

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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Letter from the President

January 2020 I gratefully accepted the passing of the torch from Dana Gips as the role of Wilton Go Green President. We had done so much work the previous months preparing for our 3rd Annual Zero Waste Faire & Sustainable Living Expo coming up in March 2020 there was not much time to stop, plot and plan for this new role. We had much work to do to prepare for March and no one saw what was truly instore for us.

As March approached there was growing concern over the rise in COVID-19 cases across the country as well as new guidelines coming out from the State and Town. On Sunday, March 8th the first COVID-19 positive case in Connecticut recorded was a Wilton resident. We knew then that it was time to cancel our event. With immense disbelief and great sadness we made the announcement, but like everyone else we had to quickly pivot, adjust and continue our work.

Like the rest of the world we created our Zoom account and set out to put together virtual programming and communications for the remainder of the year. We also took a step back and started to reorganize and form working Committees to meet our organization goals.

Although we lost our biggest fundraiser, we still saw the support of our Wilton community and beyond during our Annual Giving Day fundraiser, through our virtual events and residents joining our Committees, Board and volunteering their services.

With deepest gratitude,

Tammy Thornton



WGG Board Members present at Annual Meeting (left to right) Kim Burke, Dana Gips, Surbhi Madhvani, Doris Noonan, Tammy Thornton, Heather Priest, Patrice Gillespie, Tina Duncan

Donors

Wilton Go Green is funded solely through the generosity of others. We would not be able to run our events or programming without the support of our community donors.

Thank you to all of our donors in 2020!

Anonymous, Gigi Chen, Robin Buchanan, Olivia Bugaj, Meghan Devine, Tina and Woodson Duncan, Michelle Fracasso, Patrice Gillespie, Dana Gips, Danielle Jahn, Chuck Litty, Surbhi Madhavani, Alexis Murphy, Doris Noonan, Rina Reichgut, Brian Shea, Turnover Shop, Thomas Sneider, Trinity Solar, Robert Wallace, Iryna A.


2020 Annual Meeting

January 16, 2020


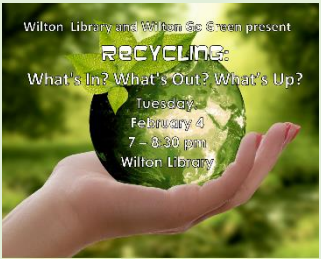




Wilton Go Green Awards

- Kevin Meehan — Green Teacher Award
- Michelle Maher — Zero Waste Hero Award
- Trout Unlimited, Mianus Chapter — Environmental Steward Award
- Turnover Shop — Green Community Partner Award
- Green Student Award — Eleanor Greene, Katie Umphred, Lily Umphred, Olivia Crisafulli, Taite Innes, Ava Marini, Cate Adams, Bella Andjelkovic, Anne Caldwell, Jamie Leventhal

Other 2020 Happenings

Wilton Chamber of Commerce Winter Carnival	Wilton Go Green Committee Formation https://wiltongogreen.org/wilton-go-green-committees/
	<p>1) Waste Reduction Committee – Focus on areas of waste reduction education for Wilton residents such as reducing single-use plastics, BYO Wilton campaign, Skip the Straw campaign, recycling education, food scrap recovery program and more!</p> <p>2) Green Business Committee – Design, update and implement our Green Business Designation program as well as look at ways to support and encourage local businesses sustainability practices.</p> <p>3) Green Speaker Series Committee –Organize a minimum of three Green Speaker Series events per calendar year.</p> <p>4) Zero Waste Schools Committee – Support our District-wide Zero Waste Schools Initiative by helping volunteer in the school (when able), organize our Zero Waste Weeks, etc. and support our larger Zero Waste Schools Coalition.</p>

Green Speaker Series

<p>“What’s In? What’s Out?” What’s Up?” With Sherill Baldwin of CT DEEP, RecycleCT</p> <p>February 4, 2020</p>	<p>Home Composting with UCONN Master Composter Gail Reynolds</p> <p>April 21, 2020</p> <p><i>webinar</i></p>	<p>Microplastic Madness Screening and Panel Discussion</p> <p>July 14, 2020</p> <p><i>webinar</i></p>	<p>Cultivating a Sustainable Lifestyle with Analiese Paik</p> <p>September 29, 2020</p> <p><i>webinar</i></p>
  <p>Wilton Library and Wilton Go Green present</p> <p>RECYCLING: What's In? What's Out? What's Up?</p> <p>Tuesday, February 4 7 - 8:30 pm Wilton Library</p> <p>Please join Wilton Go Green and Sherill Baldwin of CT DEEP and RecycleCT to learn all about recycling in Wilton including what goes in the bin, what stays out, should people still recycle and the impact of China's National Sword on Connecticut's recycling program. There will be time for questions at the end of the presentation. Please see the library's website for speaker details.</p>  <p>To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org and click on "Events" or call 203-742-4334</p> <p>In partnership with Wilton Library</p>	 	 <p>Wilton Go Green invites you to join us for a Virtual screening of "Microplastic Madness" and panel discussion on the movie, plastic and our environment.</p> <p>On Sunday, July 12th gather the whole household to watch "Microplastic Madness" Recommended for ages 8+.</p> <p>On Tuesday, July 14th join us for our panel discussion with Wilton Go Green, Norwalk River Watershed Association, Surfrider and more!</p> <p>Click to learn more and to register by Saturday, July 11th.</p> <p><i>Panelists from: Norwalk River Watershed Association, CT Chapter Surfrider, Save the Sound</i></p>	