

October Community Representatives Report

Burlington - Janet Schwartz

- ◆ The Congregational Church of Burlington is holding their annual clothing drive on October 14th from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church parking lot. Added bonuses: they are also collecting certain household items and pairing with a can and bottle drive. Please pack in a box: electrical items, toys & games, kitchen items, dishes, pots, knick-knacks, frames, pictures, craft & art items, sporting goods (pack in a separate box from other boxed items), CDs, DVDs, Books. Please pack in a bag: clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, linens, hats, mittens, scarves, ties, socks, purses, wallets, bags, belts, jewelry, backpacks.
- ◆ The 8th Annual Burlington 5K Run/Walk (Whigville Edition) will be run on October 29th at 10 a.m. The race starts and ends at the Whigville Grange. Family (up to 4) \$50, Individual \$25, Student \$15. Free t-shirts for the first 100 sign-ups. Prizes for best costume. For more information and to register, visit burlington5k.com. All proceeds will benefit the Burlington Community Fund.
- ◆ The Congregational Church of Burlington will host an Artist & Artisan Faire at the Burlington Town Hall on November 4th from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 20 Artists & artisans will exhibit and sell their wares. Food will be available for purchase. Contact Ann Jurkiewicz at 860-810-3938.

Canaan/N. Canaan - Wendy Eichman

- ◆ An Oktoberfest Celebration will be held October 14th from 1-3 p.m. at the History Center Green featuring fall crafts, pumpkin painting, donut bobbing, hay rides & more. The Douglas Library will have a family fun movie from 3-5 p.m. At 5 p.m., there will be a dinner at the new Railroad Street Green next to, and created by, Jim's Garage. Dinner price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Oktoberfest will benefit many local community non-profit organizations.
- ◆ The Canaan VFW Post 6851 will host a Pumpkin Decorating event on October 22nd from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon at 104 South Canaan Road (Route 7), North Canaan. Attendees are encouraged to come in costume. Prizes will be awarded. Enjoy cider, donuts, cookies & coffee. For information, call 860-824-8158.

Cornwall - Dianne Heiny

- ◆ Please visit the Cornwall website at www.cornwallct.org and/or visit the Town of Cornwall's Facebook page for more information.
- ◆ The Cornwall Library will hold a Columbus Day Book Sale on October 7th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and October 8th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ◆ The Historical Society will hold "Making A Living" on October 8th at 2 p.m. at the Cornwall Town Hall. Come share stories of how folks earned their keep in Cornwall's pas. Richard Schlesinger, CBS News

Correspondent, will host an afternoon of stories recalling Cornwall's industrial...or perhaps industrious, past. Free and open to the public.

- ◆ The Community Contra Dance will be held at Town Hall on October 7th at 7 p.m.
- ◆ Columbus Day Events: Columbus Day Book Sale at the Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Free Blood Pressure Clinic at United Church of Christ from Noon to 1 p.m.
- ◆ The Little Guild of St. Francis will hold "Run & Wag" on the Village Green on October 14th at 12 Noon.
- ◆ The Cornwall Library will host a film screening and panel discussion of "Dawn of Decline" on October 15th at 1 p.m. The film was produced by the Civic Life Project about the declining school enrollment in Cornwall and Falls Village.
- ◆ The Cornwall Library will host a Diabetes Class with Anne Hummel on Mondays beginning October 30th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ms. Hummel, MS RN, a Certified Diabetes Educator will offer her award-winning diabetes class at the Library. Since her retirement as Director of the Diabetes Education Program at White Plains Hospital, she has provided diabetes education to over 3,000 people. There is no charge for the program.
- ◆ The United Church of Christ will hold a Chili Supper on October 21st from 5-7 p.m. as a fund raiser for the Church School mission.
- ◆ The Cornwall Historical Society will hold a walking tour through Cornwall Bridge on October 21st (rain date the 22nd) at 10 a.m. Led by Town Historian Dody Clarke, the event begins at National Iron Bank at the junction of Routes 4 & 7 and is free to the public.
- ◆ The Cornwall Conservation Trust will hold its 30th Anniversary Celebration & Annual Meeting on October 21st at 3:30 p.m. at Mohawk Ski Lodge, 46 Great Hollow Road in Cornwall. The meeting will feature a panel discussion: meeting the challenge of savings forests and farmland for conservation and creating jobs for a vibrant local and regional economy. Visit cornwallconservationtrust.org for more information.

Falls Village - Wendy Eichman

- ◆ The David M. Hunt Library Art Wall in Falls Village, CT invites the public to participate in their annual year-end group flash art exhibit, 12X12 2017. To participate with your art, contact the Hunt Art Wall committee by Friday, October 27th at 860-824-7572 or email garthkobal@comcast.net Inclusive of professional and talented non-professional artists, 12X12 2017 will have a reception on December 9th from 5-7 p.m. All works will have 12X12 dimensions, be sold at \$100 each, and can be taken home by the buyer. Works in reserve will replace those that walk. Remaining works will be on display through December 30th. A portion of each sale benefits the library.

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Harwinton - Carol Kearns & Harry Schuh

- ◆ The 161st Annual Harwinton Fair will run October 6th-8th at the Harwinton Fairgrounds, 150 Locust Road. Fair hours: Friday 4-9 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ◆ Recycling Schedule:
 - ◇ Household Hazardous Collection on October 14th from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Torrington Pollution Control Facility. Pre-registration is required. Call 860-485-2784.
 - ◇ Electronics, used oil/antifreeze, scrap metal and bulky waste on October 14th from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Harwinton Town Garage.
 - ◇ Used oil/antifreeze on November 4th from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Harwinton Town Garage.
- ◆ The Harwinton/Burlington Lions KidSight USA Pediatric Eye Screening will be held October 16th through October 26th at Region 10 schools. Children from Pre K to Grade 6 will be screened for seven different eye conditions. Call 860+-485-9018 if you are interested in assisting with the screenings.
- ◆ Harwinton Public Library will present the following programs:
 - ◇ "Explore Your Ancestry" on October 17th from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. Local expert Carol Bauby will be on hand to offer free one-on-one help on using ancestry.com and other genealogical resources. Call the library at 860-485-9113 to schedule your individual session.
 - ◇ Meet Beth M. Caruso, author of One of Windsor: The Untold Story of America's First Witch Hanging on October 21st at 1 p.m. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. The program is free and open to ages 15 & up. Call the library to register (860-485-9113).
- ◆ The Harwinton Historical Society will host "Crime and Punishment in Litchfield County" presented by local historian Peter Vermilyea on October 22nd from 2-4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.
- ◆ Harwinton Recreation Department's 6th Annual "Trunk or Treat" will be held October 28th from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Harwinton Sports Complex. Admission is one bag of candy per family. Please register your trunk in advance by calling Suzanne at 860-485-0626 or email recreation@harwinton.us.

Litchfield - Edgar Auchincloss

- ◆ The fall season is upon us. If the old maxim is that "Time flies when you are having fun", then I guess we had a lot of fun this summer in Litchfield. Bear witness, the Stop & Shop is open, thank you Mark Greenberg, the jail renovation really looks great, thank you Russ Barton and it looks like the courthouse will be spared the humility of any

potential face change, thank you Preservation Trust. In other news, the fall will usher in tour busses, our friends from NYC and points further. Our shops and businesses should enjoy steady patronage before the madness of the Holiday Season sets upon us.

Torrington - Lynn Gelormino

- ◆ The Torrington Area Health District will hold Flu Shot Clinics through October 30th from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Appointments are required. Call 860-489-2211 to register.
- ◆ Join the Downtown Merchants for a Creepy Crawl on Friday, the 13th of October. Watch for details of planned activities, movies & performances.
- ◆ Torrington Park & Recreation is sponsoring its annual Trunk or Treat event on October 21st from 4-6 p.m. The event will be held on Main Street between Church and Water Streets. Kids will get treats from trunks of cars. The event will feature hayrides, bounce houses, contests and games.
- ◆ The Torrington Historical Society will present "Vampires in New England" on October 25th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Vampire folk beliefs, fed by fear and superstition, go back to the 18th century in Connecticut. Dr. Nicholas Bellatoni, retired Connecticut State Archaeologist, has archaeological proof and forensic evidence that he will share to illuminate beliefs about "the undead" based on his own research at Colonial gravesites. \$2 suggested donation. Call 860-482-8260 for more information.
- ◆ LARC's Camp MOE is holding their first Trunk or Treat on October 28th from 3-5:30 p.m. at Camp MOE (1145 Brandy Hill Road, Torrington). Register your trunk and/or the number of children you will be brining by visiting <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d45acae23a2ff2-trunk>.
- ◆ Torrington Library's Annual Book , Bake and Craft Sale will take place October 7th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will be held indoors throughout the entire library. Call 860-489-6684 for information.

Winsted/Winchester - Fran Delaney

- ◆ The annual Fall Festival will be held on October 7th. This years event will include a classic and antique boat show along with antique boat motors and fishing gear. Radio station WZBG will be doing live presentation from the event and numerous other activities are in the planning stage and will be added to the FOMS roster of activities as they are confirmed. In conjunction with the Fall Festival, the Elks Club will be sponsoring a classic car show along Main Street as well.

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- ◆ In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Town of Winchester and in cooperation with Gilbert School, St. Anthony's School, Explorations, the Winchester School System, EDC and Winchester Historical Society and Friends of Main Street are organizing a time capsule to be buried in 2017 and opened in 2067. Students will be making exhibits for inclusion in the time capsule which will be on display during this years festival. The burial marker for the capsule will also be on display along with examples of the inclusions in the capsule during the festival. Additional information can be found FOMS.org for updates and schedule. Friends of Main Street • We do Great Things!
- ◆ Whiting Mills, Artists, Artisans & Specialty Shops, located at 100 Whiting Street, will hold their 3rd Sunday event on October 15th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Harvest Happening" is the theme to this free event. Open to the public, attendees will enjoy autumn arts & crafts, trick or treating, and more. Costumes are encouraged. Visit whitingmills.com or [facebook.com/whitingmillsllc](https://www.facebook.com/whitingmillsllc) for more information.