

A close-up photograph of a sunflower with bright yellow petals and a dark brown seed head, set against a clear blue sky. The sunflower is the central focus, with its petals radiating from the center.

# *Hebron*

# VIEWS

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Fall 2022

## **Hebron Harvest Fair**

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## **Harvest Moon Festival**

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Good day to you all out there. I hope that you are able to stay cool. (This was written when the outside temperature was around 90 degrees) There are many exciting things going on in town. We have a number of new town staff, replacing people who are heading into retirement. Way to go. While I hate to see them go, it is a quest that most all of us hope for. In the assessors office, we are pleased to have Tina Corriveau. On the planning and zoning side of the yard, we have a new town planner. Matthew Bordeaux. He has been with us a few weeks now and "has hit the ground running". Also over in the Horton



house, we have a new Deputy Fire Marshal- John Spaulding. Many other things are happening here in our community. Our town staff, Town Managers office have been busy with applying for multiple grants and, have been extremely successful in their endeavors. The ARPA monies are starting to go to work for our town allowing us to make Hebron a better place to live. Stonecroft village was just awarded 1.1 million dollars and that coupled with other monies will allow that facility to make major code and standard of living improvements. As normal, throughout town, road repairs and improvements, tree cutting and all of the other summertime items are being addressed. Also, with the "green light" on the proposed public works garage being given, we hope to have drawings for the town to consider. As I end this letter, I hope to see you at the Lions Hebron Harvest Fair, and following the fair, Colonial Days. Please take care, be safe and stay well.

Daniel Larson  
*Chair, Board of Selectmen*

## TOWN MANAGER

### Dear Hebron Residents:

As Summer wraps up and Fall approaches Hebron welcomes back numerous seasonal events, a few that are noteworthy, as you may read in other areas of this edition are:

- Back to School – A new school year has begun, and our school administration, teachers and students are back in their routines. Hebron welcomes Colin McNamara as the new RHAM Superintendent.
- Hebron Harvest Fair – The Fair has grown to become one of the largest agricultural fairs in Connecticut with unique attractions, fan favorite food and four days of fun. The Hebron Harvest Fair is produced by the Hebron Lions Agricultural Society and runs Thursday through Sunday, September 8th through September 11th. This year Chris Cagle, an American Country Music Artist, will be the main music entertainment. Cagle will be rocking the Hebron Harvest Fair on Sunday, September 11th.
- Harvest Moon Festival - sponsored by the Town Center Project and offers activities for the whole family. This festival has grown to be an all-afternoon event. Get out and explore the center of town while celebrating the Harvest Moon! This event is planned for October 22nd.
- State, District and Municipal Elections – The 2022 elections



will take place on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, to elect the next leaders of our community, district and state. Please take time to exercise your right and vote.

Hebron continues to be a great community to live and work. We are fortunate for our parks, the airline trail and open space areas that give us our rural character. Another wonderful asset is our school system that attracts many people to relocate here. Rolling hills, farmlands and two beautiful golf courses are just a few more attributes that make this a wonderful part of southern Tolland County.

Happy Fall!  
Andrew J. Tierney  
*Town Manager*

## CORRECTION



*The summer 2022 issue of Hebron Views showed an incorrect photo with the caption "Historical stone bridge foundations along Judd Brook, viewed from the Bernstein Preserve." This is the correct photo.*

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The Town Clerk's page is filled with information regarding vendor/peddler permits, trade names, military discharges, notary publics, marriage licensing, dog licensing and applications to obtain death, marriage, and birth certificates, sportsmen's licenses, voter registrations, absentee ballots, and election information. We have added many live links for your convenience.

The most popular link to date provides access to the entire



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see what you can discover.

If you do not find what you are looking for you can call or visit our office during regular office hours which are Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Thursday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Friday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. or call us 860-228-5971 x 124

## HEBRON BOARD OF EDUCATION

It has been a busy summer at Hebron Public Schools! Summer months are used not only to engage students in reading, but to research, design and enhance curriculum. We are so proud of the work our students did over the summer with our 2nd Annual "Hebron Read and Run Challenge." The challenge kicked off at the start of summer and ended on the first day of the new school year. This literacy and wellness challenge asked students to read some of their favorite books and stay active (Ex: walking, hiking, running, swimming, etc.) during the summer months. What better way to cool down after a busy day in the sun than with a good book! Hebron's "Read and Run Challenge" aligned with the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge, 'Read Beyond the Beaten Path,' which also focuses its theme on healthy living. We hope families found this to be a nice opportunity to explore our Douglas Public library in town or the 'take a book, leave a book' libraries, which are permanently installed outside at both Gilead Hill School and Hebron Elementary School. Keep reading all year long!

In addition to the "Read and Run Challenge," Hebron Public Schools' staff members engaged in summer curriculum development work this summer. Our teams continued our deep work, focusing on evidence-based and high-quality teaching and learning across the grades. We will continue ensuring our curriculum is standards aligned, comprehensive, and student centered. Teams consisted teachers, the school principals, Director of Educational Services, deans, curriculum specialists. Ongoing curriculum review and renewal work this summer focused on literacy, math, social studies, Spanish, STEAM, and Physical Education/wellness.

We are looking forward to a productive and successful 2022-2023 school year. Please find our 2022-2023 school year calendar posted on our website for important dates for the coming school year. You can also follow along with updates to our District Advancement Plan in our monthly newsletter Bright Futures featured on the District Advancement Plan portion of our website.

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### Check out a lawn game for your BBQ

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### New streaming movie service

The Douglas Library is pleased to be able to offer a new service to Hebron residents. Biblio+ is a streaming video service full of great film, television, and documentary content without any credits or watch limits! Biblio+ works on most internet capable devices including smart televisions. Begin watching by installing the app or visiting [www.biblioplus.com](http://www.biblioplus.com). Upon first use, patrons are required to input their library card number and register for the service. If you have any trouble logging on or any questions about the service, contact us at 860-228-9312 or [info@douglaslibrary.org](mailto:info@douglaslibrary.org).



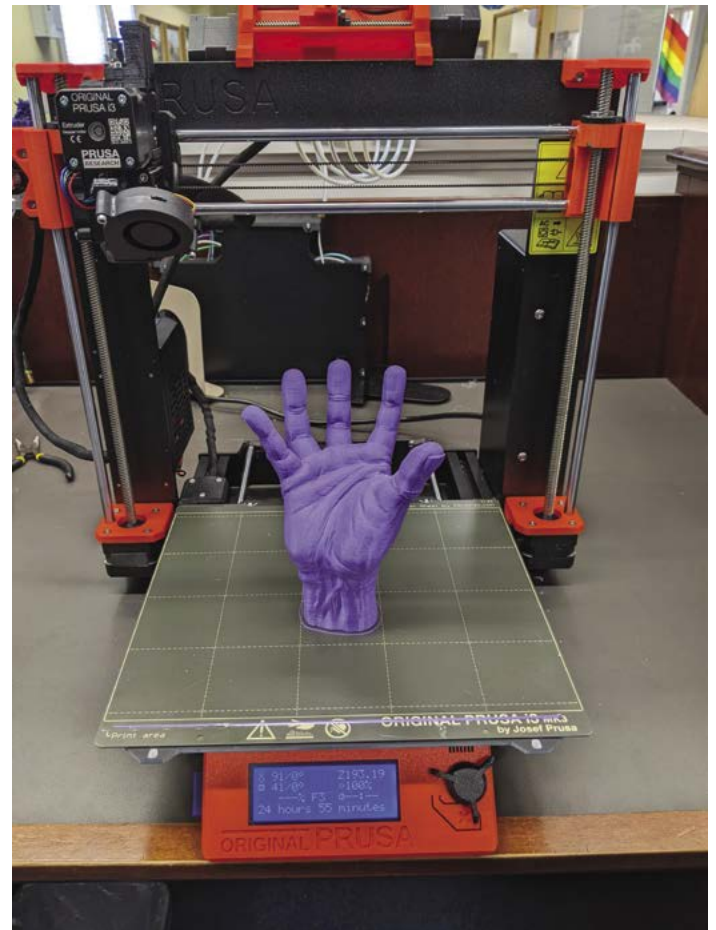
### Friends of the Library make annual donation

In FY22-23, the Friends of the Douglas Library are providing over \$30,000 in funding for the Douglas Library. The donation

pays for public programming, museum passes, Biblio+, take away craft supplies, the new lawn game collection, children's STEAM kits, summer reading prizes, the magazine collection, large print books, a digitization station, and much more. Without their dedication and hard work, there would be a lot less going on at the library and their help is deeply appreciated. The Friends are a nonprofit volunteer support group that is separate from the Douglas Library Association, Board of Trustees, and the Town of Hebron. They raise funds through used book sales, the ongoing Friends Boutique, and a variety of other fundraising events. Find them on Facebook if you would like to join their cause.

### New 3D printer

The library has purchased a new 3D printer, a Prusa i3 MK3S+ with the Multi Material 3S add-on, for public use. Patrons with G-Code files can make appointments to have their items printed with staff assistance. The library will be holding open training sessions in the future. There is no cost to use this service. The new machine was purchased with donations from the Lions Club.

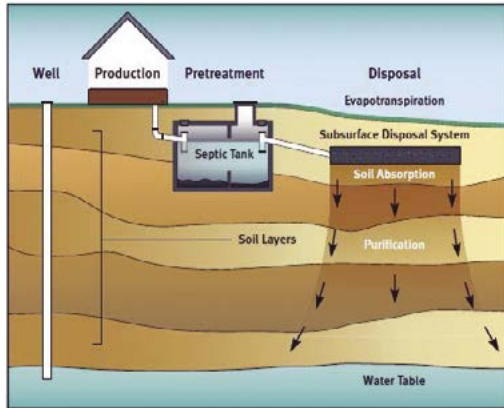




### Avoid costly septic system repairs

Many area municipalities rely entirely upon groundwater for their drinking water supply and most of their residents are still served by on-site sewage disposal means.

If you live outside of a sewer district, you are sitting on top of a living, biological recycling system that ensures the proper elimination of your kitchen, laundry room



and bathroom wastes. These bacterial, viral, and organic wastes are broken down, purified, and reintroduced into your groundwater and later drawn into your well as fresh, potable drinking water.

Proper maintenance of this living system will protect your family's health and property. The following advice will also help you avoid costly and unnecessary septic system repairs. Repair or replacement measures can cost thousands.

A septic tank must be pumped out EVERY THREE YEARS at a minimum – sooner if you use a garbage disposal unit. The Chatham Health District encourages homeowners or companies that pump septic tanks to provide a record to the Town's designated health officer so it can be referenced when a permit application is sought for other activity. Most importantly, we would note that if the tank is not pumped and fills with solids, an inordinate amount of these solids will be dispersed into your leaching field and physically choke it with a matting which will prevent proper flow and breakdown by

the system's bacteria. In addition to creating a raw sewage backflow into your house or onto your lawn, you could contaminate your well water.

Many household products contain dangerous synthetic chemicals that are not removed by the soil. If dumped down your drain or toilet or onto your property, they may be carried with the wastewater into the soil and groundwater and eventually find their way into your well. Some of these chemicals can be harmful in extraordinarily tiny amounts.

Diverse categories of consumer products which contain chemicals that are toxic to drinking water and which should not be disposed through your septic system or onto your property are:

- Automotive, brake, transmission, and antifreeze liquids
- Oil and gasoline
- Floor strippers
- Oven cleaners
- Rug or upholstery cleaners
- Most toilet flush deodorizers
- Spot removers
- Paint products and thinners
- Pesticides
- Photo developing products
- Polishes and floor and wood preservatives
- Medicines

This is by no means a comprehensive listing. Keep in mind, "if you dump it, you drink it." Where uncertainty exists, let common sense prevail, contact the Chatham Health District at <https://chathamhealth.org>, 860-365-0884 or the US Environmental Protection Agency at <https://www.epa.gov/septic/frequent-questions-septic-systems>. Also, contact the Town website at [www.hebronct.com](http://www.hebronct.com), "Recycling Center and Transfer Station" under Town Departments for information about recycling at our municipal facility and participate in area Household Hazardous Waste cleanup days.

Matt Bordeaux, Planning and Development Director  
Jim Cordier, Conservation and Inland Wetlands Agent

### Keep your well water safe

Most homes in Hebron rely upon groundwater and private wells for their water source. Responsibility for wellhead protection, adequate well maintenance, and water testing falls upon the homeowner. The following information highlights important ways to protect your private well water:

**Proper Construction and Inspection** — Construction of a new well or maintenance of an existing well should be performed by a well driller or pump installer registered with the CT Department of Consumer Protection. Location must comply with the state public health code. Consider an inspection by a professional (i.e., registered well driller) every 3 to 5 years.

**Keep Contaminants Away** — Keep potential contaminants as far away as possible from your well.

- Do not allow surface water to pond around the well. Slope the area around the well to drain surface runoff away from the well.
- Do not mix or use pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides, degreasers, fuels, or other hazardous materials near the well.
- Do not allow runoff from the road, driveway, or rooftop to pond around the well. Keep the area around the well clear and free of debris.
- Keep pet waste, dog runs and other livestock away from the well.
- If you have a septic system, ensure that it is properly maintained. The CT DPH and the Chatham Health District recommend pumping your septic tank every 3 years. More frequent pumping should occur if your tank is undersized,

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if you use a garbage disposal or have a large family. For more information refer to the CT DPH, Environmental Engineering-Subsurface Sewage webpage: [www.ct.gov/dph/subsurfacesewage](http://www.ct.gov/dph/subsurfacesewage)

- Never flush gasoline, motor oils, automotive chemicals, paint, solvents, or any other hazardous materials down the sink or toilet into a septic system.
- Do not allow waste oils or gasoline to get into soil.
- Make sure home heating tanks are above ground, have secondary containment, or are located inside of your concrete basement.
- Never do automotive maintenance or repair on exposed soils in your yard.
- Do not dispose of wastes in dry wells or abandoned wells.

Check with the Chatham Health District <https://www.chathamhealth.org/well-water-quality> to find out whether there are water quality problems specific to your area. It could also be helpful to ask your neighbors whether they have ever

had water quality problems. The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Private Well Program, <https://portal.ct.gov/dph/Environmental-Health/Private-Well-Water-Program/Private-Wells> is a reliable resource for questions about private well testing. DPH's Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program is a resource for questions about safe limits of chemicals in water and health concerns ( <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Environmental-Health/Environmental-and-Occupational-Health-Assessment/Environmental--Occupational-Health-Assessment-Program> )

Given global warming and the acceleration of its deleterious environmental effects, the availability of fresh, potable water will continue to diminish over time on a worldwide basis. We are likely sitting on top of what will ultimately become liquid gold — even more so than oil — in the not-too-distant future. Treat it well.

Matt Bordeaux, *Planning and Development Director*  
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<b>Hebron Elementary School</b>	860 228-9465	Saturday 8:30 a.m.–Noon	
92 Church Street		<b>Amston Post Office</b>	540 Church Street 860 228-3671
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### "How're we doing?"

That's the question that Ed Koch, a New York City mayor, used to ask his constituents.

It's been five years since The Town Center Project was formed to invigorate our downtown. In that time, we've brought you the following annual signature events, art installations, and activities:

- Market Day
- Town-Wide Tag Sale
- July 4th Celebration
- Harvest Moon
- Annual Summer Concert Series
- Make Music Day
- Adirondack Chairs
- SnoFolk
- Community Chorus

So, how're we doing? What else would you like to see happen? Maybe something for the winter doldrums? Maybe Pecha Kucha? How about an Electric Parade? What do you think?

As we wrap up the year, head back to school, settle in for the cool nights of fall and before the cold days of winter set in - mark your calendar and join us downtown on Saturday, October 22nd, 2:30 pm to 7 pm. Carve a jack-o-lantern, bring it downtown, register it and place it on the pumpkin tower to be ogled and judged... you could win BIG! Trick-or-Treating along Main Street, amazing vendors, Hebron Veterinary Hospital will be hosting their Barktober Dog Jog, Connecticut Ghost Investigators will be on site with their spooky-ness and so much more!!

It takes a lot of money to bring free activities to Hebron. If you like what we're doing and want to ensure we can continue to

do what we do, volunteer, donate through our website, [www.thetowncenterproject.org](http://www.thetowncenterproject.org), or let us know your ideas via email: [ttcp@thetowncenterproject.org](mailto:ttcp@thetowncenterproject.org).



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Various programs are available to assist with water and sewer bills:

### Connecticut Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

Households with gross annual income at or below \$39,027 for a 1 person household or \$51,035 for a 2 person household, can qualify for a water assistance benefit of up to \$1,000 through the Connecticut Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) if they have disconnected service or are behind on their water bills. There is no liquid asset limit for this program. Help is available for both household water and wastewater bills. It is expected that the State of CT will allow applications for this program to begin in early September. Application can be made through the Senior Center by appointment by calling 860-228-1700

### Connecticut Water H2O Customer Assistance Program

Households with a Connecticut Water past due balance and a gross annual income at or below \$27,180 for a 1 person household or \$36,620 for a 2 person household, can qualify for the H2O Customer Assistance Program. One-time Customer Hardship Assistance is also available for households who do not meet the above income guidelines, but are experiencing a one-time financial hardship or a life changing event that put their account in arrears. With Connecticut Water's Assistance programs, a scheduled payment arrangement for the past due balance will be set up by Connecticut Water. Over the course of 12 months, with each customer payment made, Connecticut Water will match the payment, thereby eliminating the past due balance during the course of the 12 month period with the customer paying 50% of the past due balance, and Connecticut Water matching the other 50%. Customers must also keep current on new bills as they are incurred during the time of the payment arrangement. Connecticut Water requires that households contact their approved local community social services agency (the Senior Center is an approved local community social services agency) in order to confirm the customer's identity and income qualification by utilizing an eligibility checklist. Households wishing to apply for the Connecticut Water H2O Customer Assistance Program can call the Senior Center at 860-228-1700 to set up an appointment.

## Connecticut Water's Water Rate Assistance Program (WRAP)

Through WRAP, for households with a gross annual income at or below \$27,180 for a 1 person household or \$36,620 for a 2 person household, customers can get a 15% reduction on their entire water bill, excluding Linebacker service. Customers are requested to apply through Operation Fuel by going to <https://operationfuel.org/>, clicking on GET HELP, then clicking on APPLY ONLINE. Assistance with this process is available through the Senior Center by calling 860-228-1700 to schedule an appointment

**Starting in mid October, the Senior Center will be taking applications for the Winter Heating Assistance Program. Please call for updated eligibility criteria.**

**Also starting in mid October, the Senior Center will be assisting with Medicare Open Enrollment selections. Each year there are new plans and changes to old plans, therefore it is advised that you review which plan will be best for you, both in terms of coverage and cost, in the upcoming year.**



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## Early Fall in the Garden

The end of summer/early fall is such a wonderful time in the garden. Late season bloomers such as Goldenrod, Rudbeckia, Ironweed, Woodland and New England Asters and many coneflowers add color to our landscapes and food sources for a host of bees, butterflies and other wildlife. For many plants, their blooms are spent and their leaves are tired, but their seed pods and berries offer an abundant source of nourishment for birds. Native grasses add lovely interest to the fall scape.

This is the time of year when our native pollinators, birds and insects are preparing for the long winter months. The Lunar moths, the Fritillary butterflies, the bumblebee queens, mason bees and even the fireflies all need to find that perfect spot to survive the cold. Gardens and landscapes that are cleared of all leaf matter and plant stalks may look pristine but these are dead zones offering no protection for our pollinators. It's time for us to get comfortable with a little, natural messiness. Leave the leaves in the garden and at the edges of your lawn. We'll thank ourselves next summer!

And this is the perfect time to start preparing new garden beds. Do you have too much lawn, or an area with too many invasives? For areas too large to clear by hand, sheet mulching and winter seeding may be the perfect solution. At the Raymond Brook Preserve, The Hebron Pollinator Pathway Group has recently employed this technique. With the help of Hebron Parks and Recreation, an area was mowed close to the ground. Then 3ml plastic was placed on top and secured to the ground. Through solarization, the invasive plants and their roots will die and by mid-winter, the ground will be ready to sow seeds in need of cold stratification (Cold stratification is the process of subjecting seeds to both cold and moist conditions. Seeds of many trees, shrubs and perennials require these conditions before germination will ensue.) In late winter, the plastic will be removed and seed will be sown on barren ground. Rudbeckia, lavender, Milkweed, Goldenrod and Veronica seeds will be spread while it's still cold (just as these seeds would be sown in nature). In spring, we'll see that a new garden is born!



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## AHM YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

For the last 19 years, AHM Youth and Family Services has hosted an annual golf tournament at Blackledge Country Club. The tournament was started by Hebron businessmen Hayden “Spike” Houston and Jim Celio, who from the late 1980s through the 1990s raised thousands of dollars for AHM programs. This year’s tournament was one for the ages. The 2022 tournament saw more players than ever before, as well as more women, more young people, and more senior players. The day began with a welcome from AHM’s Executive Director Tressa Giordano and incoming Board President Brendan Shea. Both AHM leaders thanked the players, sponsors, and volunteers. They gave special thanks to Ted’s IGA, Blackledge Country Club, Ferguson and McGuire Insurance, and Dunkin’ Donuts of Hebron and Colchester.

At the afternoon barbecue hosted by Ted’s IGA, there were two special awards given to recognize the efforts of leaders who have done something extraordinary in support of AHM.

The 2022 Theodore Armata Leadership Award, in memory of Ted’s IGA founder Ted Armata, went to Marlborough resident Louise Concodello. Mr. Armata’s sons Todge and David presented the award to Mrs. Concodello, who was recognized for her three decades of service to early childhood education and her service as a community advocate supporting the work of AHM Youth and Family Services.

The second 2022 Award named in memory of Marlborough First Selectmen Howard Dean, was given to Hebron’s Town Manager Andrew Tierney and Hebron’s Director of Administrative Services Donna Lanza. Mr. Dean’s wife Terry Concannon presented the awards and spoke about the work that Mr. Tierney and Ms. Lanza have done over many years helping continue building a strong regional community partnership with the towns that support AHM. Both Andy Tierney and Donna Lanza spoke about their belief in and support for AHM and its multi-town partnership.

The golf tournament this year will raise over \$23,000 for AHM programs such as family counseling, recovery groups for young adults, family resource center programs, performing arts programs, mentoring, and the CHOREs program for seniors and more.

In his last time as the Tournament Director, long-time staff member Joel Rosenberg thanked the players, sponsors, and volunteers for their commitment to this public charity. “This tournament is something much larger than just a game”, he shared. “By being here today, you are making a real and meaningful difference in the lives of people you may never meet. Just know what you are doing today is truly helping children and adults who depend upon our services.”

The tournament had players from across New England, including the Ponchak, Taylor, and Falcetta Team from Maine, who were members of RHAM High School classes from the late 1950s.

To learn more about AHM Youth and Family Services, visit: [www.ahmyouth.org](http://www.ahmyouth.org)







### Hebron's Past — Written in Stone

Farming has sustained Hebron for the past millennia, declining only in the late 1900's with suburban development. The fields of Burnt Hill, Hebron-Center and Amston supported crops of corn, beans and squash, a symbiotic trio that enriched the soil and nourished Native American families.

English settlers introduced non-native plants and animals that changed the local environment. Individually owned farmsteads once cleared of trees created drier conditions and soil erosion. As the soil weathered exposing stones, stonewalls were built. By the 1770's many Hebron farmers moved elsewhere to find better farmland, while others invested in slaves and land.

In 1774, Rev. Samuel Peters of Hebron owned 600 tilled acres, producing 2,000 bushels of grain, 100 cows and sheep, 70 swine and 2 enslaved families, Cesar Peters and Pomp Mundo. Rev. Peters operated a modest plantation along East Street, as did his neighbor Samuel Gilbert. Many stonewalls from East Street toward Godfrey Hill testify to the skill of enslaved African-Americans and local farmers enclosing livestock for the West Indies, Boston, and New York.

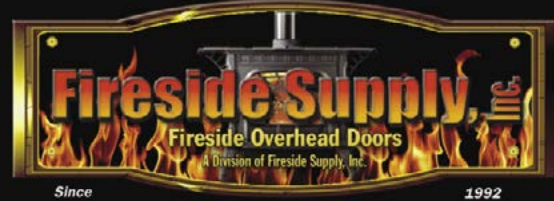
By 1800, the hard work of Yankees and African-Americans established Hebron as the wealthiest town in Tolland County. Enterprising and newly freed African-Americans like Cesar Peters found Hebron-Center farmers eager to hire them. Despite modern development, the Horton Boulevard / Kinney Road Properties still retain stonewalls built by the Peters, Barbers, and Freemans, a testimony to the skill of Hebron's African-American community.

After the Civil War, western expansion, continued emigration, and improved transportation ruined Hebron's profitable grazing economy. Unrest in Europe encouraged immigrants to settle and pursue more up-to-date dairy and chicken farming.

After WWII, affordable automobiles and the Eisenhower Highway System negatively impacted Hebron's dairy farms, but allowed for a new crop – suburban housing.

Now as a result, Hebron's farms are few, stonewalls abundant, and open-space coveted.

—John Baron



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# HEBRON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

## How well do you know your town?

Maps provide lots of information with just a slight glance. The 1744 Isaac Pinney Map, for example, shows the shape of Hebron, prior to chunks of it being removed to help make up Andover and Marlborough. It identifies the names of our early families and their home sites. The square indicates the center of town with the near joining of several “highways”. The only body of water included is the Hebron portion of North Pond (Amston Lake) in the town’s southeastern section..

To view the full size map, go to <http://www.hebronthpc.org/images/hebron1744.jpg>

How were the early surveyors able to measure and draw their documents with such accuracy? Just one portion of a property description might be specified as “beginning by the Highway thence North 12 degrees west 36 chains 22 links to a heap of stones then East 3 degrees North by highway 60 links to...”

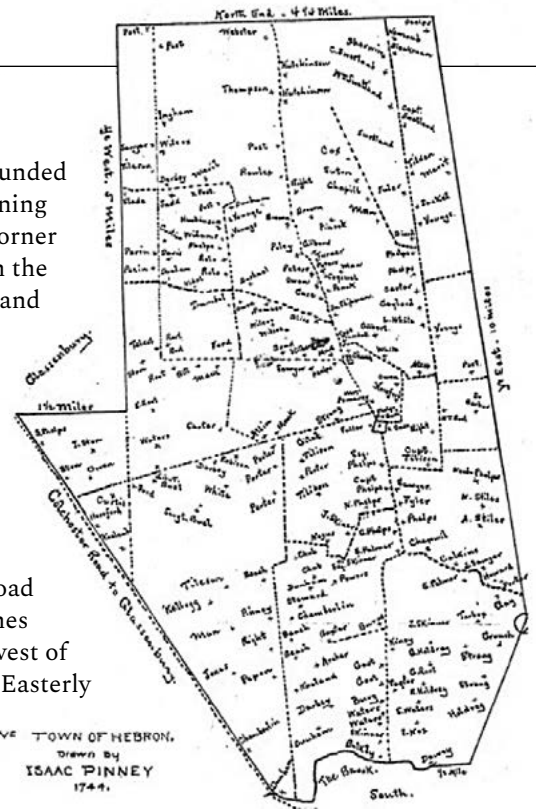
When determining distances, the surveyors measured in chains (66 feet), rods (16.5 feet) and links (8 inches). Other descriptors used were specific trees (White Oak, Elm, Chestnut), stone walls, streams (Fawn Brook, Blackledge River, Judd Brook), rail fences, and neighboring land owners. A frequent method of marking boundaries was to put a pile of stones around a stake or a tree.

Using the following description, you can determine the location of this 1832 property transaction: “a tract of land lying

in said Hebron bounded as follows – beginning at the Southeast corner at a Walnut tree in the wall dividing the land of ... and running west by said wall about nine rods to a stake & stones on the North side of the wall thence Northerly in a strait line to the road to a stake and stones about three rods west of the Pound thence Easterly by said road to a heap of stones about six feet West of the Pound thence

Southerly & Easterly ... to the place of beginning, containing about one acre more or less”. Hint: The Pound hasn’t moved since it was established in 1821.

Can you write a description of your property using the methods used 200 or more years ago!



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### A Mecca for music

There is something about music that seems to bring people closer to each other and helps us come together as a community. Music is a powerful social glue that makes folks feel not only closer but more connected to one another, creating a sense of group identity.

New research suggests that playing music or singing together may be particularly potent in bringing about this social closeness through the release of endorphins. Endorphins are secreted in the brain and nervous system and help relieve pain, reduce stress and improve mood and our sense of well-being.

For decades, St Peter's Episcopal Church has made music and played hymns on the Johnson organ that was a new addition to the church in 1860 when the organ, made by William Johnson in Westfield, MA was shipped by rail to Andover. From there it was hauled by ox cart to its destination. In order to place it, balcony pews were removed and the large east window blocked up.

This year, the church was gifted with a 1928 Mason and Hamelin baby grand piano, which was placed in the front of the sanctuary, allowing yet another additional rich sound to join in the music mix.

Currently, Sunday morning worship boasts not only the Johnson organ and a well- practiced choir, but most often a violin, flute, or trumpet and solo voice to create beautiful music for all to share. Twice a year a brass quartet has performed. Because of the buildings curved high ceilings, the acoustics amplify and disperse the deep and rich sounds of each instrument and every voice, alone and blended together. Those who have performed in the space have remarked it is one of the finest acoustical spaces in which they played!

There have been a variety of well attended community concerts held at this venue. St Peters also has an artist in residence with Concinnity, a semi-professional choral group. We will host the Hebron Community Chorus in November; Concinnity for a Christmas concert in December; and a piano/harp concert for Valentine's Day. Additional concerts are planned for 2023.

Indeed, there is something about music that brings Hebron's people closer to each other and joins us together as a community!



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## Raymond Brook and Marsh Protection

On June 28th, a Special Town Meeting was held at the Douglas Library Community Room to consider the acquisition of an 8.5-acre parcel of land, owned by the Raymond family and situated along the west side of Millstream Road, for open space preservation. The Open Space Land Acquisition Committee (the Committee) recommended this property to the Hebron Board of Selectmen for preservation after considering the parcel's many beneficial attributes. Hebron's residents in attendance voted unanimously to acquire this parcel for open space and natural resource protection!

This forested parcel, located within the Town's only "Groundwater Aquifer Protection" zone, contains a significant portion of Raymond Brook and its associated floodplain wetlands. Acquisition of this property protects the steep upland slopes and water quality of Raymond Brook, continuing the Committee's extensive efforts in preserving open space upstream of Raymond Brook Marsh, a Wetlands of Statewide Special Concern, and potential area of future drinking water supply.

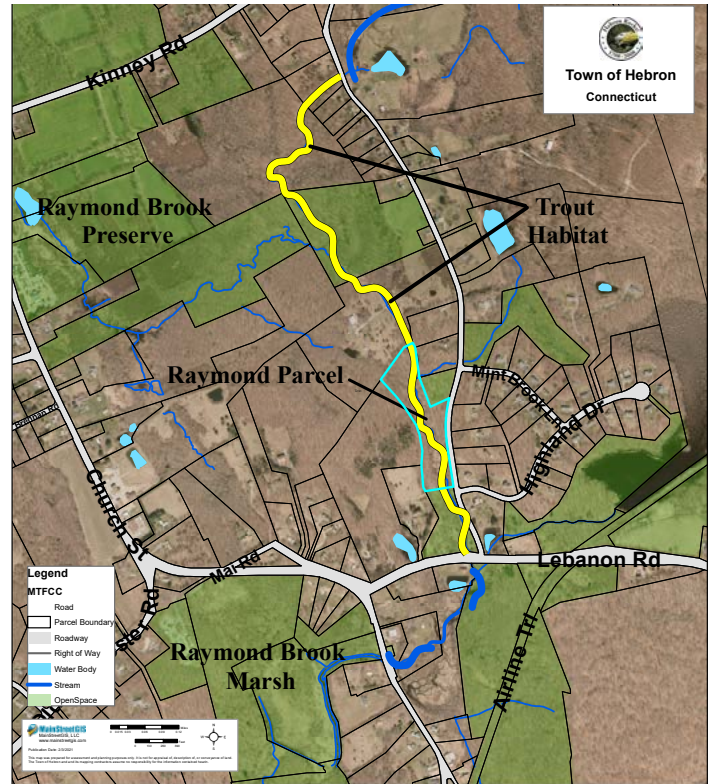
The parcel preserves an undisturbed wildlife corridor, protects a known Trout Habitat area, provides for enhanced recreational access and use (i.e. fishing), and has the potential to connect to the 116-acre Raymond Brook Preserve to the north.

The property lies in between two parcels of Town-owned open space, one to the south and one to the east, thereby expanding an area of protected forest within this vital Raymond Brook Greenway Corridor, as depicted in the Town's 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development.

Characterized by a mostly deciduous forest, purchase of the parcel protects the historic, tree-lined Millstream Road, a scenic gateway into Hebron Center.

The Committee wishes to thank the Raymond Family for the opportunity to preserve this beautiful and unique land. Preserving this property furthers the Committee's efforts to protect Hebron's high value open space land.

Frank Zitkus  
*Hebron Open Space Land Acquisition Committee  
Secretary and Planning and Zoning Representative*



### Controlling invasive jumping worms

Jumping Worms threaten forests, farms, parks, recreational lawns, and the life in them. They eat all the organic matter in the soil. Worm castings are a gravelly material that easily erodes, causing plant roots to dry out and die. Many native and horticultural plants cannot sprout in this. This greatly harms life that plants support.

How are jumping worms spread?

- cocoons, resembling poppy seeds, are not noticeable in mulch, soil, potted plants. When these are transported, cocoons can spread. (Composting programs of multiple yards' waste for use as mulch have spread cocoons.)
- one cocoon can start a population.
- adult worms (late summer to frost) reproduce rapidly. Worms die in winter, but cocoons survive up to two years.
- soil carried on equipment, tools, shoe treads may spread cocoons.
- some fishing bait and composting worms contain jumping worms.

Preventing dispersal is the main way to control their spread. There are no known viable ways to eradicate jumping worms once established. They can climb walls and cross wide areas of pavement. Their castings protect the cocoons from fire. Jumping worms are not a preferred food of native wildlife and no predator controls them.

How to prevent spreading: these and more tips are from the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) Fact Sheets, Jumping Worms In Connecticut, or by typing: [tinyurl.com/4zb2hb53](http://tinyurl.com/4zb2hb53)

- make/use your own compost/mulch
- plant bare root, seeds, or cuttings instead of potted plants
- solarize imported mulch, compost, etc. to 105 degrees F. for 3 days (exact method in above Fact Sheets)
- remove soil from equipment, tools, shoes before leaving and entering a property
- don't dump leaves or "yard waste" in natural areas
- don't dump fishing bait or order worms from the internet



If you have jumping worms:

- Don't despair. You're not alone. Scientists are working on this problem.
- Don't move soil, leaves, plants from one place to another, nor blow leaves.
- Reduce jumping worm numbers using methods found in CAES Fact Sheets.
- Favor deep rooted, native plants.

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