

TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, August 29th, Town Council Special Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1

ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY

The Groton Public Library held a viewing party on Monday, August 21st for the Great American Solar Eclipse. While Groton only experienced a partial eclipse, hundreds of people in the community still came together for this extraordinary event. The library originally received 1000 eclipse viewing glasses from STAR_Net/National Center for Interactive Learning/Space Science Institute via the Moore Foundation. Eight hundred glasses were given out in the weeks prior to the event and two hundred glasses were held for the program on August 21st. The library had well over 400 people viewing the eclipse on the library grounds as well as inside watching NASA's live stream of the event in the meeting rooms. The library had amazing support from the Thames Amateur Astronomical Society, who provided solar telescopes for the general public to use, and the Girl Scouts of Groton, who were on hand making astronomy related crafts and handing out additional glasses of their own. The library would like to thank the Town of Groton Police for their help and support throughout the program and The New London Day for terrific coverage of the event. To see The Day article please visit <http://www.theday.com/local/20170821/eclipse-brings-out-amateur-astronomers-curious-sun-gazers-in-groton>.

Video and commentary can also be viewed on <https://youtu.be/e2ZWx4zktyM>.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has selected Water Pollution Control Division Operations Supervisor Harold Clarke to serve a three year term on the State Wastewater Operator Certification Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC is made up of operators, educators and State DEEP personnel. The major functions of the committee are to review the classification of wastewater treatment facilities, encourage all operators to become certified, promote regular wastewater treatment plant operator training schools and

programs, review exam questions, review training seminars for contact hour credits, assist with revision and development of regulations, assist with reciprocity review, and revocation of certificates.

OTHER ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 is a letter from the Public Works Department for the resurfacing of a portion of High Street.
2. Attachment 2 is a letter from Eversource for the maintenance work to take place from Chriswood Trace in Ledyard to Shewville Road.
3. Attachment 3 is a flyer from Ledge Light Health District for the 2017 Diabetes Self-Management workshops to be held on Thursday evenings from September 7th through October 12th. The workshops will be held at the Groton Senior Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at no cost. To register, please contact the Groton Senior Center at 860-441-6785.
4. Attachment 4 is a Save the Date from The Light House for the Kathryn E. Green Retirement Celebration on October 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Attachments
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Resurfacing a portion of High Street, (Town of Groton)

High Street from the intersection of Sandy Hollow Road south to Starr Street was reconstructed in the late 1960's to a "new standard." As High Street was one of the several narrow local road connections to the downtown Mystic area (before Allyn Street was constructed), it was reconstructed to a width of 40 feet starting at Bindloss, south to Starr Street. The remainder of the High Street into Mystic was never reconstructed due to issues of available right-of-way and the State planned construction of Allyn Street. Today, there is no need for this section of road to remain this wide.

The Department will be reclaiming and resurfacing this section of High Street later in September. We will reduce the width of the road to 30 feet, more in keeping with character of the area, which includes scenic views of the Mystic River and the historic nature of the homes in the area.

To accomplish this task, the west side of High Street will remain in the same location. The concrete curbs will be replaced in those areas that have shown deterioration. Catch basins will be replaced. On the east side (Mystic River side), the existing catch basins will remain in the same locations, as to not disturb the headwalls and wetlands. The existing wire rope guide rail system will also remain in the same location. The existing concrete curb will be removed and 10 feet of the existing pavement will be removed. An asphalt mountable curb will be installed along with a 5 foot asphalt pad, much like those on Pearl Street, Mystic. This can be used either as a sidewalk or a parking space.

What this change will accomplish is the following:

- A reduction in impervious surface of approximate 30,000 square feet.
- A savings of \$60,000, due to not having to resurface this area.

Also, the general permit for stormwater not only encourages the reduction of impervious surfaces that discharge in the piped stormwater system, it mandates a reduction of 2% in many areas of the town.



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August 2017

Dear Neighbor,

As part of our everyday effort to deliver reliable energy to our customers and communities, we'll be replacing existing wood structures in Ledyard, Groton and Stonington, Conn. Maintaining the infrastructure that supports electric lines is one of the many ways Eversource ensures the safe, secure transmission of electricity throughout the region.

Reliability Improvements in Your Neighborhood

We will be working in your area within the next couple of weeks. This maintenance work is taking place on the right of way that is on or near your property in Ledyard from Terry Road to Shewville Road; in Groton from Chriswood Trace to Shewville Road; and in Stonington off Lantern Hill Road.

What You Can Expect

First, we want you to know that this work will not interrupt electric service to your property. Crews from PAR Electrical Contractors and Supreme Industries will be working for Eversource to replace existing transmission structures located on or near your property. People working on this project carry proper identification at all times.

There will be construction vehicles on the right of way, including heavy equipment, though we will make every effort to minimize any impact to your property. Project work may include site grading, mowing/vegetation removal, adding gravel to the access road, and setting timber mats, as well as replacing existing wood structures with new steel structures of similar size. (Please see the typical work area photos at the end of this letter.) When the project is completed, crews will restore areas that were disturbed by the work.

Work hours will be Monday through Sunday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. This maintenance project is expected to be complete by the end of 2017, with restoration work to occur in early 2018. Please keep in mind that the schedule may change due to weather and other unexpected circumstances.

Our Commitment to You

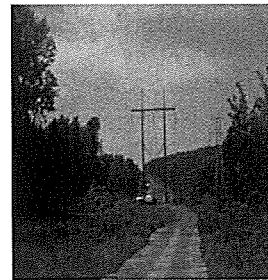
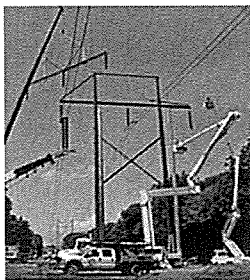
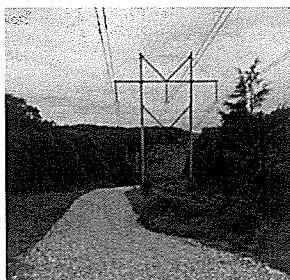
We are committed to being a good neighbor and doing our work with respect for you and your property. For more information about this work, please call 1-800-793-2202, or send an email to TransmissionInfo@eversource.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian Ragozzine

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Eversource Project Manager

Photos show typical work areas, and are for illustration only.





DIABETES WORKSHOP

"It's Your Life...Live it Well"

2017 DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Learn about diabetes including:

- What to eat and when to exercise
- Monitoring your blood sugar
- Foot care
- Communicating with family and your health care providers
- Low and high blood sugar
- Sick day guidelines
- Tips for dealing with stress
- How to set small and achievable goals



These are just some of the topics covered!

AT THE GROTON SENIOR CENTER!!!

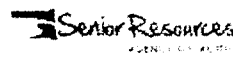
Groton Program - Dates: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5, and 12,

Time: 6:00 - 8:30pm

Location: Groton Senior Center. To register call (860) 441-6785.

Fee: No cost - Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions books will be available on loan at no cost or participants can purchase a book for \$25.

This workshop is for adults living with diabetes and/or their caregiver or support person.



Sponsored by Ledge Light Health District, Senior Resources, the CT State Department on Aging & CT Department of Public Health.

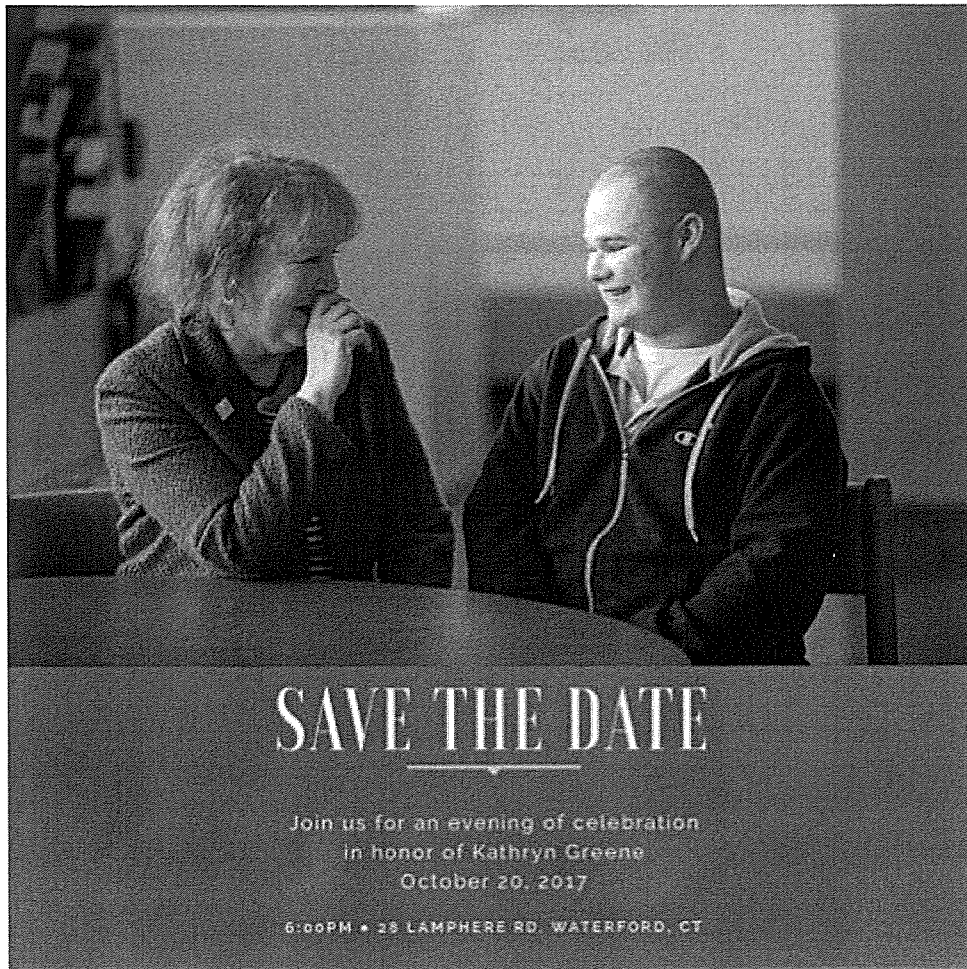
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Feel
Better

Energize

Live

Enjoy



The Kathryn E. Greene Retirement Celebration will honor the founder of The Light House and her 25+ years of service, dedication, and commitment to the disability community.

In 1992, Kathy recognized a community need to support and facilitate individuals with disabilities toward leading more independent lives. Keeping in mind her mission to “educate and prepare them for life,” The Light House was started with two students, and no funding, in a space donated by Mystic Congregational Church.

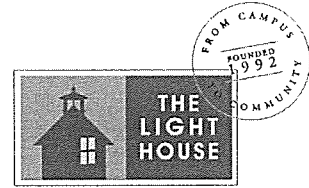
In 1997 Kathy received a \$100,000 grant and was able to expand both the space and programming needed in order to continue to pursue her dream of integrating people with all disabilities more fully into the community. The Light House began offering day and extended day programs to adults with disabilities. After years of detailed work, The Light House was approved by the State of Connecticut to provide special education services for ages 7-21.

Fast forward to 2017, and Kathy’s organization now employs 64 people, services more than 135 participants per year, and offers private special education, employment services, residential supports, transition programs,

social/recreation groups, and adult day programming.

Details to follow.

For inquires, please contact:
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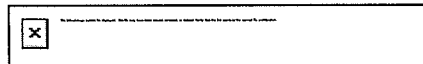
Three social media icons are displayed in a row: Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Each icon has a small 'x' mark over it, indicating that the links are broken or missing.

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