



Glastonbury Newcomers' & Neighbors' Club Newsletter

May 2021

GNN Club NEWS

Membership

I'm happy to introduce our newest member, **Andrea Fletcher**, and her family. Andrea has just recently joined, and we are looking forward to meeting her and her crew at future GNN events. Welcome, Andrea!

Recognize Class of 2021 High School Senior Graduates

If you have a senior in your household who is graduating from High School this year, please email Julie at juliemanuckcampbell and provide your graduate's name, where he or she is planning to attend college and a fun fact about him or her. Along with your write up if you can include a picture of your senior we would greatly appreciate.

Deadline for submission is May 22nd.



Upcoming Club Events

- May 8: Family Social – Let's Go Fishing
- May 9: Family Social – Horseback Riding
- May 16: Family Social – Teen/Tween Book Club
- May 19: GNN Book Club – The Midnight Library by Matt Haig
- May 20: Adult Social – Hops on the Hill
- May 21: Ladies' Day Out – Plan B
- May 22: Family Social – Meet up at Jessica's Garden Ice Cream and Lobster Shack
- May 23: Family Social – Teen/Tween Book Club
- May 26: Ladies' Night Out – Lucky Lou's Bar and Grill
- May 27: Club Planning Meeting
- May 29: Family Social – Kayaking Discovery Course
- May 30: Family Social – Kayaking Discovery Course
- May 30: Family Social – Teen/Tween Book Club
- May 31: Family Social – Memorial Day Parade Viewing

Club Planning Meeting

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

WHEN: Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 pm

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

RSVP: Facebook or email Jen at jphirui@icloud.com We were delighted to welcome two new families to GNN in March:



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GNN Club **FAMILY** Events & Activities

NEW Family Social – Teen/Tween Book Club

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: May 23 and 30 at 2:15-3:15; meet, greet and the book selection

WHERE: Gazebo at Riverfront Park (128 Welles St, Glastonbury)

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 – Meet up at Jessica's Garden Ice Cream and Lobster Shack

Join us at Connecticut's hidden gem for lobster rolls, mac & cheese and Gifford's homemade ice cream. Jessica's Garden is a unique outdoor destination with fairy gardens, woodland trails, a bass pond, a tree swing and fun structures to explore and climb.

WHEN: Saturday, May 22 at 4:00pm (rain date Sunday, May 23)

WHERE: 198 East Hampton Road, Marlborough (just 15-20 minutes from Glastonbury)

COST: Cost of own ice cream or meal

RSVP: Facebook or email Marlise at marliserandle@aol.com

MENU: <https://jessicagarden.net/food-fun/lobster-shack/>

NOTES: For everyone's safety, families should eat together (there are picnic benches) and when playing/socializing masks should be worn.

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 – Memorial Day Parade Viewing

Join other families in watching Glastonbury's annual Memorial Day Parade, a day of remembrance. There will be some outdoor activities to keep the kids busy as well as coffee, coffee cake and mimosas for the "big kids"! Please join us even if you are kid-free.

WHEN: Monday, May 31 Arrive b/t 8:15-8:40 AM; Main Street closes at 8:45 AM; parade begins at 9:00 AM

WHERE: Davis Residence at 2033 Main Street, Glastonbury

COST: Free

RSVP: Marlise at marliserandle@aol.com

The Glastonbury Memorial Day Parade is sponsored by Veteran's Service Commission. The route starts at Main and Welles Street, proceeds down Main Street to Hubbard Street (Town Green, the Veterans Memorial Monument area). A Veterans service will start immediately following the parade ending at approximately 10:45 a.m.

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

Adult Social – Hops on the Hill

On the “Third Thursday” of the month we are starting adult social meet-ups, alternating between Hops on the Hill and Crystal Ridge. We are looking for “hosts” for these adult socials. All you need to do is commit to being there as the point of contact! It is a great way to get involved in a fun way.

WHEN: Thursday May 20 (time TBD)

WHERE: Hops on the Hill at 275 Dug Rd, South Glastonbury

COST: Cost of food and drink

BRING: For gatherings outdoors, bring your own lawn chairs, table and food. There is limited seating indoors for small groups. Note, there is no BYOB as their liquor license does not allow the consumption of alcohol purchased elsewhere.

NOTE: There will be live music and a food truck on Thursdays.

RSVP: Facebook or email communications@GlastonburyNewcomers.org

Ladies’ Day Out – Plan B

Join the Ladies for a lunch at Plan B in Glastonbury for creative burgers and elevated pub grub.

WHEN: Friday, May 21st at 11:45 am

WHERE: 120 Hebron Ave, Glastonbury

COST: Cost of food and drink.

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

GNN Book Club – *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better?

In *The Midnight Library*, Matt Haig's enchanting new novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 19th at 7:30 pm

WHERE: TBD

COST: Free

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

Ladies’ Night Out – Lucky Lou’s Bar and Grill

Join the ladies for a night out!

WHEN: Wednesday, May 26th at 7 pm

WHERE: 222 Main Street, Old Wethersfield

COST: Cost of food and drink

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

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Family Social – Let's Go Fishing
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