



# GLASTONBURY AT A GLANCE

## MAY 2026

## *Featured Happenings*

### **Spring Book Sale**

Saturday, May 9, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Join the Friends of the Welles-Turner Memorial Library (WTML) for a spectacular spring book sale on the lawn at WTML! Discover amazing deals on a wide selection of books, puzzles, DVDs, and CDs—perfect for every reader and collector. Rain or shine, the sale will go on. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the event will be hosted in the TD Bank parking garage.



### **Glastonbury Farmers Market**

Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (June 2 through Sept. 8)



The Town of Glastonbury is excited to continue its partnership with the Glastonbury Farmers Market for the upcoming season.

Applications are now being accepted for farmers (free to attend), cottage vendors, food vendors, crafters, and community partners.

### **Kids Market**

New this year, the Glastonbury Farmers Market is partnering with Kids Markets to host a one-day event on June 23, 2026. Kids Markets helps children ages 5 to 17 launch businesses and sell real products for real money at local community events. Those interested in participating must register through the Kids Markets website. For a current list of vendors and partners, visit [www.glastonbury-ct.gov/glastonburyfarmersmarket](http://www.glastonbury-ct.gov/glastonburyfarmersmarket) or email [glastonburyfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:glastonburyfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

### **HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS**

Town facilities will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 25, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

This includes Town Hall/Academy, the RCC, WTML, Youth & Family Services, the Transfer Station, and the Bulky Waste Facility.

### **Summer Hours @ WTML**

Beginning May 10, the Library will be **CLOSED ON SUNDAYS** for the summer schedule.

Please visit the [WTML website](http://www.glastonbury-ct.gov/wtml) to view open hours.

# May is Mental Health Awareness Month



This year's theme, "More Good Days, Together" encourages mental wellness, community connection, and reducing stigma.

## Consider incorporating these simple habits:

- Make small choices for a big impact: Incorporate movement into your day, reduce screen time, and prioritize restful sleep in manageable, realistic ways.
- Support others while supporting yourself: Practice a random act of kindness, check in on a loved one or neighbor, or consider volunteering in your community.
- Reframe negative self-talk: Speak to yourself with the same kindness and patience you would offer a friend or loved one.

## Local Resources

- Glastonbury Youth & Family Services: (860) 652-7600
- InterCommunity Healthcare: (860) 569-5900
- Rushford Center, Inc.: (877) 577-3233

## Crisis Support

- Mobile Crisis Intervention Services: Dial 2-1-1
- Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Call or text 988
- The Trevor Project (LGBTQIA+ teens & young adults): Call (866) 488-7386 or text START to 678-678

## More Information

- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov)
- Mental Health America (MHA): [mhanational.org](http://mhanational.org)

## Ticks 'n Tips

It is already a busy year for ticks in Connecticut. The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) reports five common tick species in the state: the black-legged (deer), dog, lone star, Gulf Coast, and longhorned ticks. All ticks can carry disease-causing pathogens, most commonly those linked to Lyme disease. Tick bite prevention information is available at [www.CDC.gov/ticks](http://www.CDC.gov/ticks).

If you find an attached tick, remove it with tweezers placed close to the skin and pull straight up. Residents may also bring ticks to the Glastonbury Health Department for submission to CAES for testing. Visitors to Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard should be aware that lone star ticks are well established there. This species is associated with Alpha-gal syndrome, which can cause a "red meat allergy." Remember to perform regular and thorough tick checks after spending time outdoors. For questions, contact Public Health Nurse Susan Dubb, RN, at (860) 652-7637.

## DEADLINE REMINDERS

### Party Enrollment

To participate in the Aug. 11, 2026 Democratic or Republican primary elections, voters registered in a minor party (including Independent, Green, Working Families, and others), or those wishing to switch from one major party to another, must change their party affiliation by **May 11**.

Unaffiliated voters may register with a major party up to the day before a primary election, provided they have been unaffiliated with any party for at least three months.

Early voting for the Aug. 11 primary will take place Aug. 3–9, 2026.

### Tax credits/abate ments

Homeowners Tax Credit Program Applications are due **May 15** for eligible homeowners who turned 65 on or before Dec. 31, 2025. Current participants who must reapply have been notified by mail.

Farm Abatement Applications Annual applications for up to a 50% property tax abatement for qualifying farms are also due **May 15**. Current recipients have been notified of reapplication requirements.

For applications, forms, and more information, visit the Property Assessment page at [glastonburyct.gov](http://glastonburyct.gov) or contact the Assessor's Office at (860) 652-7600 or [assessor@glastonbury-ct.gov](mailto:assessor@glastonbury-ct.gov).

## Community Events

Fractalections by Zachary King

In the Gallery at Welles-Turner Memorial Library (WTML)

May 4 – June 29, 2026

Z. E. King is a contemporary artist, musician, and writer known for creating the visual art genre “Fractalections.” His work explores the mirroring of art and nature, transforming them into new compositions of ethereal wonder.

In this exhibition at WTML, King also presents original abstract paintings made through intuitive movement, blending meditation, massage, and art into a single process.

If you are an artist interested in displaying your work in the Gallery at WTML, please submit a proposal [here](#).

### ***Pardon the Interruption!***

Beginning Monday, May 4, the WTML website will be undergoing an upgrade to better serve its users. Visitors may experience occasional hiccups or difficulty accessing certain pages. These issues are temporary.

The library appreciates the community’s patience as it puts the finishing touches on a smoother, more user-friendly experience.

Stay tuned—a refreshed WTML website is on the way!

- 5/4 - [The Sporting Events That Changed America](#) (America’s 250th) - 6:30 p.m. @ WTML
- 5/7 - [Teen Arts & Crafts Club](#) – 6:30 p.m. @ WTML
- 5/11 - [Double Play Acoustic Duo in Concert](#) - 6:30 p.m. @ WTML
- 5/12 - [“Remember & Honor” Memorial Day Picnic](#) – 11:45 a.m. @ RCC
- 5/13 - [Understanding UTI’s: What Every Older Adult Should Know](#) – 1:00 p.m. @RCC
- 5/15 – [Creative Writing Workshop with Glastonbury’s Poet Laureate](#) – 2:00 p.m. @ WTML
- 5/16 – [KidStruction Lab \(Ages 4-11\)](#) – 10:30 a.m. @ WTML
- 5/21 – [Bedtime Stories \(ages 5 & under\)](#) – 6:00 p.m. @ WTML
- 5/23 – [Experiment with Watercolor \(Ages 12-Adult\)](#) – 12:30 p.m. @ WTML 2CF Studio
- 5/26 – [Get Turned into a 3D Printed Cartoon! \(Ages 10-Adult\)](#) – 6:00 p.m. @ WTML 2CF Studio
- 5/27 - [Elder Fraud with the State of Connecticut Office of The Chief State’s Attorney](#) – 1:00 p.m. @RCC

## Youth & Family Presents Frozen the Musical

Registration is now open for this summer’s production of Frozen the Musical, presented by Glastonbury Youth and Family. Open to Glastonbury residents ages 7 and up. Rehearsals begin June 22, with performances July 30, July 31, and August 1.



To register and learn more, please visit [www.ourplay.org](http://www.ourplay.org).

### **A tip on household water pressure**

Residents are reminded that typical household appliances are designed to operate safely within a water pressure range of approximately **75–80 psi**.

When water pressure exceeds this range, it can place unnecessary strain on plumbing systems, fixtures, and appliances, potentially leading to leaks, damage, or premature failure.

Homes served by MDC water may benefit from installing a whole-house pressure reducing valve (PRV) on the main water service line. This device helps regulate incoming water pressure and maintain a consistent, safe level throughout the home, helping to protect plumbing infrastructure and extend the lifespan of household equipment.