New Town Council
Welcome to our first official meeting with the new Town Council. I want to welcome back our prior Council members as well as our new members. I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you in the best interest of the Town of South Windsor. Again, congratulations and staff and I are ready to have two successful years.

Strategic Planning
We had a Strategic Planning Meeting before the election. It was decided to hold off on the follow-up meeting until the new Council was elected. We would be able to bring the entire Council up to speed. Ashley is currently getting dates from our consultant, Kenya Rutland, so that we can sit down and review the issues. Ashley will forward the notes from the first Strategic Planning meeting to the entire Town Council so that you can review them. If you have any additional ideas or suggestions, we will be more than happy to review those at the next session.

Technology Park
The previous Council passed and approved a payment schedule for the fuel cell at the Technology Park. That schedule was given to the developer, and it has been signed by both the developer and the Town. We are moving forward with the Technology Park. It is my understanding that to date, they are making changes to the Power Purchase Agreement and are discussing how to move forward with the PPA with all agencies involved.

I would also like to point out that in a recent article in the Journal Inquirer, it was mentioned that Brown Rudnick released their lien on our property of about $300,000. This is good news for us as this implies the process may be moving forward. The payment for Brown Rudnick’s fees were fees incurred by Connecticut Studios. Though I have not been privy to those negotiations, I can only imagine that it is a positive indication that things are moving forward as more discussions are happening between dck and all pertinent parties.

Dan Marsh, Dave Panico, Keith Yagaloff, and I have met to discuss the Development Agreement. We have made substantial changes to that Agreement, and it is currently being reviewed by Bond Counsel. Once the Agreement is complete, the four of
us will review it once more and submit it to the Redevelopment Agency, the Town Council, and the developer so that we can start meaningful negotiations on this project.

Another integral part of this project that has recently been announced is the microgrid program is up and running for the grant. We are researching this grant as it will be an integral part of the fuel cell component. The fuel cell will power the facility 24/7 so that manufacturers will be able to continue operations. We are setting up a meeting with Dan Marsh, Keith Yagaloff, Andrew Toth, and Asa Davis. Mr. Davis is quite familiar with this program. We will be discussing the microgrid and how we move forward to meet the requirements of that program. It is my opinion that in order to be successful in this program, the Town should be making the application.

**Capital Projects**

Deputy Mayor Mirek asked me a question about Ridge Road. I have asked staff to review that project again so I can see the total cost and bring it back to the Council. It may need to go before Capital Projects for review.

Another item I will be asking Capital Projects or staff to review is the Edwin Drive sinkhole. As you remember, Channel 3 reported on this sinkhole some time ago. We have not yet done anything with this sinkhole, but I recently visited the area as there is a new development project in that area. The developer was concerned about the sinkhole and if they would have power. This particular project will cost around $150,000 because there are utilities in this area. I am going to ask the Capital Projects Committee to review this project as this needs to be completed. I will advise the Council as we move forward.

These are the only two projects that have come to my attention through Council members, and I will get back to you once I have better information.

**Virtual Net Metering**

Mayor Delnicki asked for more information on the virtual net metering program that was discussed at a previous meeting. Unfortunately, I was not in attendance at that meeting. As the Council has changed since the original discussion, I wanted to discuss this with the new Council before I move forward on this program. I will be more than happy to provide this information, but I want to make sure all Council members are agreeable for staff and I to work on this program. I am asking you this way because during our Strategic Planning meeting, we wanted to set up a process regarding programs and keeping transparency.

**Emergency Management Grant**

I wanted to update the Council on our Emergency Management Performance Grant. Jay Gonzalez has informed me that the
Grant the Council approved in September 2015 will be used for training, regional assets for fire, police, health, and emergency management. It will also be used for equipment such as Command Post - 12, used by our Police Department.

Matthew B. Galligan
Town Manager
Police Department

**Highway Safety Grant:**
Chief Edwards was notified that the police department has been granted $35,000 in federal funds to support a Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program that will run from November 2015 through September of 2016. The money can only be used to address specific costs related to enforcement and education programs as described in our Highway Safety Program application. This type of grant funding allows us to participate in local DWI enforcement events and in other towns as part of Metro Traffic Services, a regional traffic safety initiative comprised of traffic officers from 8 neighboring towns.

**Halloween Safety 2015:**
In an effort to keep children safe on Halloween when walking in the roadways, the SWPD purchased 250 of these flashing clip-on lights (see picture). Our officers handed these out to children while on patrol. The remainder were handed out at Evergreen Walk the day before Halloween during the trick or treat event there. They were a huge hit with the kids and parents alike. Additionally, the Traffic Unit worked on Halloween evening patrolling the residential areas looking for unsafe drivers and conditions that would put pedestrians at risk. This was in anticipation of a large number of pedestrians and motorists on the roadways for Halloween. The Traffic Unit conducted high visibility enforcement patrols and conducted 19 traffic stops and issued 6 infractions, 1 summons, cited 2 unlicensed drivers and towed 3 cars for being unregistered. There were no significant problems on Halloween night despite it being on the weekend.

**New Police Vehicle Platform:**
We have taken delivery of 2 new police vehicles this year; they are all wheel drive Dodge Charger sedans. This lets officers choose between the sedan and Ford Interceptor SUV platform while on patrol, with the safety of all wheel drive throughout our line fleet. This allows us to get to people when they need us regardless of the weather and road conditions. It should be noted that our officers range in height from 6’ 8” tall to 5’ 1” tall and we need to provide vehicles that accommodate them and everyone in between. The graphics are on the new cars and they are being delivered to the upfitter shop for lights, cameras, computers, prisoner dividers and push bumpers.
Public Works Department

Administration

Congratulations are in order to the following Public Works employees who graduated October 22, 2015 from the Connecticut Technology Transfer Center Programs at UCONN; to (L to R) Jeff Doolittle, Town Engineer/Assistant Director of Public Works from the Transportation Leadership Program, Gary Schacht, Maintainer II from the Road Scholar and Legal Traffic Authority programs, Tom Kuehlewind, Maintainer II from the Public Works Academy, and Mark Owens Street Manager from the Transportation Leadership Program.

The Public Works Department partners with the BOE to provide outreach opportunities to students in the Community Liaison program. We would like to share a recent email from one of the Career Education Tutor/Community Liaisons in the Special Education Dept. at South Windsor High School concerning Gary Schacht’s (shown in picture below left) involvement with the students:

“I want to thank you for once again for allowing one of our academy students to work with Gary at the sign shop. I know you realize what a huge difference you make in our students lives by allowing them to work there. However, I want to share with you just how much it has impacted (one Student) (who is working with Gary now). (The Student) has been having a difficult time adjusting to the new students, staff and the new routine at the academy. He will NOT come to school on the days that he is not working with Gary. Every time I see him he thanks me for finding him the job at the sign shop and asks me to ask you and Gary if it can be extended until our winter break.

I would like to express to you just how much this has meant to his teachers and all the staff. Working with Gary has helped us to keep him in our program. I truly believe if (the Student) was not at the sign shop he would have stopped coming to school by now. We are deeply appreciative of all you and Gary have done to help our students mature, grow in knowledge and develop good working skills.”
DPW Mike Gantick and IT Director Scott Roberts were asked by CCM to present South Windsor’s “Municipal Dashboard Technology” at the October 20, 2015 CCM Annual Convention. Even though it was one of the last sessions of the day there was an enthusiastic group of attendees with lots of questions. Subsequently, City of Milford representatives traveled to South Windsor to review our system with the intent on making a similar implementation for Milford. Several other towns have expressed interest as well in getting additional information.

**Street Services**

Street Services have been preparing for the leaf program and the upcoming winter snow season. Let’s hope for a quick leaf drop and a late snow! The weather does play a significant role in our success, especially if we have an early snow. Here are just a few of the work activities that we have been doing in order to be prepared.

- The leaf boxes have been repaired and mounted to all 9 trucks.
- Eight leaf program informational signs have been fabricated and erected in key visible areas throughout the Town.
- Approximately 4000 yards of soil was screened at our facility. Some spoils came from the existing turf field excavation at the High School to make way for the brand new synthetic field, and some came from the Main St. drainage culvert failure. The Main St. material was hauled to the leaf site and used to re-grade it so it will drain adequately and provide stable conditions for the compost site. The top soil from the school is decomposing and will be screened next fall. Some of that was trucked to the Barton property for the future use of that site.
- All of the trucks equipped with salt spreaders have been calibrated for the winter season prior to the start of leaves.
- The two do all dual purpose conveyor units have been cleaned and stored for next spring.
- The small tools and equipment have been removed from the trucks and trailers while temporarily being stored and awaiting winter service and maintenance.
- The snow plows have been tried out and are ready for snow duty.

Street Services also completed two significant pavement restoration projects this fall. Troy Road from Sullivan Ave. to Brookfield Street was patched, structures were repaired and the road section was resurfaced and line painted. Foster Street Extension received extensive cut and patch repairs, crack sealing, and pavement resurfacing, along with line painting in all of the unimproved sections. Both roads were in rough shape and failing. I am confident that these road sections will last at least 10 years.

Spot paving was performed on Strong Road and Governors Highway. This was done to buy some time and not as a permanent fix.
These two roads have some pavement sections that were in dire need of repair. More spot paving will happen in the spring of 2016 in preparation of a spring or early summer chip seal resurfacing project.

The Division also completed a large capacity drainage dry well system installation on Abbe Road Extension near the intersection of Miller Road. This area had a large puddle existing for many years. The area is now dry and free of potholes, paved and ready to be resurfaced next year.

Street Services have been pothole patching streets as well as the school parking lots with hot mix prior to the winter season. We will continue to patch as many potholes with hot material as time allows before the asphalt plant closes for the season. We also will be trying to recycle some of our left over black top product into usable hot mix this winter with a pavement hot box recycler we purchased with some State funds. This will help us to not waste material in the cool months where the product cools very quickly. The hot box will maintain black top at a temperature that is recommended and workable. We will be able to make better lasting repairs in the winter season, and all year long while reducing our carbon footprint.

Black top or the technical engineering name (bituminous concrete) comes out of the asphalt plant at temperatures between 300-325 degrees Fahrenheit. It is a perishable material.

Street Services completed the fourth pass of the roadside mowing program prior to the start of the leaf program. We usually will mow the town 3 or 4 times a year depending on how the growing season is. The mowing provides motor vehicle site line safety maintenance and eliminates costly tree and brush removal issues within the Town’s Right of Way as well as providing aesthetics.

Street Services constructed a 4500 square foot pavement pad at our facility to provide an impervious well draining area for off season storage of our equipment. Vehicles stored on grass or gravel areas will prematurely rust and their serviceable life will decrease significantly.

Line painting with epoxy paint was completed on Buckland Road this summer and will last at least 5 years. We also recently re-painted 35 line miles consisting of double yellow lines and fog lines. The waterborne (non-epoxy paint) stop bars in need of maintenance were also repainted.

Mark Owens
Street Services Manager
Human Services Department

Energy Assistance, Medicare Counseling and Adopt a Child

- Staff continues to assist residents with energy assistance, both through the CRT program and through our private Fuel Bank.
- The caseworkers, who are also trained Choices Counselors, are continuing to assist Medicare beneficiaries with their many options. Open enrollment ends December 7.
- The Adopt a Child program is in full swing with the community coming through once again. Families can receive gifts for the holidays for their children.

35th Anniversary Party a Success!
Our 35th anniversary celebration was a huge success with a full house! The traveling magician and photo booth were both a great hit and the pizza truck was AMAZING!!! We were able to keep the cost down for seniors only because of the generosity of several businesses: Brookdale South Windsor, South Windsor Community Center Service Group, Environmental Services, Floral Expressions, Geissler’s Supermarket, Giusseppina’s Bakery, Imperial Oil, Mitchell Fuel, NuWay Tobacco, Paradigm Healthcare, Sam’s Club, Super 60’s Club of South Windsor, The Residence at South Windsor Farms, The Village at Buckland Court, and White Oaks.

Eagle Scout Completes Project
Brian Pelletier of Boy Scout Troop 390 completed his Eagle Scout Project which consisted of three new picnic tables for the back patio, one of which will accommodate four wheelchairs! In addition, shelving was made for the South Windsor Food Bank! A

Additional shelving
huge thanks to Brian and his troop for all their work!

Food Bank Donations Coming in!
The South Windsor community comes through! The Geissler’s Sidewalk Sale and Dzen Realty’s Fill the Bug with Love Food Drive brought in a bunch of food for the Food Bank! The annual Scouting for Food event brought in 8,114 pounds of food which will last a couple of months! The SW MOMS Club, which hosts a semi-annual consignment sale, donated $6,000 from their fall sale, all to benefit the Food and Fuel Bank! Other groups, individuals and businesses too many to name, have also donated or are donating to the cause! The Rotary Club, Interact Club, Police and Fire Departments, and Ambulance Service of Manchester are hosting their annual food drive at both Stop and Shop and Geisslers on Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22 which is sure to be a success! Thanks to all who donate to help their neighbors in need!

BENDING GRAVITY
The Human Services Department (Adult and Senior Services and Youth and Family Services) cosponsored an intergenerational, free family fun event at the Community Center with Eric Girardi from Bending Gravity. Eric entertained the packed room with juggling, yoyo tricks and plate spinning. It was a big hit with both kids and adults alike!

Scouts hard at work sorting food for the Annual Scouting for Food Drive

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October 2015

We started off October with the division attending the Connecticut Youth Services Association Annual Conference. This year’s theme was “Emerging Trends with Connecticut Youth”. Over 160 individuals from other Youth Service Bureaus attended this event. Francis Carino, the Supervisory Assistant State’s Attorney, who has been supportive of our Juvenile Review Board, was honored with a special award at the event. Our staff spent the day learning about topics pertaining to the youth and families we serve as well as gathering resources from community organizations.

Youth Counseling

In addition to her caseload of seeing youth individually at the community center and schools, our Youth Counselor, Eileen Adler met with the Grandparents Supporting Grandparents group to discuss Special Education laws and programs in October.

She held a Mother/Daughter Relaxation Event on November 5th. This event was an education on the power of essential oils and how they can be used to de-stress.

Coming up, she has a holiday card making program for 3rd through 5th graders. The cards will then be distributed to area nursing homes.

Parent Education and Support

October was a busy month for SWAN. We hosted a lecture by Dr. James Loomis, Director of the Center for Children with Special Needs, which was very well attended. Families and professionals from all over the region were able to get effective, practical tips on how to encourage independence in teens and young adults with Autism.

Ginny Molleur, our Parent Educator, facilitated a workshop for parents on how to help their children make friends. While Ginny worked with the parents, Eileen Adler, Youth Counselor, engaged the children with
activities in the teen center. In addition, SWAN facilitated Parents Supporting Parents and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support groups.

In early November, we held a workshop on Brain Balance. Brain Balance is a program that combines physical and sensory exercises with cognitive skill training and healthy nutrition. The idea is to balance and synchronize left/right brain interaction triggering advancements in behavior, social and academic performance.

Parents Supporting Parents and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support groups will also be meeting before the holiday.

Our Cops, Coffee and Conversation Program was held Friday, October 23rd at Timothy Edwards Middle School. Over 100 parents joined School Resource Officer, Tina Roy, for an informative evening talking about strategies to help keep students safe while using social media. Everyone attending the meeting walked away with some important tools that all families can use to guide their teens through these challenging times.

School Outreach
The Jump Start Tutoring Program started November 5th with over 80 high school and middle school students participating in the program. Students will work together once a week after school to complete homework, review for tests and work on projects. Everyone involved in the program gains new skills while making important connections. The Jump Start program will run thru the middle of May.

Teen Center
Average attendance for High School youth/after-school in October was 33!

Attendance has increased with scheduled events on Friday nights for Middle School youth. In October the average attendance was 29 kids.

Noteworthy October Events:
Starting in late September through early November, the Teen Center offered Tuesday afternoons for Middle School Youth through
the TE Matinee Program. Students registered ahead of time to take a bus from TE to the Teen Center, afterschool from 3-5pm. Youth have the opportunity to play the games and use the equipment the Teen Center offers regularly, such as pool, air hockey, Wii, etc., in addition to some planned group activities such as arts and crafts, baking and a drum circle lead by local musician and teacher, Dennis Cotton. For its first run, the program did very well with 10 youth participants and we will plan to offer it again at the next session starting up in January 2016. What a wonderful way for middle school youth to be involved in a positive, structured afterschool activity and to learn about the SW Teen Center!


Mindfulness Series for high school students began and will continue to run for the next 5 weeks.

High School South participated in activity at the Teen Center to recognize Red Ribbon Week and the theme “Better Things to Do Than Drugs”

We had a pumpkin painting contest with the high school students. The senior citizens who attend events at the community center then voted on their favorite pumpkins!

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Parks & Recreation Department

Raymond Favreau
Director of Parks & Recreation

“Discover the Benefits!”

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John Caldwell, Jr.
Superintendent of Parks

Ryan Kane
Asst. Director of Parks & Recreation

Park & Recreation Commission (PARC) – Their meeting of Nov. 11 was cancelled due to the Veterans Day Holiday. The next PARC meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 9th at 7:30pm in the Sprenkel Room of the Town Hall, at which they will resume work on the master plan.

The South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways (SWW&WW) sub-committee recently met on Nov. 4. They meet next on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd at the Community Center, conference room 206 at 7pm. They are continuing their work on action plans for potential public access to the Eversource (formerly CL&P) power line corridors for cross-town trails connecting the existing Jacques Lane trail to Pleasant Valley Road. They also began the laborious task of re-applying to the League of American Bicyclist to elevate their bicycle friendly community designation from bronze to silver. Ten members of the group will attend the annual Bike Walk CT meeting at Central CT State University on Friday, Nov. 20.

The South Windsor FOOD Alliance (SWFA) The 2015 Summer Farmer’s Market posted some impressive record breaking numbers attracting over 17,000 shoppers patronizing 54 vendors and contributing an estimated $263,000 to the local economy over the course of the summer!! Additionally, 22 local businesses have jumped on board investing time, money or services in support of the market. The Winter market is currently running every Saturday at the Church Hall of St. Margaret Mary’s on Hayes Road from 10am to 1pm until Dec. 19. Go to www.swfood.org for more details.

SWHS Stadium Project – Construction is finally complete! The inaugural use was on Sat., Nov. 7th at 2pm for a varsity football game. Although the final score was not in our favor, the response to the new playing surface was! Until the punch list of outstanding items is complete community use outside of the high school will not be entertained, which in reality will mean Spring of 2016. This will also give me time to meet with the local sports groups to outline expectations and conditions for use as well as the reservation process.
**New Web Site** – Although launched over a moth ago, it is still a work-in-progress. Response thus far has been quite favorable none-the-less.

**Green Team** – Thanks to former Councilor Wagner, and chair of the Energy Committee, we received from the Eversource Energy Engineers the anticipated report of written recommendations as a result of the audit conducted for the Wapping School facility. On Nov. 10\(^{th}\) we met with them to review and discuss the report. This engagement provided direction and suggestion for us to consider in making that facility more energy efficient. This will prove very helpful in the re-purposing of Wapping for Parks & Recreation in the near future.

**Barton Property project** – Sealed bids were publicly opened on Nov. 4\(^{th}\). Local contractor JDC Enterprises, Rocky Mountain Trees was the lowest qualified bidder. Jeff Folger is currently working on the contract and we hope to start clearing before the end of this month. Phase I, clearing 17 acres of trees, removing all stumps and rough grading should be completed in two to three weeks if all goes well. Phase II for construction of the gravel ring road and phase III for finish grading and seeding will go out to bid over the winter for Spring implementation.

**Like us on Facebook** - The number keeps growing - we are now “liked” by 1,079 people! Won’t you like us too at south windsor parks & recreation and check out the awesome videos posted? And now follow us on Instagram too at SWPRD06074!!

**Special Invitation to Councilors** – **SAVE THE DATE**: Saturday, December 12 from 6 to 7:30pm please join us at the South Windsor Arena for our annual **Skate with Santa** event! Admission is a new unwrapped toy to be donated to Toys for Tots. As always, we offer all members of the Town Council an open invitation to visit any of our 300+ recreation programs or park facilities throughout the year. Please give us a call and we will even escort you!

**RECREATION DIVISION**

“Feel great – recreate!”

**Before & After School Program** – November enrollment is at yet another all-time high of 334 – up 4 registrants from October. Once again, 48 Before Care participants take advantage of afternoon care on Early Release Wednesdays for BOE professional development. An incredible 494 participants attended our annual Fall Family Night at Foster Farms on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 6-8pm. 4\(^{th}\) R kids and their families enjoyed the huge corn maze, a variety of games, face painting, pumpkin decorating, refreshments and spectacular unseasonably warm weather!

**FALL FEST** – On Saturday, Oct. 17 thousands of eager participants converged on
Nevers Park for Fall Fest 2015!! Just under 75 youngsters started the morning off with Jacob’s Jog – a .85 mile trail run at 10am, immediately followed by our Witch Way 5K trail run for all ages at 10:30am drawing another 100 runners. Runners and others completed the morning with a visit to the Farmer’s Market while enjoying live classic and contemporary rock music from the Petrones. The afternoon activities between 11am and 5pm included: live R&B music by the Cover to Cover band; a Craft Fair at the base of the hill at Rotary Pavilion with dozens of vendors, five food vendors serving options like hotdogs, burgers, chili, soup, homemade ice cream, kettle popcorn and coffee; pumpkin painting with the folks from Human Services, carnival games and moon bounce on the back lawn of the Pavilion; and Trick or Treating with the craft vendors. The evening was topped off with a hay ride and trek through the Haunted Torch Walk winding through the pitch black back trail loop! $915.50 was raised by Jacob’s Jog & the Witch Way 5K trail runs split evenly between “Golf Fore Kids Foundation” in memory of Jacob Osit and “Monday Night Social Club”, and an additional $1,250 was donated to Special Olympics from craft fair vendor fees. The Haunted Torch Walk alone generated over $10,000 for Special Olympics – way to go Agent Littell!!! We are already preparing for next years’ event scheduled for Sat., Oct. 15, 2016 to make it even bigger and better!!

Youth Basketball Leagues – Try-outs for Travel teams grades 5,6,7 & 8 for both boys and girls divisions were completed on Nov. 1. In-house try-outs for girls and boys divisions grades 5-8 were held on Nov. 7th, and grades 9-12 will try-out on Dec. 5th.

Power Teams – In an assertive team effort to address areas of concern and improvement identified in our annual review workshops we have initiated a new approach to resolutions by creating what we are calling “power teams”. Each member of our management team has been paired up with a partner that they may not collaborate with on a regular basis and assigned a specific topic. Each manager serves on no more than two “power teams”, and with a different partner. The “power teams” are expected to complete their assignments within the year and present their findings and solutions to the entire
management team for review and finalizing prior to releasing any new policies, procedures or programs that will best reflect the department’s mission. “Power Teams” will tackle the following items this year: Independent Contracted Service Providers, Marketing of our Parks, Registration Software, Ropes Course, Summer Sports Camps and Volunteers. We have already identified six additional topics to be addressed next year.

**Monday Night Social Club** – 73 scary individuals attended our annual Halloween Party on Sat., Oct. 31st held in the banquet hall at the Community Center. These young adults with special needs still enjoy and look forward to this youthful tradition!

**Veterans Memorial Park** – We provided all the logistics and park set up (tents, chairs, P/A, and sprucing up the eagle patio) in support of the annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th at 11am presented by the South Windsor Patriotic Commission. Unfavorable weather kept attendance down, but the ceremony was beautifully done and a tremendous tribute to our local military veterans who made the supreme sacrifice to ensure our community has a free, prosperous future.

**PARKS DIVISION**

*Caring for South Windsor’s Growing Needs*

October Activity Highlights:

- **Athletic Fields:**
  - Removed the clay infield at the old lower softball field at Rye Street Park, back-filled with a sand/topsoil mix and installed sod over the entire area to increase the available open space playing surface to accommodate the growing youth sports programs at the facility. The adult softball program has dwindled to the point of only needing one field.
  - Prepared Rye Street Park, including line painting and bringing in extra bleachers to host three high school interscholastic games - a varsity boys soccer game on Oct. 8th, a JV and varsity boys soccer game on Oct. 10th under the lights, and a varsity football game under the lights on Thurs., Oct. 15th.
  - Prepared six fields and pitched one large tent at Rye Street Park for the
annual Soccer Club Fall Tournament on Oct. 24 and 25.
- Continued our progressive turf management program at all our premiere athletic fields and grounds – heavy deep tine aerating, fertilizing, and weed control.
- Winterized all irrigation systems.
- Removed leaves and groomed the synthetic turf field at the high school stadium in preparation for the exciting inaugural game on Sat., Nov. 7th.

- Parks & Open Space:
  - Completed closure of the pools at VMP including vacuuming and pressure washing where needed, super-chlorinating, and covering.
  - Prepared Nevers Park for Fall Fest on Oct. 17, including mowing areas along side the trails for Halloween display installations for the annual Haunted Torch Walk, setting up large tents, building a mini-corn maze, delivering dozens of cones and barricades, decorating the park and entrance to the community center with corn stalks, mums, hay bails & pumpkins. And then dismantling all of the above after ward!
  - Repaired water fountains at Bark Park.
  - Once again we had to repair the stockade fence separating Nevers Park from the home at 60 Nevers Road. Fence has seen better days and will be completely replaced as soon as possible.
  - Repaired damaged/fallen post and rail fence by the basketball court at Rye Street Park.
  - Closed the community gardens on Avery Street. Removed all plot stakes, cleaned up any left over items and plowed the gardens under.
  - Began removing leaves from all public building and school grounds.
  - Winterized all irrigation systems.

- Projects:
  - Ayers Road Softball Field – After we loamed and seeded along the new sidewalks the project is now pretty much in a dormant stage for the winter. We will continue to irrigate, over-seed and fertilize the virgin turf weather permitting throughout the fast dwindling Fall season. We are working with the BOE on a Spring ribbon cutting grand opening ceremony and will release details as soon as they are confirmed.
  - Removed final remaining items from the old post office to our new storage facility in preparation of the E.O.C. project.
  - Priest Property – In preparation for the grant funded study of the property four parks crew members cleared a good 10-12 foot area of invasive overgrowth around the entire perimeter of the homestead. This will ease the visible assessment by structural engineers to help determine
the value and historical significance of the dwelling and property in general.

- In support of the 4th grade bicycle education program we transported the bike fleet trailer from P.R. Smith to Eli Terry, from Eli Terry to Wapping and from Wapping back to the old post office for winter storage.
- In support of the growing programmatic use for seniors the back patio at the community center was made more accessible by removing a series of decaying shrubs, cutting the curb from the rear driveway, removing all topsoil, basing the area out and then paving a 10 foot wide path directly connecting to the pavers of the patio.

- Other:
  - Our newest crew member, Brian Sullivan, successfully passed his first year probation and is now an official full-fledged Maintainer I – congratulations Brian, we are fortunate to have you on our team!
  - On Nov. 2, the parks crew received training on the new equipment for grooming the new synthetic turf at the high school stadium.
Left: New connecting paved pathway from rear driveway to patio behind the Community Center to improve visibility

Right: 4th R Fall Family Night at Foster Farms

Monday Night Social Club participants get into the Halloween “spirit”
November 2015
Town Council Meetings and Events

Meetings

Monday, November 16, 2015
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Council Chambers

Holidays

Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27, 2015
Town Offices Will Be Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Day