



HAC Annual Picnic and Summer Solstice Celebration

Saturday June 19

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

It's finally time see each other again in person!
The Celebration will take place outdoors at USNH,
700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden on Saturday,
June 19, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Please bring your own food and chairs. We can
seek shady or sunny areas, depending on the
weather that day.

If you wish to bring food items which you have
either prepared or purchased for others to enjoy,
please bring them in individual containers;
examples - fruit salad in individual cups, cookies
wrapped individually, etc. -- no serving bowls or
platters. We will follow the USNH safety protocol,
stay distanced, and wear masks when not eating or
drinking. Access to the building's restroom will be
allowed one person at a time.

You are invited to bring a musical instrument to
make some music for us if you wish.

Rain date is Sunday, June 20, same time and place.
Questions: email GayleCWalter@gmail.com
RSVP ("Attend") at Meetup via
<https://www.meetup.com/cthumanist/events/qxtslryccjbcc/>.

What a great way to start the summer!



Calendar of Events

RSVPs are welcome at [meetup.com/cthumanist/events](https://www.meetup.com/cthumanist/events). You can view the
latest newsletter at www.cthumanist.org.

Programs are held ONLINE this month, except for the Book Discussion
and Wood-N-Tap Discussion.

JUNE 2021

Sat. 5	Humanist Explorations <u>Outdoors</u> →	12:30 p.m.
	(See location in article and note special start time)	
Mon. 7	Monday Social Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 19	Book Discussion: "Stony the Road" By Henry Louis Gates, Jr	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sat. 19	Annual Picnic / Summer Solstice Celebration, Outside at USNH	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sun. 27	Board Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 28	Wood-N-Tap Discussion	7:00 p.m.

JULY 2021

Sat. 3	Explorations TBD	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 5	Monday Social Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 17	Book Discussion: "This Life: Secular Faith and Spiritual Freedom" by Martin Hägglund.	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 19	Monthly Meeting – Redistricting and Gerry- mandering – with Patricia Rossi, LWV	7:00 p.m.
Sun. 25	Board Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 26	Wood-N-Tap Discussion	7:00 p.m.

Monday Social

- Monday June 7, 7:00 p.m.

Join us online for our Virtual Social Dinner and discuss a wide range of
topics with like-minded people.

Link to event: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83132656752>

Membership Dues

The HAC Annual Picnic & Summer Solstice Celebration will be an excellent opportunity for you to pay your 2021
Membership dues!

Please bring a check or cash: \$35 Individual, \$50 household. (Additional donations are always welcome!)

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Events of Interest

Monuments and Collective History -- Artists and experts will speak on issues ranging from the riots in Charlottesville to the removal of our own Christopher Columbus statue in New Haven. This virtual event will be streamed live on Facebook Live and YouTube on Sunday, June 20 at 5:00 p.m. Read more about it at <https://www.artidea.org/event/2021/4460>

Walking and Bike Tours are coming on strong now. See <https://www.artidea.org/tours> for June events.



Save the Date

Walk Against Hunger - The Connecticut Food Bank / Foodshare Walk Against Hunger is returning September 18, 2021, stepping off at 10:00 AM both virtually and at Dunkin' Donuts Park in Hartford. There will be plenty of entertainment on Walk day. Registration details TBA.

Humanist Explorations: Trails Day Outdoors
Leader: Aaron Goode -- Sat. June 5, 2:30 p.m.

We will be taking a Trails Day walk on the beautiful and historic Farmington Canal Heritage Trail. Meet us at the Lockkeeper's House in Hamden at the intersection of Whitney Avenue and Shepard Avenue, across the street from Aunt Chilada's. (There is some parking in front of the Lockkeeper's House -- more parking available at Aunt Chilada's.) We'll check out the historic canal exhibit inside the Lockkeeper's House (rarely open) and meet advocates from the Farmington Canal Rail-to-Trail Association who will fill us in about continuing efforts to extend the trail to the north and south. We will also take a walk along the trail to Brooksvale Park and back.

Please bring water and walking shoes.

Book Discussion: "Stony the Road"
by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Hosted by Kevin & Paula -- Sat, June 19, 2:30 p.m.

The abolition of slavery in the aftermath of the Civil War is a familiar story, as is the civil rights revolution that transformed the nation after World War II. But the century in between remains a mystery: if emancipation sparked "a new birth of freedom" in Lincoln's America, why was it necessary to march in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s America? In this new book, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., one of our leading chroniclers of the African-American experience, seeks to answer that question in a history that moves from the Reconstruction Era to the "nadir" of the African-American experience under Jim Crow, through to World War I and the Harlem Renaissance. -- Amazon "Concise, powerful...an important addition to America's evolving view of its own history." -- The Economist

Upcoming Books:

Saturday, July 17: "This Life: Secular Faith and Spiritual Freedom", by Martin Hägglund

Saturday, August 21: "Free Thinker: Sex, Suffrage, and the Extraordinary Life of Helen Hamilton Gardener", by Kimberly A. Hamlin

We will meet for the Book Discussion at the Hamden Town Center Park.

Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/QByMsSVpkMmqTcne9>

Wood-N-Tap Discussion: - Would you be willing to do one more thing? - Mon. June 28, 7:00 p.m.

At the Wood-n-Tap, 2100 Dixwell Ave, Hamden

I'd be willing to bet that you've already changed your behavior to help the environment in one way or another. Is there one more change that you'd be willing to make or are considering making? Come prepared to share.

Please make sure to RSVP. We plan to meet on the patio, and there are a limited number of seats available. We'll meet online if it rains.

Tech Tip - Efficiency and Environmental Impact

When thinking about the environmental impact of electricity as a fuel for heat or transportation, consider the source. Electricity made from anything other than solar, wind or nuclear power incurs burning something and creating carbon. And the efficiency of that power plant is about 35%, meaning the power plant must burn three energy units of gas, oil or coal to make one energy unit of electricity.