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BLOOMFIELD ADULT ED WELCOMES STUDENTS FOR FALL 2025



By Mike Bailey

Director Adult and Continuing Education Programs

Bloomfield Adult and Continuing Education is preparing free courses for its upcoming fall program, registering eligible students for GED high-school completion, English as a Second Language (ESL), and US Citizenship

Preparation.

Academic classes are funded by a grant from the Connecticut State Department of Education, with additional support from Bloomfield Public Schools. They are offered to all Bloomfield residents, and materials are provided at no cost.

Twelve-week sessions begin with walk-in registration

August 25-27, with classes starting September 8. Classes meet at Carmen Arace Middle School, from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Meetings are:

- Three nights per week for GED (Monday-Wednesday)
- Twice a week for ESL (Monday and Tuesday)
- Once a week for Citizenship (Tuesdays).

During the remainder of August, the Adult Ed staff are available to speak with potential students and answer questions. Walk-in registrations are scheduled for Monday, August 25, Tuesday, August 26 and Wednesday, August 27, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The office is located at 390 Park Avenue in the Carmen Arace Middle School, Room 501.

Adult Ed serves the Bloomfield community by pro-

See ADULT ED page 8

ROW B SLATE ANNOUNCED



By Rickford Kirtan

Thank You, Bloomfield!

More than 500 of you stood with us and signed our petition to get on the September 9 Democratic Primary ballot — and because of you Row B is officially on the ballot. Your sup-

port sends a powerful message — our town is ready for leadership that puts residents first.

We are deeply grateful for your trust, your time, and your belief that Bloomfield deserves better. This campaign is about

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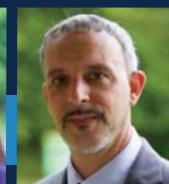
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NEED MONEY? CHECK OUT CONNECTICUT'S UNCLAIMED ASSET FUND...

By Phil Devlin

All 50 states and the federal government have an unclaimed asset fund. Every day of the year checks issued by a corporate or government entity go un-cashed. People forget about stocks they owned, bank accounts they had as a kid, and often don't realize that they have been named a beneficiary in a life insurance policy, etc.

In Connecticut, this unclaimed asset fund is run by the state treasurer. It currently has over one BILLION dollars in it! I guarantee that if you or a family member doesn't have something in this fund, you will know somebody who does. Perhaps many people.

In 2022 I informed the town of Windsor Locks about several thousand dollars worth of unclaimed assets that they were able to collect. Nevertheless, many unclaimed assets over \$100 each for the Windsor Locks High School remain,



especially from Coca Cola. Both the towns of Bloomfield and Windsor have numerous instances of unclaimed assets for various entities within their borders such as their police departments, fire departments, boards of education, town halls,

and various schools.

Windsor High School, especially, has many unclaimed assets, including several over \$100.

In January of 2022, I wrote an article about this fund, emphasizing the pathetically poor job that the state does in telling its citizens that it has their money. It was widely publicized. Additionally, a citizen of Bethany, CT, appeared in front of the state legislature and gave testimony to a committee exonerating the state for their lack of transparency on this issue. A more streamlined, online method for searching for and claiming unclaimed assets resulted. Here is the site that you need to visit: ctbiglist.gov

You must enter something in the top line. I suggest that you enter just your last name if you're searching for an individual's unclaimed assets. Then scroll down and enter the name of your town or city. Then hit "Search." There may be multiple pages in the results. Keep in

mind that your name may appear on different pages, so look at them all. Search your business name, if you own a business.

If the asset is valued at under \$100, the entire amount to the penny will be listed; if over \$100, it will just say, "over

\$100."

"Over \$100" may mean thousands, as it did for one of my family members. In 2022, I noticed unclaimed assets for the town of Haddam for over \$1,000. Subsequently, they got claimed. If you lived in another state, Google that state with the "unclaimed asset" phrase. If you used to have a different last name, search that as well. Happy hunting! Spread the word!

Just keep in mind: If you owe money to the state, you'd never hear the end of it. Plus, you'd be charged big interest on your debt and a penalty! However, if they owe you money from the unclaimed asset fund, you'll never hear from them unless you take action and search for yourself.

Since 2018, using Social Security numbers on the state income form, Rhode Island actively searches for its citizens to reunite them with their money listed in their unclaimed asset fund. Why don't we?

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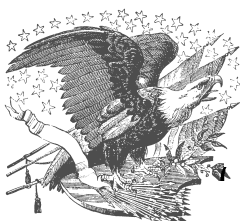
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LOCAL BUSINESS

STATE OF THE ART DIALYSIS DEN NOW OPEN AT ICARE'S WESTSIDE CARE CENTER

By David Skoczulek

iCare Vice President
of Business Development and
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iCare Health Network and Westside Care Center are proud to announce the completion of its brand-new in-house Dialysis Den, which will officially begin serving residents on August 18, 2025. This innovative program brings high-quality dialysis care directly into the nursing center, eliminating the need for residents to travel off-site for treatment.

While a formal grand opening and ribbon-cutting celebration is planned in the coming weeks, the Dialysis Den will be fully operational and ready to welcome new residents into the program as of its opening date.

The Dialysis Den at Westside is not an outpatient dialysis clinic. Instead, it is a dedicated, on-site service for both short-term rehabilitation patients and long-term care residents of Westside Care Center. The program is designed to meet the unique needs of nursing center residents who require regular dialysis while also benefiting from



the skilled nursing, therapy, and support services available at Westside.

By partnering with DaVita Dialysis and integrating treatment into the care center's daily routine, residents can receive life-sustaining therapy in a comfortable, familiar setting. This approach reduces the physical stress and time commitment of traveling to and from an external dialysis facility several times each week. It also allows residents to maintain their rehabili-

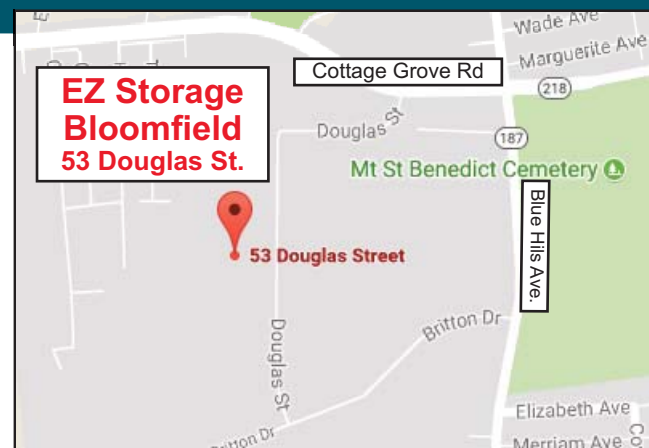
tation schedule, participate in activities, and remain closely connected to their care team.

The addition of the Dialysis Den reflects Westside Care Center's ongoing commitment to delivering advanced, specialized services that improve quality of life and support better health outcomes. Families can be confident that their loved ones will receive coordinated, comprehensive care tailored to their medical needs—all under one roof.



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CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

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FOOD COLLECTION AT L.P. WILSON CENTER

This Saturday, August 16th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Windsor Lions Club will hold a Drive-Thru Non-Contact Food Drive to benefit the Windsor Food & Fuel Bank. The collection effort will take place rain or shine in the parking lot of L.P. Wilson Community Center at 599 Matianuck Ave. in Windsor, where the food bank is located. The innovative service project was originated by the Windsor Lions during COVID to meet needs of the local community.

The public is invited to bring a bag of non-perishable food (no glass containers please) and drive their donations to the

Windsor Lions' sixth annual collection drive for the local food bank. People can stay in their cars and Windsor Lions will unload them. Items especially needed at this time include canned chicken; baked goods, coffee/tea, canned pasta, baked beans, condiments, crackers, cereal, and canned fruits and vegetables, as well as personal hygiene items. Donations made in the form of cash, checks and credit cards also will be accepted at this collection drive. Checks can be made out to: The Lions Club Charitable Foundation of Windsor (please note WFFB in the memo line) and 100 percent of all donations will be donated to the Windsor Food & Fuel Bank.

"The Windsor Lions Club truly exemplifies what community support looks like," says Joanna Gould, President of the Windsor Food & Fuel Bank. "Their commitment makes it easier for Windsor residents to help one another, ensuring we can keep our shelves stocked and continue providing essential food and supplies to our

neighbors in need throughout the year."

The Windsor Food and Fuel Bank, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was founded in 1967 as the Windsor Community Service Council (WCSC). The all-volunteer Board, along with our partners at Windsor Social Services, works to accomplish our Mission of assuring that no Windsor resident is hungry, cold, or without basic necessities. The generosity of local individuals, businesses, civic and religious organizations provides for 95 percent of the WF&FB's annual operating budget. If you are a Windsor resident and not a current client of the Windsor Food & Fuel Bank but find yourself in need of food assistance, call the Windsor Social Services office at 860-285-1839, Mondays through Fridays.

Information is also available at www.townofwindsorct.com/social-services

and at www.windsorfoodbank.org

WINDSOR WOMAN'S CLUB
MUM SALE STARTING

The Windsor Woman's Club will be selling 8 and 9 inch mum plants in colors of yellow, white, red, orange and purple as a fundraiser for local charities.

The Club is taking pre-orders until August 30th with payment by calling Cheryl McAuliffe 860-965-8388 or emailing cherylpmcauliffe@gmail.com

Payment may be made with cash, check (Windsor Woman's Club) or venmo.

On Saturday, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025, we will be selling to the public and pre-orders will be



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HEALTH ISSUES

MEDICATION OVERLOAD: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND WHAT YOU CAN DO



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Medication overload is a serious and growing issue in American health care, especially for older adults. It happens when someone takes so many medications that the risks and side effects outweigh the benefits. Today, more than 40% of people over the age of 65 take five or more prescription drugs, and nearly 20% take ten or more. This can lead to harmful health problems and even hospitalization.

Every day, hundreds of older adults are admitted to hospitals because of bad reactions to their medications. These reactions can include confusion, bleeding, falls, and even death. The more medications a person takes, the higher the chance of experiencing these problems. One major cause of medication overload is something called the "prescribing cascade." This happens when a new drug is prescribed

to treat the side effects of another drug, which then causes more side effects and leads to even more medications.

As people age, their bodies change, and medications can affect them differently than they did before. Drugs that were safe years ago may now be dangerous. For example, benzodiazepines, which are used to treat anxiety, can cause falls and memory problems in older adults. Another group of drugs, called anticholinergics, can cause confusion, fast heartbeat, dry eyes, and other side effects—especially when taken together. Also, trying to reach strict health goals, like lowering blood sugar or blood pressure too much, can lead to serious side effects such as dizziness, confusion, and even seizures.

To prevent medication overload, patients should keep an updated list of all the medications they take, including over-the-counter drugs and supplements. If someone is having side effects or struggling to manage their medications, they should ask their doctor for a "prescription checkup." This is a chance to review all medications and decide if any can be stopped or reduced. Before starting a new medication, patients should ask their doctor what the drug is for, how they'll know if it's working, when they should stop taking it, and what side effects to watch for.

Solving the problem of medication overload isn't just about individual choices—it's about rethinking how our health care system works. Right now, many doctors are trained to believe that more care means better care, which can lead to prescribing more medications than necessary. On top of that, communication between health care providers isn't always

smooth. One doctor might not know what another has already prescribed, and that can result in patients taking too many medications—sometimes without anyone realizing the risks. To truly fix this, we need better coordination, clearer communication, and a shift in mindset across the board.

Another big part of the problem is the role drug companies play. These companies often promote their products directly to both doctors and patients, which can lead to more prescriptions than necessary. It's tough for doctors to stay focused on what's truly best for the patient when they're being influenced by ads or sales reps pushing the latest medication.

To help change this, experts suggest giving health professionals better training—not just on how to prescribe safely, but also on how to reduce or stop medications when they're no longer needed. It's all about putting the patient's well-being first.

This process, called "deprescribing," helps doctors and patients work together to stop or lower doses of drugs that

may no longer be helpful. Health care providers also need better tools to spot when medications might be causing harm, so they can act quickly to protect patients.

Limiting how much drug companies can advertise directly to consumers and doctors is another important step. When patients see ads for medications on TV or online, they might ask for drugs they don't really need. And when doctors are visited by sales reps, they might feel pressured to prescribe certain medications even if there are better options.

By making these changes—improving communication, training, and reducing the influence of drug companies—we can help prevent medication overload and keep patients safer.

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By Bill Roebelen

Camp Bow Wow is still accepting reservations for all of July! We do expect to become busier as the months get warmer, so book your reservations now!

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Photos (left) Our Front Desk Tashani, and happy camper Scruffy! (right) Our Camp Counselor Veronica, and happy camper, Veronica's dog, Atlas!

interview process to ensure your camper is comfortable and happy. Interviews are held Monday through Saturday and scheduled every half hour from 8-10:30 and 1-2. The actual interview consists of three parts; first 15 minutes (with the pup parent watching) in which the new dog meets the current campers, 3 hours in the yard (where the new dog continues to play) and 1 hour in a cabin.

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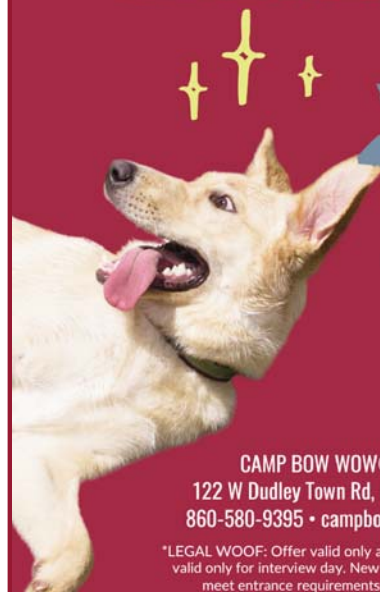
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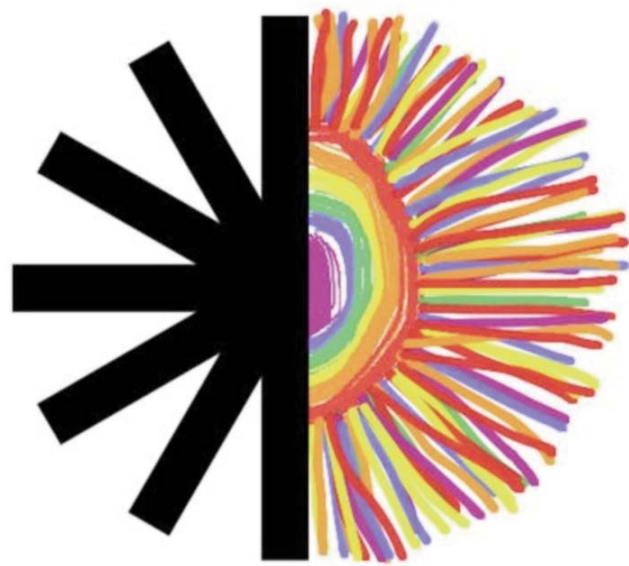
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SUN DAY 2025: JOIN US IN THE CELEBRATION, SEPT. 21



By Lynn Stoddard
Davida Foy Crabtree

Sun Day, September 21, 2025, is a celebration of the growing adoption of wind and solar power and other renewable energy sources, and an opportunity to encourage acceleration of the transition to clean energy. On Sun Day, and on the days leading up to it, we want to raise visibility of the benefits of solar power solutions for a wide audience, engaging Connecticut residents in their homes, in their communities, and across the state. We also want to urge key decision makers to consider steps at both the local and state level that can help build the growth of clean energy.

In communities across Connecticut and the whole country, Third Act and partners want to harness the power of people and culture to showcase the progress we have made and lay groundwork for even more solar and wind projects. Solar and wind power are no longer "alternative" energy - they're now the most reliable, practical choice for powering our future and the fastest growing energy sources in the world.

Instead of letting fossil fuel interests control the narrative, Third Act Connecticut will help make Sun Day the story of America that day: people coming together in communities across the country to celebrate clean energy solutions and climate action.

Alongside local organizers, partners, and leaders from across the climate, environmental justice, and clean energy

movements, we will show that organized people power can help advance progress to a clean energy future.

Bloomfield's Conservation Energy and Environment Committee member, Claudia Gwardyak, is planning some activities, one of which is a "Sun Day Storytime & Craft Time" for preschoolers on Wednesday, September 17th, 10:30 am at the McMahon Wintonbury Public Library.

A "Big Tent" Sun Day event will be taking place at Central Connecticut State University on Sunday, September 21 from noon to 4 pm. Updates on activities will follow.

We need your help!

We are looking for volunteer individuals and groups across Connecticut to organize local and regional initiatives leading up to Sun Day and local/regional events on Sept 20.

Here are a few idea-starters about actions that volunteers could take in their communities. This will be updated frequently with links and resources.

- Ask your community leaders to make a proclamation declaring 9/20-21 Sun Day Weekend
- Organize a tour of solar installations in your community
- Talk with local environmental leaders and see how they might get involved

Work with your community leaders and local sustainability committee on becoming a Sustainable CT Climate Leader

- Organize a community clean energy campaign to encourage adoption of solar, heat pumps, energy efficiency, etc.

- Talk with faith congregations about how they might help focus the community on the sun and its power (Third Act Faith has resources)

- Coordinate with libraries, schools, and other local civic organizations to offer program about solar energy and Sun Day

- Support youth organizations as they generate ideas about a future without climate change

- Invite your State Representative or Senator to host a town hall on renewable energy

There's more to come - but it's time to get started!

You can learn more about the national Sun Day effort here. And as Sun Day draws closer, we'll be loading links to lots more information, ideas, tools and resources on this page. But it's not too early to get involved

- and we're eager to partner with as many individuals and organizations in our state as we can!

Please contact us to help organize local events or actions to mark Sun Day:

Lynn Stoddard,
lynn.stoddard@gmail.com
and Davida Crabtree
dfcdth@gmail.com.

Whether you're motivated by saving money on your energy bills, breathing cleaner air, fighting climate change, or supporting good-paying American jobs - Sun Day is for you.

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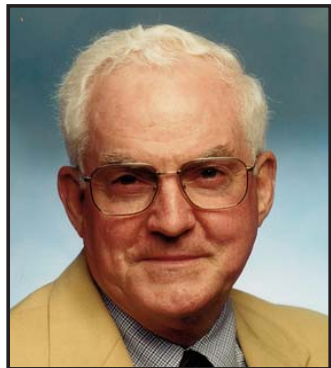
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BLOOMFIELD, I'M ALL IN!



By Shamar Mahon

Bloomfield, I'm All In!

First, I'd like to thank you for putting your faith in me to serve our community over the last four years. It has been a great honor and privilege to be your Councilman. It's hard to believe that four years ago, I stood before you for the first time at the age of 23. Though I was young, I was ready to represent Bloomfield. I stepped forward as a young man eager to serve and willing to take on our challenges. I had a deep desire to give back to the community that has given so much to me, the one I was born and raised in.

Today, I stand before you again, older, with more experience, more knowledge, and yet the same fire to stand up for our neighbors. Bloomfield, I am humbly asking for your support to re-elect me, Shamar Mahon, as your voice on our Town Council.

Over the last two years, serving as the Minority Leader on the Town Council, I made it my duty to be your advocate. I consistently stood up to colleagues who did not have the community's best interests at heart. Many of you joined me in the fight to keep the Prosser name on our Town Center Library. I am proud to say I am the only member of the Town Council who consistently voted against renaming the Prosser Library.

I also represented you in our last budget by voting against the tax increase that is burdening so many of our

neighbors. While all of my colleagues voted for the budget that is putting our most vulnerable residents at risk, I spoke out repeatedly about how irresponsible it was. In addition, I voted against the controversial \$4 million slush fund my colleagues attempted to slip into the budget. Bloomfield deserves Town Council leadership that is responsible with your tax dollars.

Moreover, I have been a consistent voice for public input and transparency. Over the past two years, we have seen a troubling erosion in opportunities for residents to participate in their government. Three glaring examples stand out:

1. Public comment cutbacks - Bi-monthly meetings with Citizens' Comments were reduced to just one, leading to more special meetings that do not allow for public comment.

2. Illegal "holiday" bonus - The Town Manager received a bonus in Executive Session after being on the job less than six months, despite such allocations being required to be made in public.

3. Closed-door budget decisions - The majority of the budget was determined in private party caucus meetings, keeping the public in the dark about the reasoning behind key decisions.

I voted against all of these actions because the integrity of our local government must be preserved. With your support, that integrity will be restored.

I stood by you and will continue to stand by you because your vote represents more than just support for Shamar Mahon. It represents your trust that I will lead with integrity, honesty, and good faith. You understand that while I am human and may make mistakes, my decisions will always be made with your best interests at heart.

I have served diligently and with a clear conscience because I am not beholden to backroom deals or political powerbrokers. I answer only to you, the residents of Bloomfield. Together, we can make Bloomfield better than how we found it.

You have six votes. Please use one to vote for me, Shamar Mahon, on November 4th for Bloomfield Town Council.

ROW B SLATE ANNOUNCED



From Page One

restoring respect, repairing our town's reputation, lowering taxes, and making sure every decision serves the people who live here.

Better for Bloomfield means listening to residents, putting people before politics, and working every day to strengthen our community.

Early voting is September 2 to 7 at Town Hall

Primary Day is Tuesday, September 9 from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM

If you are a registered unaffiliated voter and want to vote in the Democratic primary, you have until September 8 at 12:00 PM to change your affiliation — it takes less than two minutes.

Together we can move Bloomfield forward — show up, make your voice heard, and vote for Row B. We are Better for Bloomfield.

Your Better for Bloomfield Row B Team:

Town Council

Rickford Kirton
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Joseph Washington
Sydney "SYD" Schulman

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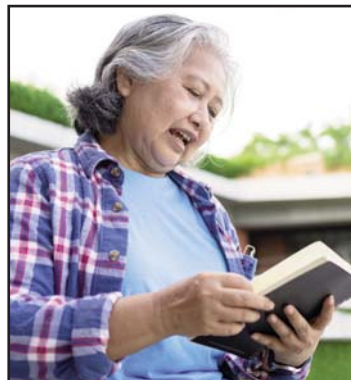
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Troy Mitchell
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Anthony Seay

Library Board:

Ava Biffer

ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION



From Page One

viding opportunities to working adults, who come from a wide variety of backgrounds and ages, the opportunity to attend evening classes. Students must be at least 18 years old to sit for the GED exam and will be registered for the test when they

score "likely to pass" on practice tests administered by the GED classroom teacher.

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A certified school counselor is on staff and available six hours per week to advise students about careers and college. All instructors hold current state certifications with endorsements in Adult Education. Class sizes are

small, averaging 8-12 students.

In addition to state-mandated fields of study, Bloomfield Adult Ed offers a small number of supplemental or "leisure" classes. Examples of these classes, offered for a nominal fee, include Mindfulness Meditation, Beginning Ukulele, Crocheting, and Genealogy. The staff is open to receiving suggestions about potential new course offerings.

Office staff is available from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in-person, or by calling

860-286-2637. Adult Ed can also be reached via email:

AdultEd@blmfld.org

The webpage can be accessed from <https://www.bloomfieldschools.org/page/adult-education>

LETTERS AND OPINIONS

WHY I CHOOSE TO SERVE: A MOTHER'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION



By Kim Dunbar

I am a mother of two children who attend Bloomfield public schools, and I choose to serve on the Board of Education because I care, plain and simple.

When my oldest child started school in the district I was like many parents. I attended events, joined the PTO, and helped with homework. At times, I volunteered to read to students and even sat in classrooms when extra help was needed. I tried to show up whenever I could. But over time, I started noticing things that didn't sit right. I'd hear from other parents who were frustrated or confused. I'd see families raise concerns but who felt like those concerns didn't go anywhere. I saw a gap between what parents were experiencing in real time and what was being acknowledged by the former administration.

It was in those moments that something shifted in me. I didn't want to just talk about the issue. I wanted to be part of the solution. I have always believed that real change starts close to home, whether it's showing up at school events, attending town forums, assisting with the town's youth sports, or simply talking with other parents. I felt responsible for bringing those everyday experiences into spaces where decisions are made.

Many of our parents are doing everything they can: working multiple jobs, caregiving, balancing it all. They don't always have the time or capacity to attend every meeting or

keep up with every district update, but that does not mean they don't care. It means they need people who can represent them. People who can bring their feedback, positive or negative, along with real solutions, to the Board's and the superintendent's attention. I carry that role with care, humility, and a deep sense of purpose.

As a board member, I have worked to bring a real-life parent perspective into the decision-making process. I push for openness and honesty. I ask questions not to make noise but to make progress. I have advocated expanding our curriculum through more STEM opportunities, hands-on science learning, and programs that challenge students beyond the basics. I have pushed for clearer communication around decisions, especially how they affect our students, schools, and budget. And I continue to push for stronger parent engagement, including finding ways to reach families who can't always attend meetings. Whether through flexible outreach or more welcoming spaces, I believe we must meet parents where they are, because their voices matter.

Bloomfield is a beautiful and diverse community. Our children are talented, creative, and full of potential. But they need a Board committed to doing what's best for the children. That means holding ourselves accountable, asking questions, and listening—really listening to what families and the community are saying.

I didn't get involved for recognition or the spotlight. I got involved to make a difference. I'm a mother who loves this town and its children. I believe in public education and in doing my part to make it stronger.

Serving on the Board of Education hasn't always been easy, but it's been meaningful. Whenever I see a student grow, a teacher feel supported, or a parent feel heard, I know I made the right decision.

That is why I choose to serve and am seeking re-election. I hope you will support me and the rest of the Row A endorsed Democratic team on September 9.



By Syd Schulman
Former Mayor

How much did YOUR taxes go up for this year? Mine went up about \$1,000. AND THAT'S JUST ¼ OF THE TAX INCREASE WITH THE OTHER ¾ GOING UP OVER THE NEXT THREE (3) YEARS. Of course, that's in ADDITION to whatever extra tax increase will be necessary to pay additional Town bills. That's what the present Town Council has given us for its legacy. Why? Because the Town has no plan to raise the money necessary to pay its bills, never mind to pay for the wonderful Town Center Plan it just created, with no money or plan to pay for it!

Yet, the Town Council felt

HAPPY TAXES GOING UP?

the need to include a cost of \$400,000 as a Town Council "Contingency Fund" for itself. Yes, Town Council does always have a Contingency Fund, but \$400,000? Last year, it only spent about \$35,000 from that fund, so why does it need \$400,000 next year? And, don't even ask about the Town Manager's "Contingency Fund" in which the Town Council is putting in over \$200,000. THIS ALL GOES INTO YOUR TAX INCREASE!

Folks, there's only a few ways to pay the Town's bills. It can get grants from the Federal government or the State. Surprise! You are not going to see any Federal money anymore and probably reduced State money as it tries to make up for Federal money gone. Secondly, it can borrow money, but that makes debt, which has to be paid back with interest. Thirdly, it can raise your taxes, which it is doing. The only other way is to promote

Economic Development to bring more taxes into the Town funds. The Town of Bloomfield is doing absolutely nothing to do that. What do you do when you don't know what to do? You create a committee to plan. This Town Council has created Committees and Commissions to plan, but, so far, it has not actually brought in one nickel. AND, THE VALUE OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY HAS GONE DOWN OVER 4%, SO WE ARE RECEIVING LESS MONEY IN TAXES!

Stay tuned to the next installment of this writing to find out what else is being done which is causing the increase in your taxes and what our challenge candidates for Town Council can do to change this if you will vote for us in the Primary Election coming up on September 9, 2025! VOTE ROW B!!

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LETTERS AND OPINIONS

BLOOMFIELD, HAVING ALL THE FACTS
LEADS TO BETTER DECISIONS

By Mark Sanderson

Bloomfield, Having all the facts leads to better decisions.

Mayor Danielle Wong recently urged Bloomfield residents to “choose facts over fiction.” I agree, but believe there are a number of additional facts to be considered when analyzing our current town council's performance.

Mayor Wong hand picked the current Town Manager, Alvin Schwapp and went to great lengths to get him on board as he does not live in Bloomfield. Since assuming the position in 2023, Mr. Schwapp has awarded Mayor Wong's aunt, the then Assistant Town manager, a total of \$50,000+ in salary increases, the new title of Deputy Town Manager and a new car. Why do you suppose he did this?

During a recent town meeting, one of our councilors accused a resident of having “white rage” as she walked out of a meeting. Rather than reprimand or censure this councilor for his racist outburst, the town manager defended him as simply being emotional. The Mayor immediately turned off the meeting audio so those online could no longer hear the event. Why do you suppose she did that?

On July 9, the State Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC) ruled that Town Manager, Alvin Schwapp, violated federal FOI law, by providing “conflicting and misleading” testimony and fined him. The town council continues to defend him and intends to use our taxpayer dollars to cover that fine.

The Town Council's recent budget included a \$4 million Economic Development Fund appropriation tucked inside the annual operating budget instead of being presented separately to voters, as required by the Town Charter and state law. This reduced our available funds with zero clear plans for where the money will go. Thankfully some of our residents have sued to correct this with a hearing scheduled in the coming weeks.

The council recently did a good job in performing their fiduciary duty and wisely invested our fund balance. This investment generated more than \$500,000 in income. However, rather than direct those funds to help lower our mill rate and offset the costs to our citizens, they put them in an all new slush fund to subsidize various projects around town. As of today, there are no clear plans for how or where to invest these dollars.

They have now steered an additional \$1M into the fund in this year's budget, still with no clear plans all of which has raised our taxes even more.

Moody's has placed Bloomfield on a list of just 109 municipalities in the entire country who have failed to provide their required 2024 state financial audits. This directly places our AA+ credit rating at risk. The state required audit was due on Dec 31, 2024 and is now beyond the extended 6 month extension period with no completion date in sight. Why was this not completed? Does this sound like a well run organization to you?

Very few of our residents are aware of the lawsuit, Los Cabos II Equity LLC v. Town of Bloomfield and Mayor Danielle Wong, filed in 2023. This suit alleges abuse of government power, defamation, and bad faith dealing on behalf of Mayor Wong and her administration. They claim our mayor and council used the threat of eminent domain to depress property value or Wintonbury Mall and dissuade tenant leases. This suit will most likely cost our town millions to settle.

The council recently placed a sexual harassment allegation, on an executive session agenda without a complaint and without charges for the sole purpose of slandering a political candidate. These same people have posted on facebook pages under “Anonymous” with the same intent. Despite a past investigation and dismissal they are still willing to lower themselves to this type of behaviour.

Backroom plans to rename our new Prosser Library after past mayor, Joe Suggs, angered a great many of our citizens. The Prosser family donated the land, original building and other funds in the year 1900 and continues to offer a fund that helps Bloomfield citizens in need today. The Mayor's plan, supported by Mr. Suggs led to protests, numerous angry town meetings and an FOIA filing. This ill-prepared scheme has done permanent damage to Bloomfield's reputation and to the Mayor's support from the town's citizens.

To the best of my knowledge the above facts are true. If any of you find a substantive error please let me know so I can retract or correct the statement. My goal here is not to spin anything but to provide our residents with a more complete picture of the council's actions.



By Kevin Gough

“[Bloomfield's Budget Referendum was] just an election-year political ploy of people who want to run for Council. And heaven help us all if they and their backers (the old political crowd that over the years has brought Bloomfield to the condition it is in today) get control - **expect tax abatements** [emphasis added], distribution centers, environmental degradation, and decline.”

“Budget Misinformation”, Messenger, 5/23/25

As I noted several months ago, Bloomfield's May Budget Referendum was merely a prelude to the upcoming Democratic primary. The candidates and their backers exploited an unfortunate situation - state-mandated revaluation, over which the Council has no control - to mislead and inflame residents about the FY 2026 Budget and this year's property tax increase.

Do you know who financed the “Vote No” campaign? Who paid for all those “Vote No” signs? Who were those Citizens for a Responsible Bloomfield Budget (the name of the PAC)? That name implies a grassroots group of activists. You probably believe that they collected lots of small contributions from local residents to pay for the campaign, right?

Wrong.

All the donations came from three 'people.' That's it. Two of the donations were for “Vote No” cards. Valued in total at \$513.67, these came from former Probate Court Judge Steven Zelman (\$200) and Liquor Distributor Ross Hollander (\$313.67). Why was the former judge involved? Read on.

The major donation was all

WHO BENEFITS?

those “Vote No” signs we saw around town - a donation valued at \$1,484.37. This ‘In-Kind Contribution’ came from Jolley 2, LLC. Who's that? And why is a limited liability company funding Bloomfield's Budget Referendum?

Jolley 2, LLC is the vehicle created by the developers who built the luxury apartments on Jolley Drive, The Residences at Wash Brook. One of those developers is Brian Zelman. Brian Zelman is Steven Zelman's son - so the Zelman family essentially funded the Budget Referendum. Just the opposite of a grassroots, citizen-led initiative.

More importantly, the real question - why? What is to be gained? Why fund the attacks on our Council, Mayor Wong, and town staff? What do they want?

Very simple: Brian Zelman is unhappy that this administration has not been willing to provide special tax treatment, either abatements or ‘tax fixing agreements’ (i.e. your taxes may go up but his company's won't), for his company's luxury apartments (the ones built and the ones he would like to build next door). Consequently he needs a different town council, one more sympathetic to his financial interests.

From an exchange with Mayor Wong in September 2024 (emphasis added in bold):

Brian Zelman (Sept. 18): We recently stabilized the Residences at Washbrook (sic) and have been preparing to start the adjunct 40 units located next door at 57 Jolley Drive..Among the many challenges we face in building housing today, **property taxes and the uncertainty related to them are the most significant.** Their impact can make a project profitable or negate any gains made. **We recently worked with the legislature to modify the enabling legislation for tax abatements...**We have some hurdles to getting the 40 unit project started. I'd like to discuss in detail with you...

Mayor Wong (Sept. 25): Thank you for reaching out...While we are deeply grateful for your development investment in Bloomfield, **I've reviewed the financial data, and the numbers do not support an abatement. Our planning staff also agree with this assessment.**

Brian Zelman (Sept. 27): Appreciate the responses and consideration...**The other factor here is the uncertainty of the assessment and tax amounts.** Our experience with 65 Jolley and the final assessment and tax diminished much of the gains we anticipated...**Putting an abatement aside, certainty of assessment would go a long way to giving confidence in proceeding on a project with low projected returns. Most every other municipality we build in has agreed to a tax fixing agreement.**

Then in February of 2025, to India Rodgers, Clerk of the Council:

Brian Zelman (Feb. 14): On behalf of Jolley 3 LLC1, I would like to be placed on the agenda for the March 3rd Governance, Policy, and Economic Development Subcommittee meeting. **The nature of my presentation would be to present and discuss the hardships on our proposed development due to real property taxes, market conditions and therefore our desire for a tax fixing agreement...**

As the Town Council never considered an abatement or tax fixing agreement, I think it's fairly easy to connect the dots and see the motives behind a West Hartford resident's involvement in our recent budget referendum. Why should luxury apartments (\$3,400 per month for a 2-bedroom) get a tax fixing agreement? What deals have already been made between Mr. Zelman and the folks who promulgated Citizens for a Responsible Bloomfield Budget (and yet another Democratic primary)?

As always, the question to ask is: who stands to benefit?

1 This is the LLC for the second phase of luxury apartments planned at 57 Jolley Drive.

As it happens sometimes during heated political races, the letters we receive about a town's specific debates may overflow to pages that would normally be devoted to topics of common interest. We apologize to readers from other towns, if a letter here is not of interest to them. On the positive side, when this happens we add pages to the issue - as we did in this edition.

LETTERS AND OPINIONS

WHAT MENDACITY MEANS



By Joan Gamble

The word mendacity was new to me when I first saw the movie "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" based on a play by Tennessee Williams. The cast featured Burl Ives, Paul Newman and Elizabeth Taylor.

Why I am writing about this old movie is related to today's politics in Bloomfield? I am also going to mention an old comic book written and illustrated the late Carl Barks featuring

Daisy Duck. Why??? Well, let me fill you in. In the comic Ms. Duck was talking to her cousin and told her cousin she just bought a chandelier. Her cousin replied that she had one in every room. Ms. Duck then told her cousin that she also purchased an oriental carpet, to which the cousin replies that she had one in every room. Ms. Duck is miffed and tells Donald about the conversation. Donald tells Ms. Duck "Your cousin lives in a one room house." Now the cousin did not exactly lie, but, the truth was hidden.

Now I will switch to Berl Ives who played Big Daddy, in the movie. He accuses his family of being full of pure mendacity. His family was trying to hide the fact that Big Daddy was suffering a terminal illness. He knew better and let everyone know.

That brings me to a couple of

people attempting to run once again for Town Council. Both are guilty of mendacious behavior.

Now, let me give you the background of a title: i.e. DR. There are various types of doctors, medical is one that we all know. That is not what I am referring to - I mean PhD. There are many different versions of that also and there are various ways of earning that distinction. I have been honored to serve three candidates who were working on a Doctor of Education degree. All I did was to design different ways of illustrating research, in other words graphs. Those candidates took hundreds of hours of classes, research, and developed a dissertation that was acceptable to an educated panel of experts. The research had to be original and the dissertation had to be challenged in oral

defense in front of those experts. If the defense was accepted the PhD would be conferred.

The second version is the cheap way many administrators got a PhD to build a comfortable retirement. After all, retirement is based on the last three best salaries. This requires the candidate to take correspondence courses in related subjects. To develop a dissertation on new material. This is where at least two of the administrators cut corners. They came up with a concept and instructed a couple of classroom teachers to spend the school year developing the concept and writing the findings. Then the school secretary typed up the program and I did the graphs. The administrator got the PhD.

Down on the ways to be given a PhD is to be given an honorary Doctors Degree. That and ten

dollars will get you a coffee at Starbucks. When I was teaching at S.C.S.U. Henry Winkler received an honorary doctor of theater arts. Henry did not and does not call himself Dr. Winkler.

That is my point: to receive and finally use the title Dr. massive amounts of work are required. The honor is not given lightly. Although some ask for that distinction because of their alleged massive amount of work that they have accomplished, in some cases, in fact one that is seeking elected office, I see nothing but, "Pure Mendacity".

As a voter, it is your responsibility to know who you are voting into office. In this case look carefully at those attempting a primary.

I will be writing again with more details and concerns and perhaps factual history of some of the candidates.

DOES DEMOCRACY NEED TERM LIMITS?

Gallop media poll (2025), 69% of American say they do "not [trust it] very much," or "have no trust at all" in it (our government).

Congressional Term Limits will provide fair and competitive elections. Ordinary people will have a real opportunity to run for office since they will not need to raise millions of dollars to go up against an incumbent's war chest. Term Limits would reduce the impact of BIG money in politics! 97% of corporate money now goes to incumbents due to lobbyists and special interest groups.

Why term limits will help all issues is simple. All incumbents now need to spend considerable time fund raising. The hazards for corruption would largely be eliminated. No pro-war lobby, no

pharmaceutical lobby, no giant food lobby, etc. This would restore a vibrant democracy.

In the USA, term limits for all of congress would lead to

fewer wars, lower taxes, less costly food, housing, and health care.

Guy is a decorated combat veteran who in 1951-52, served

in the Korean War. He has a BFA in Advertising Design from RISD. Guy has been a student of geopolitics for 70 years. He lives in Windsor

By Guy Blais

Term limits will provide more people with real-world experience, from all walks of life, an opportunity to serve in elected office. We need more teachers, doctors, small business owners, farmers, etc. Term limits for congress will help restore political integrity. Under the status quo, congress avoids hard issues - such as reducing the \$23 trillion debt, Immigration Crisis, Healthcare Crisis, etc. that might threaten their nice job-for-life.

With American voters, 83% support term limits. Pew Research Center says that as of May 2024, only 22% of Americans say they trust the government in Washington to do what is right. According to a

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BLOOMFIELD SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

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CONGRESSMAN JOHN LARSON

Join Congressman John Larson at 11 am on Friday, September 5. He will be conducting a Public Forum at 330 Park Avenue in recognition of the 90th Anniversary of Social Security. Feel free to stop by for an informative conversation. Transportation available for Bloomfield residents.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MINI-BUS COORDINATOR

Please make sure to stop in and introduce yourself to Kristian Rosado, our new Mini-Bus Coordinator. Kristian lives in New Britain with his wife, Michelle and their daughter Ari. He is an avid UCONN Huskies fan who enjoys playing dominoes, chess and reading.

18th ANNUAL SENIOR EXPO

September is National Senior Center Month and we're celebrating!! "Senior Centers: Flip the Script on Aging." You won't want to miss the 18th Annual Senior Expo on Tuesday, September 16. Mark your calendar and plan to join us from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon as we celebrate the Bloomfield Senior Center. Exhibitors are expected to include Bloomfield Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Services; Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance Association; Bloomfield Operations and Communications Division; Bloomfield Police Department; Bloomfield Social & Youth Services; Bloomfield Human Resources Department, Town Managers Office and much more! Door prizes and giveaways. Stop by to see how your senior center is flipping the script on aging!

FLU CLINIC

The West Hartford-Bloomfield Health district will be holding a Flu Clinic at the Senior Expo from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm on September 16. *Please make sure to bring your insurance card. They will host another Flu Clinic at the Senior Center October 7.

TECHIE TIME WITH UR COMMUNITY CARES

UR Community Cares will be available to assist with technical

support, learn about AI and much more at the Senior Center! Bring your device and get help. We will have 20-minute sessions starting at 10:30 am for a limited amount of people then there is an open session from 12:30 pm - 2pm. on Wednesday, September 17, October 8, October 22, November 19 and December 17. Register monthly in the Senior Center.

HARRISBURG SENATORS VS. HARTFORD YARD GOATS

Attention Bloomfield Veterans. Join us Saturday, August 16 for a free baseball game to watch the Hartford Yard Goats play against the Harrisburg Senators. The Hartford Yard Goats will cele-

brate Roberto Clemente and the evening will end with fireworks! Transportation provided via mini-bus. Bus leaves 330 Park Ave at 4:15 pm. Return time TBD. Limited tickets available for Bloomfield Veterans only.

WINDSOR SENIOR CENTER

LL Bean Kayak

Exploring nature in a kayak is a healthy and fun way to enjoy the outdoors. Our course begins with a brief introduction and safety talk from our friendly paddling instructors, who will share their knowledge gained from years of kayaking. Fitness. August 24, 2025 Fee: \$32 Resident/ Non - resident \$37

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By Denise Ricotta
IT Librarian Windsor Public Library

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Director & Choreography by:
Brian Feehan

Well I'll be pixilated - your pal "The Howard" is so joyously entranced by a most "lovely luscious" production of Lerner & Loewe's classic musical "My Fair Lady"- I'm seeing stars - and so will you!! They say beauty is in the eyes of the beholder- well let me tell you the Ivoryton Playhouse is currently presenting, "My Fair Lady" an absolutely stellar, nay spectacular, nay sensational- Nay - let's just say it plainly - it's "Lovely Luscious"!!!! "Lerner & Loewe's My Fair Lady", winner of six Tony Awards including Best Musical, the fourth entry in the Ivoryton's 2025 season, will be in production from August 8th, 2025 through September 7th, in Ivoryton, Connecticut. I get a bit verklempt her - this is one production I ask all sojourners of amazing Connecticut theater not to miss.

Sometimes it's only fair to tell you not the beginning of a review, but it end- and folks let me tell you - the thunderous



cheering and standing ovation at plays end for a most "exceptional talented cast" truly brought a tear to one's eye. In fact, there was not a dry eye in the theater as Eliza Doolittle and Professor Henry Higgins, lock eyes and take pause at plays end - yes Miss Eliza- we've all "Grown Accustomed to her Face". Folks, there's always that "will they or won't they stay together - but the word is, at least for this Ivoryton production, they are about to "maybe" share the world together- we hope. Let me tell you, Director and Choreographer Brian

Feehan has brought forth a simply amazing, emotional, driving force of a theatrical experience to behold- from classic songs, choreography, and yes, a "grand ensemble" of actors- as you can tell, I am excited for YOU to see this immortal musical.

Ok, all you lovers of "The Gilded Age" this is one production just for you- the classic tale, based on the 1913 play Pygmalion, by Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw, set to music by Lerner & Loewe, a semi-love story of man vs women and social distinctions

based on accent and appearance. I'm sure Caroline Astor enjoyed the original production. Well it's time to get our thick "cockney" on as we extort - "the rain in Spain stays mainly in the plain" and "In Hertford, Hereford, and Hampshire, hurricanes hardly ever happen"- yes we be in Hartford, well in truth, Ivoryton dear friends. Speaking of rain, its actually blinking rain down on Covent Gardens, a west end fruit and flower market, as our "tryptic" of main characters come forward including; pocket full of posies peddler, Eliza

Doolittle; famed phonetician, linguist and openly misogynistic Professor Henry Higgins, and lastly, fellow phonetics expert Colonel Hugh Pickering- Retired. The tales afoot- what's the McGuffin that's sets all a flutter? A wager that the Professor can transform Miss E. into a sought-after, nay a Duchess at the upcoming embassy ball in six months! And we remind all- "The difference between a lady and a flower girl is not how she behaves, but how she is treated".

Firstly, as already stated, this is a grand production, indicative of the two grand pianos that sit prominently on stage. The Howard says "excusez-moi" - for what's not to Like, nay love here with exquisite production, (Thank you Mr. Feehan) acting, costumes, dance and oh those "L & L" songs - "I Could Have Danced All Night," "With A Little Bit of Luck" "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," "On the Street Where You Live" and "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face". Well let me tell you - The Howard emphatically bows deeply to our exquisite leads - Joe Dellger as Colonel Pickering, Treavor Martin as Henry Higgins, and our Eliza - Claire Marie Spencer- Miss Spencer you have a voice like an "angel"- simply divine I say!! Kudos to our entire ensemble. "The Howard Noticed You Award", aka the "HNY's" is presented to a member of the ensemble, Mr. Jason Pinter; - sir you have distinctive vocals and such stage presence that is we note worthy of our award this day. Excellent live theater experience. Enjoy!

Tickets are on sale now and are expected to sell quickly. Don't miss your chance to experience "Lerner & Loewe's My Fair Lady". The production runs from August 8th through September 7th, 2025. Visit ivorytonplayhouse.org or call the box office at 860.767.7318. Recommended for all ages. Run time approx. 2 hours and 30 minutes with a 15-minute intermission.

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LOCAL ARTISTS WIN FIRST PRIZE IN INTERNATIONAL STRING MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL IN AUSTRIA



A group of Connecticut artists, among them Windsor resident Xiao-Ling Qiu Kelleher, participated the performance of New York Agarwood Lady Choir on the World String Music Festival & the 11th International Arts Festival on 8/3/2025 in Vienna, Austria.

The Agarwood won the Gold reward on the choir competition in the festival!

Xiao-Ling Qiu Kelleher is also a performer with East Culture Arts, Inc. ("ECA") The well respected non-profit organization was founded by their president, choreographer, song and skit writer, Lena Tan

and others in West Hartford, in 2002, aiming to increase the awareness and understanding of Chinese-American culture and to promote cultural exchange through singing, dancing, and other activities associated with arts. ECA normally do their dance rehearsal at Chelsea Place Health Center in Hartford.

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