



Town Appeal



“Notice that autumn is more the season of the soul than of nature.” Lauren DeStefano

Ah, fall—there are so many reasons to absolutely love the season. The weather is just about perfect, which makes it absolutely ideal to enjoy activities such as apple picking, country festivals and enjoying the fall foliage. Included in this issue is a list of over 20 Country Fairs and Festivals in the region.

Our calendar of events is full of activities for you, your family and friends to enjoy. We will also introduce you to some new businesses coming into the area as well as one or two relocations.

Please Share With A Friend! Thanks - Tara and Monica





Connecticut Country Fairs and Festivals

It's that time of the year again when you can find a variety of Country Fairs and Festivals throughout the state of Connecticut! These fairs are filled with entertainment, live music, carnival rides, animal exhibits and of course, delicious food. There is always something for everyone!

[Connecticut Renaissance Faire 2019](#)

August 31-October 14, 2019 (weekends only)

Lebanon Fairgrounds, 122 Mack Road Lebanon

Enjoy a Medieval Marketplace, ancient music, traditional dances, birds of prey in flight, archery, and a kingly feast. Costumes encouraged but not required. Come as you are or as you wish to be. Pets allowed. Dogs must have proof of rabies vaccination for entry.

Time: Saturday and Sunday from August 31 to October 14. 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

[Hebron Harvest Fair](#) **September 5-8, 2019 Hebron Lion's**

Fairgrounds 347 Gilead St. (Rte. 85) Hebron, CT Rosaire's Royal Racers will be returning to the Hebron Harvest Fair this year. With continuous stage magic show, entertainment, arts and crafts, food and product booths, small animal barns, and much more.

[North Haven Fair](#) **September 5-8, 2019 North Haven Fairgrounds 290 Washington Ave. (Rte. 5) North**

Haven, CT Every year the North Haven Fair presents some of the greatest farm animals, baking and entertainment in the state. Including exhibit buildings and booths, Old McDonald's farm, live entertainment, good food, tractor pull and more.

[Wapping Fair](#) **September 5-8, 2019 South Windsor Fair Grounds 75 Brookfield Street South Windsor, CT**

This fair featuring livestock, rides, bands, magic, food truck festival, exhibits, children's attractions, exotic animal meet and greet, vendors and more.

[Bethlehem Fair](#) **September 6-8, 2019 384 Main St North Bethlehem, CT**

Old-fashioned agricultural fair with livestock, agricultural exhibits, horse show, horse drawing, art and photography show, farm displays, amusement rides, food, and entertainment. Bethlehem gates open at 8 am on September 6th, this fair includes livestock, agricultural exhibits, horse show, horse drawing, Antique Tractor Pull, farm displays, amusement rides, food, and entertainment. Saturday, September 7 on the main stage, "Bethlehem Fair's Got Talent" at 4 pm.

[Ledyard Fair](#) **September 6-8, 2019 740 Colonel Ledyard Highway**

Country fair featuring midway, stage entertainment, livestock shows, exhibits and much more. They will be offering FREE RIDES (no wristbands required) on Saturday September 7 between 9:00 and 10:00 AM

[Four Town Fair](#) **September 12-15, 2019 Four Town Fair Fairgrounds 56 Egypt Rd. (off Rte. 83) Somers, CT**

This is one of Connecticut's oldest fairs. This year's events include a car show, parade, live entertainment, and doodlebug pull and much more. Events for the family include a frog jumping contest, corn, and pie-eating contest, and skillet toss. Other family-friendly attractions include the mini-farm, food and much more.

[Berlin Fair](#) **September 13-15, 2019 Berlin Fairgrounds 430 Beckley Rd. Berlin, CT**

This fair includes thrilling rides or just relaxing and watching a concert as well frog jumping and turtle racing. The packed schedule includes pie-eating contests, large animal and crafts exhibits and live entertainment throughout the weekend. This fair is for all ages!

[Fall Festival & Hawk Watch 2019](#) **September 15, 2019 Audubon Center in Greenwich, 613 Riversville Road Greenwich**

This family nature festival celebrates the fall season and annual migration of raptors. Enjoy live raptor shows, hawk releases, music, petting zoo, bungee bounce, photography experience, hayrides, games and crafts, local exhibitors, and food.

Time: 12:30-5:30 p.m.

[The Big E](#) **September 13-29 1305 Memorial Ave, West Springfield, MA 01089**

The Big E, formally known as The Eastern States Exposition, is billed as "New England's Great State fair". It is the largest agricultural event on the eastern seaboard and the sixth-largest fair in the nation.

[Guilford Fair](#)

September 20-22, 2019 Guilford Fairgrounds Lovers Lane Guilford, CT

One of the oldest agricultural fairs in Connecticut when started as a Cattle Show in the fall of 1859. The Guilford Fair offers midway rides, games and food, Cattle, Poultry, Sheep & Goats, Vegetables, Baking, Canning, Flowers, Arts & Craft, Needlework and Photography exhibits. Antique tractor Pull and Show

[Orange Country Fair](#) **September 21-22, 2019 Orange Fairgrounds 525 Orange Center Rd. (Rte. 152) Orange, CT**

Features craft exhibits, antique cars, tractor pulls, children's games, country music, contests, flower and vegetable exhibits, carriage rally, and much more.

[Durham Fair](#) **Sept. 26-29, 2019 Main Street and Fowler Avenue Durham, CT**

Filled with rides and games, tractor pulls, three livestock barns, crafts, exhibits featuring baking, canning, photography and horticulture, and a wide selection of fair food, the Durham Fair is Connecticut's largest agricultural fair. This year there will also be a Demolition Derby, tractor pull and a monster truck meet and greet, where you can meet the driver and get autographs and more

Harwinton Fair October 4-6, 2019 Harwinton Fairgrounds 150 Locust Rd. Harwinton, CT

Harwinton Fair, originally known as Harwinton Cattle Show and Fair, is the yearly event of the Harwinton Agricultural Society. There will be Pig Races, Antique Tractor Show, Rabbit Costume Contest, Oxen Draw and Civil War Displays. Enjoy a magic show and bluegrass music after visiting the barnyard animals. Don't forget to stop by the Country Store.

Portland Fair October 4-6, 2019 Exchange Club Fairgrounds Rte. 17A Portland, CT

An autumn tradition with competitive, educational, crafts, hobbies and commercial exhibits, food booths.

Harwinton Halloween Festival October 18-20th & 25th-27th Harwinton Fairgrounds 150 Locust Rd. Harwinton, CT

Darkside Entertainment Presents: "The Rise of The Green Lady" A haunting, legendary, family experience this October 18-20th & 25th-27th @ The Harwinton Fairgrounds! This fall, as the nights draw longer and the cool damp fog settles over the grounds, discover the excitement, fear, and surprises which await. Visit the grounds (if you dare!) for nothing with free parking included. Experience free Hayride shuttles, free admission, the Largest Fall Food Truck Festival in New England, carnival rides, and of course, The Green Lady's Haunted House of Horror.

COMING TO EDMOND TOWN HALL



Rockapella in Newtown

Two Concerts: September 13 and 14

Visit www.edmondtownhall.org for details or get tickets at www.ZootLive.com

They've become one of the world's most sophisticated, lasting, and imitated vocal groups around today. As one of the originators of the astonishing full band sound of "contemporary" a cappella, Rockapella has shown every audience the raw power of pure vocal talent and originality. Touring worldwide with no instruments - just their voices! Doors open 1 hour before show. Beer and wine cash bar will be available. They've become one of the world's most sophisticated, lasting, and imitated vocal groups around today. As one of the originators of the astonishing full band sound of "contemporary" a cappella, Rockapella has shown every audience the raw power of pure vocal talent and originality. Touring worldwide with no instruments - just their voices! Doors open 1 hour before show. Beer and wine cash bar will be available.

Diabetes Prevention Class Are you at RISK? Take this quick quiz to help determine if you may be at risk of developing diabetes or prediabetes. NEW YMCA Diabetes Prevention Class begins SEPTEMBER 26 FROM 5-6PM at New Milford Hospital! In a small group classroom setting, participants learn lifelong changes over 25 sessions. For more details contact Lisa O'Connor at 203.775.4444 x 135 or loconnor@regionalymca.org.



Kid's Night Out: Superheroes

09/20/19 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Enjoy the night out while your kids have a fun night filled with a Superhero Hunt, Superhero Obstacle Course and swimming. Please bring your swim suit. Dinner and snack are provided.

Register with Maria Neufeld at 203.775.4444 x 109

33rd ANNUAL SIMSBURY FLY-IN, CAR SHOW & FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 22 2019

SIMSBURY AIRPORT

Rain Date: September 29

SIMSBURY FLY-IN, CAR SHOW & FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Welcome to the largest event of its kind in the Northeastern USA! New this year: a major Food Truck Festival, featuring more than 25 food vendors offering a wide range of great things to eat. Click here to see a list of participating food trucks..

We are like a special kind of country fair, built around displays of 750+ great airplanes and cars of virtually every type and vintage. We have 150 exhibitors, sponsors and advertisers, and offer many fun activities to interest the entire family.

We feature hundreds of airplanes and cars you

can see up close and meet their proud owners. Our airplanes range from antiques dating back to the 1920's, to homebuilts, helicopters, small former military aircraft, and brand new airplanes on display by dealers. Our Car Show features old autos, brand new exotic vehicles, hot rods, muscle cars, ex-military vehicles, and more than 30 new cars on display. Airplane and car owners are urged to display their vehicles for judging, and we award trophies in many categories. Pets on leashes are welcome, and we even provide a watering station. Handicapped parking and restrooms are available. There is no entry fee, but your donation is appreciated. Nearby parking is available at \$10, with proceeds to benefit the Boy Scouts. We are Cyclist Friendly

Here are some of our planned 2019 attractions, with even more to come:

- A major Food Truck Festival for breakfast, lunch, and snacks
- AT- World War II Training Aircraft and Helicopter rides
- Gyrocopter demonstration flight
- Aerial Banner Tow Pickup and Drop-off demonstration
- Kids' activities - Kiddeland, face painting, and morRadio Control Model Airplane Aerobatics
- Free Seminar symposiums by outstanding presenters
- Live Music - Two bands: Smooth Whatever and The Jolly Beggars
- Yankee Clippers Formation Flying Team
- LifeStar Medivac Helicopter on display - Come meet the crew
- Powered Parachute demonstration (winds permitting)
- New Cars and Airplanes on display by dealers

Coming Soon...

Frankie's Family Restaurant will be opening a new location at 270 Federal Rd. this October. They will be bringing to the

area the same experience as Waterbury with a family feel, high-quality food, and quick friendly service in a clean establishment.

- **The Chef's Dog** is a new doggie burger and doggie treat business in Brookfield. Chef Jen tells us "We are a small home-based business in Brookfield CT baking doggie burgers and doggie treats made with fresh, all-natural ingredients that make pups feel great!" Click [here](#) to view their business information.

- **Newtown Savings Bank** is moving its Brookfield branch to Candlewood Lake Plaza at the junction of Federal Road and Candlewood Lake Road, from its current location at 99 Federal Rd.

- 189 Sports plans to re-open in mid-October as the **Market Place Tavern**.

- **Mine Hill Distilleries** will be opening in September in Roxbury.

TownAppeal will have more information about these new establishments in next month's newsletter.



The Brookfield Library

"Genealogy Toolkit: Adoption, Unknown Parentage, and Misattributed Paternity"

Presented by Professional Genealogist Jennifer Zinck

Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m

DNA is a powerful tool to confirm a lineage for those who know their family history. For those who don't, it can be life changing. Learn about the most popular tools and techniques used in genealogy for adoption, unknown parent or grandparent, or misattributed parent situations. Join us to explore challenges and successes in the modern world of genealogy.

Speaker Bio: Jennifer Zinck is a professional genealogist who specializes in Connecticut research and DNA for genealogy. Jennifer is currently serving her second term as the President of the Connecticut Professional Genealogist Council. Jennifer enjoys sharing her passion for family history with all ages, from school children to seniors.

The AARP Driver Safety Program is designed especially for drivers age 50 and older. This single session, four hour course covers the normal changes in vision, hearing and reaction time associated with aging and provides practical techniques on how to adjust to these changes, along with learning to operate vehicles more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. No written or driving tests; classroom only. CT residents only. Registration required. Program cost: \$15 for AARP members; \$20 for non-members. *Bring check only, and pay the instructor the morning of the class.*

On September 25, join Janet M. Brady, Employment Specialist with [The WorkPlace](#), to learn about **Platform to Employment®** (P2E), a free, five week program to help long term unemployed residents find work.

Since its inception, P2E has helped over 1,000 of Connecticut's long-term unemployed residents find work. The program empowers individuals, fosters self-sufficiency and focuses on performance improvements with measurable outcomes. Over 40% of this graduating class has already found employment.

This is the second year of our **One Town, One Read** program in Brookfield! Following last year's selection, *My Dear Hamilton* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie, this year the town is reading *Inheritance* by **Dani Shapiro. Meet this New York Times bestselling author** on September 23 at 7:00 pm. There will be a talk, Q & A and a book signing. If you don't have a copy, Byrd's Books from Bethel will be on hand so you can purchase one.

There will be a give-away of a one-year subscription to Ancestry.com and the entire collection of Dani Shapiro's books, generously sponsored by The Friends of the Brookfield Library and Eversource. There's still time to read the book if you haven't already! Call ahead to get a (free) ticket so that they can make sure there is an available seat.



Join Audubon + Canon at Audubon Greenwich, September 14–15, for a unique event that brings birds and photography together in a whole new way.

Register for **Birds in Focus**, a guided bird walk led by an Audubon naturalist and a Canon photography pro as you try out the latest and greatest cameras, lenses, and binoculars available. Experts from Milford Camera will be on hand to provide information and advice on all the gear. Walks are 45 minutes and will depart from the main building at the Audubon Center in Greenwich.

On Sunday afternoon, you can join the festivities of the **21st Annual Fall Festival & Hawk Watch**. Try out the latest Canon camera gear at a special festival experience, capture portraits of some amazing raptors and get photography tips from a Canon pro. The festival is an exciting, family-friendly nature event celebrating the fall season and annual migration of raptors. You can enjoy: a live raptor show, rehabilitated Hawk releases, petting zoo, hayrides, local exhibitors, and delicious food!

During your visit to the Center, walk the trails and enjoy the natural beauty of almost 700 acres of protected wildlife habitat. Plus, you can get inspired by the 2019 Audubon Photography Awards exhibit, and learn photo tips and tricks from Canon camera experts while getting up close and personal with an amazing array of birds.

Bird Walks: \$15

Festival Experience: Admission + \$10

ENJOY FUN FOR EVERYONE

- Live Raptor Shows
- Rehabilitated Hawk Releases by [Wildlife in Crisis](#)
- Music
- Petting Zoo (meet a kangaroo and bearded dragon, take a goat for a stroll and pet baby animals)
- Bunjee Bounce
- Rock Wall
- Power Wheels Bird Safari
- Hayrides
- Honey Harvest
- Photo Booth
- Games & Crafts
- [Birds in Focus](#) – Canon Photography Experience ([register here for both the festival and Canon event](#))
- Audubon Learning Stations
- Self-guided Walks
- Local Exhibitors and Vendors
- Delicious Food
- And More!

About the Audubon Center

Gifted by Eleanor & Hall Clovis and opened in 1943, the Greenwich Main Sanctuary property is recognized as the first educational nature center of the National Audubon Society. From its inception, Audubon Greenwich has welcomed visitors to its sanctuaries and provided nature education programs for adults and children. Over time, Audubon Greenwich has grown to include seven sanctuaries and other private parcels, totaling 686 acres of protected wildlife habitat. Today, more than 20,000 people visit Audubon Greenwich each year to enjoy all that its nature center, sanctuaries, and trails have to offer.

Festival Admission

- **At the door:** \$10 per member, \$15 per non-member
- Or [REGISTER ONLINE for a 10% DISCOUNT](#)
- Children two and under are FREE

Please note that this year's celebration is One Day ONLY. All parking will be at the Shuttle Lot located at Harvest Time Church at 1338 King Street. Passenger drop-off at the Audubon Center in Greenwich main gate/entrance is permitted. The Fall Festival & Hawk Watch is a rain or shine event.



On the Calendar

"Sunset Wine Tasting" at the Holcombe Hill Wildlife Preserve

September 7 from 4:00 to 8:00

The Newtown Forest Association Board of Directors cordially invite you to join in the annual **"Sunset Wine Tasting"**. Celebrate NFA's ongoing mission of preserving open space in Newtown at our headquarters, Holcombe Hill Wildlife Preserve, where guests will enjoy the view from the highest elevation in Newtown. The evening will be filled with fine wines, scrumptious Hors d'oeuvres and live music. Guests will enjoy a silent auction with many great offerings.

For more information, click [here](#).

Movies at the Library

The Last Black Man in San Francisco: Saturday, September 7 at 2:00 p.m.: Directed by Joe Talbot and starring Jimmie Fails, Jonathan Majors, and Danny Glover. Jimmie Fails dreams of reclaiming the Victorian home his grandfather built in the heart of San Francisco.

Rocketman: Saturday, September 21 at 3:00 p.m.: Directed by Dexter Fletcher and starring Taron Egerton, Jamie Bell, Richard Madden, and Bryce Dallas Howard. An epic musical fantasy about the incredible human story of Elton John's breakthrough years, the film follows the fantastical journey of transformation from shy piano prodigy Reginald Dwight into international superstar Elton John. Free showing, popcorn & soda. More details can be found [here](#).

One Second, One Thought, One Breath: Mindfulness Meditation

September 16th from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Library

Our meditation class is now meeting on the first and third Monday evening with our first class on September 16. Join Prabha Makayee for this free meditation practice, learn simple means to self-regulation and empowerment, and take back self-control and responsibility for your all around well-being. This class is an "open house" concept--you can come and leave at any time during the class. Open to teens and adults and younger children attending with an adult. Registration is appreciated.

Color Your World Adult Coloring

September 12 and 26 from 2:00 to 4:00

Please join us for adult coloring at the library. Coloring reduces stress and anxiety, trains your brain to focus, and helps with fine motor skills. But, even better, it's fun and a great social activity. We will provide many coloring books to choose from, colored pens and pencils and refreshments. We will be meeting in the library, at the tables in the adult fiction/nonfiction area. Seating is limited to ten, so please register on the dates you plan to attend. .

Tick-Borne Illnesses

September 18 at 7:00

Join Dr. Marisi at Candlewood Valley Health and Rehab as he discusses all you need to know about properly diagnosing, treating and preventing different kinds of tick-borne illnesses. For more information, click [here](#).

Looking for more local events? Check out our Events Calendar at

<https://townappeal.com/brookfield/town-events/>



PARENTS HELPING PARENTS
in Brookfield, CT

Join us for free, confidential, and
informal monthly meetings

For parents*
concerned about
their kids who
struggle with
anxiety, depression
and/or emotional
dysregulation.**

UPCOMING MEETING DATES FALL 2019:

Monday, September 9th - RSVP HERE
Wednesday, October 2nd - RSVP HERE
Monday, November 4th - RSVP HERE

TIME: 7:00 - 8:30pm

Please feel free to share meeting information

For more info: brookfieldpsn@ymhproject.org

Location provided upon RSVP

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

*The term "parents" is used to describe any adult caregivers, including grandfathers, parents, grandparents, foster or step-parents, or a young person between ages 18 and 24.

**ANY CHILD CAN STRUGGLE WITH EMOTIONAL, MENTAL OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AT ANY TIME. YOUR CHILD DOES NOT NEED TO HAVE A DIAGNOSIS IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BENEFIT FROM THE NETWORK.



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Parents Helping Parents. The Parent Support Network of Brookfield is a program of The Youth Mental Health Project, sponsored by Brookfield Cares. The Network is a family-driven, parent-led Network that will provide parents who are concerned about their child's mental health and well-being with the opportunity to give and receive valuable peer connection. Trained parent volunteer Facilitators will run regular, in-person, FREE, CONFIDENTIAL meetings for parents in the community. For more information and location contact **brookfieldpsn@ymhproject.org**

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Our monthly newsletter features a Spotlight on several town businesses, deals from our local businesses, and upcoming events in town.

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