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AAA Rating- I am pleased to report that the Town has officially been upgraded to a AAA credit rating.

The reasons given by S&P for the rating increase:

- Suburban affluent town located north of Hartford, experiencing consistently strong growth;
- Strong management, with a comprehensive set of formalized financial policies and practices in addition to a strong institutional framework score;
- Trend of positive financial performance leading to improved available reserves; and
- Low overall net debt and contingent liability profile, with manageable capital needs.

After our most recent bond sale we estimate this upgrade saved the Town 7-10 basis points and with the changes in the financial climate we are expecting savings will only continue to grow.

Grandlist- The Assessor has signed the grand list for the year with a 2.91% increase. Most of the increase is from the values of automobiles which is consistent across the State of CT. We are expecting this growth to provide $3,262,699 in additional revenue for this year’s budget.

The Town has been working with a private company to set up a regular testing site. We are still trying to negotiate the finer points. We continue to monitor staffing as we are still seeing employees getting sick. To date, this has not impacted service delivery.
COVID 19 Update
The first half of January saw the continued aggressive uptick of community spread of Covid cases that appear to be associated with the well publicized Omicron variant. Reports from around the globe indicate that this variant’s aggressive arrival to the community is on par with an equally aggressive departure from the community. Anecdotally these cases seem to be minor in nature particularly for those individuals who are fully vaccinated and boosted. Within the police department ranks, we have seen several people become positive however they have returned to work in a short period of time and appear to be no worse for the wear.

A local mask mandate that was put into effect on January 9th has created a significant amount of strife locally among a small group of citizens. This strife has been amplified by the involved parties taking their narrative to social media and their arguments now seem to have morphed into personal/political arguments.

Police Dispatchers continue to screen calls regarding Covid risks prior to officers arriving at a scene or call for service and police staff continue to utilize personal protective equipment and practice social distancing when possible. Department officials continue to work collaboratively with other local officials to address community trends and needs. Our agency stands ready to deploy an emergency staffing schedule should the need arise.

Personnel and Recruiting Status
The strength of the South Windsor Police Department always has been, and continues to be, the staff who keep things moving day in and day out.

The month of January saw little movement in the arena of personnel. Victoria Weiss will be the next officer hired and her start date is contingent upon...
Police Department

Kristian R. Lindstrom  
Chief of Police

Local and National Social Justice Movements

The South Windsor Police Department remains strongly opposed to racism and biased policing. It continues to serve the public with the element of its mission to “Respect the Rights of Individuals” in mind.

This month several members of the agency and two members from the community attended a training seminar entitled Serving in the 21st Century. This program was hosted by the Hartford Police Department and was intended to help bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community in an effort to advance social justice.

In addition, Chief Lindstrom and Deputy Chief Eckblom have assembled an internal work group whose focus is on fair and impartial policing. This new group met for the first time this month and began its journey of delving into the related issues.

We continue to monitor the community for changes and trends in the social justice arena. As an agency, and as a profession, we continue to stand ready to engage in crucial conversations to make meaningful change that enhances the world that we live in.

Community Activities and Support from our Citizens

The South Windsor Police Department continues to make efforts to engage the community despite the isolating effects of Covid and the winter weather. As an agency we continue to work to engage the public to build trust and legitimacy.

Police department staff continue to support the Town at mask/test distribution events and testing clinics. These events were in high demand this month and they were all well attended by citizens. By and large, community members exhibited great patience and they did their part to deal with some of the traffic inconveniences that occurred.

Officer Lawren Owens (School Resource Officer at Timothy Edwards Middle School), in cooperation with Youth and Family Services, hosted a virtual
Police Department

Kristian R. Lindstrom  
Chief of Police

presentation titled, “Parenting around Technology and Unhealthy Substances in this Mixed-Up World.” The keynote speaker was cognitive psychologist, Dr. Alicia Farrell. Over 50 people virtually attended this event.

Events like those described above are of particular importance as the local community continues to operate under the increasing stress of the Covid pandemic and the “pandemic fatigue” that people are feeling is very real. As is stated above, community engagement and community policing efforts are paramount to our agency creating and maintaining our legitimacy with the community we serve.

The department continues to benefit from regular gestures of support from the community.

Traffic Safety
Our Traffic Unit continues to exercise the “3 E’s” of Engineering, Enforcement, and Education as we address complaints ranging from speed to Commercial Vehicle travel. We continue to work in partnership with the Office of the State Traffic Authority to address traffic proposals, and projects.

This month the Traffic Unit addressed an emerging traffic issue on Rye Street at the Aldi’s warehouse. By collaborating with Aldi’s staff, traffic personnel were able to address the problem of tractor trailers queuing onto Rye Street. It appears as though the problem has been mitigated and police personnel will continue to monitor the area.

High visibility patrols and traffic enforcement prove beneficial, particularly in the Greater Buckland area as holiday traffic builds during the month of December.

Police Activity and Significant Events
The South Windsor Police Department remains active and dedicated to the traditional law enforcement function by responding to the public’s needs.

January historically marks “Budget Preparation” month. This month PD Command Staff members assembled and submitted their requested budget for FY 22-23. The Chief will work the Town Manager and Town Council in the coming months to establish a final approved budget for the coming fiscal year.

Chief Lindstrom has been working with other town officials on a committee to produce an RFP in a search for a Town Attorney. This process is ongoing as several proposals have been received from a variety of law firms.

Deputy Chief Eckblom conducted an annual Use of Force review as part of the accreditation process. In summary, this review showed that in 2021 the police department responded to over 29,000 calls for service and only 20 resulted in any level of force being used. As an agency we did not use our firearms, OC spray, or police batons. We had 3 uses of a taser. The remaining uses of force involved the use of hands on techniques. The most significant injuries sustained by either officers or subjects of force was 3 civilians with minor scrapes/abrasions and one officer with minor scrapes/abrasions.

The new year hit hard in the world of weather when we experienced a significant and unexpected ice event on January 5, 2022. This flash freeze resulted in dozens on car accidents in a short period of time. Luckily, any injuries were minor, yet the event was a powerful reminder of how precarious winter driving can be. Two days of this ice event, we saw a significant snow event when approximately 12” of snow fell in town. Unlike the ice event, this event was expected and police and public works crews were able to work through the storm without any major incidents.

This month Officer Cosenza and his K-9 Mason have been attending narcotics detection training hosted by the Connecticut State Police. This six week training program will certify Mason to search for, and passively alert to, illegal narcotics. Mason will be among a handful of dogs trained in this specialty since the legalization of marijuana last year. Because Mason is not imprinted to the scent of marijuana, he will be a valuable asset to
the town and the surrounding area as dogs who were previously trained and imprinted with marijuana are now essentially useless in the world of narcotics detection.

**Unlocked Car Burglaries & Car Thefts (cont. from last month)**

As Covid surged in the last 6-8 weeks, it has taken over the headlines and political front page and conversely, the community attention towards car burglaries and car thefts have taken a backseat. It is probable that the winter weather has also worked to help curb this problem that had plagued the region. We will have to wait until Spring to see if the problem re-surfaces. For the time being the police department continues to monitor the trend in the region and deter crime with high visibility patrols. For the time being, we have temporarily stopped our public service messaging on social media in an effort to prevent it from becoming “white noise” and ignored. We will resume disseminating those messages as the Spring approaches if the problem persists.

**Never too early to prepare for an emergency (cont. from last month)**

After experiencing some significant weather events through the summer, I hope that our citizens will think about all-hazard preparations especially with the potential of significant winter weather events on the horizon.

The Ready.gov webpage has great information pages on preparation for natural disasters, severe weather, and active shooters. Please share with friends and family that may rely on you in a severe weather event, or have questions about how to react to an active shooter event.

We have had our share of severe weather in Connecticut and now is a good time to review your plan to protect yourself and your family.  
https://www.ready.gov/

**Follow us on Social Media:**

We continue to have a strong presence on Social Media and update our citizens on all kinds of activity. Our Facebook page and Twitter feed are also displayed on our webpage  
https://www.southwindsor.org/police. We encourage everyone to follow us and share information with friends and family.

Facebook: South Windsor Police Department  
Twitter: @SWPDPIO
Public Works Department

Vincent Stetson
Director of Public Works

Engineering

Local Road Paving
The contractor has punch list items to complete for this project in the spring. They plan to finish paving Ident Road and the Police Department rear parking lot. We are designing the new drainage and road reconstruction needed for Ident Road. This work is funded by the 2018 Bond referendum.

Sidewalk Repair
Sidewalk repair and replacement work continue in the spring and summer of 2022 and we are updating the list of sidewalks that need to be repaired. This work will be bid in the Spring.

Main Street Bridge over the Podunk River
Dayton Construction is submitting information on the materials they will used for the reconstruction of the Main Street Bridge over the Podunk River for review and approval. Utility relocations are being done this winter. Bridge reconstruction is planned to begin in the spring of 2022 and be completed by the end of September, 2022. Main Street will be closed at the bridge once construction begins and a detour route will be established.

Pleasant Valley/Clark Street Sidewalk Project
The Pleasant Valley/Clark Street sidewalk connections has been awarded to Costa & Son LLC. Construction is expected to start in the early spring and should be finished in the early summer.

Beelzebub Road
The design plans for the reconstruction of Beelzebub Road include new stormwater drainage pipes and structures, new road base, bituminous pavement, curb and a sidewalk on one side. The design plans are about 90% complete and are being finalized. We have received approval from the IWA/CC for a Wetlands permit for this project. We met with the utility companies about the relocations needed for this project and they are finalizing utility relocation plans. Easements for the new sidewalk will be needed on about 10 properties and temporary rights to grade will be needed on about 36 additional residential properties and 2 easements are needed on the DEEP property on the south side of the road and these are being sought this winter. This project is scheduled to be bid late this winter for road reconstruction to begin in the spring of 2022.

Pleasant Valley Reconstruction
WMC Consulting Engineers is working on developing plans for the drainage improvements and reconstruction of Pleasant Valley Road from Clark Street to just past Hilton Drive. They will begin surveying and soils investigations in January and expect to have a preliminary design in the late spring of 2022.

Buckland Road Repaving
Weston & Sampson is working on the plans and specifications for this project. They drilled holes in this road this past week to obtain information about the existing asphalt pavement and base and we expect to have preliminary plans in early February for review so the plans and specifications can be finalized this winter.

Abbe Road Drainage Study
Weston & Sampson is also investigating the drainage problems that have occurred on and around Abbe Road in past years. They will verify the cause(s) of the drainage problems and recommend improvements to alleviate the drainage problems on this road. We expect to have their report in the spring of 2022.

Eli Terry Safe Routes to School Project
This project includes replacement of the pedestrian bridge that connects this school to the Brook Street neighborhood, and other pedestrian
Public Works Department

Vincent Stetson  
Director of Public Works

improvements on roads around the school. ConnDOT is reviewing the final plans and contract documents.

**LOTCIP Application Submitted for the Reconstruction of Dart Hill Road**
An application for funding the reconstruction of Dart Hill Road was submitted to CRCOG last week for consideration under the State LOTCIP program. We expect to hear from CRCOG this spring about how this application is ranked along with those from other communities in the Capital Region and whether this project will be recommended for LTOCIP funding.

**Communications Tower at VMP**
The concrete foundation for the new Town Communications Tower at VMP has been poured and backfilled. The Tower is expected to arrive and be installed in mid to late February 2022.

**Solar Canopy at the SWPD**
Greenskies Clean Energy was successful in their bid for ZREC credits for the solar canopy behind the Police Station and have received approval of this system from IWA/CC and PZC approval. They are finalizing design plans for the solar canopies and expect to begin construction in the spring of 2022. The rear lot will be paved after the footings and conduit for the solar canopy have been installed.

**Utility Work**
The Connecticut Water Company contractor is mostly finished installing a new water main on Deming Street (from Buckland Road to Summit Drive). The remaining work on Summit Drive will be completed in the spring of 2022. A new water main is also being installed in the Farnham Estates neighborhood on Farnham and McGrath Roads. This contractor will continue to install a new water main in other roads in this neighborhood in 2022.

**Engineering Staffing**
The Engineering Department is down to 3 full time staff including the Town Engineer, Engineering Assistant and Engineering Technician after our second Project Engineer left in early January to take a position with another community. We have posted the two vacant Engineering positions and received only 8 applications for these positions to date. We are setting up interviews with all potentially qualified applicants in February. Consultants are being used more to keep the above projects moving forward.

Jeffrey Doolittle  
Assistant Director of Public Works/ Town Engineer

**Street Services**

Streets and Parks crews responded to 7 winter weather events during the month.

Street crews have been spending available time trimming low hanging branches along plow routes. This trimming program is essential to eliminate damage to our trucks during the plowing season.

As our trucks have been on the road several times this month, we are cycling trucks through the wash station to help rid our trucks of salt in an effort to prolong the life of the vehicles.

Salt deliveries continued through the month. We are keeping the salt barn stocked as we continue to see weather systems with more and more icing events vs. actual snow events. Icing events can take much more salt to combat than snow events.

Crews have been out pothole patching as the winter freeze/thaw cycle wreaks havoc with some of our more vulnerable roads. We try to get a crew out as often as weather conditions will permit.

Leaves from the fall leaf harvest are beginning to breakdown starting the process of making compost. Maintainers have been turning the windrows to keep the piles oxygenated and to cool down the piles. Excessive heat tends to kill off microbes necessary to break down the leaves.

Streets maintainers delivered and picked up signage for the 2022 Resolution Run sponsored by
the Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the Hartford Marathon.

We finished calibrating all the salt spreaders. Calibration is a crucial process to help ensure our trucks are putting out the right amount of salt. Too little salt leads to an ineffective treatment, too much is wasteful and harmful to the environment.

The department assisted with a second pediatric vaccination clinic at the request of the health department setting up a traffic pattern to control vehicle flow.

Residents are encouraged to use Connect South Windsor to report hazards. WWW.SOUTHWINDSOR.ORG/CONNECT or look for the app for IPhones and Androids.

Scott Yeomans
Associate Manager, Street Services

Water Pollution Control

2021 EPA Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator of the Year

The EPA Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator of the Year Award was established to recognize and honor the employees of publicly owned wastewater treatment plants for their commitment to improving water quality with outstanding plant operations and maintenance. We are proud to announce that this year's recipient is South Windsor's Plant Supervisor, Jeff LeMay. Jeff began his wastewater career at the South Windsor Wastewater Pollution Control Facility in July of 2013. Jeff proved himself to be a talented, ambitious and dedicated operator who earned his DEEP Class IV Wastewater License and was eventually promoted to Plant Supervisor in 2019. More recently he has served as Vice President and now President of the Connecticut Water Pollution Abatement Association (CWPAA), helping shape the DEEP's Miscellaneous Industrial User requirements of municipalities and playing a key role in the merger of CWPAA and Connecticut Water Pollution Control Authority (CWPCA) into Connecticut Water Environmental Association (CTWEA). This award is a well-deserved recognition of Jeff’s tireless work.

Platt Hill Solar Farm

LodeStar Energy has announced that they successfully energized the Platt Hill Road Solar Project in Winchester on December 28, 2021. The project will deliver 33% of its net metering credits to the South Windsor WPCF. This is expected to save over $500,000 over the next 20 years.

Battery Energy Storage System

Over the last few months we have been exploring additional opportunities to reduce the treatment plant’s energy bills. We are currently in the first year of a 3 year demand response program with Enel X that provides approximately $20,000 in revenue to shed power during peak demand periods. We are also going to be taking advantage of the Platt Hill solar farm which was energized in December. The project will deliver 33% of its net metering credits to the South Windsor WPCF. This is expected to save over $500,000 over the next 20 years.

More recently, a battery energy storage system (BESS) is being looked at by the Town’s Energy Committee and town staff. There are two key financial incentives that need to be considered; Investment Tax Credit (ITC) and the Connecticut State Incentive Program for energy storage. The owner of the system is also offering an annual land lease payment. The energy storage system offers supplemental power to the facility utilizing lithium ion batteries during periods of high electrical demand. A site visit was provided to the vendor as we explore potential opportunities.

Tony Manfre
Superintendent of Pollution Control
The South Windsor Health Department (SWHD) continues to be very busy with the COVID-19 response as new variants are spreading within the population. The SWHD is working with the Windsor Health Department through our Mass Dispensing Area 31 agreement to continue vaccinating and offering booster shots to all interested adults. Clinics continue to be held weekly at this time, but are expected to be ending shortly. There is a saturation of vaccines available in the community and not enough people are signing up to make these clinics viable. We are also working with Curative Technologies to increase COVID testing options within South Windsor.

We will be receiving a new grant that begins March 1, 2022 and runs through May 2023. This will help the Health Department to promote one of the grant-funded contact tracers to a full-time position as a health educator. It is expected that this person will conduct a thorough needs assessment for our community and start to expand the offerings of the Health Department beyond the normal environmental health programming.

In addition to all the activities for COVID-19 response, the SWHD also performed the routine septic inspections required, followed up on many complaints and other requests for service, working on completing relicensure of food service establishments and cosmetology establishments for 2022, and licensed food trucks for small temporary events.

Heather Oatis
Director of Public Health
Finance Department

Assessor’s Office

The 2021 Grand List was signed by the Assessor on Friday, January 28, 2022 with a 2.91% increase in net taxable assessment value from the 2020 Grand List. This list consists of a total of 37,458 real estate, personal property and motor vehicle records; both taxable and exempt.

All Real Estate and Personal Property Assessment Notices have been mailed to property owners on Monday, January 31, 2022.

The Town’s Board of Assessment Appeals will be meeting in March 2022. If any property owner wishes to appeal the value of a 2020 supplemental motor vehicle, 2021 personal property assessment, or 2021 grand list real estate Assessment, an appeal may be submitted to the Board. Property owners must file an application for appeal hearing and by Statute it must be received by February 20, 2022. If the application is being hand-delivered or sent by US mail, the deadline to receive is in-office by 4:30pm, Friday, February 18, 2022. Applicants will be notified of their time and date of appeal hearing by mail from the Assessor’s Office.

Starting February 1 – May 15 residents over 65 years of age or totally disabled, can file for the Homeowner’s Benefit if they income qualify. To residents whose year it is to re-apply, a reminder letter will be sent in early February. Appointments to file are made at the Senior Center/ Human Services department. For more information, including this year’s income limits, please view the website here: https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/assessor/pages/elderly-homeowners-totally-disabled-persons-renters-tax-relief-programs

Mary Huda
Assessor
Human Services Department
Andrea Cofrancesco
Director of Human Services

CARES Program
Space is available in C.A.R.E.S.
Center Activity Recreation Exercise
Socialization
CARES offers a variety of activities including music, crafts, games, reminiscence, current events, exercise, and holiday celebrations for residents 60 and over who may have limitations or disabilities, but do not need medical or self-care assistance while in the group. The “CARES” group meets five days a week from 9:30-12:30 PM. The charge is $3 per day and includes transportation. Lunch is a $3 donation daily. Call Lindsey at 860-648-6358 for more information and to discuss if CARES is right for you or your loved one.

Below is a letter from one of the CARES members, sent to Amy Patterson, the CARES Coordinator. Ray put a lot of thought and effort into this heartfelt letter according to his wife, who is so grateful for this program too, which gives her a much-needed break from caregiving.

Dear Amy:
I’m writing this letter to personally thank you for your leadership and dedication in my own words and printing for your personal efforts to make my disabilities despite being different and challenging for me and other CARES participants. To me one great asset we all share is you! Once again my thanks to you.
Ray

ELDERLY AND DISABLED PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
Elderly and disabled homeowners who qualify can apply for reduced property taxes on their homes between Feb 1-May 15, 2022. If you were on the program in the past, call to speak with a caseworker to see if you need to re-apply this year. This year’s income limits are $38,100 maximum for an individual and $46,400 for a couple. All gross income is counted including Social Security benefits. Documents you will need to bring: Signed 1040 Federal Tax form (if you file); Social Security Statement (SSA-1099); Pension Statement; Bank Interest Statement; Any other...
Income. For more info or to schedule an appointment, call 860-648-6361.

*Town of South Windsor has an expanded local option which allows up to $50,000 a year for a single homeowner and $65,000/married couple.

Program Coordinators Hard at Work
Since Barbara Konicki and Tiffany Lazur started their jobs at the Senior Center as program coordinators in July, they have been hard at work offering a variety of programs to meet the needs of residents 55+. Their offerings have brought in new people who have never been to the center before. Tiffany coordinates our Fitness Center and has added a new benefit by partnering with Renew Active, which is free gym membership to those who are covered by United Healthcare. She has also had 65 one-on-one appointments for seniors to answer questions and assist them with their cellphones or other devices. This is especially important for residents to stay connected during a time of social isolation. Barbara coordinates our Adventure Club and has built this program up to include more residents attending hikes and other “adventures.” Staying active benefits not just your physical health but your mental health as well. Barbara supervises all exercise instructors in addition to teaching her own Stretch and Strength class weekly which is gaining popularity. These are just examples of how they are keeping people busy and enriching the lives of our older adult population. Check out our February newsletter to read more.

Behavioral Health Services
South Windsor Human Services received funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to provide behavioral health services to residents of all ages who can benefit from counseling. Social isolation, the inability to see family during the pandemic and general concerns about the state of the world has brought on anxiety, depression and loneliness for many people. We are partnering with Intercommunity Health Care to provide both individual and group therapy at the Senior Center to support those in need and provide strategies to cope. If you find yourself struggling with getting back into the swing of things or if you want someone to talk to, please contact Liz Langevin in Human Services at 860-648-5050. Liz will work with getting you connected to Intercommunity. Services are confidential. It’s okay to not be okay.

Park & Recreation Commission (PARC): The Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, January 12 at the Town Hall. We discussed our current projects, our upcoming capital projects that align with the Park and Recreation Master plan, and we nominated a commission member to be on the building committee. We will be meeting at the via WebEx on Wednesday, February 9 at 7:30pm.

The South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways (SWWW&WW): SWWW&WW has been actively working on updating their master plan to accurately reflect where the group currently is and what their priorities, goals and objectives are over the next several of years. Their next meeting will be virtual on Wednesday, February 2 at 7:00pm.

RECREATION DIVISION “Feel great – recreate!”

Resolution Run: On January 9, we held our third annual 5K in collaboration with the Hartford Marathon Foundation. Despite the cold and rainy weather, we had a total of 482 participants both in-person and hybrid! The event was held at CT Valley Brewing company, where the participants celebrated their race with a cold beer and a cup of chili! Two out of the three race winners are SW Residents! Tom Geer, finished in first place with a pace of 5:35 per mile and Robert Amatruda finished in 3rd with a pace of 6:05 per mile. Great job to our South Windsor runners!! Thank you to the SW fire and police department with their support for this event. Although the weather wasn’t in our favor, we appreciate everyone who came out for this fun event!

Preschool- Our registration for the upcoming preschool sessions C & D were held this month. As of today, one week prior to the program, for session C, we are 88% full at 187 participants and for our spring session D, we are 84% full with 179 participants. We are looking forward to having familiar and new friends join us for the next two sessions!

4th R: 4th "R" averaged approximately 200 unique participants this month for lots of recreation-based fun!

Athletic Programs- Our basketball programs are in full swing! The program has participants ages K-12. Our Mighty Mites and More Mighty Mites programs have over 175 participants and our league teams have over 350 youth.

Men’s Basketball- We have several participants in our men’s league with growing interest in offering more open gym time for adults.

Adult Volleyball- We have steady numbers in our volleyball program, but there have been some cancellations due to the new guidelines.

Pickleball- Due to the increase in participation, we have begun offering drop-in pickleball at our facility. We offer this program on Monday and Wednesday evening from 6-8:30pm and on Sunday from 10-12:30pm. Our participant numbers continue to grow week, but we have served over 50 adults so far.

Challenger Basketball- We are excited to bring back this inclusion program for our athletes. This season we have seven families and twenty volunteers participating every Saturday.

Jukido and Self Defense- These two programs had 35 participants this month, which is a 75% increase in participation from December to January! We are looking forward to see the progress of our participant as they test up to higher belt levels over the next month.

Wellness programs- Despite the up rise in cases and new town mandates, we were able to offer wellness options for our community in both hybrid and virtual only formats. Our yoga program went fully virtual and had 50 active participants, while our Creative Cardio program went hybrid and had 30 participants.

Ski Club: Our SWHS and TEMS ski clubs are back by popular demand! Twice a week this winter, over 140 students of all levels and abilities go to Mount Southington to enjoy the slopes. Hopefully there will be a fresh snowfall for their next trip!  

PARKS DEPARTMENT “Caring for South Windsor’s Growing Needs”
Athletic Fields & Grounds:
- Athletic fields have been closed for the winter.

Parks & Open Space:
- Winter is a time where the park crew catches up on several overgrown area's along with open space maintenance if weather allows. The majority of our open space maintenance is done in the late fall and early winter as we don’t want to bother the bees and their pollination process.

Projects:
- We are currently working in house on signs for both Avery Gardens and the John J. Mitchell Fair Grounds.
- We are refurbishing all of our wooden picnic tables to prepare for spring and summer.
- When the weather allows, we are continuing to make improvements to the mountain bike trails at Rye Street Park.

Mike Hanrahan & Gary Schacht start the process of making the new Community gardens sign for our Avery site.

Rye Street Park is now open for Ice-skating. It is monitored for ice thickness by the Parks department for safe skating and we also clear the snow off of it when weather allows.

New sign going up at some of our parks and open space areas to help eliminate people from throwing the waste onto Town Property.
Parks Photos:

Clearing all the invasive over growth from the East side of Deming gardens.

Parks crew upgrades the old broken and rotted split rail fence to a more esthetically pleasing wood guardrail.
Recreation Photos:

Bryan McTeague adds expanded metal to our fast growing mountain bike trails at Rye St Park. The new additions are a 12’ lead in ramp, a 8’ off ramp, and 38’ of a downed tree that was cut flat.

A fun day for sledding at Porters Hill!
Recreation Photos

Our Resolution Run held on January 9, 2022!

Our runners of all ages had fun running in the chilly weather!

Some of our race winners showing off their prizes!
Recreation Photos

Our preschool friends had fun being active and socializing this session!

Some of our 4th “R” friends telling us why they love our before and after school program!
February 2022
Town Council Meetings and Events

Meetings
Monday, February 7, 2022
7:00 pm Regular Meeting
Virtual Meeting

Monday, February 21, 2022
7:00 pm Regular Meeting
Virtual Meeting

Holidays
Lincoln’s Birthday
Friday, February 11, 2022
Town Offices Closed

Washington’s Birthday
Monday, February 21, 2022
Town Offices Closed