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## Drink Recipes

# POMEGRANATE CRAFT COCKTAILS

By Cotton Hollow Kitchen and Plan B Glastonbury

Hand crafted by our favorite local restaurants in honor of National Pomegranate Month, these drinks can be mixed up at home or found on their respective menus starting this month. Time to take happy hour to the next level!



## CHK POMEGRANATE MARGARITA

Delivering the taste of Fall in a glass...and it's refreshing!

- 2 Oz. Casamigos Reposado
- 1 Oz. Lime Juice
- 1/3 Oz. Cointreau
- 1 Oz. Stirring's Pomegranate Liqueur
- 1/3 Oz. Orgeat
- 1/3 Oz. Falernum Liqueur
- + Sugar rim and candied pomegranate.

- Recipe courtesy of **Cotton Hollow Kitchen**, featured on its November Cocktail Menu.

## B IS FOR BOURBON POMEGRANATE

Classic bourbon old fashioned meets ginger spice and everything nice!

- 1 Oz. ginger syrup
- 2 Oz. bourbon
- lime
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tbsp fresh grated ginger root
- 1 1/2 Oz. pomegranate juice
- 2 dashes bitters
- Ginger Syrup
- 1/2 cup water

Combine ingredients...shake, shake, shake, strain into highball glass over crushed ice and enjoy!

- Recipe courtesy of **Plan B Glastonbury**, featured on its November Cocktail Menu.



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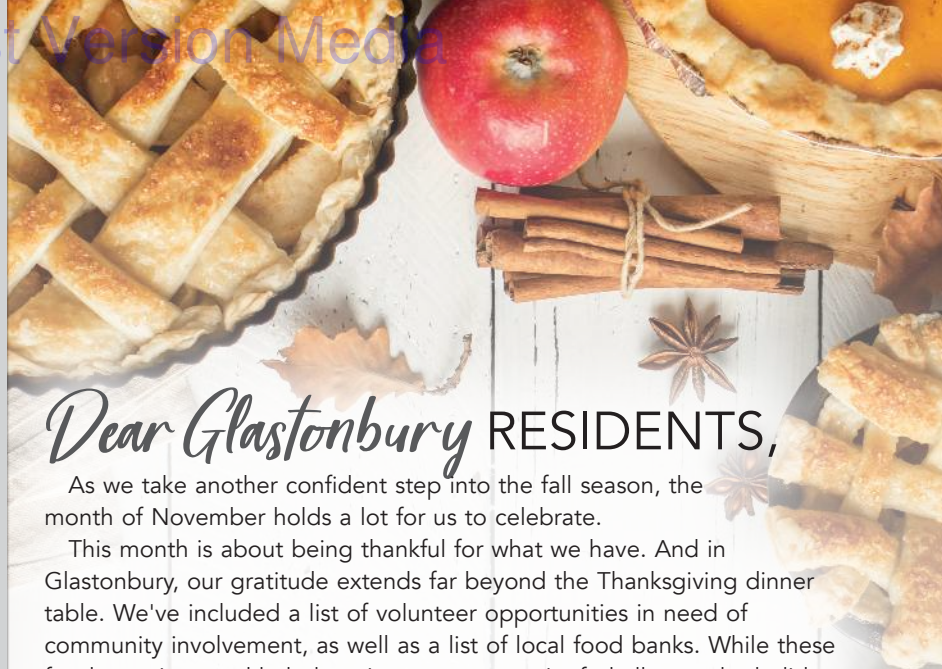
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## Dear Glastonbury RESIDENTS,

As we take another confident step into the fall season, the month of November holds a lot for us to celebrate.

This month is about being thankful for what we have. And in Glastonbury, our gratitude extends far beyond the Thanksgiving dinner table. We've included a list of volunteer opportunities in need of community involvement, as well as a list of local food banks. While these food pantries need help keeping our community fed all year, the holidays are especially hard for those dealing with food insecurity, which is why it's so important we give back if and where we can.

It's also **Military Family Appreciation Month**, a time to thank our community's current and retired military personnel for their sacrifice for our country. We're honored to introduce the Haffners, a military family that embodies the strength, pride, and sacrifice of military families everywhere. Read on for their story, as well as a list of local Veteran's Day affairs, an inside look at the Marine Corps Detachment 40's effort to raise awareness of Veteran suicide, and how a local Ukrainian woman is working with the community to provide for Ukrainian soldiers and children displaced by the war.

This issue also includes our adorable rescue dogs of Glastonbury, specialty cocktail recipes from local restaurants, and a bit of history on the oldest running ferry in the U.S.

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 Happy November!



*Tess Howat*

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# MONTH OF GIVING

By Tess Howat

With Thanksgiving around the corner, this is the perfect time to volunteer and give back to the community. Many of these food banks and nonprofits are also looking for year-round help.

## LOCAL VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

### SANTA'S RUN – SUNDAY, DEC 4TH

Volunteers Needed to help out in all areas of this popular race (registration, concessions, finish line, water stop, etc.), which takes off from Glastonbury High School. Come join in the holiday spirit, where you'll receive a free Santa's Run 2022 long sleeve shirt!

For more info on the race and how to register as a volunteer, visit [Glastonburyct.org](http://Glastonburyct.org).

### HARTFORD MARATHON FOUNDATION

Sign up to join over 3,500 volunteers who help out at HMF's local fundraising events.

Upcoming events in need of volunteers:

- Nov 5th: *Donny's Dash*, Simsbury
- Nov 6th: *Western Mass 10*, Amherst, MA
- Dec 3rd: *Norwich Winterfest 5k*, Norwich
- Dec 4th: *Blue Back Mitten Run*, West Hartford

For info on VIP volunteer perks and how to register as an HMF volunteer, visit [Hartfordmarathon.com/hmf-volunteer](http://Hartfordmarathon.com/hmf-volunteer).

### FREE DENTAL CLINIC 2022-CONNECTICUT MISSION OF MERCY

Community volunteers needed to help with clinic setup, breakdown and more. Also seeking dental/medical professionals to provide volunteer care.

Free clinic is Fri., Nov 11th – Sun., Nov 13th @ UConn School of Dental Medicine, Farmington

For info on how to register as a volunteer, visit [cfdo.org/ct-mom/volunteers](http://cfdo.org/ct-mom/volunteers).

### LUTZ CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

The Lutz Children's Museum in Manchester is seeking volunteers for a variety of roles, including:

- Museum Docent—someone who loves to work with children including teachers and future teachers. Interact with visitors, maintain exhibits, supervise and collect data.
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### URBAN ALLIANCE, INC.

Urban Alliance in East Hartford is seeking volunteers to further their mission of creating opportunities for people through the collaborative work of local churches and organizations.

Seeking volunteers for over 30 roles, including:

- Manchester Donation Pick-up Driver
- Knitters and Sewers for Nursing Homes
- Cook and Meal Server for Transitional Living Home Residents
- Countless other opportunities!

See all opportunities and register to volunteer at [Urbanalliance.com](http://Urbanalliance.com).

### JOURNEY HOME

Journey Home in Hartford is seeking volunteers to collect and distribute furniture and household goods to individuals, families, veterans and youth moving out of homelessness.

For info on how to volunteer and/or donate furniture, visit [Journeyhomect.org](http://Journeyhomect.org).

For a full list of local volunteering opportunities, visit [Volunteermatch.org](http://Volunteermatch.org).

## LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

**Glastonbury Gives Food Bank**  
@ Riverfront Community Center

**Marlborough Food Bank**  
@ 3 Wilhenger Dr.,  
Marlborough

**Amazing Grace Food Pantry**  
@ 16 Stack St., Middletown

**Wethersfield Social Services & Food Bank**  
@ 505 Silas Deane Hwy.,  
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@ 371 Wolcott Hill Rd.,  
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@ 511 Maple St., Wethersfield

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@ 55 Bartholomew Ave.,  
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@ 520 Center St., Manchester

**MAAC Community Pantry**  
@ 460 Main St., Manchester

**Charity Food Pantry**  
@ 1535 Forbes St.,  
East Hartford

**Crossroads Food Pantry**  
@ 1492 Silver Lane.,  
East Hartford

**Saint Rose Church Food Pantry**  
@ 33 Church St., East Hartford

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*Hellmut, Christian & Aurora.*

## Steering Home with the Haffners

Article and Photos by Tess Howat

*In honor of Military Family Appreciation Month.*

Since the Haffner family arrived in Glastonbury in 2011, they've come to represent the strength and community spirit of our town in so many ways. A Black Hawk Pilot and Commander for the Army National Guard, Hellmut Haffner has been deployed twice over the years and always found unique ways to stay connected to his wife Jenni and their first son, Ben, from half a world away. Jenni engages with our community in any way she can, most notably through her local floral design business, Barn Door Blooms. Together, their family has shown perseverance, pride in one another, and fierce love through whatever life sends their way. Nominated by a fellow community member, we're honored to introduce the Haffners this Military Family Appreciation Month.

Hellmut had completed one year of ROTC training while attending Hamilton College, but wasn't moved to join the military until 9/11, working as an ER EMT at Norwalk Hospital at the time. He was commissioned as Lieutenant following a year-long officer training program, then decided to move forward with a path in aviation. Within a few months of meeting his future wife Jenni, he was shipped off to a thirteen-month flight school program in Alabama where he graduated as a Blackhawk Pilot in 2005.

The couple had met the year before outside of a Boston bar, where Hellmut was grabbing drinks with friends when he

saw Jenni walk past. Turns out the two shared a college friend, and they were married in 2009. Little did they know, just six months after their wedding, Hellmut would be called to his first deployment. He spent a year in Kuwait as Daytime Battle Captain for VIP Airlift, planning, tracking and coordinating flight missions for leaders of state, dignitaries (including Zach Brown Band!), and the Navy Air Ambulance.

Following his return, he was called to serve as a Black Hawk Pilot at Bradley Air National Guard Base in Windsor Locks, where he's since worked as a Pilot and Administrative Officer holding the recently promoted rank of Lieutenant Colonel. With Glastonbury's proximity to the Groton and Hartford bases, where Hellmut visits weekly, the couple decided this was the perfect place to make their home. They soon made an offer on a historic 1888 house with character in the Eastbury neighborhood, which they've called home for the last 11 years. The couple fell in love with the two-acre property and its big red barn, where they now raise chickens and keep a barn cat.

Their first son Ben, just four months old when they moved into their new home, was one when his dad was called yet again to duty, this time spending a year in Northern Afghanistan with the 1109th Theater Aviation Support Maintenance Group (TASMG). His unit focused on aviation field maintenance, repairs, and the deployment of test pilots and aircraft maintenance teams abroad. In his free time, he would Skype Jenni and Ben whenever he could. He'd even send CDs in the mail with recorded bedtime stories from Dad, a sweet, welcomed gesture





The Haffner Garden

to her favorite Dahlias, while Hellmut keeps up the vegetable patch and explores his new beekeeping hobby!

But the Haffners happily step away from their buzzing garden, visiting the sandy shores of Jenni's hometown, Chatham, MA at least four times each year. Recently, they've spent winter getaways in Simmons Island, Georgia and Kiawah Island, South Carolina, and Hellmut has

during the difficult time apart.

Alone in a new town with her toddler, Jenni made a point to get out and meet people, feeling grateful she moved to a community

even pitched Space-A Travel to the family, a program that allows military personnel to claim extra seats on military flights. He hopes to utilize the program to visit his family in Germany soon.

Despite their passion for travel, the Haffners are grateful they get to call Glastonbury home, with its small-town feel, great school system, and friendly neighbors they've come to know and love. This Military Family Appreciation Month, let's honor the Haffners and families like them, whose sacrifice for our country and pride in our community serves as a role model for making a difference, one choice at a time.

with so much to do and see. At the time, she'd left her job in corporate event planning to become a stay-at-home mom, though she'd soon return to her career. Upon Hellmut's return, she worked for a small meeting planning company before branching out with her own wedding design business after the birth of their second son, Christian. After two years with the business, she decided to nourish her passion for flowers—which had always been her favorite part of event planning—and open Barn Door Blooms, a floral design business that came to life in her backyard. Since taking the leap in 2017, Jenni has made a name for Barn Door Blooms by engaging with the community wherever she can, often collaborating with farms and businesses to prioritize locally grown flowers.

The couple cherishes the time they spend with Ben (11) and Christian (8) who are now in 6th and 3rd grade respectively. Both boys are avid readers of everything from comics and chapter books to military history, swiping their oft forgotten library cards as much as possible. And when they're home, they read as a family—most recently, Hellmut has begun the Lord of the Rings series with Ben, who otherwise loves The Chronicles of Narnia. At dinner time, Jenni and Hellmut are always cooking with their kids, who enjoy expanding their palates already! And when they're not in the dish-washing mood, they dine at Birch Hill Tavern or pick up from their favorite local spots, Pizzeria Sassano and Ming Bao.

They enjoy the outdoors as a family too, often taking walks with Aurora, their three-year-old Golden Retriever, fishing at Eastbury pond, or skating on its frozen surface in the winter. When Jenni's not designing weddings and hosting bouquet and wreath workshops, she spends her time working in the garden with her husband. She maintains the flowers, tending

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# GLASTONBURY VETERANS DAY CELEBRATIONS

Courtesy of John Davis, Veterans Service Commission of Glastonbury and Patti Renaud, Glastonbury Public Schools

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

### Glastonbury Veteran's Day Ceremony

*Open to the public and veterans from all branches.*

The Veterans Service Commission of Glastonbury will hold a ceremony at the Monuments on the Hubbard Street Green on Friday, November 11th. There will be a prayer and a rifle salute at 10am before moving on to the Glastonbury Veterans Cemetery at 1341 Neipsic Road. The ceremony will start at 11am, followed by a dressing of Veterans' graves with flags and Medallions with help from anyone who can volunteer. Upon completion of the dressing of the Veterans graves and after the ceremony, they will invite everyone in attendance to go someplace close for a light lunch.

### Glastonbury Public Schools Celebration

*Not open to the public.*

Veterans Day is very special at Glastonbury Public Schools. Each of our schools organizes meaningful programs to celebrate and honor veterans. Students engage in a variety of inspiring activities. School staff and students are so appreciative for the hundreds of veterans who take the time to visit our schools on Veterans Day. These heroes help our students to learn about service, respect, and honor.

School Principals send invitations to veterans who are related to students and staff members to join the school celebration and be recognized. School activities include assemblies honoring veterans, slideshows featuring each veteran, veteran guest speakers, veteran classroom visits, singing and live school band and orchestra pieces, gathering around school flagpoles, art and writing projects, and token gifts created by students. The GHS library also creates an impressive Veterans Day Museum in a large portion of their library each year. Some schools also raise funds for a selected veteran initiative.



*Veterans Day at GHS, 2019*



*Veterans Day at Nayaug, 2019*



*Veterans Day at Naubuc, 2019*



*Veterans Day at Buttonball, 2019*



*Veterans Day at Hebron Ave., 2019*





# GLASTONBURY'S RESCUED DOGS

Submitted by Residents

As we wrap up **National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month**, we'd like to honor our loyal best friends and all the joy they bring us. Here are some of our Glastonbury pups who were adopted from local and national shelters:



Staff at Dog Star Rescue, a local nonprofit shelter that takes in homeless, abandoned and owner surrender dogs.



**Ozzy Bear**

Adopted from Dog Star Rescue



**Todd**

Adopted from Save All Dogs Rescue



**Roman**

Adopted from Bridgeport Animal Rescue Center



**Baxter, Basil & Paisley**

Adopted from three different shelters



**Archibald (Archie)**

Adopted from Stratford Animal Control



**Ella**

Adopted from PawSafe in Ellington



**Wick**

Adopted from Connecticut Pregnant Dog and Cat Rescue



**Brutus**

Adopted from Meriden Humane Society



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# November 2022

## Every Saturday in November

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Time: 11am

## Open through December

### REDBIRD FLYING SIMULATOR

@ The New England Air Museum, Bradley Airport  
\$25 for a 30-minute simulation, ages 12+.

## Every Sunday in November

### CAFFEINE AND OCTANE

@ Parking lot behind Starbucks, Somerset Square  
Time: 9am-12pm

## Wed., Nov 2 – Sun., Nov 6

### CORN MAZE

@ Lyman Orchards, Middlefield  
Time: Weekdays 1pm-6pm/weekends 10am-6pm

## Fri., Nov 4 – Sun., Nov 6

### FALL CONNECTICUT HOME SHOW

@ CT Convention Center

## Fri., Nov 4 – Sun., Nov 6

### WETHERSFIELD ANTIQUES SHOW

@ Webb Deane Stevens Museum, Wethersfield  
Opening night preview party Friday, admission Saturday and Sunday. For prices and info, visit Webb-deane-stevens.org.

## Sat., Nov 5

### REVOLUTION BASKETBALL TRAINING OPEN HOUSE

@ 1412 Tolland Tpk, Manchester  
Free open house. Training program for 2nd graders – college age players.

## Sun., Nov 6

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Change your clocks— fall back one hour!

## Tue., Nov 8

### ELECTION DAY

Polling places open 6-8pm – Smith, Hebron Ave, Gideon, Nayaug, Academy Building & Hopewell.

## Sat., Nov 12

### HOLIDAY POP-UP SHOP

@ WORK\_SPACE Gallery in Manchester

Time: 10am-2pm

Artisan vendor market featuring local artists.

## Fri., Nov 18 – Sun., Nov 20

### RAINBOW CRAFTS

@ Hilton garden Inn, Glastonbury Blvd.

## Fri., Nov 25

### GHS CLASS OF 2007 REUNION

@ Crystal Ridge Winery  
Time: 6-9pm

## Fri., Nov 25 – Sun., Nov 27

### WHAT'S POPPIN' AT LYMAN ORCHARDS?

@ Lyman Orchards, Middlefield  
Three days of festivities, music and shopping fun!  
Time: 11am-4pm

## Sat., Nov 26

### SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Support our local small businesses and enjoy their promotions!

## Sat., Nov 26

### GHS CLASS OF 2015 REUNION (5YR)

@ Elicit Brewing Co., Manchester  
Time: 3pm-6pm

## Holiday Corner!

## Sat., Nov 5

### AIR LINE TRAIL GHOST RUN / HALF MARATHON

Runsingup.com/Race/CT/Hebron/AirLineTrailGhostRun for registration & info.

## Thu., Nov 17

### THANKSGIVING CHARCUTERIE BOARD CLASS

@ CT Valley Brewing Company / Birdhouse Coffee, South Windsor  
\$55, includes a pint of beer & fun with friends!

## Fri., Nov 18 & Sat., Nov 19

### ELF THE MUSICAL

@ Toyota Oakdale Theatre, Wallingford  
For times and ticket prices, visit Oakdaletheatre.net.

## Nov 19 – Dec 3, Fridays - Sundays

### HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT LAKE COMPOUNCE

@ Lake Compounce Family Theme Park  
\$15.99/adults, \$11.99/children

## Thanksgiving Day – Thu., Nov 24

### 86TH MANCHESTER ROAD RACE

Time: 10am  
@ Main St outside St. James Church,

Manchester

Manchesterroadrace.com for registration & info.

## Thanksgiving – New Year's Day

### HEBRON LIONS LIGHTS IN MOTION

@ Hebron Lions Fairgrounds, Hebron  
\$40/vehicle, over a mile of synchronized LED lights.

## Fri., Nov 25 – Sun., Dec 18

### VISIT SANTA!

@ Shore Line Trolley Museum, East Haven  
Opening day Fri 11/25, then every Saturday and Sunday until 12/18.



# WHAT'S IN A WILL?

By Thomas Kane of Kane, Hartley & Kane, P.C.



Thomas Kane

Now that you know what a probate asset is and why you need a Will, we can start discussing the Will itself. There are five general blocks: administrative,

bequests, conditions, representatives, and guardians.

The administrative section sets out definitions and terms of payment of your final expenses (hospital, funeral, probate fee, etc.). It may also set out how long a beneficiary must outlive you by to be considered a beneficiary. This avoids having to probate the same asset multiple times if your beneficiary dies shortly after or with you, as is the case where spouses leave to each other and pass together in an accident. It also helps prevent your assets from being governed by their Will, not yours. This happens when you leave to a child and then to your grandchildren. If the Will fails to require that the beneficiary survive you for a period and your child dies shortly after you, their Will (which likely leaves to their spouse) governs, not your Will.

The bequest section may be specific, general, or both. You may leave a sum of money or an item to a certain person, charity, etc., you may leave everything equally to a group of people, or some combination thereof.

The conditions section may impose

conditions on the bequest. This is usually a trust, for younger beneficiaries or those with special needs, that may need assistance in making decisions with the inheritance. You can specify an age at which they gain control of the inheritance, an event, or even that the funds stay in trust until the beneficiary passes away. You will name someone to hold the money, manage it, and handle distributions to the beneficiary—this is a "trustee". You should name both a primary and backup in the event the primary is unable or unwilling to act as trustee.

The representative section appoints your executor or personal representative. This is who will be responsible for probating your Will. They should be responsible, diligent, and generally good with details. In the event of two equal people, pick the local one. You should, as with the trustee, name a primary and a backup. You may require them to obtain a bond (insurance in case they steal from your estate), or you may choose to waive that requirement.

The guardian section applies only if you have any minor children. If you pass away and the other parent is also a legal guardian, the surviving parent will raise them as the sole parent. However, if the other parent has passed or had legal guardianship removed, your children will need a court appointed guardian. You can nominate who the court should appoint as the guardian. If both parents are alive, you should still do this, so that there



will never be a question as to who your chosen guardian would be.

Next time, we will discuss whether a trust is right for you.



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# Ukrainian Memory Bracelet Fundraiser

By Tess Howat

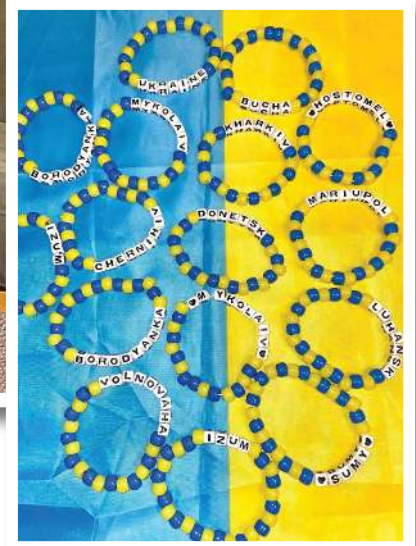
Olga, a Ukrainian Immigrant living in Marlborough, has started a grassroots fundraiser making bracelets with the help of her daughter, Lizi, to send vital medical supplies and First Aid military kits to Ukrainian Soldiers. Raised in Odessa, Ukraine before moving to the U.S. 23 years ago, Olga has utilized her personal connections to her home country to ship much-needed supplies directly into the hands of the soldiers who need it, without the help of an external organization.

She was collecting donations from Hartford County's supportive Ukrainian community before launching her homemade project in April of this year, fashioning bracelets with her daughter that include the names of Ukrainian cities devastated by the Russians. A talented singer, Olga also raises funds by singing Ukrainian songs on the streets of West Hartford center and at local Ukrainian events. She recently expanded her fundraising efforts to support the thousands of Ukrainian children who have been displaced by the war, sending warm clothes and supplies to Heritage Ukraine, a nonprofit that aids orphans and at-risk families in Ukraine.

Olga is accepting donations in various forms, 100% of which go to the purchase and shipment of supplies for soldiers. She's also collecting new and gently used children's winter clothes and warm blankets to send to Heritage Ukraine. For detailed information on how to pitch in and support her project, visit **Facebook.com/olga.olichka123**. You can also contact Olga at (860) 965-0394 with any inquiries.



*Olga and her daughter, Lizi, making bracelets.*



*Medical packages ready for shipment.*



*Olga singing in West Hartford center.*



*Ukrainian soldiers receiving their packaged supplies.*



*A donation by Connecticut Periodontal Specialists of school and medical supplies for Heritage Ukraine.*





Hiker Matt with his daughter.



Marine Corps Organizers.



Hiker Jeremiah and his dog, Hurricane.



# Marine Corps Hike to Remember

Article and Photos by Tess Howat

On September 10th of this year, 140 veterans and active military personnel united for a 22k walk through the streets of Glastonbury to spread awareness, promote suicide prevention, and honor the 19 veteran lives lost to suicide every day.

This year, hikers kicked off their journey on New London Turnpike, passing beneath a breathtaking American flag outside Monaco Ford before making their way around town, through Glastonbury Center, and finishing at Veteran’s Hall at the POC on Chestnut Hill Road.

This annual hike is organized by our local Marine Corps League Detachment 40, which was founded in 1923 by World War I hero, then Major General Commandant John A.

Lejune. Not only is the league open to all Marines and Navy FMF Corpsmen, but it recently opened its membership to all branches of service. The Peter P. Monaco Detachment 40 provides a supportive community for veterans, with comradery and community engagement at the forefront of their mission.

Hike to Remember is just one of the many special programs the Marine Corps League brings to local communities and the nation at large, all of which support the vital role that past, present, and future Marines serve for the United States. Detachment 40’s motto, *Semper Fidelis*, which translates to “Always Faithful”, lives forever in their hearts, as does the memory of fellow veterans who they’ve lost to suicide.



# Hello Baby: The Joy of Building Families

By Tess Howat

In honor of **National Adoption Month**, we'd like to introduce you to Hello Baby Adoption Consultants, a Glastonbury Adoption Consulting Agency doing life-changing work with our community.

Founded four and a half years ago by Executive Partners and Cofounders Amy Twombly and Caitlin Phillips, Hello Baby helps hopeful adoptive families navigate the adoption process. As each step of the domestic infant adoption process unfolds, Amy, Caitlin, and their team of five consultants provide expert adoption education, support, and guidance along the way until the adoption is legally finalized.

After Amy adopted her daughter, she became passionate about supporting and promoting domestic infant adoption. "To see a family being created and watching people become

parents brings me so much joy," Amy says. Her cofounder Caitlin also loves what she does, having worked in the adoption field for many years. She's worn many hats as an adoption professional, but her passion, however, lies with helping those seeking adoption to create their family.

If you're moved by the idea of bringing parents and children together like Hello Baby, there are plenty of ways to support adoption everywhere. As a community member, you have the power to support a family or friend who is adopting, fundraise for an adoptive family or adoption organization, attend an event to learn more about adoption, or simply spread the word about Hello Baby to anyone considering adoption. They're dedicated to their mission of guiding people through the adoption process until they bring their baby home.



Image Courtesy: Arike Ogunbowale/Instagram

## Featured Article

### Pro athletes Arike, Dare Ogunbowale share "special" sibling relationship

By Scott Procter, BVM Sports Senior Editor/Journalist



*It's not often that you see a brother-sister duo both in the primes of their respective professional careers — let alone in the same state — but Dallas Wings guard Arike Ogunbowale and Houston Texans running back Dare Ogunbowale aren't your typical siblings. Born to a father, Gregory, who migrated from Nigeria, and a mother, Yolanda, who broke softball records at DePaul, Arike and Dare owe much of their personal and athletic success to their hard-working parents... Scan to continue reading.*



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# BEFORE THERE WERE BRIDGES

Courtesy of Diane Hoover with The Historical Society of Glastonbury

This Historic Bridge Awareness Month, we'd like to take you back to before there were bridges – when our town built another revolutionary solution for crossing the Connecticut River.

Crossing the "Quinetucket" River was always an important objective for the people who inhabited the area that became known as Glastonbury. The Indigenous Peoples and the earliest English settlers from Wethersfield used small boats to cross or simply walked across the ice in winter.

As the English population grew, bringing larger loads to begin their new lives, something more was needed. In the mid-1600's, Wethersfield granted the Smith family the privilege of running a ferry between the western and eastern banks of the river (present day Rocky Hill and Glastonbury).



The original ferry was a small raft that was pushed across the river using long poles. Later, a flat-bottomed scow was pulled by long ropes or cables attached to each bank. This was eventually replaced by a boat with side paddles which was operated by a horse on a treadmill. The ferry was "modernized" in 1876 when it became steam driven. Today, it is a barge, "The Hollister," propelled by a tugboat, "The Cumberland."

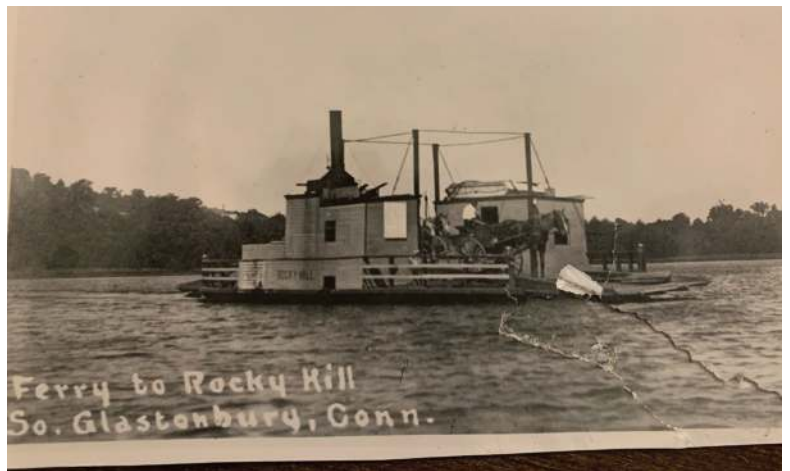
The people of Glastonbury take pride that this ferry is the nation's oldest continuously operating ferry. The ride takes four minutes, saving nearly eight miles of driving while providing a tranquil view of this beautiful river.



Ferry Ride, 1910.

Crew: Arthur Taylor, Leonard Hollister

Passengers: E. Bidwell, Annie Hunt, Bella Kellum, children: B. Hunt, Marion Bidwell.



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National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:..... 1.800.273.8255 \*\*

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