



The Lisbon Quarterly

A Newsletter for Lisbon Residents

Town Clerk's Corner

By Michelle Grant, Town Clerk

June is Dog License Renewal Month!!

Who needs a license?

Any owner of a dog that is 6 months of age or older.

Why do you need a license?

As a resident of Connecticut the law requires you to license your dog annually as soon as the dog reaches 6 months of age. Additionally, newly obtained dogs must be licensed within 30 days of new ownership (once they reach 6 months of age). This service is offered through the Town Clerk's office.

When do you need to renew the license?

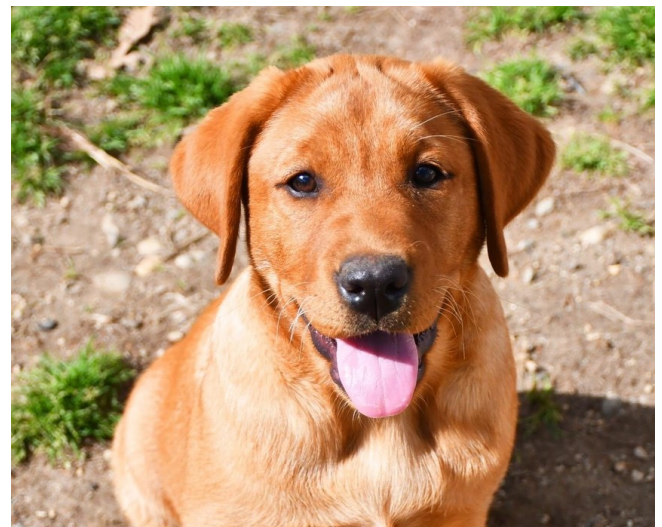
Dog licenses expire on June 30th of every year and therefore must be renewed each June. For every month that the renewal is late there is a statutory fee assessed at \$1.00 per month starting in July.

What do you need to obtain a license?

Proof of a current Rabies vaccination is mandatory for all dogs. For dogs that have been altered, documentation of neutering or spaying is required or the dog will be registered as unaltered.

What is the cost?

The fees to register are \$8.00 for an altered dog or \$19.00 for an unaltered dog.



Where can I get additional information?

Should you have any questions, please refer to the **Dog License** tab on the **Town Clerk's** page on the **Town's Website** at: www.lisbonct.com or following this link <https://www.lisbonct.com/town-clerk/pages/dog-licenses>. We can also be reached at 860-376-2708.

Summer is a wonderful time to get married! Marriage Licenses must be obtained in the town where you say "I DO!" if you are planning a summer wedding in Lisbon please visit the Town Clerk's page at: www.lisbonct.com or follow this link <https://www.lisbonct.com/town-clerk/pages/vital-records> to our Vital Records tab where you can find the information you need to apply for a license and take one more step closer to wedded bliss!

Have a safe, healthy and relaxing summer!



New Lisbon Fire Station Progress Update



A ground breaking ceremony was held on March 3, 2023. Committee members pictured (above, L-R) are : James Labonne, Robert Browne, Mark Robinson, Allen Bergeron, Josh Cingranelli, John Cingranelli, David Croughwell and Miles Lafemina (not pictured are Wayne Donaldson and Mike Cevardi). Thomas W. Sparkman, First Selectman was present, as was Brian Lanue, CT State Representative. Concrete forms were soon after put into place and the foundation was poured (pictured at right).

To "Follow the Build", go to: <https://lisbonnewfireheadquarterslisbo.godaddysites.com/>



Assessor's Office

By Gail Gwiazdowski, CCMA I, Tax Assessor

RENTER'S REBATES

Senior or disabled low-income renters may be eligible for a partial rebate of rent and utility bills, excluding telephone and cable. The filing period is April 1 through October 1. The income limit for single applicants is \$40,300 and for married applicants \$49,100. Proof of income, social security benefits, utilities paid and rent for the 2022 calendar year is required.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR BLIND OR TOTALLY DISABLED PERSONS

Connecticut law provides for a \$3,000 assessment exemption for taxpayers who are legally blind. Proof of the blindness (certification by a qualified medical practitioner) must be presented to the Assessor prior to October 1 in order for the exemption to be applied to that assessment year's tax bill.

Connecticut law also provides for a \$1,000 exemption for totally disabled persons who are receiving benefits under a federal, state or local retirement plan, which contains requirements comparable to those of the Social Security Administration. Proof of disability must be presented to the Assessor prior to October 1 in order for the exemption to be applied to that assessment year's tax bill.

EXEMPTIONS FOR VETERANS

Combat-era veterans or their surviving spouses who have filed their DD-214 with the Town Clerk may be eligible for a \$3000 assessment exemption on their dwelling or vehicle. The veteran must have served at least 90 days during a certified combat era. His/her DD-214 or a certified copy must be filed with the Town Clerk by September 30 in order for the exemption to be applied to the next assessment list.

Veterans having a combat-related disability rating of at least 10% from the Department of Veterans' Affairs are eligible for increased benefits. To qualify for the increased benefits, the veteran must present his/her disability verification and subsequent rating changes from the VA to the Assessor by October 1.

ADDITIONAL VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

Low-income veterans or their widow(ers) may be eligible to receive an additional exemption. The filing period is February 1 through October 1. The income limit for single applicants is \$40,300 and for married applicants \$49,100. 100% V.A. determined Disable Veterans use \$18,000 for single applicants and \$21,000 for married applicants. Proof of income and social security benefits is required.

CURRENTLY-SERVING MILITARY

State residents currently in active-duty military service may be eligible for one car owned or leased to be fully exempt from property taxes. Non-residents stationed in Connecticut may qualify for a full exemption on all their vehicles.

Please call 860-376-5115 or email assessor@lisbonct.com for more information on any of the above programs and/or exemptions.



LISBON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Lisbon Historical Society Quarterly Notes

By Kim Sperry

Burnham Tavern Update: Building and Grounds chairman Ken Mahler reports that Quiet Corner Restoration in Hampton was awarded the bid to replace 31 windows at the Tavern. The company will use an existing original window as a pattern to custom build each new window, one at a time. Work should begin after the sashes and casings have been fashioned at the shop. Our restoration carpenter Nick Anderson advises that the window sills are for the most part in good shape, and do not need to be replaced. The next major project are clapboards for which we will be writing grants to cover the expense.

John Bishop House Update: Both chimney stacks and their flues were video inspected to ascertain the health of the fireplaces and the chimneys from top to bottom. Considering the age of the Bishop House, the kitchen fireplace and bake oven flues are in good condition. The bake oven requires its interior ceiling joints mortared before we use it again, and the main kitchen flue needs some repointing in the hearth area, the firebox needs some gentle cleaning as well. The front parlor hearth needs some repair before we use it again. Once we receive the formal report and its findings, we will be able to develop a repair plan that will, hopefully, have the fireplaces operational by Fall Festival.

Paul Adams has been working to restore the period herb garden and Kim Sperry has laid in the garden of broom corn, scarlet runner beans, and sunflowers behind the picket fence. Kevin Shafer is maintaining the pollinator stopover field at the Tavern.

Anshei Israel Synagogue Update: On Saturday May 27 the Lisbon Historical Society opened the synagogue the first time since Covid-19 put a hold on public gatherings. Ken Mahler gave the talk and tour to the group that included relatives of the 1936 founding members. The synagogue, no longer a house of worship, is a museum opened by appointment.

Email Paula Adams at padams60@sbcglobal.net for information. Additionally, *A Refuge in the Country*, a booklet on the history of the synagogue is available upon request and at the Lisbon Town Hall.

Spring Outdoors! Town Historian Marcia Shafer recently gave a guided tour and talk at Newent Congregational Historic Church and it is not too late to participate in *Spring Outdoor in The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor*. Walks, paddles, and biking of varying interests and difficulty are on-going through June 21. Go to thelastgreenvalley.org for information.

Cans and Bottles Update. Donations remain strong, giving us hope that we'll make our budget of \$10,000 by June 31, one nickel at a time. We are thankful for your donation of these redeemable glass, plastic, and aluminum bottles and cans that are marked CT. Although the State legislature added new products to the redemption stream, Gatorade, Snapple, tea beverages, wine bottles, plastic milk jugs, Poland Springs water bottles with the red strip around the label, and all others not marked CT are not redeemable and should be recycled in blue bins on recycle day. Additionally, it is impossible for the bar code readers at the redemption centers to process crushed aluminum cans and plastic bottles. In addition to can and bottle donations, we are now an Amazon Smile Charity. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases, and there is no cost to the Amazon customer, go to Smile.Amazon.Com



Senior Center

Summer Events & Activities

By Ara Wilnas Senior Center Coordinator

Hello! I am Ara Wilnas, the new Senior Coordinator at Lisbon Senior Center. I am excited to be here and thank the town of Lisbon for such a warm welcome. I have been a dance teacher and choreographer for over 20 years and my business background and college degree is in small business management and administration. I have two beautiful daughters and have enjoyed calling beautiful, Southeast Connecticut home for the last ten years. I hope to share my passion and skills to work together, continuing to create the wonderful atmosphere that is alive here at the Lisbon Senior Center. Please feel welcome to share your thoughts and ideas with me and join us for our upcoming trips and events.

- June 9th AARP Driver Safety Class
- June 16th Strawberry Shortcake Social
- June 16th Painting with Jacqui
- June 21st Walmart Vision Glasses Repair Clinic
- June 21st Love on a Plate Lunch Special
- June 23rd Stop the Bleed Course
- June 23rd Senator Osten's Legislative Recap
- June 27th Lavender Pond Farm Trip
- June 28th Celebrate June Birthdays
- Mondays - Senior Fitness and Chair Yoga classes
- Monday & Friday - Crafting
- Thursdays - Bingo
- Fresh lunch served every day – Lunch Specials on Thursdays
- July 18th Golden Greek Restaurant
- August 15th Rhode Island Lighthouse Cruise



The Town of Lisbon welcomed Ara Wilnas as the new Senior Coordinator/Municipal Agent for the Elderly in May.

From The History Books

DIGGING FOR ARTIFACTS AND HISTORY

By Marcia Shafer, Lisbon Town Historian

Someone digging for artifacts without a college degree in the subject is an amateur archaeologist. A true archaeologist has gone to college to learn about ancient remains. This can include animals, plants, tools, and buildings. The search can focus on a region of the world or a specific topic of study.

Archaeological sites are places where remains of past human life can be located. This includes villages, cities, stone quarries, rock art, ancient cemeteries, campsites, stone monuments, battlefields, slave quarters, factories, and shipwrecks. Artifacts can also be found while cleaning the rubble from a building being demolished. If artifacts are found, work must stop and the appropriate officials or State Archaeology department must be notified.

“Artifacts” are objects made, modified, or used by humans. The color and type of soil at a site tells the age of the soil. Plant and animal remains help to understand the society’s diet.

Some ancient civilizations had complex writing systems that linguists are still trying to decipher. Others left valuable written records in the language of the culture, or drew pictorial symbols to tell their ancestral story.

The usual tools at a dig are paint brushes of various sizes, hand shovels, toothbrushes, and a flat trowel. The trowel is used to slowly scrape away soil without damaging a found item. Dental pics, spoons, fine mesh screens and very fine blades may be used for fragile remains.

Photo documentation, audio and video recordings and the use of geographic information system (GIS) helps to map locations. Other equipment used are resistivity meters and ground penetrating radar (GPR).

Remains of items may be broken or damaged after hundreds or thousands of years underground. Items may be made of clay or metal, but stone items last much longer. Textiles, such as clothing and bedding, are especially threatened by exposure. Textile conservators must be familiar with climate, as well as the chemical composition of the cloth and dyes in order to preserve them. If many pieces of one item are found, they may be pieced together to determine what the item was.

Materials are naturally preserved in sediment from floods, volcanic eruptions, glaciers, snow, mud and rock slides and building rubble. Once an items have been documented at the dig site, they are sent to a lab where they are washed, catalogued, analyzed, and interpreted by measuring, weighing, drawing, and comparing to other similar items found at the site. They are then sent to appropriate museums, such as the American Museum of Natural History, for posterity.



The Lisbon Town Hall has a collection of locally found Native American arrowheads and other tools on display.

Lisbon Recreation Tennis Court
est. 2011

RULES & REGULATIONS

- Use tennis court at own risk.
- No food, glass or alcoholic beverages.
- No pets.
- No bicycles, roller blades or skate boards.
- Proper footwear required.
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Court for Lisbon residents & their guests only.
- Do not abuse net or other equipment.
- Court hours from sunrise to sunset.

Contact Lisbon Rec. Committee
with comments or concerns
860-376-9791.

TRACK RULES

THE TRACK IS FOR RUNNING
& WALKING ONLY

NO

GUM OR TOBACCO
PRODUCTS
PETS
WHEELED VEHICLES
ROLLER BLADES
ROLLER SKATES
SKATEBOARDS
SCOOTERS
BICYCLES
FOOD/GLASS BOTTLES

RECENTLY ADOPTED NEW ORDINANCE

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION FOR ONE SPECIALLY EQUIPPED VEHICLE FOR DISABLED PERSON

Applications for Exemption in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 12-81c (3) and the Town of Lisbon Ordinance approved by Town vote May 1, 2023, for exemption of certain motor vehicles are now being accepted.

Please download the application at www.lisbonct.com or contact the Assessor's Office at 860-376-5115 to request an application or for more information.

In December 2023, Newent Congregational Church will be celebrating its 300th anniversary. The Town Historian would be grateful for any historic items or pictures of the church from 1723 to 2023, to help to record its history. Copies will be made of the pictures, news clippings or other documentation and the originals will be returned to the owners. Email Marcia Shafer, Lisbon Town Historian at: lisboncthistorian@yahoo.com.



Want to be a vendor?

Visit the Town website for application forms:

<https://www.lisbonct.com/farmers-market-committee>

Market Committee Members and

Market Volunteers are needed, too!

We need ***YOU*** to help keep this Market running!

All interested parties should email us:

farmers_market@lisbonct.com

Tanner Wilson, Market Secretary

The Lisbon Farmers' Market returns starting June 29 and runs every Thursday through September 14th! Don't miss your opportunity to enjoy the bounty of your local agriculture. This year guests are welcome to become "Market Buddies" with the purchase of a Lisbon Farmers' Market pin to enjoy exclusive discounts and benefits. We will also be having themed weeks throughout the season!

Included this season are: Produce, Meat, Dairy, Baked Goods, Jam & Jellies; Craft and Specialty Vendors; Non-Profit and Community Vendors.

The Lisbon Farmers' Market is a Town initiated market operated by the Farmers' Market Committee. It is open Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm at Lisbon Meadows Park. More information and Severe Weather Cancellations can be found on our website: <https://www.lisbonct.com/farmers-market-committee> or by visiting the "Lisbon Now!!" Facebook page.

SAINT MARY'S FOOD PANTRY

Saint Mary's in Jewett City is the
Town's designated
Food Bank.

Food can be picked up at the
Rectory every second and fourth
Tuesday of the month,
10am – 11am and 3pm – 4pm.

To donate, please call:

860-376-2044

Emergency Management

In the event of a Local, Regional or even
a State or Federal emergency, our
Director of Emergency Management is
available to answer your questions:

Jonathan Arpin

Emergency Management Director

1-(860)-625-0026

Information is also available on the
Town website, under Departments -
Emergency Management:
<https://www.lisbonct.com/emergency-management>

ALL TOGETHER NOW!

Summer Learning Programs @ Slater Library



26 Main St. Jewett City, CT (860) 376-0024

DROP - IN SUMMER FUN at SLATER LIBRARY

Crafts Classes: (ages 7 and up)

- 6/19 **DIY Cat Wand Toy**, 3-5 pm
- 6/26 **DIY Dog Toy: Braid Pull Toy**, 3-5 pm
- 7/5 **Duct Tape Corner Bookmark**, 3-5 pm
- 7/10 **DIY Crinkly Dog Toy**, 3-5 pm
- 7/19 **Animal Rock Painting**, 3-5 pm
- 7/24 **Paint a Slater Fox Magnet**, 3-5 pm
- **Let's Lego!** Tuesdays, 3-5 (ages 5+)
- **Wee Play! Drop-in Play Group** — Fridays, 11 am
- 6/21 @ 3 pm **Awesome Amphibians! With Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center**
- 6/28 @ 4 pm **All Paws on Deck Dog Rescue**
- 7/7-7/8, **"Camp Stuffie" Stuffed Animal Sleepover** (ages 3- 6)
- 7/12@ 4 pm **Kind Kids with CT Humane Society** (ages 7+)
- 7/20 @ 4 pm **Mobile Farm Visit with Waterford Country School** (all ages)
- **GIZMO Therapy Dog Read-Along**—Date TBD
- 6/8 @ 6:30 pm **Celebration of the RED SOX Nation** presented by Author and Sports Writer Marty Gitlin. This will be historical look at the Red Sox with clips and fun trivia. Sig up for seating is required. (ages teen—adult)
- Starting 6/23 @ 1 pm **GIRLS CIRCLE with SERAC**—This first group will meet for 8 weeks. Themed "Wise & Well", this will be offered for girls entering high school. Contact the Slater Library for more information.
- **Chess Group**— Although still in its beginning stages, we have responses coming in from all age brackets! Contact the library for more information or if you would like to join.

Sign up for Summer activities starting 6/12/23.

Call (860) 376—0024

Town of Lisbon Spring Clean Up



Collection Starts at 7 a.m. on Monday, June 12, 2023

Acceptable items will be picked up at curbside.

All items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on June 12, 2023

Acceptable and Non-Acceptable items are listed below.

Acceptable Items

(Keep different items separate at curb)

- Furniture: Springs removed, especially from sleeper sofas
- Appliances: (2 per household) Doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers.
- Leaves: 111 large 30 gallon brown paper leaf bags. No plastic bags.
- Old Wood & Pallets: (No longer than 3 feet in length)
- Other Metal Items: (Must be separated from wood and furniture)
- Automobile Tires: (limit 4 per household) No tires on rims.

QUESTIONS?

Please call Lisbon Town Hall
860-376-3400

Items NOT Accepted

(These items will **not** be picked-up)

NO: Refuse, Recyclables, Rubble (stone, concrete, brick, construction debris)

NO: Household Hazardous Waste

NO: Car Parts, Auto Batteries, or Antifreeze: (residents may take these items to the Willimantic W. Paper's Recycling Site on Roode Road in Plainfield).

NO: Propane Tanks, or 55 Gallon Drums

NO: Contractor, Business, or Industrial Debris

NO: Electronics - TVs, Computers, etc.