

TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, July 18th, Town Council Committee of the Whole Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Tuesday, July 18th, Town Council, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1

ONE BOOK, ONE REGION PROGRAMS AT THE GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

“One Book, One Region” programs at the Groton Public Library focus on themes from the 2017 one book, “Homegoing” by Yaa Gyasi. These programs began on Tuesday, July 11th and will run every Tuesday evening through September 5th. Storytelling, drumming, speakers and films highlight the series. The Library is also hosting “Ghanian Craft Traditions,” an exhibit highlighting cloth and clothing, beads and other crafts made in Ghana by local artisans.

On July 18th, at 7:00 p.m., Ghanaian born Eric Amoquandoh presents “Ghanaian Culture: African Dance.” Amoquandoh used dance and drumming to get through the hardships of life in West Africa. He shares his love for the culture of his native country and his hopes for keeping these traditional dances alive by teaching others how to tell stories through music and movement.

“Tracing the Trade: A Film and Discussion with Katrina Browne” is featured on July 25th at 7:00 p.m. Katrina Browne produced and directed “Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North,” a documentary about her slave-trading ancestors from Rhode Island, the hidden history of New England’s complicity in slavery, and her family’s reckoning with questions of repair and reconciliation today. Browne will lead a discussion following the film.

Please visit the Groton Public Library’s website for more information at <http://www.groton-ct.gov/library>.

CONNECTICUT SENIOR OPEN

Shennecossett Golf Course will again be hosting the Connecticut Senior Open. This is the 20th consecutive year that Shennecossett has hosted the tournament and the 35th year the tournament has been held. One hundred and fifty-six players from 12 states will compete on July 17th and July 18th. The field includes many past champions and Former PGA Tour player John Elliott, a native of New Britain. The low 72, plus ties, after the first round on July 17th advance to the final 18 holes the next day. Twenty-five thousand dollars in prizes will be awarded, first prize is \$4,000.

The two day event includes a dinner Monday evening at Par 4 and an awards ceremony Tuesday after play is completed. Spectators are encouraged to come and watch many of New England's best Senior Golfers play the spectacular Shennecossett Golf Course.

For more information please visit http://ctpga.com/tournaments/page_12/.

FARMERS' MARKET VOUCHER PROGRAM HALTED BY STATE

Groton Human Services has been distributing Farmers' Market coupon books to eligible seniors and disabled individuals for approximately three weeks. On Friday, July 7th, the department received notification from the State Department of Agriculture that funding for the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program "has been effectively eliminated because a State budget was not enacted by the General Assembly by July 1, 2017." The approximately 40 persons who had already received the coupon books were contacted by Human Services and told the coupons were invalid and could not be used. The Farmers' Market Nutrition Program and its coupon books are very popular with seniors and disabled individuals. Annually, Human Services has dispensed an average of 350 coupon books per season to eligible persons. The coupons, which could be used at any farmers' market in the State of Connecticut, were dispensed free of charge as one book of 6 coupons per person at a total value of \$18 per book. The future of the program for the remainder of this farmers' market season is in limbo at this time and Human Services has been instructed to retain its remaining coupon books until further notice.

OTHER ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 is a flyer from the Children First Groton Leadership Group for a dinner celebration on July 26th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Groton Public Library. Please RSVP to Mary Broderick at mary-broderick@att.net or at 860-739-7866.
2. Attachment 2 is flyer from the Groton Parks and Recreation Department for a Community Input Session on July 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex in Community Room 1. The input session is for the proposed design improvements for a bicycle and pedestrian facility from Depot Road to Thomas Road. A formal presentation will take place at 7:00 p.m.
3. Attachment 3 is a flyer from the Groton Business Association for the National Aviation Day on August 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Groton New London Airport. This is a free event open to the public. Visitors will be able to view aircraft up close, speak with pilots and see displays, tours and demonstrations.

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

1. Library (June)

- Director met with the Management Team Steering Committee on June 6th to review results of a recent survey and to plan upcoming meetings.
- Director participated in the 15th annual “One Book, One Region” kickoff on June 14th.
- 2017 summer reading for adults, teens and children based on the theme “Build a Better World,” started on June 23rd.
- “Books by the Banner,” the Library’s summer story time at Poquonnock Plains Park with Miss Tracy continued to be very popular with 125 attendees at this year’s initial offering.
- Rebecca Spera was hired as a Library Assistant in the Circulation Division.
- Furniture for new spaces has been chosen and the project to replace two HVAC units has been completed.

2. Water Pollution Control Division (June)

- The Division has treated 131.2 million gallons of waste for the month.

