



Stonington Points



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Welcome from the SRTC

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Stonington Republican Town Committee (SRTC) Newsletter. We are excited to expand our outreach! As we enter a critical election season, the SRTC will strive to keep you informed on campaign developments, highlight crucial topics in local politics, and provide updates on key meetings/events. We will report on our recent initiatives to enhance daily living in our community through service and volunteerism. We invite your participation and always appreciate your input.

Who We Are

We are a group of individuals who love and serve our community and country. We believe in the individual liberty of all persons to seek their dreams in a climate of respect for one another, the law, and the environment. Fiscal responsibility and accountability from government are critical - we believe that we can support the success of residents and local businesses with sound policies that maintain public safety, infrastructure and quality education without excessive taxes and regulations. We firmly assert parental choice - the right of parents and guardians to direct their children's upbringing, care, and education without government interference. We value all perspectives and welcome all to our party.

What We Do

SRTC members support our community. We serve on many organizations and volunteer our efforts to a variety of civic initiatives:

- Recruit and support political candidates
- Recommend members for town boards and commissions
- Devise sound solutions to challenges facing Stonington
- Organize service projects to address important needs locally and beyond

We have a strong history of promoting women to leadership roles. Many political careers began with SRTC roots. The Hon. Mary Howard "Billy" Boatwright became a member of the CT House of Reps. and later Republican National Committeewoman. Bill Brown led Stonington as Selectman for several years and First Selectman from 2004-2007. Furthermore, Hon. Rob Simmons became the first Stonington resident elected to US Congress.

Want to Get Involved?

We always look for new members and volunteers. There are many ways you can help with campaigns, events, policy input, service projects and more. *Please email info@stoningtonop.org if interested.*

SRTC Meetings

Third Thursday of Every Month
7PM Start
Stonington Police Station

*Please join us
for the remaining 2022 Meetings:*

Jul 21st Oct 20th
Aug 18th Nov 17th
Sept 15th Dec 15th

What's New

Stonington to Implement Redistricting

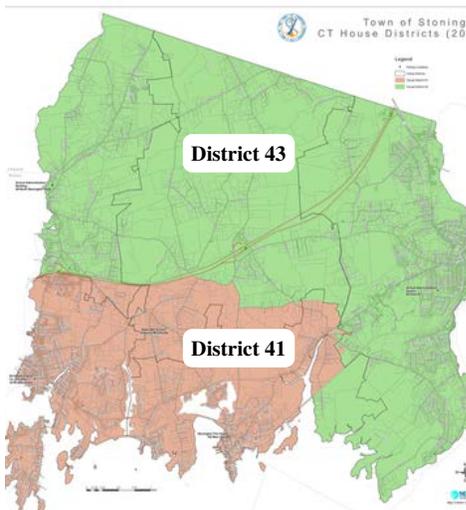
Why Redistricting?

The Town of Stonington voted to approve a voting redistricting plan at a special town meeting on April 4, 2022. The plan was developed in response to Connecticut's Reapportionment Commission's decision to realign 151 House Districts based on population shifts as analyzed through 2020 census data.

How are Stonington Voters Impacted?

To date, House District 43 has represented Stonington. Under the new plan, Stonington will be divided into House Districts 41 and 43 (see map below). Notably, Mystic and the Stonington Borough south of I95 will now be part of District 41.

Redistricting Splits Stonington into House Districts 41 & 43



Voters Will See Changes Starting with August Primaries

The changes will go into effect for the upcoming primaries scheduled for August 2022 and will remain in effect for this November 's elections and beyond.

Stonington Voting District Lines Redrawn

Stonington consists of five voting districts. The number of voting districts will remain the same; however, local district lines have been redrawn to achieve a more even population distribution. Each district will now have no more than 3,700 voters. The following table details the population realignment:

Stonington Voting District Population Redistribution

	Current	New
District 1	2752	3102
District 2	7289	3608
District 3	1596	3681
District 4	3142	3642
District 5	2045	2245

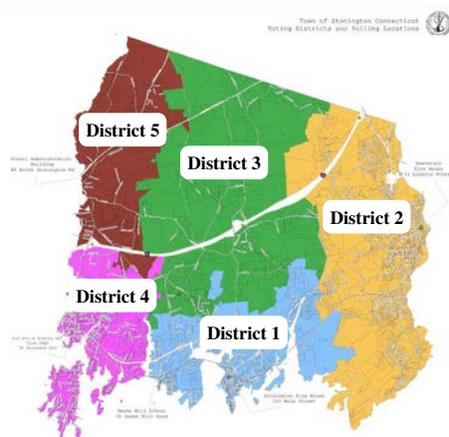
Some voters will be in new districts as shown in the two maps at the bottom of the page. Note that the former District 2, which included Pawcatuck with the greatest population density, will be split into voting districts 2 and 3 south and north of Route 1.

To accommodate the realignments, new polling locations have been established. District 3 will now vote at St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck, and voters in District 4, who previously voted at B.F. Hoxsie Firehouse, will now vote at Stonington Middle School.

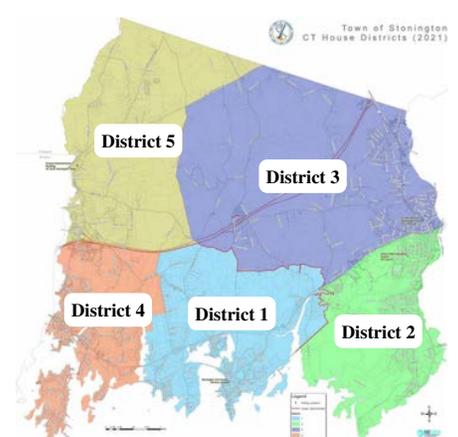
New Stonington Polling Locations:

- District 1** Stonington Fire House
- District 2** Board of Education Bldg (former Pawcatuck Middle School)
- District 3** St Michael Church in Pawcatuck
- District 4** Stonington Middle School
- District 5** Former School Admin Offices in Old Mystic

Districts Before Redistricting



Districts After Redistricting



For further information and to verify your current voting district, consult the Town of Stonington website at www.stonington-ct.gov. Select Registrar of Voters under the Department's menu and choose Redistricting Information on the Registrar's page. You may also contact the Town Clerk's office at 860-535-5060.

Meet the 2022 Candidates

Sen. Heather Somers

State Senator 18th District



Senator Somers is a proven leader, described by many as devoted, compassionate, and determined to protect the interests of her community. She is known for making CT safer and more affordable for residents by advancing legislation that provides tax relief and reduces health care costs. When it comes to addressing the healthcare needs of constituents, Heather's determination is unmatched. She has received numerous awards for her "tireless" advocacy on behalf of vulnerable pediatric patients, those with mental health challenges and intellectual disabilities, and individuals in assisted living & long-term care facilities. The following are just a few examples of the health organizations that have recognized her dedication: CT Children's Medical Center, ARC New London County, CT College of Emergency Physicians, CT State Medical Society, and Keep the Promise Coalition. Furthermore, Heather's ability to navigate beyond one-party control in Hartford has led to several leadership roles. She was recently named the new Chair of the Bipartisan Tourism Caucus, where she will be a strong voice for our growing tourism industry. She has led the Public Health, Transportation, and Executive & Legislative Nomination Committees and has served on the Appropriations Committee and the Governor's Council on Women and Girls. Heather is the ideal candidate to represent the 18th District.

"It's been an honor to represent the wonderful people of District 18. Public service has been a focus of mine for nearly two decades. My experience, proven results, and ability to listen to all viewpoints has enabled me to build consensus and pass legislation to improve people's lives. I have a track record of challenging the status quo and delivering results. These are unsettling times with alarming inflation. Having a State Senator with experience and knowledge is vital. I hope to earn your trust again to be your Senator in Hartford, representing your best interests and helping improve the quality of life for CT residents." - Sen. Heather Somers

Heather resides on the Mystic side of Groton with her husband, Mark, and children. She earned a BA in Economics from the University of CT, served five terms on the Groton Town Council, and was Mayor of the Town of Groton from 2012-2014.

For more information, please visit her website <https://heathersomers.com/>, her instagram @heathersomers, and/or her Twitter @heathersommers. To donate to her campaign, please visit her website.

Rep. Greg Howard

State House Rep District 43



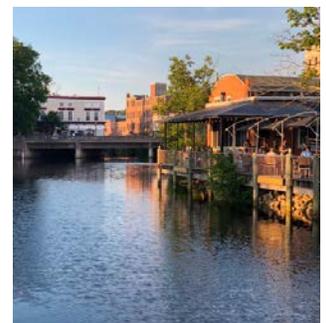
Rep. Greg Howard, recently endorsed for a second term to represent the 43rd District, is a veteran Stonington police detective. Greg views public service as a natural extension of his law-enforcement career. He enjoys collaborating with members from both parties to address community concerns. Rep. Howard sits on the budget-writing Appropriations Committee and the Judiciary Committee. The House leadership has recognized Greg as the only freshman named a ranking member of a legislative committee, the Public Safety and Security Committee. There, he authored a bill to increase protections for children by mandating background checks for adults involved in youth sports and camps and consistently advocated for improved public safety measures. His first-term record reflects his commitment to improve affordability for CT residents, to protect the local shellfish industry, to maintain local control of zoning, and to expand and preserve jobs in southeastern CT.

His future policy goals focus on making Connecticut more affordable through various tax relief measures. He will continue to push for reforms to our state justice system and public safety. Greg's focus on meeting the needs of children, especially with respect to their educational progress and safety, will remain paramount.

"I care about the people of our district and the future of CT. My public service has spanned more than two decades and representing the great people of CT's southeasternmost district is an honor that builds on that experience. I look forward to continuing to be the people's voice in our capital." - Rep. Greg Howard

Greg continues to serve honorably with the Stonington Police Department and currently resides with his wife and two children.

Visit Rep. Howard's Facebook @greghowardfor43. To donate to his campaign, please visit: <https://secure.anedot.com/re-elect-greg-howard/contribute?>



Meet the 2022 Candidates

Robert Boris

State House Rep District 41



Robert “Bob” Boris is President of Command Technology, a Groton-based information database company, and is running for the 41st House District Seat. After graduating from the London School of Economics, Bob utilized his entrepreneurial perspective to grow Command Technology into a global supplier of cloud computing software, providing revolutionary software tools to various institutions (e.g., American Airlines, U.S. Air Force, NATO, Rolls Royce, & more). In his 40 years in Groton, Bob has been dedicated to the community, serving on Groton's Economic Development Council, Mystic & Ocean Community Chambers of Commerce, Eastern CT Chamber of Commerce's Energy Council & Military Affairs Council, and more.

"The residents I've spoken to want educational opportunities that align with an ecologically sustainable future. They want tax dollars invested transparently - on infrastructure and services that benefit our community, preserve its unique character, and generate long term, sustainable growth." - Bob Boris

Boris is running his campaign on three “Core Principles” - Growth & Stewardship, Eco-Friendly Economics, & Diversity of Thought - which act as a substitute for a policy platform. As Bob sees it, the proper representation of a community is contingent upon legislators having an open dialogue with their constituents. Only then may our leaders truly understand the unique perspective of their voters, which is necessary for serving their best interests.

With his personal and professional experience as a Leader, Volunteer, and Father, Bob is uniquely qualified to foster high paying, long-term jobs that support clean energy production; provide access to 21st century education, job training, and capital; and leverage the 41st District's diversity as a catalyst for growth.



Please visit Bob's Twitter @robertboris41, Instagram @robertboris41, Facebook @robert.boris, or website www.robertboris41.com to learn more. To donate to his campaign, please visit his website.

Rep. Mike France

*U.S. House Rep
2nd Congressional District*



Representative Mike France has dedicated his entire adult life to our nation. After graduating from the University of Southern California with a degree in electrical engineering, Rep. France became an accomplished engineer, bringing his expertise to 20 years of active duty service in the U.S. Navy and continuing that service in the private sector following his retirement. He is currently serving his fourth term as State Representative for the 42nd District. This past year, Rep. France became the Ranking Member of the Appropriations Committee and continues his work on the General Administration and Elections Committee. He is highly regarded for his leadership as the Chairman of the Connecticut General Assembly Conservative Caucus.

Rep. France's experience in the military, private sector and legislature, combined with his dedication to public service, showcase his unique strength as a candidate to represent the needs of constituents in the U.S. 2nd Congressional District. If elected, Rep. France would strive to promote legislation that enables the free market to create jobs in Southeastern Connecticut. He is dedicated to the principles of limited government, economic freedom, and individual liberty.

“My family instilled in me the value of hard work, service and above all, responsibility for ourselves, our community and our future.” – Rep. Mike France

Rep. France resides with his wife in Gales Ferry, where he previously served on the Ledyard Town Council and was Chair of the Finance Committee. He has six children and six grandchildren and spends his spare time enjoying tennis, golf, and genealogy.

For more information, please visit Mike's website at www.VoteMikeFrance.com or his Facebook @MikeFranceforCongress. If you would like to donate to his campaign, please visit his website.



SRTC Serves the Community

Actively Serving Others

Here are just a few examples of how SRTC members serve the local community and beyond. We are committed to giving back and hope you'll join us in our next "on deck" service initiative!

SRTC Members Raise \$2,150 for Veteran's Monument

Several members of the Stonington Republican Town Committee are pictured presenting a "check" in the amount of \$2,150.00 to First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough and Executive Administrative Assistant Stacey Haskell to support the Town of Stonington Veterans Monument project. These funds were collected from members of the Stonington Republican Town Committee. A Veterans Monument Committee has collected just over \$90,000.00 to date for the Monument. Approximately \$200,000.00 will be needed to complete the project. This monument will honor the over 7,000 veterans from World War I and on who currently live in Stonington or who have lived in the Town at one time. If you would like to make a donation to this project, or know someone who might also want to participate, please visit the Town's website at <https://www.stonington-ct.gov/selectmens-office/pages/stonington-veterans-monument-project>.



Huge Collection for Ukraine

The Stonington, N. Stonington, and Groton RTCs organized 8 truckloads of clothing, non-perishables, medical and baby supplies for Ukrainian refugees. Donations were delivered to Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford and flown to Poland for Ukraine. Thank you to our donors for their amazing generosity.



Sen. Heather Somers, Rep. Greg Howard, and Bob Boris, candidate 41st District, help load supplies for Ukraine onto trucks.



Please Join Us for These Upcoming Events

STONINGTON RTC Community Clean Up!

July 9, 2022
9am

Location:

Meet at Commuter Lot
Corner of North Main St. &
Rte 1

Details:

- Trash bags, safety vests, and refreshments provided
- Volunteers are asked to bring gloves



**First
Annual Groton RTC
Independence Day
Celebration**

Please Join Us July 9, 2022

***4:00 PM to 10:30 PM**

404 Thames Street, Groton, CT 06340
Pre-Sale Tickets \$100 Per Person.
Tickets \$150 after June 22nd

**Includes: Parking, Hors d'oeuvres, Open Bar,
Best Area to View
Sailfest Fireworks on the River.**

For More Information Contact: John at 860-912-1963
* The Street closes at 6:00 PM, Must be parked before 6:00 PM.
<https://secure.anedot.com/groton-rtc/c372c50488c74e959bc2>

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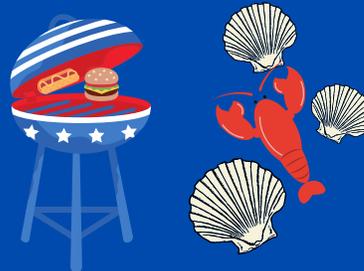
SAVE THE DATE Clam Bake!

September 18, 2022

Location:

Spellman West Pavilion
(behind Stonington High School)

Ticketing & further details are
currently being finalized, but we
hope you save this date.



Keep an eye out for our next newsletter or visit our
website www.stoningtonop.org for updates!



Save the Dates

Upcoming Stonington Town Meetings

Special Town Meeting

Monday, June 27, 2022
Stonington High School
7:00 pm

The Special Town Meeting is being called to adopt Ordinances to achieve the following: 1) Provide for threshold amounts of real property and personal property tax bills to be due and payable in one installment; 2) Amend the Town of Stonington Retirement Plan to provide for an ad hoc COLA.; 3) Provide notice of an application for a demolition permit and provide for the delay of the demolition of historical structures; 4) Provide for smoke free community recreation areas; 5) Provide hours of operation for community recreation areas. Copies of the complete text of the proposed Ordinances are in the Town Clerk's office and online at www.stonington-ct.gov.

Regular Meetings of the Town of Stonington Boards

Stonington Board of Selectmen Meetings

2nd & 4th Wednesday of Every Month
Stonington Police Station Community Room
5:30 PM

Stonington Board of Education

Thursday, July 14, 2022
Thursday, August 11, 2022
Thursday, September 8, 2022
Thursday, October 13, 2022
Thursday, November 17, 2022
Thursday, December 8, 2022

Board of Education Offices
District Office Board Room
6:30PM

Stonington Board of Finance

1st Wednesday of Every Month
Stonington Police Station Community Room
7:15 PM

Chairman's Corner

Welcome to our first edition of the SRTC's newsletter. I hope that you will find in it useful information and a sign of our commitment to reach out to our constituents. In January, we were happy to have new members join the SRTC. On March 24th, the Committee elected new officers: Blunt White, Treasurer; Jim Kelley, Secretary; John Godin, Vice-Chairman; and I, Glen Frishman, Chairman. John, Jim and Blunt have a wealth of experience that will add tremendous value to the SRTC and help it prepare for this fall's elections and beyond. I want to thank Peggy Roberts, who served as both treasurer and Registrar of Voters. She will continue as Registrar. The newly elected Committee looks forward to help make Stonington and Connecticut a better place to live and work. We are committed to broadening the reach of our party and explaining what we stand for as Republicans.

The Chairman's Corner of each newsletter will feature one Committee member. I hope to highlight that each of the SRTC's members offer an array of talents and serve out of a desire to truly help our community. For our first issue, it is only fitting that we honor our longest serving member, Mr. Anthony "Tony" D. Lombardo.

Tony has served on the SRTC since 1977, a total of 45 years. He was enrolled at the University of Charlestown in West Virginia when the Army called. After serving in both the artillery and the ordinance corps in Panama, Tony returned to college, finishing his degree at the University of Charlestown with a BA in political science. He worked as a lifeguard at one of the area's favorite spots, Misquamicut Beach, to earn money for college.

Tony speaks both Spanish and Italian and worked for the territorial governor of Puerto Rico in public affairs. He also worked as a sales and marketing manager and a reserve police officer for Stonington. Community service has been a constant throughout his life. We are grateful for Tony's dedication to our town.

Glenn Frishman
Chairman, SRTC

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