



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

Town of Carlisle

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Congratulations James Hall!

Congratulations to James (Jim) Hall, our new DPW Foreman. Jim has almost thirty years of experience in Carlisle, and stepped up as Acting Foreman this past December to make sure the department continued to run smoothly. We appreciate all of his work in town and look forward to working with him in his new role!

Gleason Public Library

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The Gleason has started a new Baby Lapsit program for our youngest library users and their caregivers. Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and bounces that are developmentally appropriate for children from birth to when they start walking. Fridays at 10:30am – register at gleasonlibrary.org/events.



Looking for something to do over February vacation? The Gleason has passes to many local museums that provide discounts or free admission, including the Children's Museum, Discovery Museum, New England Aquarium, Museum of Science, and Zoo New England. You can see the entire list and reserve a pass at <https://gleasonlibrary.org/museum-passes/>. Museum passes are generously provided by the Friends of the Gleason Public Library and Assurance Technology (Museum of Science).

Our February e-newsletter can be viewed at: <https://t.e2ma.net/webview/fgeuse/5a38c20501f959bcd4ca9744a56360f1>



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Council on Aging and Human Services



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COAHS took a day trip to the Taza Chocolate Factory in Somerville on February 2nd, and held a lunch at FRS attended by 70 seniors to celebrate Chinese New Year on January 26th. Seniors were treated to a Chinese meal and a special performance by Chinese Language students from CPS.



(Photos courtesy of Joan Ingersoll)

Friends of the Gleason Public Library

Karin Kliger

It was great seeing so many of you at our recent Book and Jigsaw Puzzle Swap! Hundreds of books and dozens of puzzles found new homes and we collected over \$300 in donations for the library's programs. In fact, the Puzzle Swap was such a success that we are extending it! You can now find the puzzle shelves at the Gleason near the Library of Things, by the Reference area. If you have puzzles to pass along or are looking for a new



one, stop on by and take a look. Puzzles are free to take (although donations to the Friends are always welcome); you don't have to leave a puzzle in exchange. Please only bring puzzles in good condition with no missing pieces.

For news and updates, please follow us at

<https://www.facebook.com/gleasonlibraryfriends>

Affordable Housing Trust (AHT)

Christine Johnson-Battista

The Affordable Housing Trust (AHT) is excited to announce two important events. First, one of the two "big A" affordable housing units at Rocky Point was re-sold making our wonderful town accessible to a new owner who otherwise could not afford to live here. Second, the draft Housing Production Plan (HPP) has been distributed to applicable town boards and is posted online for public review/comment at <https://www.carlislema.gov/1008/Housing-Production-Plan>. The HPP includes facts and ideas regarding housing in Carlisle and potential ways to implement affordable and attainable housing.



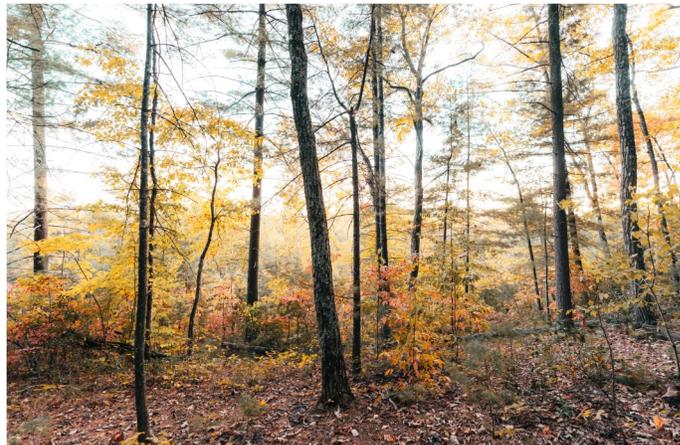
New Column! “Healthy Carlisle”

Welcome to the Health Department’s new column highlighting timely public health topics! I’m **Tricia McGean R.N.**, and I look forward to engaging with you in my role as Carlisle’s Public Health Nurse. (I’ve already met some of you during my 25+ years in public health and home care at Emerson Hospital.)



TICKS ARE HERE! Ticks survive mild winters like this one, hiding under leaf litter. They thrive in shady, damp areas on your property, along trails and anywhere hospitable. Ticks don’t fly but will attach if you brush against shrubs or tall grass where they wait for their next blood meal. Ticks feed on mammals including people, cats and dogs, deer, and mice. The most common tickborne diseases in Massachusetts are Lyme Disease, Anaplasmosis and Babesiosis, typically after an infected tick is attached for at least 24 hours.

PREVENTION IS KEY. When doing yard work or activities along wooded paths, wear long sleeved shirts and tuck pants into your socks. Maybe not stylish, but certainly protective! When you come into the house remove clothes and perform tick checks on yourself and children. Scrutinize underarms, behind ears, groin and other warm, moist areas preferred by ticks. Seek another set of eyes for areas you can’t see well. Nymph ticks can be poppy seed-sized and their bite not felt, so visualization is key. Put clothing right into a dryer for 15 minutes. Ticks are very sensitive to heat so dryer first, then wash/dry as usual.



Carlisle residents are eligible to submit ticks found attached on a person for testing at a subsidized cost through Tick Report. For more information contact: www.TickReport.com

Enjoy the outdoors but be mindful of what’s hiding in your backyard.

Carlisle Police Goat Adventures!



Two goats in town recently escaped by crawling under a fence.

Detective Kerry Baxter is pictured leading them back to the pen.



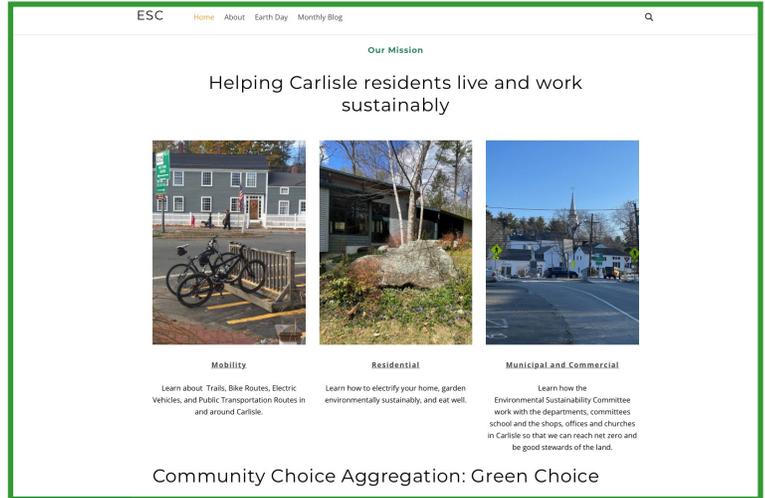
Officer Greg Balzotti is feeding his new friend!

(Photos courtesy of Chief Ken Fong)

Environmental Sustainability Committee

Deborah Bentley

Check out the Environmental Sustainability Committee's new [webpage](#), which includes information on the [committee](#), our activities, and more information about the upcoming [Route to Sustainability Day](#) on Earth Day, 22nd April 2023. We also have a page dedicated to Carlisle's environmentally sustainable [achievements](#) so far, a link to Carlisle's 100% renewable [Community Choice Aggregation](#), and a [monthly blog](#) on different environmental and sustainable themes. This month is on "Healthy Habitats".



Coming soon will be information on how residents can live and work more sustainably.

This month the committee welcomed two new members, Kath Hardcastle, and Dave Boettcher.

The committee meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month, virtually, at 4.30pm.



Fun Fact:

The Route to Sustainability logo is based off the town seal, but updated to reflect the town's aspirations for the 21st Century with solar arrays, all electric houses (no need for a chimney) and electric vehicles in addition to local farms and forested land!

From Fire Chief Bryan Sorrows

The Fire Department is pleased that members Jeffery Perkins, Kent Smack, Anna Kolchinsky, Arthur Levine and Brendan Scurlock have all passed their EMT certification.

The department is also pleased to add Beth Wojtas and Steve Robinson as new firefighters.

Firefighters Brendon Scurlock and Ian Ford are also in the current Firefighter Call/Vol recruit class to become Firefighter I/II certified.



From DPW Foreman James Hall

Signage and QR codes at the Transfer Station help residents determine what items belong in each container!



Carlisle Cheer Project

Christine Lear

The Carlisle Cheer Project loves it when we hear someone say, 'when is the next Swap Meet?' We are busy planning the next one for Saturday, May 20 under the solar panels at the Carlisle School!

Hopefully this 'save the date' announcement will give you plenty of notice to hold those gently used items aside while you do your Spring cleaning! As always, we invite you to drop off items in good condition in the morning that can be useful to friends, neighbors and our charitable partners. And yes, there will be time in the afternoon for free shopping!

We're also looking for some cheerful volunteers to help out at the Swap Meet on Saturday, May 20. Visit CarlisleCheerProject.Weebly.com for more information about the event and to volunteer!

Lighting upgrades by our facilities managers



Town Facility Manager Steve Bastek and School Facility Manager Steve Connearney have been working together on a project at the waste water treatment facility by upgrading lighting to maximize savings by converting old metal halide fixtures to new LED fixtures.



Clockwise from top left: Old lights, additional old lights, old vs. new, new LED lighting. Photos courtesy of Steve Bastek