

**TOWN OF HEBRON
WEEKLY MANAGEMENT REPORT
FRIDAY, June 14, 2013**

TOWN MANAGER:

SELECTMEN BOARD/COMMITTEE DATES:

Board of Selectmen – Thursday, June 20, 2013 – 7:30 p.m. - TOB

LIAISON MEETINGS:

Board of Education – Thursday, June 13, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. – GHS (Larson)

RHAM BOE – Monday, June 17, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. – Chorus Room (Watt)

Economic Development Commission– Monday, June 17, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. – TOB (O’Connell)

Parks and Recreation Commission – Monday, June 24, 2013 – 7:30 p.m. – Burnt Hill (O’Connell)

Historic Properties Commission – Tuesday, June 25, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. – Senior Center – (Mulligan)

Board of Finance – Thursday, June 27, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. – TOB – (Larson)

Board of Education – Thursday, June 27, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. – GHS (Larson)

COMMISSIONS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – Update is attached for your perusal.

DEPARTMENT NEWS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The attached letter from the Connecticut State Police – Troop K in Colchester outlines the police services occurring within the Town of Hebron for the Month of May.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks

We continue to mow, landscape and prep fields for youth leagues despite this rainy weather. We also continue to mow the green space and landscape throughout the Town.

Recreation

We are gearing up for the start of the Parks and Recreations summer camps. The Discovery Camp, the great Escape Camp, and the Adventure Camp start the week of June 24th and are open to all residents and non-resident as needed. People can contact the Parks and Recreation office for any questions.

We also have the following specialty camps: Make your Own Puppet Theater, Nature and Art, Tennis for beginners and Intermediates, Jr. Golf Camps, Volleyball Camps, Shooting Stars Basketball Camp, Football Camp, Lego Camps, Mad Science Camp, Sport Squirt, Skateboard Camp, and Firefly Yoga Camp. Any questions can be directed to the Parks and Recreation office.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

1. The Economic Development Commission is sponsoring another Business Networking Meeting. This time it will be an evening event at Gina Marie's Restaurant, at 5:00 PM on Monday, June 17th. A \$5 donation is requested to offset the dinner expense. This series of meetings has been a great opportunity for business owners and Town officials to meet informally and discuss issues of mutual concerns. It has also been reported as a great networking opportunity among Hebron businesses. No RSVP is required. All Hebron businesses are invited to attend.
2. The Economic Development Commission and the Parks & Recreation Department are in the early stages of planning a Fall "Shop and Walk Hebron" event. This will consist of a sidewalk sale along Main Street where all Hebron businesses can participate. This will be combined with a Family walk on the sidewalks and trails in and around Hebron Center. More details to come!
3. The volunteer portion of the Peters House restoration project is progressing. Volunteers, coordinated by members of the Town's Historic Properties Commission, have been working on the first floor of the house doing some light demolition work in preparation of restoring the interior of the building. The demolition of the first floor is nearly complete. As with all demolition projects, this work has revealed some additional repairs that are needed on parts of the building, which were expected. Bart Nicolo, of Nicolo Construction Company of Hebron, has volunteered his time and labor to construct the needed second set of stairs to access the second floor. Materials are being paid with the remainder of the STEAP grant funds. The next steps will include repair, prep and painting of first floor rooms. Volunteer are still being sought out. For more information see the attached information sheet prepared by the Historic Properties Commission. You still have time to take part of this exciting project!
4. The construction on the new CVS store is progressing. The clearing and preparation of the site has been completed. The work on the building foundation is now commencing. Also, underground utilities were recently extended from the north side of Main Street, under RT 66, to the south side of RT 66 and down John Horton Boulevard. This was a cooperative effort by CVS, the Horton Brothers, LLC, and Six F's LLC.

ASSESSOR

The Assessor's Office has been out doing inspections on permits issued after the October 1, 2012 assessment date. We expect to finish this batch by early July and will start sorting permits issued after March 1, 2013 for fall inspections. There was 6 new construction prorates and one demolition prorate issued after the October 1, 2012 assessment date that have been completed and will be reflected on the tax bills for this July. The GIS mapping is in the final steps for updates, maps have been reviewed and a new set has been printed and delivered to the office. The desktop systems and the website are expected to be updated within the next week. The final step of processing the Elderly/Totally Disabled program was done this week, and now with this done the Collector will have the entire assessment file for billing.

The Assessor attended the 70th Annual Assessor's School/Workshops held at UCONN last week. It was a full week of educational and informative subjects. The workshops covered topics such as "Update on Data and Recent Court Case Outcomes"; "Tax Appeal Cases"; "Effective Communication & Customer Service"; "Office Training Procedure Manual"; "State & Local Budgets, Implications of the Property Tax System"; "Residential Appraisal Review"; "Appraising Subsidized Housing"; "Valuation & or Exemption of Unusual Properties"; and of course "Legislative Update" for bills that were before the Legislation this year.

Some of the Legislative Update highlights that were covered were the changes in the Renter Rebate Program including a phase out of this program; eliminating the ability to do a "Phase-in" of assessment during a revaluation for properties that decreased in value; changing notice to the Tax Collector of a property becoming Exempt from taxes – (this notice was from the Town Manager, it will now be coming from the Assessor); a few other changes that mainly were house cleaning of existing laws; and an issue that was a hot topic, the elimination of motor vehicle taxes that did not pass into law, but, stay tuned, I'm sure we'll see something come up again next year relating to motor vehicle taxation.

PUBLIC WORKS

This week the Public Works Department paved the leveling courses on Hope Valley Road along with pavement repair and leveling on Grayville Rd. Road side mowing continued throughout town. Our main concern this week was the record rainfall that occurred Wednesday and Thursday night. The crew was called in after hours to close Millstream Road and a section of Basketshop Road. In addition, several other roads had washouts and needed to be cleaned up and the pavement sections reinforced.

MISCELLANEOUS



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALLOY

**GOV. MALLOY DIRECTS STATE AGENCIES TO COMPLY WITH THE
NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Also Advises Residents to Prepare for Hurricane Season

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Dannel P. Malloy today announced that he has signed an executive order directing all state agency commissioners and department heads to comply with the National Incident Management System (NIMS), a federal emergency management practice that provides a consistent, nationwide framework among governmental and nongovernmental agencies when responding to natural disasters or other emergency situations.

“By requiring state agencies to follow these specific standards and practices, we will better ensure a swift, coordinated response to emergency situations in Connecticut,” Governor Malloy said. “We know that hurricanes and tropical storms are going to have an impact in Connecticut and all levels of government must be prepared.”

Under Governor Malloy’s Executive Order No. 34, commissioners and department heads will be required to work with the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) to receive NIMS training, including active participation in planning and training exercises. NIMS was used extensively by state agencies and municipalities in response to both Super Storm Sandy and the February blizzard, in addition to the Sandy Hook shootings.

Governor Malloy today also reminded Connecticut residents that the Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30 and residents should be mindful of preparedness measures. Although Super Storm Sandy affected Connecticut last year on October 29, the principal threat period for Connecticut is from mid-August through mid-October.

“I urge residents to know what potential risks your community and neighborhood may face, such as storm surge, flooding, road or bridge closures,” Governor Malloy said. “Personal preparedness is essential.”

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are predicting a very active hurricane season with 13 to 20 named storms. Around 7 to 11 of them could become hurricanes, with 3 to 6 possibly becoming major hurricanes. This is well above the seasonal average of 12 named storms, 6 hurricanes and 3 major hurricanes.

Governor Malloy offered the following preparedness tips:

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit

- One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- A whistle to signal for help
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

Family Emergency Plan

- Identify an out-of town contact. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.
- Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coins, or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. If you have a cell phone, program that person(s) as “ICE” (In Case of Emergency) in your phone. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will often check your ICE listings in order to get a hold of someone you know. Make sure to tell your family and friends that you’ve listed them as emergency contacts.
- Teach family members how to use text messaging. Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through.
- Subscribe to alert services. Many communities/states now have systems that will send instant text alerts or e-mails to let you know about severe weather, road closings, local emergencies, etc. Connecticut residents should go to www.ct.gov/ctalert to register for alerts.

ATTACHMENTS:

- State of Connecticut – Connecticut State Police – Troop K letter
- Peters House Information Sheet
- Hebron Economic Development Commission Update

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!!!



Commanding Officer
Lt. John S. Eckersley

State of Connecticut ^{Bos.}



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Executive Officer
Master Sergeant Robert Grega

Connecticut State Police Troop K - Colchester

June 6, 2013

Mr. Andy Tierney
Hebron Town Manager
15 Gilead Street
Hebron, CT 06248

Dear Mr. Tierney

This correspondence is an effort to keep you apprised of the monthly police services occurring within the Town of Hebron.

During the month of May 2013 the Hebron Resident Troopers and Hebron Constables as well as Troop K Troopers responded to **three hundred nineteen (319)** Calls for Service in the Town of Hebron. Of these Calls for Service the most notable are:

Accidents:	11
Burglaries:	1
Larcenies:	1
Other Criminal:	7
Other Non-Criminal:	1
Non Reportable Matters:	205

Other Noteworthy Events (List): Two Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents, One Bank robbery, One Residential Robbery, School Patrol Checks, DARE, Mock Accident, Junior & Senior Proms, AHM Juvenile Review Board, Daily Traffic Post at Elementary School.

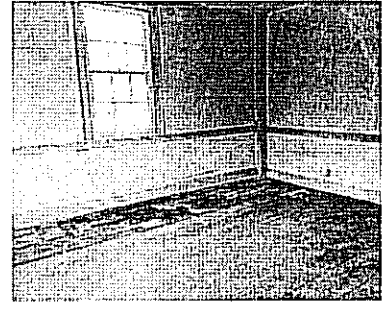
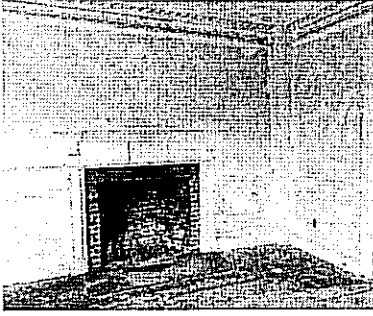
In addition to the above investigations Troopers conducted the following motor vehicle enforcement:

On-Sight DWI:	1
Traffic Citations:	56
Written Warnings:	28

Sincerely,

Lieutenant John S. Eckersley
COMMANDING OFFICER
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The Peters House, and much of the property on both sides of East Street, Hebron, has an interesting history. The land was settled in the early 1700's by John & Mary Peters and their 10 children. Most of the children were Patriots, but a few were Loyalists. One of whom, the Rev. Samuel Peters (after threat of tarring & feathering), fled to England where he stayed for about 30 years. He left his slaves, Cesar & Lewis, in Hebron to care for his property. As the Rev. Peters amassed much debt, the plan was to sell the slaves, but the townspeople had a different idea. They concocted a story about Cesar's own debt, and the abduction of Cesar, Lewis and their 8 children was stopped by Hebron men in Norwich as the boat was nearly ready to shove off for South Carolina.

The Peters House (seen above), at the entrance to Burnt Hill Park in Hebron, is slowly returning to its early splendor. All who have passed 150 East Street since late last summer have noticed the exterior restoration and new paint on the house. The sign, posted in the front yard until recently, noted that the work had been supported by a State of Connecticut STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) Grant which had been allocated for the Town of Hebron in 2009. That grant plus another provided by the 1772 Foundation has paid for all restoration work done on the house to date. The grant money, to the tune of \$235,000.00, has been expended.

To continue the restoration, the Town of Hebron is working with the Historic Properties Commission to coordinate a volunteer phase on the interior of the house. There are tasks appropriate for individuals at all levels of expertise. The first jobs were the removal of kitchen cabinets and plumbing fixtures on the first floor, the removal of modern paneling as well as added wall partitions, and floor coverings. Outlets and jacks have also been removed. These jobs have been nearly completed, and we can see the "original skin" of the house, as seen in the pictures above.

Following the demolition stage, volunteers will have the chance to spackle, paint, restore flooring, complete wainscoting, re-point masonry, and probably work on exterior yard and garden beautification. For more experienced craftspeople, there will be the opportunity to construct a staircase, to repair and replace boards and molding around fireplaces, and to make other structural improvements. As work continues, it is our hope that individuals from other professional areas (heating/air conditioning, plumbing, electrical work, etc.) will group together to offer their services to the Historic Peters House.

The goal of these efforts is to return the main house to its original ca. 1795 appearance, and the ell to about 1750. The Peters House has been noted in multiple studies for its cultural and architectural importance. It has received CT and Hebron historic designation, and has been suggested as being eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. It is the plan of the Board of Selectmen to use the Peters House for historical exhibit and educational purposes, as well as for community meetings and other functions.

At this juncture in the Peters House Restoration project, our community minded volunteers have undertaken most of the first floor demolition tasks. The volunteers are ready and willing to continue the interior work. All who have been involved in the changes to the interior are amazed by the immediate sense of early 1800's life and architectural touches. Our volunteers feel the urgency to keep the project moving forward.

The new electric service is in the building, and both electric and communications cable have been strung throughout. However, we have no funding for the boxes, outlets, fixtures, etc. to utilize that electric service.

The Town of Hebron supports the project, but there are no budgeted funds at present. The Hebron Historic Properties Commission, on behalf of the town, is requesting the assistance of local businesses, distributors, and supply houses. It is our hope that you can assist us in this project. We thank you so much for your consideration.

UPDATE

Hebron Economic Development Commission

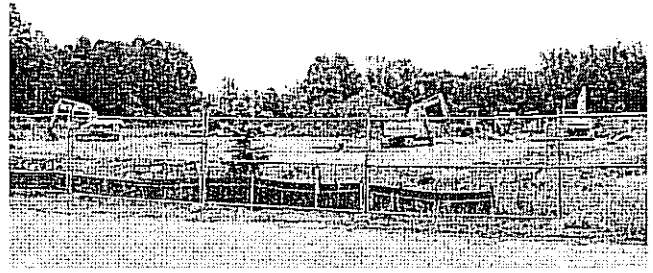
Wednesday June 12

~ Join Us Monday Night ~
Hebron Business Dinner Networking Meeting
is this coming **Monday, June 17**
5:00pm to 6:30pm
Location: Gina Marie's Restaurant - 71 Main St.
No RSVP required

A special dinner program for the Hebron Business Networking meeting has been scheduled to allow Hebron business persons who cannot typically attend the breakfast meeting an opportunity to join in on this popular networking activity. Gina Marie's Restaurant is providing a salad bar, pizza and beverages and a nominal \$5.00 donation will be requested at the door to cover basic expenses. A brief presentation will be made by Dave Armata to discuss plans for a summer Cruise Night. Attendees will also get updates on various Town activities as we head into the summer months. No RSVP is required -- just show up Monday evening!



New CVS Store Underway
With Anticipated Late Fall Opening



Construction is well underway for the new 13,000 square foot CVS store on Main Street in Hebron. The full-service facility is expected to be completed in the late fall of this year. Site work is proceeding on the 2.5 acre site being developed by Salvatore Capital of Dedham, MA. The store will compliment the Main Street New England style of the Hebron historic district.

Hebron Shops Local

'Clip 'n Save' Co-op Advertising Opportunity
Being Offered to Local Hebron Businesses

The Hebron Economic Development Commission, in its continuing support of the Hebron Shops Local Program, has designed a co-op advertising program to be initiated in the Glastonbury Citizen/Rivereast News Publication. Local Hebron businesses will have the opportunity to purchase a spot in a monthly full-page ad every month that will promote the Hebron Shops Local Program with special discount offers to customers and business clients. Space will be available on a reserved basis with 17 spots designed for each monthly issue. The cost per ad is a discounted rate negotiated by the HEDC specifically for participating local Hebron businesses. The program is slated to begin in July and more information will be presented at the June 17 Hebron Business Networking Dinner Meeting.

Welcome to Hebron
~ Timeless Beauty ~

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