

TOWN COUNCIL

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, October 2nd, Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1

TVCCA/CEAP ENERGY ASSISTANCE

In partnership with TVCCA, Inc., Groton Human Services has started taking energy assistance applications for Groton residents for the 2018-2019 Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP). CEAP is administered by the Connecticut Department of Social Services through local community action programs at selected outreach/community sites like Groton Human Services. CEAP assists with a variety of heating sources including oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal and wood. Funding for CEAP is provided through the federal government's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and all applicants must meet income guidelines set at 150% of the Federal Poverty Level, approximately \$37,000 for a family of four. Department social workers have received training on TVCCA's "Fuelware" computer program, which maintains clients' CEAP eligibility information and tracks clients' fuel deliveries. State-wide fuel deliveries for approved FYE 19 CEAP clients will begin in early November and extend through March 2019 or until a respective household's eligibility allotment is exhausted. Groton Human Services social workers will take CEAP applications for Groton residents by appointment only. Residents wishing to apply for this program should call Groton Human Services at 860-441-6760 to schedule an appointment. An energy application checklist is available at <http://www.groton-ct.gov/depts/humansvcs>.

GROTON FALL FESTIVAL

The Groton Fall Festival at Poquonnock Plains Park will be held on Saturday, October 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is being planned by the Groton Business Committee of the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with Groton Parks and Recreation. The event will have many of the same things as years past with various business, non-profit, community organization and craft vendor booths lining the walking track, food vendors and lots of fire trucks. However this year's event will also have some new features including a scarecrow contest, a corn hole contest, a pie baking contest and lots of demonstrations. In

addition, a Blackhawk helicopter from the 1109th TASMG will be back again after many years.

The event is one of the key community celebrations that present many opportunities for families to get to know their community and interact in a fun, family-friendly event.

JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER

The Groton Public Library is joining with Jazz at Lincoln Center to offer monthly digital concerts performed by the world-renowned Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. The Library is one of the first public libraries across the country benefitting from the Digital Concert Network's free content. The mission of Jazz at Lincoln Center is to entertain, enrich and expand a global community for jazz through performance, education and advocacy.

Gary Buttery has agreed to serve as the Library's "jazz ambassador." Buttery is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Music and Director of Bands and Jazz Ensembles at Connecticut College. Buttery will introduce the concerts and provide some background about the music.

The series will take place on October 12th, November 9th, and December 7th at 7:00 p.m.

The first concert is Wynton Marsalis' "Spaces" on October 12th. It combines modern dance with big band jazz in a playful and wildly entertaining exploration of the animal kingdom. Composed with the concept of an "animal ballet" in mind, "Spaces" attempts to recapture the natural fascination we have with the sounds and movements of animals.

Damian Woetzel, choreographer and retired Principal Dancer with the New York City Ballet, returns as director and choreographic consultant, seamlessly integrating the dance with Marsalis' musical compositions.

On November 9th, the concert is "Presidential Suite." No matter the era, great political speeches stand the test of time. Ted Nash finds an exalted common ground between speech and song, merging two traditions, in order to make a singular work.

On December 7th, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra presents “Big Band Holidays.”

With soulful big band arrangements of songs both sacred and secular, “Big Band Holidays” is an uplifting tradition enjoyed by audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 is a brochure from the Groton Senior Center for the Coastal Café. The café is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
2. Attachment 2 is a flyer from the Town Council for “Coffee with Councilors” on Saturday, October 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Groton Public Library.
3. Attachment 3 is a flyer from the American Red Cross and Groton Town Police Department for the Blood Drive on Tuesday, October 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. held at the Groton Police Department.

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