



# Glastonbury Newcomers' & Neighbors' Club Newsletter

March 2021

## GNN Club NEWS

### Membership

We were delighted to welcome three new families to GNN in February.

**Kim and Steve Collins**, and their sons Jack (8th grade) and Will (6th grade) moved here from Trumbull in 2015 for Steve's Executive Director position with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra. Kim works as a professional flutist and has also just started a new job at the CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce. In addition, she enjoys cooking, Whole Foods, running, biking, physical fitness, and reading. She hopes to meet other working moms and be more a part of our local community. Welcome, Collins family! We look forward to meeting you at future (in-person and virtual) events!

**Derek and Nicole Mazzarella** and their son Harrison (2) arrived in Glastonbury from Boston in February of 2020 - a month before COVID sent everyone indoors! Derek is a Financial Advisor at Gateway Financial Partners and is interested in basketball, soccer, guitar, cooking and hiking. Nicole is in Marketing at University of Hartford. The family is expecting a new baby - due next month - and we wish them a hearty congratulations!

**Donna and Mike Savage** and their sons Josh, Jake and Joey are long-time Glastonbury residents who love it here and are excited to be part of a group that helps bring our community together. Mike is an IT Senior Systems Engineer, and Donna is a wine

consultant who just recently hosted our wonderful GNN ladies night - a virtual wine tasting/pairing! She also enjoys entertaining, wineries, cooking, baking and traveling.

### Welcome Collins, Mazzarella and Savage families!

We are excited to have you in the club and look forward to meeting you all at future in-person and online events!

### Upcoming Club Events

- Feb 12: Family Social – Virtual Valentines Games
- Feb 17: Book Club – Don't Look for Me by Wendy Walker
- Feb 18: Club Planning Meeting
- Feb 19: Ladies' Day Out – Cotton Hollow Kitchen
- Feb 26: Ladies Night Out – Virtual Wine Tasting
- Mar 27: Community Enrichment – Visit from the Easter Bunny
- Mar: Ladies Night Out – Virtual Bunco
- Mar: Adult Social – Chili Challenge

## HIP HOP HURRAY... The Easter Bunny is on Its Way!

That's right! The **Easter Bunny** is coming to visit our wonderful GNN families on March 27. The **Easter Bunny** asks that you wear your mask when she comes to say hello and drop off an Easter treat at the end of your driveway. Her number one priority is keeping all of her bunny friends safe and healthy.

If your family would like an **Easter Bunny** visit, please register (see next page). When you sign up, make sure to include your phone number, address and number of children participating so the **Easter Bunny** will know where to go. Our **Easter Bunny** doesn't like when the weather becomes cold and rainy, so she will hop your way on Sunday, March 28 instead.

Besides the visit from the **Easter Bunny** we are also hosting an online Easter Basket Auction. There will be six baskets to bid on thanks to our annual sponsors **Hair Today**, **Desi Meister-William Raveis** and **Edward Jones-Jen Phillips**. All the proceeds will go to "Glastonbury Gives. Glastonbury Gives is operated through Glastonbury Social Services to help support our community with needs; such as food, utilities, and clothing.

Wishing everyone a **Hoppy Easter** and **Spring!**

Sincerely,



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## THANK YOU

### Community Enrichment – Egg Stuffing Party

Come help us stuff plastic eggs for our upcoming community Easter Bunny Drive-by. If anyone would like to make a candy/non-candy donation please text Julie (see below). For everyone's safety we will host this event outside. Please wear a mask and gloves will be provided.

WHEN: Sunday, March 21st at 10:00 AM

WHERE: Campbell Home at 271 Leigh Gate, South Glastonbury

BRING: Optional; greatly appreciate candy, healthy snacks or toys to fill the plastic eggs; Items can be dropped off anytime before the 21st OR brought the day of the Stuffing Party.

RSVP: Facebook or you can email or text Julie at [juliemanuckcampbell@gmail.com](mailto:juliemanuckcampbell@gmail.com) or (860) 338-6434

## Community Enrichment – Easter Bunny Drive-by

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### HIP HOP HURRAY... The Easter Bunny is on Its Way!

Registration is open to GNN members NOW. March 10th is when registration is open to the PUBLIC. Spots are limited.

WHEN: Saturday, March 27th from 9:00 - 1:00 pm  
(rain date Sunday, March 28)

WHERE: Participant's driveways

COST: Free

REGISTER: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4EAFA92BABF94-easter>

## Community Enrichment – Easter Basket Auction

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We are having an online auction to support **Glastonbury Gives**, which operates through Glastonbury Social Services to help support our community with needs; such as food, utilities, and clothing. This event will be open to the public. The winners will be announced on the evening of March 26 and baskets will be dropped off on the 27th. Baskets will be dropped off by the GNN Community Enrichment Team.

WHEN: Live on Friday, March 19th to Friday, March 26th at 8:00 pm

WHERE: Auction link is forthcoming

## Club Planning Meeting

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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, March 25th at 7:00 pm

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

RSVP: Facebook or email Jen at [jphirui@icloud.com](mailto:jphirui@icloud.com)

## Helping Hands

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It's during the difficult times when neighbors can rally together to help brighten someone's day and give true meaning to the Helping Hands Committee. If you know a Newcomers' & Neighbors' family who has had a baby, has suffered an illness, has had a death in the family, or simply could use a helping hand, please call or email so we can organize something for them. We rely on other member families to inform us when a helping hand is needed. Thank you! Please contact Julie Campbell at [julieanuckcampbell@gmail.com](mailto:julieanuckcampbell@gmail.com)

# GNN Club **FAMILY** Events & Activities

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## **Family Social – “Virtually Impossible” featuring The Magic of Michael Mage**

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Get ready for a LIVE and Interactive experience that will have the family-friendly magic happening in our own homes! During the show Michael showcases incredible magic, mentalism, and mind-blowing feats of skill while constantly interacting with the audience.

By bringing along your own deck of cards, Michael will perform magic in your own hands and even teach you something wicked to fool your friends. All of this allows for a unique online experience that bears no resemblance to watching a video or live stream. This event is hosted by the CT Rivervalley Chamber of Commerce and is open to the public.

**WHEN:** Friday, February 12th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

**WHERE:** Virtual

**COST:** \$20 per family

**BRING:** Bringing your own deck of cards, to learn some tricks.

**RSVP:** Go to “events” on the Chamber website <https://www.crvchamber.org/>

To sign up go to the “not yet a member” box. While GNN is a Chamber member, since this is a public event it is simplest to register individually.

**INFO:** Facebook or email Marlise at [marliserandle@aol.com](mailto:marliserandle@aol.com)

## **Family Social – Virtual Stem Activity and Scavenger Hunt**

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We will be growing our own crystal snowflake, flower, figure, animal, symbol, etc. The project materials will be delivered. You will just need a wide mouth jar (pint) or glass, boiling water, pencil and scissors. On the Zoom call we will set up the project. The crystallization will take place over a day or two.

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 20th from 5 to 6 pm

**WHERE:** Virtual

**COST:** Free

**RSVP:** Facebook or email Marlise at [marliserandle@aol.com](mailto:marliserandle@aol.com)

## **Family Social – Kids March Madness Brackets**

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We’d like the kids to take part in this year’s March Madness! We will start the fun for the Sweet 16. The winner will receive a \$20 gift card to Pinwheels. Every child can submit one bracket.

In the event there is a tie, we will use the same scoring system for the adult game. The total number of points scored will determine the winner.

**WHEN:** Sweet 16 is from Saturday, March 27 to Saturday, April 5

**DEADLINE:** Email completed brackets to [communications@GlastonburyNewcomers.org](mailto:communications@GlastonburyNewcomers.org) by Friday, March 26

**COST:** Free

**RSVP:** Facebook or email Marlise at [marliserandle@aol.com](mailto:marliserandle@aol.com)

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# GNN Club **ADULT** Events & Activities

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## Adult Social – Kayaking Discovery Course

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The Kayaking Discovery Course is a great way to learn the basic paddling techniques and safety skills of this popular sport. These classes fill up fast. If you are interested, please let us know which day/time works for you as we are going to sign up Friday, March 12.

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

WHEN: Let us know which option(s) work for you.

1. Saturday, May 29 9:00-10:30
2. Saturday, May 29 11:30-1:00
3. Sunday, May 30 9:00-10:30
4. Sunday, May 30 11:30-1:00

WHERE: Glastonbury Boat Launch at 252 Welles St, Glastonbury

COST: \$30

RSVP: Facebook or Marlise at marliserandle@aol.com

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 Book Club – Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

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Ghana, eighteenth century: two half sisters are born into different villages, each unaware of the other. One will marry an Englishman and lead a life of comfort in the palatial rooms of the Cape Coast Castle. The other will be captured in a raid on her village, imprisoned in the very same castle, and sold into slavery.

One of Oprah's Best Books of the Year and a PEN/Hemingway award winner, Homegoing follows the parallel paths of these sisters and their descendants through eight generations: from the Gold Coast to the plantations of Mississippi, from the American Civil War to Jazz Age Harlem. Yaa Gyasi's extraordinary novel illuminates slavery's troubled legacy both for those who were taken and those who stayed—and shows how the memory of captivity has been inscribed on the soul of our nation.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 17th at 7:30pm

WHERE: Virtual via Zoom

COST: Free

RSVP: Facebook or April at aprilroscow@yahoo.com

## **Adult Social – March Madness Bracket**

It's March Madness time! We are going to do our own Sweet 16 bracket for GNN members only! The winner will receive a \$50 gift card to a local restaurant of your choice. Each adult can submit one bracket.

In the event there is a tie, the total number of points scored will determine the winner. This is how we plan to score:

- In the Sweet 16, four points for each winner.
- In the Elite 8, six points for each winner.
- In the Final Four, 10 points for each winner.
- In the Championship Game 16 points.

WHEN: Sweet 16 is from Saturday, March 27 to Saturday, April 5

DEADLINE: Email completed brackets to [communications@GlastonburyNewcomers.org](mailto:communications@GlastonburyNewcomers.org) by Friday, March 26

COST: Free

RSVP: Facebook or email Marlise at [marliserandle@aol.com](mailto:marliserandle@aol.com)

## **Ladies' Day Out – Cotton Hollow Kitchen**

Join the ladies for locally sourced contemporary chow and craft cocktails in the heart of South Glastonbury. We keep trying to get here but the weather just hasn't cooperated.

WHEN: Friday, March 19th at 12:00 pm

WHERE: 840 Main St, South Glastonbury

COST: Cost of food and drink.

RSVP: Facebook or email Michele at [micheleschin4@gmail.com](mailto:micheleschin4@gmail.com)

## **Ladies' Night Out – Taking a Month Off**

Stay tuned for an event next month!

# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8	9	10	11	12 Family Social – "Virtually Impossible" featuring The Magic of Michael Mage	13
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Community Enrichment – Easter Basket Auction Fundraiser for "Glastonbury Gives"</div>						
28 <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Passover (first day)</b>	29	30	31			