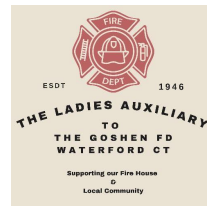


Community Volunteer Fair

Saturday, March 28, 2026

10 am to 1 pm



49 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

860-444-5805
www.waterfordpubliclibrary.org

Adult Volunteer Opportunities:



The Blue Door Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non profit, 100% volunteer organization in Niantic. We provide free durable medical equipment and supplies to our community and beyond at no cost, for items not covered by medical insurance.

If interested in volunteering with us, please check out our website and follow the prompts to volunteer:

thebluedoorfoundation.org or send an email to: thebluedoorfoundation@gmail.com

Earth Day Every Day CT strives to create events for children and their adults to provide positive interactive experiences in Nature and/or Environmental Sciences. We created Earthfest CT at McCook Park each May for families to meet over 20 nonprofit organizations while listening to local children's bands.

Each generation creates the following generation's opportunities and challenges. Children are not only the recipients of our policies, attitudes and the results of our current actions, their subsequent choices hold the future of the entire planet. What we teach our children will create the world we live in as they grow to be the decision-makers. We are facing choices now that our predecessors never imagined. It is important that our children understand the global ramifications of their environmental decisions.

We strive to teach children and their adults the importance of protecting the environment they live in, the importance of unbiased science in making hard decisions and to expose them to the beauty that lives all around them in Nature.

For more information, contact: earthfestCT@outlook.com



EF High School Exchange Year is accepting volunteer host family applications in Waterford and surrounding communities! EF brings high school students from 15 different countries from Asia, Europe and South America to the US for a semester or academic year. Students are fluent in English, come with their own spending money, and are excited to experience your little piece of America!

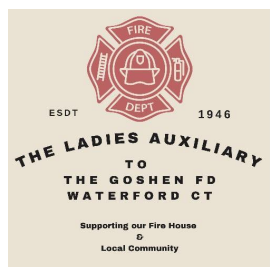
In addition, we are looking for local coordinators. Local coordinators promote the program and recruit host families, and then provide support to exchange students, host families and schools throughout the exchange year. They need to be 25+, able to pass a background check, and be able to provide housing for exchange students in case of emergency. Our local coordinators are responsible for finding and screening host families in their communities, matching them to exchange students, and providing support to both the host families and students throughout the exchange year.

Learn more at our website: efexchangeyear.org

Coastal Waters Girl Scout Service Unit. We work with girls K-12 grades. We work on leadership skills through outdoor activities, service projects, and other different activities. If you have something you would like help with or want to help you can contact Rosanna Parks at 860 442-2178 (land line).

We are always looking for girls and leaders!

For more information, and to register as a volunteer or to join Girl Scouts, visit our website at www.gsofct.org



The **Goshen Firehouse Ladies Auxiliary** was incorporated in 1946 as an organization to support the Goshen firefighters. Over the past 77 years the organization has evolved to its present state of providing financial assistance to various individuals and groups. Some of these include Waterford Youth Services and scholarships to high school seniors residing in the Goshen district. Our fundraisers are held in May (plant sale), August (firemen's fair) and October (fall festival).

For more information, contact Brenda Schafer-Libera at 860-625-5314

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/waterfordgoshenFDladies



Hartford HealthCare at Home - Center for Hospice Care is dedicated to providing physical, emotional, social and spiritual support to terminally ill patients, while assisting their families and loved ones to live with dignity and comfort as they cope with end-of-life issues. Volunteers are a valuable part of the multi-disciplinary Hospice Care Team. When you give us the gift of your time and compassion, we give you a chance to make a real difference in someone's life.

- Volunteer on your schedule and on your terms
- Free training provided at your convenience
- We work with you on finding the right patient fit and providing support throughout

Please contact Joshua Dela Cruz, Volunteer Coordinator at Joshua.DelaCruz@hhcah.org or Leah Thissell, Manager of Hospice Volunteer Services at Leah.Thissell@hhcah.org for more information.

Website: hartfordhealthcareathome.org Address: 227 Dunham Street, Norwich, CT 06360

Save the River-Save the Hills is a grassroots environmental organization based on the Niantic River Estuary. Our mission is to preserve the health of the Niantic River Estuary, its Watershed in the towns of East Lyme, Montville, Salem and Waterford, and the natural beauty of the Oswegatchie Hills. Our programs include:

- Operating a pump-out boat on the Niantic River to collect and properly dispose of heavily concentrated waste from boats;
- Water Quality Testing the waters of the River and tributaries;
- Advocating for the preservation of the Oswegatchie Hills and other forests within the Niantic River Watershed;
- Advocating for sewers for waterfront neighborhoods;
- Creating and sponsoring an annual Niantic River Appreciation Day with the Kayak Regatta
- Encouraging the towns of Waterford and East Lyme to fulfill their obligations under the Federal Phase II Storm Water Regulations;
- Working with the Niantic River Watershed Committee on fulfilling their watershed plan
- Educating our local communities about Watersheds and how to keep water clean



For more information, please contact Deb Moshier-Dunn at VP@savetheriversavethehills.org or Eileen O'Pasek at 860-439-1687.



VITAS Healthcare provides hospice services throughout Connecticut (offices are in Middlebury, Fairfield and Glastonbury) and volunteers play an important role in our work. The activities that volunteers can get involved with are wide-ranging and can include:

- Providing companionship and emotional support for the patient (e.g., playing cards, doing a craft project, reading, or just being present and listening)
- Pet therapy
- Music therapy (e.g., playing a guitar)
- Providing respite for the primary caregiver (e.g., giving the patient's primary caregiver a break by running errands, doing light chores, etc.)
- Clerical support (assisting with mailings, etc.)
- Telephone support (checking in on the family)

For more information, contact Peter Korzenik, Volunteer Services Manager at Peter.Korzenik@vitas.com or by phone at 203-437-3112. Additional information is available on our website at www.vitas.com/locations-search/connecticut.

Address: VITAS Healthcare, 199 Park Road Extension, Suite 102, Middlebury, CT 06762

Adult & Teen Volunteer Opportunities:

The Brian Dagle Foundation — anchored in hope and empowered to support, is dedicated to the healing of grieving adults as well as community education on mental health, suicide awareness, and the grieving process. We offer adult grief support groups, workshops, and retreats as well as suicide awareness events and trainings. We host the Niantic Jingle 5k each December and maintain a healing garden on our property in Niantic (including a wind phone!). Volunteers are always welcome, contact Chelsea Bourn for details: Chelsea@BriansHealingHearts.org.

Website: BriansHealingHearts.org

Address: 461 Main Street, Niantic, CT 06357



The **East Lyme Giving Garden's** mission is to decrease local food insecurity by growing and providing organic produce using regenerative gardening methods. We also strive to bring awareness to the community on nutritional concepts and environmentally sound regenerative practices through education programs and outreach.

For more information, please visit our website: eastlymegivinggarden.org

Address: 4 Church Lane, East Lyme, CT 06333

The **Friends of Harkness** was founded in 1991 and is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Harkness Estate and to the provisions of Mary Harkness' will, in which she bequeathed the property to the State of Connecticut for the well-being of its citizens. We were instrumental in the rehabilitation of the gardens and the mansion. We work closely with the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. We depend on our volunteers who work in the gardens, as docents in the Eolia mansion, on the buildings and grounds crew, and in the gift shop.

To learn more, visit our website at www.friendsofharkness.org



The Miracle League of SECT provides opportunities for children throughout Southeastern Connecticut with physical, cognitive, and developmental challenges to participate in recreational, educational, and cultural activities in an accessible, nurturing and non-competitive environment where families can come together to cultivate new friendships and experience the joy of play. There are volunteer opportunities during each season for a variety of sports and programs to support our athletes.

For more information, please visit miracleleaguesect.org/volunteer

Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation (TBBCF) is a southeastern Connecticut based charitable organization established by two empowering and devoted women, Terri Brodeur and Norma Logan, who were affected by breast cancer and realized the need for a new kind of breast cancer research organization. TBBCF is purely focused on providing critical funding to research, pledging 100% of gross fundraising dollars directly to breast cancer research. Our dream is to find the cure for breast cancer. Our signature fundraiser is our annual walk, held the first Saturday in October - with many volunteer opportunities



For more information, email Pamela Morris Watt, Vice President at pwatt@tbbcf.org or visit our website at tbbcf.org.



The **VFW** is a tax exempt charity organization that is dedicated to helping veterans and their families. This year is Post 6573's 80th year in Waterford. The VFW is seeking volunteers to help with various projects including: de-clutter, reorganize, and improve the post. (Throwing out junk, assembling prebuilt shelves, packing bins, pulling weeds, painting, etc.)

Baby sitting. Occasionally a group or organization that we host would like to have baby sitting on site to enable their members with younger kids to attend.

Seasonal needs at the post. Lawn care, snow removal. Cooking and cleaning for official events that we host. **You do not need to be a veteran to volunteer!**

To learn more, email us at waterfordctvfw6573@gmail.com

Address: 382 Boston Post Rd, Waterford, CT 06385

Waterford Cemetery Committee:

Our group is a regularly meeting group representing Waterford Historic Cemeteries. We focus on providing ongoing care, if needed, such as mowing and cleaning stones, and any other needs that are not being met by town agencies. This would be a nice way for young people to become involved in community service.

Also, we welcome new members to our monthly meetings held at the library at 5:00 p.m. every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Waterford Country School is a child welfare and special education agency dedicated to doing 'Whatever It Takes' to enrich the lives of children and strengthen families. Founded in 1922, by the Schacht family, it now utilizes 320 acres of beautiful woodland in Quaker Hill, CT. This nonprofit agency has 10 separate programs that assist children and families who need specialized education and resources. In addition to providing therapeutic services and education for children, Waterford Country School is also licensed to rescue and rehabilitate injured wildlife, taking in almost 200 animals a year. As a leader in Cornell University Models to create positive change, Waterford Country School has a reputation for building strong relationships and a hopeful future for children and animals in eastern CT.

Visit waterfordcountryschool.org to learn more.

Address: 78 Hunts Brook Rd, Quaker Hill, CT 06375



The mission of the **Waterford Historical Society** is to collect, protect, preserve and serve as caretakers of Waterford's past, present and future. The Society presents in-person tours and living history events in and around its historic buildings on Jordan Green during the spring and summer months, and offers public programs and cosponsors other events during the year. We welcome new members who wish to learn more about their town's history and share their ideas and energies with us.

For more information, please email waterfordcthistoricalsociety@gmail.com or call 860-608-1904.

Website: www.waterfordcthistoricalsociety.org Address: P.O. Box 117, Waterford, CT 06385

Visit us on the Jordan Green at 65 Rope Ferry Rd, Waterford, CT 06385

The **Waterford Land Trust, Inc.** was incorporated in 1974 by several Connecticut College professors and other local conservation-minded persons to protect natural resources and provide for open space in Waterford and adjoining towns. Today, the land trust remains to preserve areas that have an impact on cleaner water, air, and land. The 25 preserves being held provides places to enjoy a walk along trails or through woods and fields, and to learn from and enjoy being immersed in nature. The Waterford Land Trust is a non-profit organization existing on the donations of local citizens, and corporations, and by the receipt of grants. The organization manages the properties they acquire for the benefit of the public for educational, recreational, conservation, and scientific purposes, and for their historic value.

Learn more at our website at waterfordlandtrust.org or email us at info@waterfordlandtrust.org.



Waterford Land Trust, Inc.

Waterford, CT

Est. 1974

*Preserving open space in Waterford
and neighboring communities.*



The **Waterford Regional Lions Club** is a proud member of Lions Clubs International, the largest community service organization in the world. Our mission is to provide humanitarian services on both the local and global levels by addressing such needs as blindness prevention and vision preservation, childhood cancer, diabetes, domestic violence, environmental issues, and homeless and hunger. We meet at the Waterford Public Library on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. For membership information please contact Lion Joyce Clark, Membership Chair at 860-739-9582

The **Waterford Lancers Leo Club** is for students age 12+ who want to develop leadership skills, want to serve the community, and more than anything, want to have fun! "Leadership, Experience, Opportunity." That's what makes a Leo. Members of Leo Clubs embody the best qualities of our incredible organization. They are devoted young people who realize the power of action. Together, Leos and Lions form a powerful partnership - one of mutual respect where Lions learn from the innovative insights of Leos, and where Leos gain access to the proven strategies of those who've successfully served the world for decades. We meet at the Waterford Public Library on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

For membership information please contact Lion Sheri Ann Colquhoun, Leo Advisor at 860-514-0769

Waterford RISE is composed of residents who work to enhance our community through racial advocacy, community engagement, and ongoing education. We actively seek to provide opportunities for people to come together and make a positive impact in our region. Whether hosting and co-hosting cultural events, running book clubs, sharing of regional events, or researching our region's history, we aim to share information and help our community. Volunteer opportunities vary and there are many ways to get involved.

Please contact wtfdrise@gmail.com to connect with us.

Our website is www.waterfordrise.org, follow us on Instagram: [Waterford_RISE](https://www.instagram.com/Waterford_RISE)



The **Waterford Public Library** invites adults and teens who are interested in volunteering at the library to complete our Volunteer Application Form available on our website under the "How Do I" menu at www.waterfordpubliclibrary.org. Volunteers assist in shelving books, preparing craft materials for programs, and assisting in special projects. For more information, please email waterfordlibrary@waterfordct.org.

Volunteering with the **Town of Waterford Senior Services Department** is a meaningful way to give back to the community while making a positive impact our seniors. We provide information about available resources to senior residents, their family members and caregivers, as well as provide a community gathering place that offers programs and services that maximize independence, dignity and quality of life.

Call 860-444-5839 for more information!

To learn more about our programs and services, visit our website at

www.waterfordct.org/176/Senior-Services-News



The **Town of Waterford's Youth and Family Services Department** is committed to improving the quality of life for all residents and providing support for children and families through educational programs, recreational activities, and counseling services. The DASH Leadership Corps at Camp DASH offers teenagers a transformative summer experience aimed at fostering leadership skills, personal growth, and community engagement.

Contact Joseph Trelli, Program Coordinator at JTrelli@WaterfordCT.org.

Learn more about Camp DASH at www.waterfordct.org/166/Camp-DASH-Catch-the-Wave

Thank you to all of our exhibiting organizations and our attendees for your participation!



National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is a nonprofit, grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of all people affected by mental illness. NAMI Connecticut plays an active role providing support, education, and advocacy at the community level. We offer support groups to let people know they are not alone and to be there with information and support when needed. Our affiliates speak publicly to educate others about mental health conditions and provide educational programs, free of cost, to youth and young adults, parents, individuals, and families affected by mental illness. They advocate for effective and timely services from their local service providers, and they offer hope to those experiencing the impact of mental illness.

Learn more at our website at namict.org



National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is a nonprofit, grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of all people affected by mental illness. NAMI Connecticut plays an active role providing support, education, and advocacy at the community level. We offer support groups to let people know they are not alone and to be there with information and support when needed. Our affiliates speak publicly to educate others about mental health conditions and provide educational programs, free of cost, to youth and young adults, parents, individuals, and families affected by mental illness. They advocate for effective and timely services from their local service providers, and they offer hope to those experiencing the impact of mental illness.

Learn more at our website at namict.org



National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is a nonprofit, grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of all people affected by mental illness. NAMI Connecticut plays an active role providing support, education, and advocacy at the community level. We offer support groups to let people know they are not alone and to be there with information and support when needed. Our affiliates speak publicly to educate others about mental health conditions and provide educational programs, free of cost, to youth and young adults, parents, individuals, and families affected by mental illness. They advocate for effective and timely services from their local service providers, and they offer hope to those experiencing the impact of mental illness.

Learn more at our website at namict.org



National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is a nonprofit, grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of all people affected by mental illness. NAMI Connecticut plays an active role providing support, education, and advocacy at the community level. We offer support groups to let people know they are not alone and to be there with information and support when needed. Our affiliates speak publicly to educate others about mental health conditions and provide educational programs, free of cost, to youth and young adults, parents, individuals, and families affected by mental illness. They advocate for effective and timely services from their local service providers, and they offer hope to those experiencing the impact of mental illness.

Learn more at our website at namict.org
