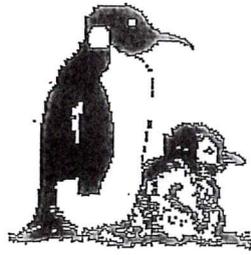


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October & November 2025

Annual Flu Clinic:

As a reminder, the Flu Clinic is going to be held **on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th** at the Preston Senior Center from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. If you have not registered, please contact the Senior Affairs Office as soon as possible. The telephone number is 860-887-5581 ext. 6. We are offering Influenza vaccine, Covid vaccine, RSV and Pneumonia injections. We also suggest that, if possible, you wear short sleeve garments so the pharmacist can have easy access to your arm. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, October 15th and an uneventful Flu season!

Energy Assistance application update:

As of the printing of this newsletter, TVCCA will no longer accept bank statements as proof of your Social Security payments. The acceptable form of documentation is the Benefits Letter which was mailed by Social Security to each recipient earlier this year. If you have any questions regarding this new policy, please contact the Senior Affairs Office at 860-887-5581 ext.6. The Energy Assistance program officially opens on November 3rd and you are encouraged to complete your application for assistance early. Appointments are necessary and can be arranged by contacting the Senior Affairs Office at 860-887-5581 ext. 6.

Food Distribution:

Friday, October 3rd will be the next scheduled distribution at the Preston Senior Center from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. We thank the many participants in the food distribution for your patience and understanding. We do realize that sometimes the lines can be long, but we do our best to accommodate everyone wishing to participate in the program. United Community & Family Services staff, various agency volunteers, Town of Preston staff members and Uncas Health Distract employees make every effort to ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing. Through the undying efforts of United Community & Family Services, United Way, Gemma Moran and the Connecticut Food Bank we continue to offer a program which makes a difference. All are welcome to participate in our monthly food distribution. Residency is not a requirement. **Due to a recent complaint lodged with the town, we ask that participants remember being careful not to block homeowners' driveways, intersections, not impede mail delivery carriers and remember that food distribution does not begin until 10:00 a.m. Please help us to make this important program safe for everyone.** Looking forward to seeing each and everyone on Friday, October 3rd.

Parking Lot Upgrade:

Some long-awaited changes are on our doorstep! Yes, the parking lot at the Senior Center will have major upgrades starting the week of October 20th. The senior center will be open on Tuesday and Thursday with limited parking available. Patrons will be asked to use the front entrance to the center only.

In anticipation of the work beginning on Monday, October 20th, the TVCCA Café Program will be cancelled for this day only. That also means that Cribbage players will not have access to the senior center on October 20th. We ask for your patience during this time as last-minute adjustments to the work schedule are possible.

The end result will be a bump free, hole free, level area for parking plus a new handicapped accessible ramp! Yeah!!

TVCCA Café Program:

Please note the changes to the October schedule. Normal operations will resume during the month of November.

Monday, October 6th: Beef Chili Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Snap Peas, Corn w/Peppers & Onions, Diced Peaches, Bread, Margarine and Beverage.

Monday, October 13th: Program Closed due to Columbus Day Holiday

Monday, October 20th: Program Closed due to NEW PARKING LOT improvements.

Monday, October 27th: Braised Beef Tips, Gemelli Pasta, Mixed Vegetables Medley, Applesauce Cup, Bread, Margarine and Beverage.

We apologize in advance for the inconvenience to the Café Program schedule. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

Registrations are necessary for the program and can be made, in person, at the Senior Center on Monday (9-3, Tuesday/Thursday 12:30 – 4:00) or by phoning the center during normal business hours at 860-889-0770. In addition, registration can be made by contacting the Senior Affairs Office at 860-887-5581 ext. 6 leaving your name, telephone number and a brief message.

My Favorite Sayings:

We learn the rope of life by untying its knots.

The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking spaces.

Nothing is as good as it seems beforehand.

Cherish yesterday, dream tomorrow, live today.

The best thing about a goal is having one.

Important notice from the Office of Policy and Management:

RE: **Form D-2 - PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN 100% SERVICE-CONNECTED
DISABILITY RATING TAX EXEMPTION**

Pursuant to Section 12-93 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Public Act 25-168 Section 235, the Office of Policy and Management prescribes an application to be used for assessment years commencing on and after October 1, 2025 for any person claiming exemption under subdivision (83) of Section 12-81.

Public Act 25-168 Section 235 is effective October 1, 2025 and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2025.

Form D-2 is posted at [Municipal Official and Taxpayer Forms](#) and attached for your use. It is available in both PDF and PDF-fillable versions.

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2027, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET.

Section 235: Section 12-93 new language - Effective October 1, 2025 and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2025

In the case of any person claiming exemption under subdivision (83) of section 12-81, such claimant shall annually, not later than January first, submit such claim to the assessors for approval, on an application form prepared for such purpose by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and to be used for assessment years commencing on and after October 1, 2025, which submission shall include (1) all documentation necessary to demonstrate that the resident described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (83) of section 12-81 has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled based on a service-connected disability rating of one hundred per cent, and (2) an attestation that such claimant has not submitted, and will not submit, a claim for the exemption under subdivision (83) of section 12-81 in another town.

Blood Pressure Screening:

Due to the Columbus Day Holiday on October 13th, our Uncas Health District nurse will not be at the Preston Senior Center to provide free blood pressure screenings. Their regular schedule will resume on Monday, November 10th from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you then.



Town of Preston

Poquetanuck Cove and Village Heritage Trail Newsletter September 2025

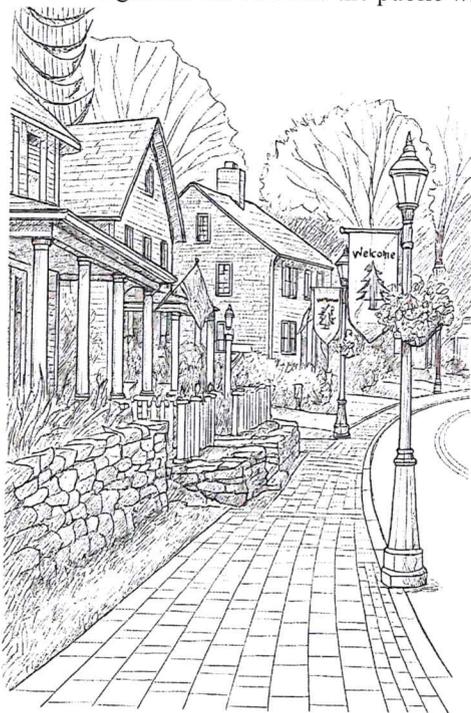
We are very excited to say that we nearly there! Plans are being finalized for the Village, Community Park, and Lincoln Park Road areas. Construction is expected to begin after July 2026, with final tweaks now being made to lighting, signage, and landscaping.

We've invited the newly formed Preston Garden Club to help beautify the trail with their recommendation on the landscaping, and we're asking the schools and community to help write engaging interpretive signs about our area's rich:

- Indigenous and colonial history
- Flora, fauna, and natural resources
- Archaeology, ecology, and fisheries

A key highlight: the Shewville Brook Bridge near Senior Housing will be fully replaced and widened for trail use. Thanks to a Transportation Alternatives (TA) Grant, taxpayers won't bear the cost of the bridge. We're also applying for additional funding to cover the town's match to the \$5.4 million grant.

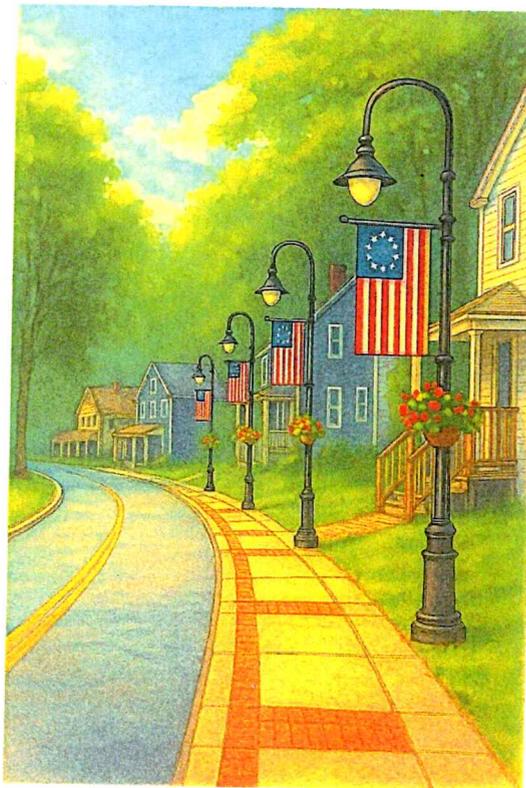
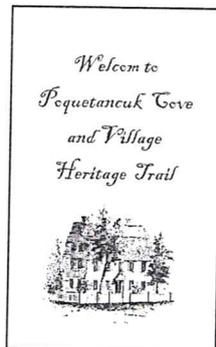
The project will transform the Village from the Route 2A speedway to a pedestrian friendly New England Village where neighbors can visit and the public will be able to enjoy the beauty of this historic village.



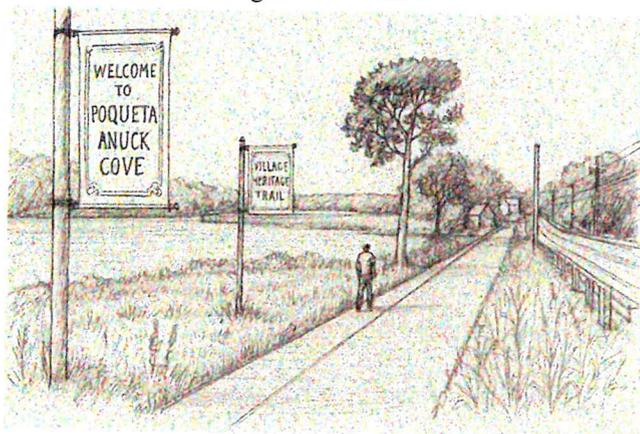
These sketches are AI renderings of the trail, but should give you an idea of what the trail will look like. Keep in mind the AI sketches and are conceptual, and are pretty close to what the trail will look like.

The sketch to the left is looking from west just past Captain Grant's (Lights will be gooseneck).

The color sketch below is looking to the east along Route 2A towards Captain Grant's. The line of goose neck lights will continue along the walk and are not necessarily placed where they will actually be placed.



Below on is the trail along the Cove, which will be 10' wide (not funded yet) – this appears to be wider than it will be, and the banners will continue the entire length of the trail.



Thank you for your support and patience!