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"I can do pretty much everything I need within walking distance."
Glenbrook resident Jennifer Godzeno



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Jennifer Godzeno smiles at her dining room table at her home on Douglas Avenue in Glenbrook. Originally from Seattle, Godzeno recently moved to Stamford with her husband and daughter from New York City.

MOVING CITY ALONG THE BICYCLE PATH

Urban planner provides insight to Stamford volunteer board

By Keila Torres Ocasio

STAMFORD — Jennifer Godzeno likes to ride her bicycle as much as she can. She has ridden the 2.5 miles from her home on Douglas Avenue in Glenbrook to the Stamford Government Center downtown for meetings of the Planning Board, on which she has served for more than a year. The city is becoming more pedestrian- and bicyclist-friendly, Godzeno said, but it still has a long way to go. When she arrived at the Government Center for an evening Planning Board meeting, for example, she found the front door locked. The only entrance was through the parking garage. "There's embedded an assumption that everyone who comes drove there," she said. "It's a small thing, but it makes a big difference." Godzeno, who has a passion for urban planning, joined People Friendly



An occasional series on new Stamford residents



Jennifer Godzeno, with her husband, Rob, and 9-month-old daughter, Maya, in their Glenbrook home.

Stamford shortly after moving to the city two years ago. The organization works toward improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians. That passion came across when Godzeno, invited by

People Friendly Stamford, spoke at a public hearing about the city's planned infrastructure improvements in Glenbrook and Springdale. A city staffer heard her testimony and

asked if she would be interested in joining the Planning Board. Mayor David Martin's administration has been trying to recruit millennials for appointed positions. Godzeno, a Seattle native, jumped at the chance to become more involved in the Stamford community. She didn't expect to stay on the East Coast after graduating from Amherst College in Massachusetts with degrees in neuroscience and music. But in college, she met her husband, Rob Godzeno, and after graduation they settled in New York City. Jennifer Godzeno became interested in urban planning and earned a master's degree in public health and urban planning from Columbia University. In 2014, she became deputy director for the Participatory Budgeting Project. The nonprofit empowers communities to decide how they want to spend public

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POLICE

Body cameras for officers likely on hold

City must negotiate new union contract before policy is adopted

By John Nickerson

STAMFORD — Body cameras on the city's nearly 300 police officers will likely not start rolling out until a new union contract is in place. Stamford received a \$388,000 grant in October as part of President Barack Obama's push to buy 50,000 cameras for law enforcement officers. Chief Jon Fontneau, Mayor David Martin and police union President Sean Boeger have supported the initiative in hopes the cameras will improve transparency, reduce incidents of improper use of force and complaints against officers, help with evidence collection, and most importantly, build community trust. A panel working on the proposal for Stamford has narrowed its focus to three brands — Motorola, WatchGuard and Taser — Public Safety Director Ted Jankowski said. The department is establishing policies and procedures, including when the cameras should be on or off, and the permissible dissemination of the images. Jankowski said when the procedures are in the final stages, the department will discuss use of the cameras with Stamford State's At-

torney Richard Colangelo and members of the NAACP of Stamford, ACLU of Connecticut, the Domestic Violence Crisis Center, the Center for Sexual Assault Crisis and Counseling and Education, DOMUS, Neighbors Link, the West Side Neighborhood Revitalization Zone and the Eastside Partnership. Before adopting the final policy on cameras, the city will need to negotiate with the police union because the devices reflect a change in working conditions for the department's 275 officers, Jankowski said. Boeger, who is negotiating Stamford's first police contract in nearly five years, said the city will have to reach an agreement with the union so the officers can participate in a pilot program for the cameras. But, he said, the union is unwilling to let that happen right now. "We have read and digested the data generated from the studies out there on body cameras, and we see they are a benefit to the community and police, as well," said Boeger, who wrote his master's thesis on body cameras to get his degree in criminal justice last year. "It isn't just clipping this

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The Bay City Times via Associated Press

Taser is one of three brands of body cameras Stamford is considering for its 275-member police department.

Data: Thousands of kids suffer head injuries playing sports

By Ken Dixon

More than 5,500 Connecticut schoolchildren sustained concussions last year, including 434 in Fairfield, according to the first statewide tally of the serious head injury. The data on 140 school districts, obtained by Hearst Connecticut Media under the state Freedom of In-

formation Act, indicates hundreds of concussions occurred at the high school level of interscholastic sports, but many more happened during activities and sports outside school and were reported by parents to

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OUR D.C. BUREAU

Blumenthal, Schumer forge close alliance

By Dan Freedman

WASHINGTON — Call them the Metro-North Twins. Or maybe Schumenthal. It's "a love story," as one Capitol Hill wag put it. But whatever descriptive term you use, the bond between the Senate's two Jewish men from New York City — Charles Schumer and Richard Blumenthal — is as enduring and close as

the 80-mile border that separates their respective states. Even though Blumenthal, at 70, is the senior partner in age, 65-year-old Schumer — the Senate's No. 3 Democrat and heir apparent to the party's throne once Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nevada, departs — is senior in clout. "Politics is about shared interests and the power to deliver on promises," said



Blumenthal Schumer

Gary Rose, political science professor at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield. "Schumer has it, Blumenthal wants it." "The two are big, ambi-

tious dogs who are never talked about in the same breath in their respective states," said Lawrence Levy, dean of the Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra University on Long Island. "Schumer is seen as a towering, colorful player, and Blumenthal not so much, at least from a New York perspective." The relationship is now on full display as the senior

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