looks forward to welcoming you to the gallery!

Message from the Selectmen's Office

With summer and fall in our rearview mirror, we now look forward to winter and all that the season brings. We're reminding all of our residents to frequently check Washingtonct.org as well as explorewashington.org to stay up to date on all things happening through the holidays and winter in the community.

The Town of Washington has always been driven by our residents' sense of volunteerism. That's still true today. We continue to ask our residents to engage in serving the community. There are currently vacancies on our Conservation Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Housing Commission and Planning Commission, just to name a few. As always, we welcome residents who would like to volunteer with our Emergency Services. If you would like more information on volunteering, please send an email to jbrinton@washingtonct.org.

Our highlight this season goes to "Slices with Santa." This year marks the 15th anniversary of Slices with Santa. The event will be held December 10 from 5-8pm at the Depot Firehouse at 109 Bee Brook Road. There will be decorations, gourmet pizzas, toys for kids and a special visit from Santa Claus. All proceeds throughout the years have gone to the Washington Community Fund and Washington families in need.

The winter months can be a challenge for all of us. For our seniors and vulnerable residents, it can be overwhelming. We're still a small community with resources to help. If you or someone you know may be facing difficulty during a winter weather event, please reach out to the Selectmen's office. The Washington Board of Selectmen wish you and your families a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

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HOLIDAY
in the
DEPOT

fun for everyone treats crafts for kids
fire pits s, mores

December 9
Festivities begin at 5:45 pm
Santa arrives by sleigh 6:00 pm

Sponsored by Washington Park & Rec and
Washington Business Association

Spotlight on Business: Washington Pizza House

Washington Pizza House owner Teddy Tsetsos has long considered Washington his home, despite growing up in Middlebury. Tsetsos remembers riding his bike in the Depot and stopping into his parent's restaurant to watch his dad make pizza while his mom waited on customers.



"That's where I learned my skills with people, watching my mother and father and my uncle," said Tsetsos. "We worked as a family and went home as a family."

As a teenager, he was finally granted the privilege of learning the trade from his father. But

rather than stay at the family business, Tsetsos went to study business at Eastern Connecticut State University. During his last semester, Tsetsos received the devastating news that his father passed away after a brief illness. The college student quickly returned home to work with his mother, Donna, with help from his Uncle Nick.

"I've been here ever since. Loving every minute," said Tsetsos who juggles bookkeeping and ordering with tossing pizzas and making grinders. "I work right alongside every employee here. I make the dough, wash the dishes, clean the floor. I'm not a boss sitting here barking orders."



When his parents opened the pizza house in 1980, Washington was a sleepy town. Now it's a destination for daytrippers and celebrities, and the pizza business is booming.

"I love Washington simply for the landscape and the people," he said. "It's a nice little niche that Washington has here."



The restaurant is open six days a week and offers a wide variety of pizzas, grinders, pasta dishes and salads.

Washington Pizza House
860-868-0198
13 River Road
Washington Depot, Connecticut
<http://washpizza.com>

Assessor's Office

The Assessor is currently finalizing property values to be adopted by the Town for the 2022 Grand List (GL). The 2022 GL lists the owners and assessed values that are used to create the Tax Collector's tax bills for July 1, 2023.

The 2022 GL is expected to be completed at the end of January 2023. If there's an assessed value increase for any real or personal property, written notices of increase will be mailed to property owners. Owners who believe their assessments are incorrect are encouraged to contact this office for an explanation. Owners may also file a 2022 GL Board of Assessment Appeals application. For further information, please go to www.washingtonct.org.

Tax Collector's Office

January 1, 2023 Tax Payments

The second installment of real estate taxes and the motor vehicle supplemental taxes will become due and payable to the Town of Washington on January 1, 2023. Motor vehicle supplemental bills will be mailed late December and payment coupons for the second installment of real estate taxes were mailed in June and will not be re-mailed.

The last day to pay without an interest penalty or a DMV registration hold is February 1, 2023. State law requires DMV to deny vehicle registrations in the name of a person reported as tax delinquent. Real estate tax liens will be filed April 1, 2023 on any property with unpaid real estate taxes.

If you have questions regarding assessments or motor vehicle bills, contact the Assessor's office **(860-868-0398)** PRIOR to paying your bills.

Convenient payment options are available:

- **Drop box** outside the town hall central doors. Place your check with phone number and original payment coupon in a sealed envelope. Absolutely NO CASH in the box.
- **U.S. Postal Service.** The postmark is accepted as date of payment.
- **Online** at www.washingtonct.org. "Tax Lookup and Pay Online"

Please visit the Tax Collector's Department on our town website, [washingtonct.org](http://www.washingtonct.org), to:

- Print payment receipts and tax bills
- Obtain tax balances
- Research tax records
- Pay online

Calling All Seniors!!

Would you like to be more informed about the happenings at the Senior Center?

Starting in January, the Senior Center will send out weekly phone recordings to update you about upcoming events.

We are collecting phone numbers!

Please call Jenn at the Senior Center to get on the list. 860-868-0735.



Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens

Here at The Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens, the air is brisk and cold, the leaves have fallen from the trees after a spectacular foliage season filled with every shade of red, orange and yellow, and our gardens have returned to a place of rest. We're looking forward to a busy December and the new year ahead, while reflecting on the fantastic year that's almost behind us.

Holiday in the Depot

We invite you to join us for a Holiday in the Depot celebration on December 9 from 6 to 8:30pm. We'll have fire pits with make-your-own s'mores with National Iron Bank, hot apple cider from Averill Farm, fresh donuts thanks to Ericson Insurance Advisors, and hot chocolate and other treats from the Mayflower Inn & Spa. We'll also enjoy live holiday music played by Sharon Ruchman on the piano. Gunn Memorial Library and Museum will provide a fun activity for kids, too.

Art @the Park

We welcomed many fabulous artists this year, including Ernest Withers, Karen Bonanno, Heather Scofield, Larry Nathanson, Susan Harris, Nicole Alger, Karen Pepper, Lucas Reiner and Sayzie Carr. We also hosted Region 12's annual student art show where works by students in kindergarten through twelfth grades were displayed. The highlight of our art shows this year was an exhibit titled "From Kabul to Connecticut: Works by Afghan Master Artists" featuring pieces by two internationally renowned artists and

Afghan natives who fled Kabul when the city fell into the hands of the Taliban in August of 2021 and resettled in Litchfield County. Alibaba Awrang showed his stunning paintings of bold colors and calligraphy in the style of Persian lettering. Matin Malikzada, a seventh-generation potter, showed his incredible ceramic pieces.



musical events with local musicians and bands, our annual FUNraiser that featured a live performance by Sarah Kinsley, and our second annual jack-o-lantern contest.

Board and Staff @the Park

We welcomed two new board members this year: Michelle Gorra and Alexandra Ince.

Michelle is the founder of the Before and After school program at Washington Primary School in addition to serving on the Region 12 school board for 15 years. She's currently the Economic and Community Development Coordinator for the town of Washington. Alex is currently an independent education consultant helping to guide families with children applying to boarding schools. She was formerly the Director of Admission at The Frederick Gunn School.

Additionally, we welcomed two new staff members: Elyse Sadtler, Director of Marketing and Kylie Haydock, Marketing Assistant. They oversee much of our marketing efforts at the Park.

Look Ahead @the Park

We're looking forward to another fantastic year of events and community in 2023. Join us as we host a football watch party on February 12, where the community is invited to watch this annual big game at the Park.

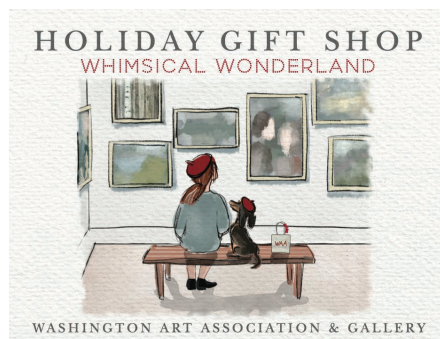
The Washington Art Association & Gallery

The Washington Art Association & Gallery in Washington Depot, CT presents a Whimsical Wonderland of carefully chosen holiday gifts for absolutely everyone.

Since 1952, Washington Art Association & Gallery has had its annual Holiday Sale offering artists' works of unique one-of-a-kind objects for sale.

We're delighted to have Paige Boller, artist, designer and event Chair transforming the gallery into a Whimsical Wonderland with a stunning array of gift possibilities from the tri-state area.

Items include handmade pottery; blown glass; candles; scarves of all sorts; jewelry; works on paper; paintings of all sizes; home furnishings; a kid's corner. Also, last year's



sold-out alpaca blankets and chic tote bags! Lots of items to delight the hard-to-shop-for folks on your list.

Every Friday evening from 5 to 6:30pm we invite you to JINGLE & MINGLE as we kick off each weekend with a little holiday cheer,

socializing and a special surprise. Return every Saturday to see the new inventory and take advantage of TAX FREE shopping!

HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

November 25 – December 24
Washington Art Association & Gallery
4 Bryan Memorial Plaza
Washington Depot, CT 06794
860-868-2878

Hours: Wednesdays – Sundays 10am - 5pm
Saturdays are tax free at Washington Art Association & Gallery

Fridays: Jingle & Mingle 5-6:30 pm
Washington Art Association & Gallery,
info@washingtonartassociation.org

Gunn Memorial Library & Museum www.gunnlibrary.org

News & Updates

Festival of Trees is back! Join us December 2 from 5-7pm at the Library for this holiday event. If you'd like to donate a tree or other gift, email Jessica at jzaccagnini@gunnlibrary.org



Holiday Hours

December 24 - Closing 1pm
December 26 - Closed
December 31 - Open 9:30am-3pm
January 2 - Closed

Our Winter Reading Challenge begins January 3 through March!

Adult Programs

Registration is required for all of our programs. Visit www.gunnlibrary.org/programs for more information and to register.

- Retirement Planning Workshop - January 17 @ 6pm
- Life of a Civil War Soldier - February 2 @ 6:30 pm
- Paint Night with Marisabel Artieda - February 9 @ 6pm
- So You Wrote a Book, Now What? - February 18 from 10am-12pm.

Monday Movie Matinees continue every Monday at 1pm!

Book Club (in-person) meets on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Community Programs

Tech Help @ the Washington Senior Center - December 12 from 11:30am-12:30pm.

Holiday Peace Poetry Reading hosted virtually by Oliver Wolcott Library featuring Washington Poet Laureate, Karen Silk - December 15 @ 7pm via Zoom.

Junior Library Programs

Our annual Children's Holiday Sale will be December 8-10! This is a great opportunity for kids to shop for their loved ones.

Times: Dec. 8 - 3:30 to 5:30pm | Dec. 9 - 3:00 to 4:30pm | Dec. 10 - 10:00am to 1:00pm

Storytimes and After School Programs

- Toddler Playscape - Mondays 10:00 – 11:00am, Feb. 27- April 3
- Morning Toddler - Fridays 10:30 - 11:15am, Mar. 3 - April 7
- Afternoon Preschool - Fridays 2:15 - 3:00pm, Mar. 3 - April 7
- Kindergarten & 1st Grade - Storycraft: Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:15pm, Feb. 28 - April 4



- 2nd & 3rd Grade - Storycraft: Thursdays 3:30 - 4:15pm, Mar 2 - April 6
- 4th & 5th Grade – Mondays 3:30 -4:30pm, Feb. 27- April 3

Saturday Family Programs

Drop in from 10am-2pm on January 7 and January 21 for family fun activities.

February 4 @ 1pm – Steep Rock Program - Topic TBD

February 18 @ 1pm- Library Love - February is Love Your Library Month - Come celebrate with us!

Programs for 4th & 8th Grade

- Jan. 13: Painting Penguin Rocks - 3:30-4:30pm
- Jan. 14: Game Time: Taco vs. Burrito – 11am-12pm
- Jan. 20: Pizza & Movie Night (Movie TBD) - 5-7pm
- Feb. 4: Game Time: Dragon Tea Society – 11am-12pm
- Feb. 10: Snowman Craft - 3:30-4:30pm
- Feb.11: Game Time: The Floor is Lava – 11am-12pm
- Feb. 17: Pizza & Movie Night (Movie TBD) - 5-7pm

Gunn Museum

Gunn Museum Curator Amy Campanaro is starting a History Book Club! The group will meet on the second Monday of the month starting January 9 at 1pm. The first selection will be *His Excellency: George Washington* by Joseph Ellis. Copies are located at the front desk of the Library!

Upcoming Programs

January 16 at 6:30pm via Zoom - Connecticut's Indigenous Communities: An Introduction to their Histories and Cultures. This presentation provides a window into tribal history and culture before and after European settlement, including that of the Weantinock and Pootatuck peoples in whose ancient homelands the town of Washington now resides.



Southern New England Native Americans dancing a traditional friendship dance at a Green Corn Festival and Dance hosted by the Mashantucket Pequot tribe in 2007.

Washington Refugee Resettlement Project

November was an exciting month for Alibaba Awrang, our Afghan master calligraphic artist! The Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens hosted a joint show entitled "From Kabul to Connecticut: Works by Afghan Master Artists," featuring Awrang's magnificent work along with the beautiful pottery of his fellow Afghan master artist, Matin Malikzada.

The show's opening reception attracted the largest crowd ever to attend one of the Park's art openings. A week later, the Park hosted an artist's talk, at which Awrang was interviewed by Maria Mostajo, co-chair of the exhibition committee of the Judy Black Park. For the first time since



his family's arrival in Connecticut, Awrang shared publicly some of the experiences and feelings that have inspired the artwork on the walls, some that he made while in Kabul last year and others while in Connecticut this year. He explained that these works were inspired by hope, while also sharing the difficulties endured by his people in Afghanistan. Awrang also demonstrated his technique of painting with small brushes and pens, and his use of gold leaf. He surprised the audience by giving away to them samples of his daily exercises of his pen and ink calligraphy. A week later, Malikzada demonstrated his talent on a potter's wheel at an event at the Washington Art Association.

The works of both artists sold briskly at the show. In thanking the audience for their interest, Mostajo announced that the work of both artists would be shown again in September 2023, at the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury.

Meanwhile, the Awrang children are faring well, working hard at school and pursuing their own interests. Arman, who celebrated his 16th birthday in November, occasionally stays late at school to play chess with one of his teachers at New Milford High School, and is looking forward to joining the track team in the spring. His brother Ali, who spent his 13th birthday a few weeks earlier picking apples with his family and a few WRRP volunteers at Averill Farm, has mastered a Rubik's Cube. Arezo, 14 and in 9th grade, enjoyed this fall her extracurricular pottery classes at the Village Center for the Arts in New Milford. Ten-year old Taha rides around New Milford on a skateboard during his spare time. Their mom, Gul Ziwari, stays busy managing the household, while Alibaba does his artwork upstairs. And did we mention that he recently passed his written exam for a driver's license?

Common Ground with Jane Whitney The 2022 Season Confronts America's Complexities Through Civil Discourse

Common Ground with Jane Whitney spent much of the 2022 season discussing the battle between polarization and inclusivity. Every



broadcast in the ongoing series focused on steps towards bridging what divides us with programs devoted to such critical issues as climate change and social media as well as discussions about the roots of sexism and racism.

CNN's Chief Climate Correspondent Bill Weir summarized the series' guiding philosophy during the climate show when he told Jane that "we can't solve this problem without common ground." Upcoming programs will continue this outreach with episodes on the daily battle between hope and despair, whether the world is getting better or worse, the economy, and a study of what we can learn from politically divided couples.



Founded as *Conversations On the Green* a decade ago in the Parish Hall of Washington's St. John's Episcopal Church, the series became a regional icon, attracting audiences from up and down the East Coast. It was picked up by PBS four years ago and changed its name to *Common Ground* to highlight its commitment to civil discourse and to the principle that a factual foundation and a collective understanding of issues are the keystones of a functioning democracy. You made it possible, and we want to thank all our donors whose generosity has powered the show.

To learn more, please visit www.cgjw.org.

Upcoming episodes:

December 18 – Hope vs. Despair: A Daily Battle

January 22 – Is the World Getting Worse – or Better?

February 12 – A Tale of Two Economies

March 5 – Love in A Polarized America

ASAP!® Upcoming Programs

For more information about these programs, please visit asapct.org or call 845-518-5859.

ASAP!'S 12th Annual Celebration of Young Photographers Recognizes Washington Students

ASAP! honored this year's top selected young photographers at an exhibition on November 13 at Bryan Memorial Town Hall. Four students from Shepaug Valley School, two Frederick Gunn School students and seven Rumsey Hall students were recognized for their outstanding images that captured the theme "Adventure." A Rumsey Hall 8th grader received the middle school Honorable Mention Award for their exceptional submission, *The Outlook*. To learn more, visit asapct.org.



The Outlook, Chrissy Zhu, 2022 top selected photo.

Celebration of Young Writers GRADES K-12

FEBRUARY 1-APRIL 3, 2023

ASAP!'s 18th Annual Celebration of Young Writers empowers students to share their love of writing with the world. Public, private and homeschooled students from across Connecticut are invited to submit poetry and prose to our panel for the chance to work with an orator and read their piece in front of a live audience. Submissions open February 1. To learn more, visit asapct.org.



Shepaug Valley School student, Grey Pomeroy, reads *Tea for Two* at ASAP!'s Celebration of Young Writers Event 2022.

ASAP! Celebrates Joy

JUNE 3, 2023 | WASHINGTON
Save the date for June 3, 2023! This year's spring fundraising gala will celebrate joy with a festive evening that will feature beautifully crafted local foods, music and dancing under a tent at the Frederick Gunn School. More details to come at asapct.org.



Summer Camp

GRADES 1-12 (AGES 6-17)
JULY and AUGUST 2023

Join us in Washington for Summer Camp 2023! ASAP!'s celebrated arts and nature camp will be expanded to three weeks. In week 1 for grades 7-10, campers will explore visual arts, hike and swim. In weeks 2 & 3 for grades 1-6, campers will experience puppetry, circus, yoga, painting, clay, and more. Registration opens Jan. 15 with a special rate until Apr. 1! Learn more at asapct.org.



Steep Rock Upcoming Programs, Events and Volunteer Opportunities

To register, please visit steeprockassoc.org/events-programs

Winter Saunter with Steep Rock and Flanders Nature Center

Dec. 7, 9:30am

Steep Rock Preserve Riding Ring (2 Tunnel Road)

Join Steep Rock Executive Director Brian Hagenbuch and retired Flanders

Executive Director, Arthur Milnor, for an easy to moderate casual walk in Steep Rock Preserve. A great opportunity to get outside, observe what's happening in the natural world, learn something new and maybe even meet new friends. These hikes are not just for seniors. All are welcome!



Holiday in the Depot

Dec. 9, 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Bryan Memorial Town Hall

The evening will begin with the lighting of our tree followed by Santa arriving by horse and wagon. Christmas carols will be performed on the steps of the Bryan Memorial Town Hall by our local school choirs. Visit the shops in the Depot for holiday shopping and enjoy a glass of cider and holiday treats. Steep Rock Association will be back again this year with our bird seed craft kits!

Christmas Bird Count

A Community Science Opportunity

Dec. 18, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Macricostas Preserve (124 Christian Street, New Preston, CT)

Join Steep Rock Association on a 1 ½-mile winter birding excursion through the diverse habitats of Macricostas Preserve. Your eyes, ears and enthusiasm are needed to collect data for the nation's longest-running community science bird project, Audubon's 123rd Christmas Bird Count. Everyone from seasoned ornithologists to first-time birders, individuals to families with children are welcome to participate in this special holiday activity.

Winter Solstice Celebration @ the Steep Rock House Fire Pit

Dec. 21, 5:00pm

Steep Rock House (116 Christian St., New Preston)

Join us to bid farewell to shorter days and welcome increasing daylight. We'll gather and celebrate with refreshments and friends around the fire!

Midwinter Eagle Survey

A Community Science Opportunity

Virtual Training: Jan. 4, 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Survey: Jan. 7, 7:00am – 11:00am

Bundle up and become a community scientist by scanning sections of the Shepaug River for bald eagles. The data collected will be reported to the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) as our contribution to the nationwide survey whose goal is to document trends in eagle populations over time.

Region 12 News

This fall, Region 12 opened its doors with a new sense of enthusiasm and optimism. In preparation for the new school year, staff participated in productive professional development opportunities to continue to enrich the learning experience for their students.

Many of the profound challenges the district dealt with due to the pandemic are now in the rearview mirror, and our students returned to their classrooms without masks and without the social distancing restrictions that impacted their freedom as learners. Since August, our students and staff have experienced a sense of normalcy, including engaging in classroom group activities, field trips, traditional in-house events, extracurricular opportunities and athletics.



Under the guidance of Principal Emily Judd, students at Washington Primary School enjoyed returning to its traditional events. On October 18, students and staff at WPS participated in Unity Day. All were encouraged to wear orange to display a sense of unity. The goal was to show unity for kindness, acceptance and inclusion while supporting the message that no child should

experience bullying. Students at WPS also celebrated Fire Prevention Day by visiting the local firehouse.

Washington Primary School welcomed their new nurse, Mrs. Hodge, who has already been warmly received by students, staff and families. Mrs. Hodge is a parent in Region 12, and prior to coming to WPS was a school nurse at Hillside Intermediate School in Naugatuck, CT. The district wishes her much success!

Our secondary students at Shepaug Valley School resumed their academic schedule, which includes a litany of learning opportunities and a host of extracurricular programs and interscholastic sports. Shepaug continues to boast college level and advanced

level courses, and the newer agriscience program now includes students in grades 9-12. What sets our agriscience program apart from traditional vo-ag programs is the action research our students do throughout the year and the host of field experiences within the community. Two new vans were purchased this year to support student travel to

various community sites in order to enrich their learning. Learners in the program are prompted to take a scientific approach to agriculture so they can transform farming practices and seek new opportunities to be good stewards of our planet. This year, we welcomed new agriscience director, Tyler Cremeans, who has already begun to work with the staff and the administrative team

to elevate the level of academic rigor in the program and to ensure entering students have a positive and productive experience. Tyler brought with him a wealth of experience from his previous position as the Nonnewaug High School agriscience department chair.



The renovated planetarium at Shepaug Valley School opened this year and provides students with a view of the world beyond the stars - galaxies and space - exactly what astronomers and scientists observe through the James Webb telescope. The planetarium is now being utilized for astronomy and relevant science lessons. Elementary students across the district will also be invited with their teachers to visit and explore space for age-appropriate activities to enrich their knowledge and inspire their passion!

The staff and students in Region 12 are excited to be back to school. We thank the town of Washington and its community members for allowing our students to grow and thrive in our schools. The success of our students is largely due to your care and genuine commitment and the funding of necessary resources, staff and enrichment programs. Our community is the heart of our schools!

St. John's Holiday Fete, a Washington Tradition December 2, 3

This year's Fete will be held on December 2 and 3. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Washington Volunteer Fire Department and the Washington Ambulance Association.

The Preview Party will be held December 3 from 6:30-9pm. There will be a cocktail buffet catered by The Pantry, a Silent Auction, St. John's Gallery of Shoppes with new and returning vendors, holiday wreaths, flowering bulbs, and the St. John's Boutique. All this, with David Grausman on the piano. Tickets are \$125 each.

The Fete will continue December 3 from 9am-3pm. Admission is free. Visit St. John's Gallery of Shoppes for holiday gifts and decorations.

St. John's Parish House is located at 78 Green Hill Road, Washington, CT. For more information or to purchase tickets for the Preview Party, please visit Holiday Fete – St. John's Episcopal Church (stjohnswashington.com)



Housatonic Habitat for Humanity

The Housing Commission is excited to announce that Housatonic Habitat for Humanity is gearing up to start building two new homes in New Preston on Myfield Lane. Ground has been broken with the hopes of being ready for new owners in summer 2023. If you're interested in purchasing a home, please visit www.HousatonicHabitat.org for a pre-screen application to see if you qualify. New homeowners are asked to put in 250 hours of "sweat equity" so now's the time to get more information.

We're also asking people to consider volunteering for the build. Whether you're an individual, corporate team, community group, a small group of friends, with skilled experience or not, there are many different ways to volunteer. You can join the hundreds of volunteers who contribute their time, talents and resources to support Habitat for Humanity every year. If you're interested in volunteering, please visit our website for more information or email Volunteer@housatonic Habitat.org.



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Visit washingtonct.org, the town's website for municipal and departmental information. To sign up for weekly e-news from the First Selectman, look for the envelope icon on the website.



A colorful illustration of a winter scene with various animals like owls, squirrels, foxes, and deer in a snowy landscape with trees and a small house.

Come start the holidays with the
Shepaug Valley School
Holiday Bazaar
Thursday, December 8th
6:00pm-8:00pm
This year's theme is "Winter Animal Village"
and features booths selling:

- The Senior Class' Traditional Dinner
- Holiday Wreaths
- Baked Goods
- Make your own Cookie Kits
- Holiday Cards
- Christmas Ornaments
- Raffle Baskets
- FFA Cemetery Boxes & Animal Photo Booth
- Kids Games and Crafts
- Shepaug Apparel
-and so much more!

Get your holiday decorating and gift shopping started at our fun filled Holiday Market

Washington Trivia by Shelia Anson

Litchfield Bancorp f/n/a Litchfield Savings Bank recently closed its Washington Depot branch. There was a mural in the bank of the Shepaug Railroad Station in the Depot that was later moved. Who painted the mural and who were some of the local models in the artwork?

See if your answer is correct in the next issue, out in March 2023.

Question from the last issue: In the 1970s, during the Saturday Night Fever era, a disco opened in New Preston for a brief period of time known as "Alastair's Plum." Where was the disco located and what long-established institution did it replace?

Answer: Alastair's Plum was located on Route #202 in the old Couch Brothers car dealership. Altorelli Health Center now occupies the space.



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