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2016 FALL NEWSLETTER

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE Equine Affair !

A reminder that our CHC Booth will be at the Equine Affair in the Stroh Building Booth #2514. Stop by to say hi, get information on CHC and what we've been doing to promote equestrians in our state and while you're at it you can easily renew your 2017 membership!

Our supporting organizations and business members are listed on pages 11-13 and are also posted up on our website. Club, Organizations, Business & Professional support is only \$40.00 per year - all posted on our web site and in our Newsletters.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Timely Information:

ATTENTION ORGANIZATIONS:

Do you have trail projects that you would like to get funding for?

Recreational Trail Program (RTP) Grant Funding Information

2017-18 Grant Round is now open!

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is accepting proposals for Connecticut's Recreational Trails Program Grants. **Applications will be accepted through December 15, 2016.** Pending availability of funds during 2017-2018, grants may be made to any private nonprofit organizations, municipalities, state departments and tribal governments. Grant amounts vary.

Connecticut Recreational Trails Program funds may be requested for uses including: Planning, design and construction of new trails (motorized and non-motorized).

Maintenance and restoration of existing trails (motorized and non-motorized).

Access to trails by persons with disabilities.

Purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment.

Acquisition of land or easements for a trail, or for trail corridors.

Operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection as related to recreational trails

For more information and to download an application go to:

http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2707&q=576550&deepNav_GID=1642

If you have any questions or need help in filling out the application contact Diane Ciano

TRAIL REPORT: Goodwin State Forest:

Diane reported that she has been in touch with the new Program Director at the Goodwin Conservation Center, Beth Rhines. They are in the process of designing a horse access trail from the Airline Trail to the parking lot, parallel to Potter Road, so that horses can avoid the road. She also wanted to inform the horse community that the harvest will be done in December - January and some of the trails may be closed. An update on the harvest will be posted on their website. **Beth also reported that recently there have been horse back riders that are using the Children's Discovery trail that runs behind the center. They have put up signs that this is not allowed. A reminder to pick up or move your horse's manure from the front grounds of the Conservation Center as well as around the pavilion area. Thank You.**

DEEP Budget Cuts - Volunteer Horse Patrol: As you are likely aware that there has been continued budget cuts for our state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) that severely impacts the operations, maintenance, and safety of your State Parks, Forests, campgrounds, swimming areas, and special places that you cherish. The CT Horse Council is proud to have partnered with DEEP since 2003 establishing the Volunteer Horse Patrol (VHP) for equestrians statewide to help meet the basic needs of the visitors in our State parks and forests and helping to maintain trails. With the diminished resources of the DEEP, the CHC-VHP is calling on all equestrians to partner with us with this ongoing statewide effort and support to help patrol and maintain the trails that you ride. Your membership to CHC and support to the VHP helps out everyone in all aspects. Please consider supporting your state Horse Council in all its efforts.

Thank you. **For more information www.cthorsecouncil.org**

Your CHC Representation around the state...



CONNECTICUT EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Ginger Tullai Appointed to CT Equine Advisory Council

Congratulations and welcome Ginger Tullai as the 2nd Congressional District representative appointed by the CT Legislative President Pro Tempore, Senator Martin Looney. Ginger has been active and attending the council's meetings for the past two years.

Ginger is the CHC-VHP Coordinator in over 8 state parks and the Salmon River State Forest. She is also the founder of the Friends of Machimoodus State Park in East Haddam.

We welcome Ginger to this position as she is an active equestrian who devotes her time to promote trails and equestrian interests on state and local levels.

The mission of the Equine Advisory Council and is to promote equestrian use on public lands, creating, preserving, maintaining and restoring trails.

The CT Equine Advisory Council's website and link to the Multi Use Trail Surface can be viewed on:

<http://www.ct.gov/deep/eac>

The study can be used to educate and promote multi-use trails and surfaces for planners of trails who may play a role in maintaining or implementing trail systems including Town planners, recreation committees and Council of Governments throughout the state.

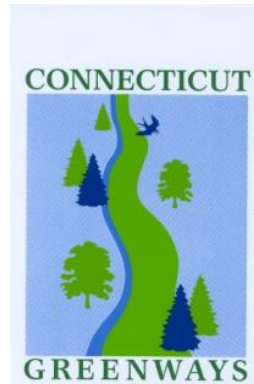
2016 Meeting Schedule:

The 2016 meetings of the EAC will continue to be quarterly Berlin, CT.

The next EAC meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Thursday: December 15th
at the Eversource (formerly Northeast Utilities) meeting room located at 107 Selden St., Berlin
The public is welcomed.

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CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL



JAN COLLINS has retired from the CT Greenways Council

Jan Collins, our CHC Greenways Representative has served on this state council since 2009 and has retired from this position. Jan has served many years on many committees including CHC Trails Committee, Volunteer Horse Patrol, CT Greenways Council, CT Equine Advisory Council, DEEP Recreational Trails and in her own town of Somers. Jan served on the Open Space Subcommittee of the Somers Planning Commission overseeing trail protection in proposed subdivisions. In 1999, she received a Greenways Lifetime Achievement for her work in helping to preserve trails in Somers, CT. More recently she has devoted her time to the Scantic River Watershed Association to help protect the river ecosystem and promote recreation on the river and trails along the Scantic River.

Thank you Jan for all your years of service to the CT Horse Council and over 30 years of service to protecting trails on private, town and state lands.

STACEY STEANS TO BE APPOINTED TO THE CT GREENWAYS COUNCIL

Stacey Stearns grew up on her family's dairy farm, Mountain Dairy, in Mansfield. She was active in 4-H, FFA, and the Morgan Horse Association Youth program growing up. Stacey earned her Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from the University of Connecticut and a Master of Science in Agricultural Education and Communication from the University of Florida. She is currently the Agriculture Program Specialist for UConn Extension. Stacey is also a feature writer for Connecticut Horse and Massachusetts Horse magazines. Stacey competes in distance riding with her Morgan horses. She is president of Connecticut Morgan Horse Association, and serves on the board of directors for New England Morgan Horse Association.

Members of the Connecticut Greenways Council are appointed by the Governor and the leaders of the General Assembly. Their duties include advising and assisting local, state, regional, private citizens and recreational organizations in the technical aspects of planning, designing and implementing greenways, including advice on securing state, federal and nongovernmental grants; and establishing criteria for designation of greenways. The council also reviews applications and awards grants submitted for the Recreational Trails Program.

For more information on the CT Greenways Council go to: www.ct.gov/deep/greenways

STEEP ROCK ASSOCIATION



CT Horse Council - Volunteer Horse Patrol at the Steep Rock Association annual picnic. Representing CHC-VHP - Vevette Greenberg/Cassie, Meg Sautter/Mac, Diane Ciano, & Denise Ciano/Midnight

It was quite an honor for the CHC-VHP to be asked to meet and greet the Washington Depot's residents and introduce them to our patrol. They have asked us to patrol the trails of the Association and we look forward to partnering with them. They're interested in having eyes and ears on the ground as friendly, informative Volunteer Horse Patrollers educate trail users, connect with the trail community, and provide a positive presence on the trails. The VHP is looking for local volunteers who frequently ride at Steep Rock and Hidden Valley Preserve to join in our efforts to patrol and maintain the trail systems. For more information contact Diane Ciano at trails@cthorsecouncil.org or call 203.757.1904



Disaster Preparedness for Equine Owners



A seminar sponsored by: UConn Department of Animal Science, UConn Extension, and Connecticut Horse Council was held at the Durham Fire House on October 6th.

Ideas for developing a disaster kit, first aid kit and disaster plan were discussed with Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, Associate Professor, UConn, Equine Extension Specialist, Fred Mastele, President of the CT Horse Council, the Durham Animal Response Team, Statewide Animal Response Team and participants.

There will be another talk coming soon in Berlin at a CT Horse Council meeting so stay tuned for updates.



Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, Associate Professor, UConn, Equine Extension Specialist

Horse Owner's Corner: Fall Horse Management
Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, Equine Extension Specialist, UConn; Education Committee Chair

Fall can be such a busy time! When we think of fall we also think of leaves falling and crisp, cool air. Fall can be a great time for the horse owner to consider dealing with leaves, drainage issues, acorns, and storm preparedness.

Leaves are falling all around! One worry that many horse owners have is that their horse will consume red maple leaves resulting in red maple disease. This is concern but the first thing that should be done is to ensure that the maple trees on your property are actually *Acer rubrum* or red maple, also known as swamp or soft maple. As little as 1.5 -3 grams per 2.2 lbs of body weight can be an issue for a horse, causing acute hemolytic anemia (breakdown of oxygen carrying red blood cells), red-tinged urine (due to hemoglobin being passed out), lethargy, and depression. An affected horse will need to be treated with activated charcoal to absorb the toxin as soon as the problem occurs. Once damage has begun, horses will need IV fluid therapy to flush and maintain the function of the kidneys, steroids, and possibly blood transfusions and oxygen therapy. If the tree truly is a red maple, then you will need to:



Remove fallen branches and leaves as they fall or keep horses out of pastures when fresh wilted or dried wilted leaves are present



Consider cutting down all red maple trees and also removing the stumps so that red maple leaves are not an issue.

Drainage issues can be a problem around the horse barn. Now is a good time to make sure that all of your property is well-draining to make sure that you do not provide the opportunity for puddles, and next season, ice to form. No horse owner wants to be injured or have their horse injured on ice. Also be sure to clear gutters of leaves to prevent ice from forming in gutters later, leading to potential breakage and perhaps ice dams. It will also prevent habitat for flies and mosquitoes to breed. If you see an area of poor drainage, you can regrade the area or have a drain installed to deal with the issue.

Acorns can also cause toxicity in horses when consumed in a high amount. Although cattle are much more sensitive to this than horses, it is still good to make sure that horses are not consuming acorns. You will see the horse ingesting the acorns or find acorn remnants in the feed. Acorn toxicity can result in constipation, going off feed, colic, blood tinged urine, dehydration and swelling in the legs. If a horse develops this problem, they will again need activated charcoal initially and then IV fluid therapy. For acorn issues, you will need to:



Fence off oak trees or remove them



Clear fallen branches after a storm



Keep your horse away from fallen oak branches and acorns

Storm preparedness is another issue. You want to be ready for whatever comes our way. So make sure that you have stocked up on extra feed and water (as mentioned in the summer newsletter on equine disaster preparedness) and have your disaster kit ready. Now is the time to get ready for power outages, snow storms, reconsider fire safety, and how to prevent flooding. Although we are in a drought right now, fall rains often can cause problems in this area.

Fall is a great time to take a look around you, assess your horse-keeping situation and be sure that acorns, leaves and drainage don't cause issues for you. It is also a great time to make sure that you are ready to deal with whatever Mother Nature may offer in the time and seasons to come. So don't fall asleep, use fall as a preparation time to be the best horsekeeper you can be! I hope this information was useful to you. If you have any questions about horse management, feel free to contact me at jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu or (860) 486-4471 and check out other fact sheets at <http://animalscience.uconn.edu/extension/articlesByFaculty.php>. Thanks, and keep on horsin' around! Look for an upcoming session on Equine Disaster Preparedness for Equine Owners in Durham in December!

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New England Arabian Trail Organization
www.orgsites.com/ct/neato



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www.northwestctdrafthorse.com



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Reddington Rock Riding Club
www.RRRCLUB.ORG

Business Member Directory

CHC would like to encourage horse owners to use the services of our member businesses. **This will help our industry to prosper. If your business does not appear here, consider joining CHC so that we may add your listing as well. This information is made available at our trade show booth and on our website.**

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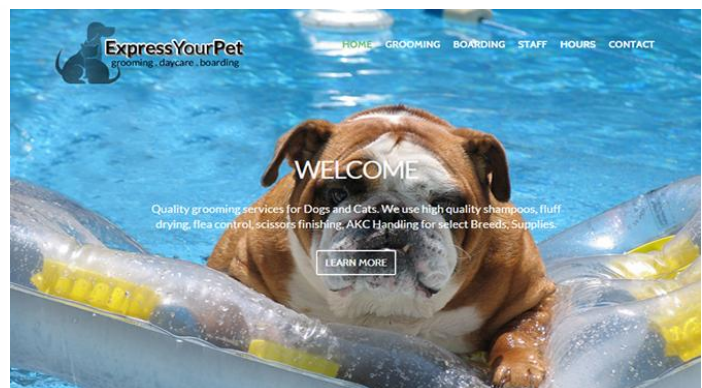
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☐ Volunteer Horse Patrol ☐ Education ☐ CT Horse 911

I would be willing to serve on a committee of my interest. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ More info, please

I would be willing to have my name listed with CHC **Connections** as a person to contact in an emergency involving horses, or for emergency resources. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ More info, please

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Connecticut Horse Council **Connections** is a volunteer network being developed to provide assistance and resources to our fellow horse owners in the state during times of natural or man-made disasters, or emergency

incidents such as fires, loose horses, or trailer accidents. When there is an incident or emergency situation involving horses **Connections** will be a resource for local fire departments, first response dispatchers, and, as they continue to organize, with local CTSART Region Team Leaders. If you choose to participate in **Connections**, CHC will add your name to our list of people who can be contacted when help is needed.

[] CHC has my permission to make my name available to my local Fire Department/local Emergency Dispatcher as an experienced horseperson to call in the event of an incident involving horse/s.

My local FD is _____ Local Police _____

[] CHC has my permission to contact me to provide emergency trailering for horse/s.

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Describe _____

[] CHC has my permission to contact me to provide emergency supplies (feed, bedding, or other) for horses involved in emergency incidents.

Describe _____

[] I am unable to participate at this time but would like to be included in future alerts or mailings.

Although not yet mandated by Connecticut statute, the CT State Animal Response Team regions recognize the needs of large animals. CHC remains committed to assisting the five Region Team Leaders in their efforts to include horses in their disaster response plans.

[] Please give me the contact name of my CTSART Region Team Leader so I can contact him/her.

I attest that I am at least 18 years of age and that the information I provide The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc. is true and accurate. I understand that I may, in any particular situation, prudently decline to offer my good faith services. I further understand that The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc. acts only as a conduit for providing this information to individuals and/or organizations for the purpose of emergency response, and CHC is not liable for any injury or misadventure resulting in my volunteer efforts.

Signature