

Community Volunteer Fair

Saturday, April 5, 2025

10 am to 1 pm



49 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

860-444-5805
www.waterfordpubliclibrary.org

Adult Volunteer Opportunities:

Earth Day Every Day CT strives to create events for children and their adults to provide positive interactive experiences in Nature and/or Environmental Sciences. We created Earthfest CT at McCook Park each May for families to meet over 20 nonprofit organizations while listening to local children's bands. We are working on creating another Fall festival in Waterford, joining with Waterford Land Trust in September for their 50th Anniversary. Stay tuned!



Each generation creates the following generation's opportunities and challenges. Children are not only the recipients of our policies, attitudes and the results of our current actions, their subsequent choices hold the future of the entire planet. What we teach our children will create the world we live in as they grow to be the decision-makers. We are facing choices now that our predecessors never imagined. It is important that our children understand the global ramifications of their environmental decisions.

We strive to teach children and their adults the importance of protecting the environment they live in, the importance of unbiased science in making hard decisions and to expose them to the beauty that lives all around them in Nature.

For more information, contact: earthfestCT@outlook.com



EF High School Exchange Year is accepting volunteer host family applications in Waterford and surrounding communities! EF brings high school students from 15 different countries from Asia, Europe and South America to the US for a semester or academic year. Students are fluent in English, come with their own spending money, and are excited to experience your little piece of America!

In addition, we are looking for local coordinators and/or host families. Local coordinators promote the program and recruit host families, and then provide support to exchange students, host families and

schools throughout the exchange year.

Learn more at our website: efexchangeyear.org

Coastal Waters Girl Scout Service Unit. We work with girls K-12 grades. We work on leadership skills through outdoor activities, service projects, and other different activities. If you have something you would like help with or want to help you can contact

Rosanna Parks at 860 442-2178 (land line). We are always looking for girls and leaders.

For more information, and to register as a volunteer or to join Girl Scouts, visit our website at www.gsosct.org



The **Goshen Firehouse Ladies Auxiliary** was incorporated in 1946 as an organization to support the Goshen firefighters. Over the past 77 years the organization has evolved to its present state of providing financial assistance to various individuals and groups. Some of these include Waterford Youth Services and scholarships to high school seniors residing in the Goshen district. Our fundraisers are held in May (plant sale), August (firemen's fair) and October (fall festival).

For more information, contact Brenda Schafer-Libera at 860-625-5314

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/waterfordgoshenFDladies

Masonicare Home health and Hospice Volunteer program: High school seniors up through retirement age are needed to offer companionship and socialization to our Hospice patients, either in a facility, or their home. A brief training is required prior to visiting and visit schedules are flexible and based on your availability.

For more information, please contact Pamela McCauley, Volunteer Coordinator at pmccauley@masonicare.org or 860-980-2600

Website: www.masonicare.org/services/home-health-hospice



Address: 309 Otrobando Ave, Norwich, CT 06360

Save the River-Save the Hills is a grassroots environmental organization based on the Niantic River Estuary. Our mission is to preserve the health of the Niantic River Estuary, its Watershed in the towns of East Lyme, Montville, Salem and Waterford, and the natural beauty of the Oswegatchie Hills. Our programs include:



- Operating a pump-out boat on the Niantic River to collect and properly dispose of heavily concentrated waste from boats;
- Water Quality Testing the waters of the River and tributaries;
- Advocating for the preservation of the Oswegatchie Hills and other forests within the Niantic River Watershed;
- Advocating for sewers for waterfront neighborhoods;
- Creating and sponsoring an annual Niantic River Appreciation Day with the Kayak Regatta
- Encouraging the towns of Waterford and East Lyme to fulfill their obligations under the Federal Phase II Storm Water Regulations;
- Working with the Niantic River Watershed Committee on fulfilling their watershed plan
- Educating our local communities about Watersheds and how to keep water clean

For more information, please contact Deb Moshier-Dunn at VP@savetheriversavethehills.org or Eileen O'Pasek at 860-439-1687.

Senior Resources has a variety of programs aimed at supporting the well-being of older adults and adults with disabilities. Services include Medicare counseling, Nutrition Education, Caregiver Respite, support for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and more.



For more information, please call us at 860-887-3561 or visit our website at senioresourcesec.org.

Address: 19 Ohio Avenue, Suite 2, Norwich, CT 06360



Throughout **United Cerebral Palsy's (UCP)** 70-year history of serving people with Cerebral Palsy (CP), we've acquired the knowledge and skills to support adults and children with a wide range of disabilities, not just CP. UCP's programs for people with disabilities in Eastern Connecticut are designed to help increase independence at work, in school and at home. *Every day*, we offer programs for people with disabilities in CT to help them develop employment skills, find accessible housing and access assistive technology.

Please contact us at www.ucpect.org or 860-443-3800 to learn more.

VITAS Healthcare provides hospice services throughout Connecticut (offices are in Middlebury, Fairfield and Glastonbury) and volunteers play an important role in our work. The activities that volunteers can get involved with are wide-ranging and can include:



- Providing companionship and emotional support for the patient (e.g., playing cards, doing a craft project, reading, or just being present and listening)
- Pet therapy
- Music therapy (e.g., playing a guitar)
- Providing respite for the primary caregiver (e.g., giving the patient's primary caregiver a break by running errands, doing light chores, etc.)
- Clerical support (assisting with mailings, etc.)
- Telephone support (checking in on the family)

For more information, contact Peter Korzenik, Volunteer Services Manager at Peter.Korzenik@vitas.com or by phone at 203-437-3112. Additional information is available on our website at www.vitas.com/locations-search/connecticut.

Address: VITAS Healthcare, 199 Park Road Extension, Suite 102, Middlebury, CT 06762

Adult & Teen Volunteer Opportunities:

The **Brian Dagle Foundation** — anchored in hope and empowered to support, is dedicated to the healing of grieving adults as well as community education on mental health and suicide awareness. We offer grief support groups, workshops, and retreats as well as suicide prevention and awareness events and trainings throughout Eastern Connecticut and Southern New England. We also host the Niantic Jingle 5K each year and maintain a Healing Garden on our property on Main Street in Niantic. Volunteers are always welcome!



For more information, contact Becky McCoy, Communications & Outreach Coordinator at Becky@BriansHealingHearts.org or visit our website at brianshealinghearts.org.

Address: 461 Main Street, Niantic, CT 06357, phone: (860) 451-8354



The mission of the **Friends of Fort Trumbull State Park** is to work in cooperation with the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to support its mission of bringing to the visiting

public the history of Fort Trumbull and local area. In addition to historical interpretation of the fort's role in local and national history, the areas of interest to The Friends include program development, archival management and volunteer coordination. Friends have assisted with updating museum displays, building and installing a platform for band concerts and various maintenance projects for the preservation, protection, and interpretation of this historically important site.

Volunteers are needed to help in the gift shop and in other projects. Visit our website at www.fortfriends.org for more information and to join the Friends. Contact Joyce DeLaura at ljrobbd@gmail.com with any questions.

Habitat for Humanity is a long-term solution to the housing crisis that is prevalent in Eastern Connecticut. United Way has documented through their ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained Employee) Report that in our area, 1 in 4 families struggle to afford their home, and 1 in 10 families live in poverty. HFHCT helps households in our community who need our help the most—households who are low-income or very-low-income households, earning less than 80% of the area median income. We partner with these families to build high-quality homes with an affordable mortgage never to exceed 30% of their annual income. Habitat families agree to invest 150-200 sweat equity hours, where they will build homes alongside our paid construction supervisor and volunteer builders; or volunteer at our ReStores or administrative office.



Habitat for Humanity operates two ReStore locations, Waterford and Plainfield. ReStore is a non-profit home improvement store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, home accessories, building materials and appliances to the public at a fraction of the retail price. Proceeds are used to build strength, stability, and self-reliance locally and around the world.

For more information, please contact Heather O'Connor, Engagement Specialist at Engage@habitatect.org or (860)442-7890 ext.215

Website: www.habitatect.org Address: 377 Broad Street, New London, CT 06320

ReStore Addresses:

Waterford: 82 Boston Post Road (Behind City Tire), Waterford, CT 06385

Plainfield: 89 Mill Brook Road, Plainfield, CT 06374



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Horses and Humans Improving Lives™

High Hopes Therapeutic Riding fosters a vibrant community where horse & human interactions improve lives. High Hopes envisions a future where equine assisted services and programs transform and enrich the lives of our participants and volunteers promoting a more engaged, resilient and fulfilled life.

For more information, please contact Amara Alpert, Outreach Coordinator at aalpert@highhopestr.org or (860) 434-1974.

Website: highhopestr.org Address: 36 Town Woods Rd, Old Lyme, CT 06371

The **Miracle League of SECT** provides opportunities for children throughout Southeastern Connecticut with physical, cognitive, and developmental challenges to participate in recreational, educational, and cultural activities in an accessible, nurturing and non-competitive environment where families can come together to cultivate new friendships and experience the joy of play. There are volunteer opportunities during each season for a variety of sports and programs to support our athletes.

For more information, please visit miracleleaguesect.org/volunteer



Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation (TBBCF) is a southeastern Connecticut based charitable organization established by two empowering and devoted women, Terri Brodeur and Norma Logan, who were affected by breast cancer and realized the need for a new kind of breast cancer research organization. TBBCF is purely focused on providing critical funding to research, pledging 100% of gross fundraising dollars directly to breast cancer research. Our dream is to find the cure for breast cancer.

For more information, email Pamela Morris Watt, Vice President at pwatt@tbbcf.org or visit our website at tbbcf.org.

Waterford Country School is dedicated to doing 'Whatever It Takes' to enrich the lives of children and strengthen families. Founded in 1922, by the Schacht family, it now utilizes 320 acres of beautiful woodland in Quaker Hill, CT. This nonprofit agency has 9 separate programs that assist children and families who need specialized education and resources. In addition to providing therapeutic services and education for children, Waterford Country School is also licensed to rescue and rehabilitate injured wildlife, taking in almost 200 animals a year. As a leader in Cornell University Models to create positive change, Waterford Country School has a reputation for building strong relationships and a hopeful future for children and animals in eastern CT.

Visit waterfordcountryschool.org to learn more.



The mission of the **Waterford Historical Society** is to collect, protect, preserve and serve as caretakers of Waterford's past, present and future. The Society presents in-person tours and living history events in and around its historic buildings on Jordan Green during the spring and summer months, and offers public programs and cosponsors other events during the year. We welcome new members who wish to learn more about their town's history and share their ideas and energies with us.

For more information, please email waterfordcthistoricalsociety@gmail.com or call 860-608-1904.

Website: www.waterfordcthistoricalsociety.org Address: P.O. Box 117, Waterford, CT 06385

Visit us on the Jordan Green at 65 Rope Ferry Rd, Waterford, CT 06385

The **Waterford Land Trust, Inc.** was incorporated in 1974 by several Connecticut College professors and other local conservation-minded persons to protect natural resources and provide for open space in Waterford and adjoining towns. Today, the land trust remains to preserve areas that have an impact on cleaner water, air, and land. The 25 preserves being held provides places to enjoy a walk along trails or through woods and fields, and to learn from and enjoy being immersed in nature. The Waterford Land Trust is a private, non-profit organization existing on the donations of local citizens, and corporations, and by the receipt of grants.

Learn more at our website at waterfordlandtrust.org or email us at info@waterfordlandtrust.org.



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Waterford, CT Est. 1974
*Preserving open space in Waterford
and neighboring communities.*



The **Waterford Regional Lions Club** is a proud member of Lions Clubs International, the largest community service organization in the world. Our mission is to provide humanitarian services on both the local and global levels by addressing such needs as blindness prevention and vision preservation, childhood cancer, diabetes, domestic violence, environmental issues, and homeless and hunger. We meet at the Waterford Public Library on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. For membership information please contact Lion Joyce Clark, Membership Chair at 860-739-9582

The **Waterford Lancers Leo Club** is for students age 12+ who want to develop leadership skills, want to serve the community, and more than anything, want to have fun! "Leadership, Experience, Opportunity." That's what makes a Leo. Members of Leo Clubs embody the best qualities of our incredible organization. They are devoted young people who realize the power of action. Together, Leos and Lions form a powerful partnership - one of mutual respect where Lions learn from the innovative insights of Leos, and where Leos gain access to the proven strategies of those who've successfully served the world for decades. We meet at the Waterford Public Library on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

For membership information please contact Lion Sheri Ann Colquhoun, Leo Advisor at 860-514-0769

Waterford RISE is composed of residents who work to enhance our community through racial advocacy, community engagement, and ongoing education. We actively seek to provide opportunities for people to come together and make a positive impact in our region. Whether hosting and co-hosting cultural events, running book clubs, sharing of regional events, or researching our region's history, we aim to share information and help our community. Volunteer opportunities vary and there are many ways to get involved.

Please contact wtfdrise@gmail.com to connect with us.

Our website is www.waterfordrise.org, follow us on Instagram: [Waterford_RISE](https://www.instagram.com/Waterford_RISE)



The Waterford Public Library invites adults and teens who are interested in volunteering at the library to complete our Volunteer Application Form available on our website under the "How Do I" menu at www.waterfordpubliclibrary.org. Volunteers assist in shelving books, preparing craft materials for programs, and assisting in special projects. For more information, please email waterfordlibrary@waterfordct.org.

Volunteering with the **Town of Waterford Senior Services Department** is a meaningful way to give back to the community while making a positive impact our seniors. We provide information about available resources to senior residents, their family members and caregivers, as well as provide a community gathering place that offers programs and services that maximize independence, dignity and quality of life.

Call 860-444-5839 for more information!

To learn more about our programs and services, visit our website at

www.waterfordct.org/176/Senior-Services-News



The **Town of Waterford's Youth and Family Services Department** is committed to improving the quality of life for all residents and providing support for children and families through educational programs, recreational activities, and counseling services. The DASH Leadership Corps at Camp DASH offers teenagers a transformative summer experience aimed at fostering leadership skills, personal growth, and community engagement.

Go to <https://www.waterfordct.org/785/Youth-Leadership-Corp-at-Camp-DASH> for more information!

Thank you to all of our exhibiting organizations and our attendees for your participation!