



Glastonbury Newcomers' & Neighbors' Club Newsletter

April 2021

GNN Club NEWS

Membership

We were delighted to welcome two new families to GNN in March:

Sarah and Joe Smiga and their children, Annabelle (4) and Wesley (2) have owned a home in Glastonbury for 7 years, but they have just returned after 3 years in Colorado and are looking to get more involved in the community. Sarah is a Graphic Designer who enjoys running and gardening, and Joe is an Attorney.

Rachel and Gary Jameson and their daughter, Ellie (11) have lived in Glastonbury for years and have just joined GNN after being referred by a friend. Rachel is a Literature Professor at Goodwin College who enjoys hiking, traveling and reading. Gary is a middle school teacher. Welcome, Jameson family! We are delighted to have you in the club and look forward to meeting you at future events!



Upcoming Club Events

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| Feb 12: | April 21: GNN Book Club – Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman |
| April 28: | Ladies' Night Out – Crystal Ridge Winery |
| April 29: | Club Planning Meeting |
| April 30: | Ladies' Day Out – The Diamond Pub & Grill |
| May: | NEW Family Social – Book Club for Kids |
| May 8: | Family Social – Let's Go Fishing |
| May 9: | Family Social – Horseback Riding |
| May 29: | Family Social – Kayaking Discovery Course |
| May 30: | Family Social – Kayaking Discovery Course |

Club Planning Meeting

All GNN members are welcome to attend our club planning meetings to find out more about what is going on with the club.

WHEN: Thursday, April 29th at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Virtual; Zoom Link will be sent out the day before.

RSVP: Facebook or email Jen at jphirui@icloud.com

Applause! Applause!

To our **Easter Bunny**...Hop, Hop, Hop, went the Easter Bunny on March 27th. She visited 40 families around town, spreading Easter Joy! Some of the highlights of her journey were seeing kid all dressed in their Sunday best for Easter, receiving a handmade card from one of her bunny friends, and getting her favorite treat, a carrot, from our youngest visitor. *It was an EGG-ceptional Day!*

To our **Easter Basket Auction**...Some more EGG-citing news, we raised over \$430 dollars on our Easter Basket Auction for "Glastonbury Gives." Thanks to a last-minute donation, our final check will be made out for \$500 dollars. We are so grateful to all the participants and new friends we meet along the way.

A very special thank you to our entire **Community Enrichment team** – **Luciana Wikstein, Jen Phillips, Desi Meister and Katherine Cocuzza**, our annual sponsors who helped make our very first Easter Bunny Drive By and auction a huge success.

To our **Kid Volunteers**...Thank you to all the GNN children who came and helped stuff 120 Easter bags for our Easter Bunny Drive By. Your hard work and dedication to helping others in our community is inspiring.



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GNN Club **FAMILY** Events & Activities

NEW Family Social – Book Club for Kids

We are starting a book club for the upper elementary and middle school grades, which will include boys and girls. The first meeting will take place in May where the book will be chosen. The Club will be fun and laid back; and, the reading schedule will be manageable around two chapters a week. For more information contact Rachel.

WHEN: Weekly on Sunday from 10:00 to 11:00 am

WHERE: Outside TBD

COST: Free

RSVP: Facebook or Email Rachel Ann at rmarai@goodwin.edu

Family Social – Horseback Riding

Join GNN families for horseback riding. Kids will take turns riding for about 25 minutes. The lesson/pony ride also included a walkthrough of how to brush, tack ride and untack and brush the horse. (Tack means putting the saddle, bridle, and any other equipment onto the horse in preparation for riding and untack is taking the equipment off). There are other things to explore on the farm. We will have snacks and water during the event.

NOTE: There is a limit to 10 kids. If there is more interest, we can see about adding time to accommodate the interest.

WHEN: Sunday, May 9 from 3:00-5:00

WHERE: Hidden Meadows Equestrian Center at 1757 Main St, Glastonbury (drive is between two houses; drive all the way back towards river)

COST: \$20 per child

RSVP: Pay thought out PayPal account at <https://glastonburynewcomers.org/family-social-horses>

CONTACT: Marlise Davis at marliserandle@aol.com

Family Social – Let's Go Fishing

This free DEEP "fishing field trip" is an opportunity to show up and fish with DEEP certified fishing instructors (about 10). They will provide fishing equipment, bait and instruction. If you have your own equipment, please bring. "Fishing field trip" participants under the age of 16 must have a parent/guardian present.

WHEN: Saturday, May 8 2:00-6:00pm (don't need to stay the entire time)

WHERE: Mohegan Park Pond, Norwich, CT (about 35 minutes)

COST: Free for youth under 16 and adult(s) assisting child; Participants who would like to fish (ages 16 and up) must have a valid CT fishing license.

REGISTER: To register through DEEP, go to <https://ct.aspirafocus.com/internetsales/> Everyone attending needs to create a Conservation ID, which is free to create. Scroll down to "New Customer". Once the account is created you can then "Register Now" (orange button) for the event. Note: The same email address can be used for everyone. Once Conservation ID is created you do not need to go to "NEXT" as that is for purchasing a sportsman license. You can just "CANCEL" as your account has been created.

CONTACT: Marlise Davis at marliserandle@aol.com

BRING: Mask; hat; chair (folding, sports or camping) for sitting; cooler with ice if you plan to keep fish you catch

QUESTIONS:

- Registering for Conservation ID: (860) 424-3105
- DEEP "fishing field trip" event: (860) 663-1656

NOTES:

- This event is sponsored by DEEP (Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) through the Fisheries Division's CARE program (CARE: Connecticut Aquatic Resources Education).
- For helpful beginning fishing information (i.e., fishing guide, how to fish videos) go to <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/CARE/YOuth-Fishing-Passport>

Family Social – Kayaking Discovery Course

Join GNN families as we go kayaking through LL Bean's Discovery Course. Never gone kayaking, no worries as we will learn the basic paddling techniques and safety skills of this popular sport.

- Prerequisite: None
- Activity level: Easy
- Minimum age: 8 (14 and under with parent or guardian)

WHEN:

- Saturday, May 29 11:30-1:00
- Sunday, May 30 11:30-1:00

WHERE: Glastonbury Boat Launch at 252 Welles St, Glastonbury

COST: \$30 per person

RSVP: Pay through our PayPal account at <https://glastonburynewcomers.org/family-social-kayaking-1>

CONTACT: Marlise Davis at marliserandle@aol.com

Kayaking Course Description: Exploring nature in a kayak is a healthy and fun way to enjoy the outdoors. Our course begins with a brief introduction and safety talk from our friendly paddling instructors, who will share their knowledge gained from years of kayaking. They'll outfit you with a personal flotation device (PFD), kayak and paddling equipment, giving you insight on the best ways to set up your boat. Then, you'll receive instruction on a variety of paddling techniques. This is a great course for all levels of fitness.

After you feel comfortable on the water, you'll set out in a kayak on a guided, interpretive tour with your group. You'll experience the freedom of skimming across the water, learning about the ecosystem and history of the area. All necessary paddling equipment is provided.

GNN Club ADULT Events & Activities

GNN Book Club – Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

Meet Eleanor Oliphant: She struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she’s thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mummy.

But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, the three become the kinds of friends who rescue one another from the lives of isolation they have each been living. And it is Raymond’s big heart that will ultimately help Eleanor find the way to repair her own profoundly damaged one.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 21st at 7:30pm

WHERE: TBD

COST: Free

RSVP: Facebook or email April at aprilroscow@yahoo.com

Ladies’ Day Out – The Diamond Pub & Grill

Join the ladies at Glastonbury's old favorite pub and grill, where they serve everything from wings to ice cream sundaes. Assuming the weather is nice we plan to be out on the patio.

WHEN: Friday, April 30th at 11:45 am

WHERE: 195 Hebron Ave, Glastonbury

COST: Cost of food and drink.

RSVP: Facebook or email Michele at micheleschin4@gmail.com

Ladies’ Night Out – Crystal Ridge Winery

Join us for an evening of good wine and good company. BYO pairings!

WHEN: Wednesday, April 28th at 5:30 pm

WHERE: 257 Belltown Road, South Glastonbury

COST: Cost of drinks

RSVP: Facebook or email April at aprilroscow@yahoo.com

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Good Friday	3
4 Last Day of Passover Easter Sunday	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Spring Break						
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