



Town of Stratford

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Stratford Honors the 19th Amendments' Centennial Ratification

STRATFORD – The year 2020 marks one-hundred years since the 19th Amendment was signed into law, giving all female U.S. citizens the right to vote. The Town of Stratford will be recognizing this centennial with a series of events throughout the year.

Mayor Laura R. Hoydick, along with the Stratford Historical Society, will host monthly presentations highlighting notable Stratford women. The women being honored range from Suffrage activists to present day civic and community leaders.

"Recognizing this centennial provides an unparalleled opportunity to celebrate a milestone in our republic, both nationally and here in town," shares **Mayor Hoydick**. "For more than one-hundred years, Stratford has seen strong, passionate, capable female leaders. The stories being presented are remarkable."

These monthly presentations will be held at Town Council meetings, beginning January 13th at 8:00pm in Town Hall Council Chambers.

Additionally, the Stratford Library is partnering with the Baldwin Center and Stratford Lifelong Learners to host "Votes for Women", a presentation showcasing Connecticut women who fought on a local, state and national level for women's right to vote. This is being presented by the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame on February 25th from 1:30 to 2:30pm at the Baldwin Center.

The Library plans to celebrate Women's History Month throughout March. The conclusion of this program will examine the book "Olive, Again" by Elizabeth Strout, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, on March 25th at 12:00pm in the Library Board Room. The Library Children's Department is recognizing Women's History Month as well, including bingo, crafts and a Girl Power celebration.

For more information, including a schedule of Public Forum and Town Council meetings, visit www.TownofStratford.com/19thAmendment. For information regarding Library events, visit www.stratfordlibrary.org.

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