Diverse and Strong Event
Some time ago, Ray Favreau and I were trying to run a program for diversity in the Nevers Park area. He had heard about a similar event in Enfield and researched it. He found it to be a very positive experience for the community. While we were discussing how to hold an event in South Windsor, Diverse and Strong approached the Town and mentioned they wanted to hold a similar event.

We have now decided to support Diverse and Strong’s event that will be held on September 16 in Nevers Park. This event will be sponsored by various businesses for fireworks, food, music, and other items the Town would not have to pay for. We have joined together to make this event a celebration of South Windsor. Signs will be going up in the area for the event, and we hope that residents will attend and enjoy all of the various cultures that we have here in Town. Mitchell Fuel is putting together a fireworks display for everyone to enjoy, and it should be a wonderful day for the community.

Barber Hill Substation
Debbie Reid had given me a list of pending issues from the Town Council. One of the issues refers to the Barber Hill Substation. It has come to my attention from Kevin Witkos from Eversource that they will be starting the sound barrier installation sometime in September. I am going to try to set up a night meeting with Eversource so the residents of the area will be fully informed and aware of the project. I will pass along what night the meeting will be held once we have a confirmed date.

Polling Locations
We are still reviewing the issue of polling locations in South Windsor. Everyone was away during the summer, but we will be having a meeting in late September. Hopefully this meeting will wrap up the issue, and I can get a report to the Town Council.

Executive Session
We will need an Executive Session to discuss the settlement of an employee claim. This is related to the pension amendment Resolution that is also on the agenda.

Mayor TV
Paul Burnham, Chairman of EDC, and I have both signed off on the Mayor TV program that EDC will be running. As soon as we receive additional program information, we will pass it along to the Town Council. We will preview all information before it goes on the website. I am hoping this project will be beneficial to the Town by promoting its ambience and economic development strategy.
State Budget

I have sent you information from Secretary Ben Barnes regarding the State budget. In my mind, their request is ridiculous. The State of Connecticut continues to miss their mark on the State budget. It is my understanding that after talking to Representatives Currey and Delnicki that they hope to have a Special Session and a budget that they can present to the Governor. I am hoping this will take place so negotiations can start, but I think it is unwarranted that all municipalities and State residents are left in limbo trying to figure out the impact to their communities.

Hopefully we will have something workable soon and can negotiate with our legislators regarding cuts that may be derived from these budgets.

Matthew B. Galligan
Town Manager


**Police Department**

**Recruiting Update:**
On July 24th we hired our newest officer, Officer Matthew Redding. Officer Redding trained with us at headquarters and began learning our policies until August 7th, when he left to attend the Hartford Police Academy. We are fortunate that the Hartford Academy offered us a spot, training classes are difficult to find at the Connecticut Police Academy. We had one officer leave to join a larger agency so we are down 1 position currently, and we will have the funding to hire two officers in January 2018.

We are hosting a Connecticut Police Chiefs Association multi-town written test in late September and intend to hire (for the 3 positions noted above) off that list.

**Back to School Safety – School Zone Traffic Enforcement:**
We have continued with our annual “Back to School” traffic enforcement this year. We generally conduct speed enforcement in 8 school zones and issue warnings the first week, and then issue tickets once schools open. We have continued to use portable speed monitors and trailers as part of the motorist education process. The enforcement program and school safety information has been posted on our social media site and has been covered by local television news reports.

**Car Burglaries & Stolen Cars:**
Hartford County has again had a large number of car burglaries and stolen cars this summer. It slowed down over the winter but predictably, the nicer weather brought out more crews who walk through neighborhoods looking through unlocked cars. The thieves, typically young teens, take anything of value including change, phones, wallets, sunglasses etc. If the car has a “push-button” start they simply try to start the car. Many times people leave the key fob or spare fob in the car, allowing the suspects to drive off. The majority of the stolen cars are used for joyrides and are later recovered in Hartford. Our officers have been diligently patrolling all 28 square miles of South Windsor and have even located and interviewed suspected car burglars. These crimes continue because the thieves have a 100% success rate when they go out. This mirrors the activity going on in all the Hartford county towns.

If you look back on our press releases and social media posts we have been reminding people for years to please lock your cars and take the keys/key fob with you.

(Note: an email with links to some interesting information and video is forthcoming).
South Windsor Youth and Family Services "Make a Difference" program:
Some of our youngest citizens from the Make A Difference program toured headquarters on August 3rd. The young men & women toured HQ and spoke with Sgt. Brian Eckblom who discussed how our officers help the community. The group assembled victim resource packets, made blankets to be donated to a local shelter and presented officers with goodie bags as a token of appreciation.

It’s wonderful to see these young citizens being involved in the community; they truly do "Make a Difference"!

South Windsor Police Youth Academy 2017:
We were pleased to be able to host a week-long Police Youth Academy again this year. During the weeklong course our students:
- Had drill every morning and learned to stand at attention, parade rest, and how to salute
- The group toured Manchester Superior Court where they sat in on arraignments, met with a States Attorney and the Clerk of the Court, they toured the Connecticut Police Academy, and the Fire Department.
- The group received a demonstration from our regional SWAT team (known as CREST). They got a briefing from CREST team commander Lt. Buonanducci and an East Hartford Police Officer provided a K-9 demonstration.
- The group did a team-building exercise known as the Ropes Course.

- Our Detective division discussed Crime Scene investigation, DNA, and fingerprinting and how new tools help us identify suspects.
- Our Drug Recognition Expert, Ofc. Kevin Geraci provided a talk on identifying drivers under the influence of drugs.
- SRO Ben White discussed Use of Force and the group learned about Community Outreach.

Many thanks to both School Resource Officers; SRO Tina Roy and SRO Ben White for making this happen, and for all the work they do with our youth everyday.
Refuse & Recycling
The Town of South Windsor is continuing to expand its recycling programs with the help of Bay State Textiles. Bay State is a textile recycling company that is working with the Town to collect items such as clothing, footwear, linens and even stuffed animals to reuse or recycle into other products. The items can be in any condition. Clothing that is in good condition is sold off; any other items with rips, tears and holes are sorted and recycled into products like rags, synthetic decking material and car seat foam among other things. By diverting these recyclable textiles from the refuse waste stream the Town will be reducing tipping fees that are paid for through tax dollars. Bay State is also paying South Windsor $100 per ton of textiles that are collected. Collection boxes have been placed at the Community Center on Nevers Road and at the Parks and Recreation offices (the old Wapping School) on Ayers Road. Bay State is also working with the South Windsor Public Schools and will have collection boxes at each school in town.

South Windsor also offers electronic recycling events that are held every other month in the back parking lot of Town Hall. Our next event will be held September 9th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This program is free of charge and the event staff will unload the electronics from your vehicle.

The next household hazardous waste collections will be September 30th and October 28th in Manchester at 321 Olcott Street from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Acceptable items include paints, aerosols, fertilizers and cleaning products among other items. Paints may also be taken to Sherwin Williams in Manchester to be recycled.

Bulky waste pickups are available on a monthly basis. Collections are curbside the first full week of each month on your normal trash pickup day. Metal is collected curbside each Wednesday and must be scheduled with the Public Works office online at
The Department of Water Pollution Control is in the mists of completing the second of four phases of the Integrated Vegetation Management program. The primary goal of this plan is to establish early successional ecological communities of grasses and herbaceous plant species on the sanitary sewer easements that benefit both the citizens of South Windsor and native wildlife.

This program has been initiated in four phases within four defined areas of town. The first phases will primarily establish the desired low growing plants. This may involve the removal of trees, vines and invasive plant species. Over the long-term, the goal is to control these undesirable plant species using the most selective treatment methods possible on regular treatment cycles. This will minimize the need for more intensive maintenance operations.

The WPC is also planning to reline a total of 3500’ of the Chapel Road sewer pipe. The process of relining the interior wall of pipe is done with the use of Cured-in-Place-Pipe (CIPP). The advantage to this technology is that digging is not required and there is minimal interruption to service.

One of the biggest maintenance challenges that our wastewater facility faces is from Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG). Homeowners can prevent a lot of the FOG that makes its way into the sewer line. It is important to minimize the amount of grease that is disposed of down the drain. FOG collects in pump stations and sewer pipes to form hardened deposits that must be removed. If the grease is allowed to accumulate in pipes, it may create a blockage and cause a sewer backup. Another challenge to sewer maintenance is the disposal of “flushable” wipes into the sanitary sewer. These wipes are made of synthetic fiber materials that do not breakup in the system and are the main culprit of clogged pumps. When pumps are clogged, our operators must remove the debris to keep the pumps in service.

Lastly this past July two of our staff members, Jared Denardis and Mike Wood, were certified as Connecticut Department of Environmental and Energy Protection Class III Wastewater Operators. A Class III license is the second highest certification a wastewater operator can achieve. Another notable staff achievement is by Erin Randi who completed her Associates Degree in Environment Science and Toxicology at
Gateway Community College has recently received the Hall of Fame Alumni award. The award is based upon faculty recommendations, leadership displayed in programs and activities during the recipient’s academic career, and the knowledge and awareness of alumni accomplishments after graduation.

You can find more information about the Water Pollution Control Facility and the Water Pollution Control Authority on the Town of South Windsor’s website at www.southwindsor.org.

Tony Manfre  
Superintendent of Pollution Control

Public Buildings Division  
Phone System Replacements Police Department and Community Center  
Currently on hold.

Phase II Fire Code Upgrades at Town Hall  
DRA Architects recently submitted updated plans to the electrical contractor who is working on a proposal for the fire alarm system. We are also waiting for a proposal from the contractor who will be installing the new fire rated doors. Although the project is moving a bit slower than we had hoped, it is moving forward.

Assessors Office Carpet and Paint  
A crew from Dalene Flooring was in on Saturday the 26th to install new carpet tiles and cove base molding in all the offices. Aside from a couple new cubicle walls and swinging gate this project is complete.

Community Center Projects  
I am currently working with Andrea Cofrancesco to solicit proposals for laundry list of renovations throughout the Community Center she is looking to complete in the coming months. We met with the contractor last week to review the scope of each project. I expect to have the proposals in hand sometime in September. In the meantime, we have contracted with a local plumber to do some light modifications to the bathroom in rooms 213 and 215.

Town Managers Office Renovation  
The electrical contractor has completed all of the electrical and data wiring in the front office areas. The contractor also installed recessed LED lighting and new ceiling tiles in the Caucus Room. Carpenters from Millennium Builders were on site the last two Saturdays to reconfigure doorways in the Caucus Room, small Conference Room and the Town Managers Office. The transaction window, carpet and cubicle furniture have arrived and are being held by the vendor until such time they are ready to be installed. The work is expected to resume after the Holiday weekend; details are sketchy at this point as I still do not have an updated project schedule from the contractor.

The graph on the next page shows the number of calls for service per building during the months of July and August. There were a total...
of 41 calls. An explanation of each call is listed below.

**Plumbing**
- Replaced cracked toilet in Town Hall

**HVAC Mechanical**
- Service on Heat pump at Town Garage, condensate back up
- Service called for no AC at the Annex
- Hot water pump failure at the Annex
- Boiler shut down alarm at Annex
- Boiler shut down at Town Hall (2)
- Library Air Handling unit not maintaining room temperature set point
- No cooling in Recreation Office
- Town Hall Boilers communication failure alarm
- Compressor failure on Heat Pump in Banquet Hall at the Community Center
- Town Hall Boiler communication alarm

**Generators**
- Annex Generator Controller failure

**Door Entry Systems**
- Front Door at Annex not opening on schedule
- Community Center entry doors not operating correctly, not closing
- Library entry doors not closing
- Replaced two overhead door panels at the Town Garage

**Phones**
- Phone System at Annex- Replaced two phones and had to provision all other phones to except software update
- Community Center phone replacement
- Reprogram Auto Attendant Town Hall

**Lockset Hardware**
- Wapping Community House front door key cylinder jammed
- Rotary Pavilion deadbolt jammed
- Town Hall balcony door cylinder repair

**Computer/Networking**
- Replaced wireless repeater at Library for panic buttons
Exterminator
- Exterminator called to Community Center for drain flies, 4 occasions

Electrical
- Replaced faulty light switch at the Annex
- Breaker failures for lights at the Library
- Eversoruce replaced service conductors from the street to the building at the Annex due to low voltage issue (ongoing).
- Electrical Contractors onsite to test voltage inside building
- Replaced two time clocks at Town Hall for hallway lighting

Elevators
- Library Elevator Repair

Roof
- Roof Leaks at Library
- Roof leaks at Town Hall

Project awaiting proposals
- Community Center renovations,
- Tax Collector Office reconfiguration
- VMP roof and siding repairs
- Steel Beam repair under overhang at Town Garage
- Gutter guards at two seasonal sites
- HVAC pipe insulation installation at the Annex
- Card Access install on office doors at Town Hall
- Carpet replacement Town Hall Public Works Dept
- Repairs to brick retaining wall at the Annex
- HVAC fan box upgrades at Town Hall
Street Services

Town crews completed a significant pavement repair on Main St. at Pleasant Valley Rd in front of the Wood Memorial Library. This work required the removal of the existing asphalt, re-grading the site and the installation of new asphalt. In addition, it was determined that the drainage in the area was insufficient which required the crew to install a new storm water catch basin and tie into the existing storm water system. This repair will eliminate the uneven surface that existed at the stop sign in front of the library as well as carry away storm water to prevent icing.

Crews also completed the screening of composted leaves on the 2015 leaf site in preparation for the 2017 leaf harvest. This screening process led to the sale of the compost at a significantly higher price than unscreened leaves. This crew also screened our street sweeping, catch basin cleaning and work process spoil piles which will be disposed of per our existing plans.
We were able to schedule a demonstration of an Asphalt Zipper which can be used to mill and repair areas of roadway which can no longer be re-surfaced. We invited several of our surrounding DPW’s to attend the demo. This unit would save man hours in the process of cut and patch repairs. Currently we must cut the area with a saw, dig out the material (usually the following day) and haul away. Then processed gravel (purchased) is hauled in to create a base for the new pavement. The Asphalt Zipper sits on the surface of the roadway, grinds the existing asphalt, leaving behind essentially gravel which then becomes the base material for the pavement patch. Some of the material may be hauled away and stored for future use. This is a piece of equipment that we would one day like to have in our arsenal of tools.

As a result of the Asphalt Zipper demo, the crew completed the patch (approximately 15’ x 100’) on a section of badly damaged asphalt on Pleasant Valley Rd. This will provide us an opportunity to monitor the performance of the patch as we continue to explore cost effective ways to make road repairs.

Town crews completed several catch basin repairs during the month. Pothole patching is an ongoing process throughout town. Our cracksealing contractor continues work to finish their project.

Scott Yeomans
Associate Manager
Human Services Department

Adult & Senior Services
Andrea Cofrancesco, Director of Adult and Senior Services

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
Benefits Food and Fuel Bank

Fletcher and Jane Kinsley recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party with family and friends. In lieu of gifts, they asked for food to be donated to the Food and Fuel Bank. 54 bags of groceries and over $100 was donated to benefit South Windsor families in need. This donation comes at a great time as the food bank is extremely low! Thank you to the Kinsleys!

ENERGY ASSISTANCE
Applications for the 2017-18 energy assistance program will begin on Monday, September 11 for deliverable fuels (oil, propane, and kerosene). Gross monthly income cannot exceed $34,366.28 per year for individuals and $44,940.52 for couples. Assets cannot exceed $12,000 as a renter and $15,000 as a homeowner. Applications for electric heat or natural gas customers will begin on November 1. For an appointment or for more info call 860-648-6361.

RENTER’S REBATE: Ends October 1
For those 65 or older or on Social Security Disability and who rented an apartment in 2016, a rebate for rent paid may be available. Income limited to $35,200 for an individual, $42,900 for a couple. Call Adult and Senior Services 860-648-6361 for more info.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP
Are you caring for a loved one? Please join us Friday September 8 at 10:30 AM for guest speaker Mark Sherry MA, M.Ed. “Therapeutic Laughter Leader” who will provide an interactive talk. A light lunch will be served afterwards. Please contact Penny Shea at 860-648-6361 ext. 314 or at penny.shea@southwindsor.org by 9/7. Please help us spread the word about this important group...caregivers need support from others in similar situations!

Reading in the Schools Funded
Volunteers and members of the Senior Advisory Council will be reading to all elementary schools in town for the 2017-18 school year! This marks the 7th year of this intergenerational program, which provides books to all classrooms and libraries in all
elementary schools. Funding for this year is provided by Savings Institute Bank and Trust South Windsor branch, Youth and Family Services grant funds and the Senior Center.

Exciting Times
The Human Services Department is excited with the additional space that is available due to the Recreation Department moving to Wapping School. While we will miss working with the folks down the hall in Rec, the possibilities for both departments is super exciting and will benefit South Windsor residents a great deal. The Senior Center will soon be using the two preschool rooms, which will be fitted with a new toilet and sink for adults, new paint and window treatments. We are able to offer additional exercise programs including in the Silver Sneakers program (insurance accepted!) due to the use of the gym. More enhancements will be made over time to make the building more senior friendly. Youth and Family Services will also have access to additional space for afternoon and evening programs to meet the needs of children, teens and parents.

Adventure Club Activities
A full bus of 20 people recently went to the Connecticut River Estuary Canoe and Kayak trail. The 500 acre, Great Island Wildlife Management area is one of the country's top Paddle Sport Destinations. These vast waterways where the Connecticut River meets the Long Island Sound provide an endless range of exploration and fun on the water. As part of our new adventure club, we were excited to have a FULL bus! Seniors also recently took part and learned more about the

Ropes Course
Ropes Course at Nevers Park with Kathy Reed, Outreach Specialist and two of the Reed children. Our afternoon games in the park was a big hit with bocce, croquet, cornhole and more! More Adventure Club activities coming

Kayak Trip at CT River Estuary
Welcome to “The Senior Connection”
In celebration of National Senior Center Month, the September edition of the “Senior Connection” was mailed to residents 55 and older. This year’s theme is “Masters in Aging.” To celebrate, we want people to discover new ways to master aging by attending FREE exercise classes for SW residents 55 and over the whole month! In addition, a great program on Healthy Aging is being offered by JoAnne Harrison-Becker, a favorite speaker at the center! And check out our new Adventure Club: hiking, ziplining and outdoor games! See the inserts for more information on the many programs offered for residents 55+. There’s something for everyone! To receive the newsletter monthly, call 860-648-6361 ext. 335. It’s FREE!

Like us on FACEBOOK!
Facebook.com/swseniorcenter

Games at Nevers Park
**Youth & Family Services**  
Elizabeth Langevin, Director of Youth and Family Services

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**July & August**

**Teen Center**
The month of July was full of fun and great energy with the start of the Rising Stars Program! Both our middle school and high school groups worked hard with various community service projects around the town... such as teaming up with the Parks Department, the Town Garage, TRACS Animal Shelter and the SW Food Alliance. Our group would not be complete without the important component of teambuilding! Various staff members lead us through many fun activities and challenges to get to know ourselves better, make new friends and find our strengths! What a great way for South Windsor Youth to spend summer break!

August may be a reminder of the end of summer vacation, but the Teen Center Rising Stars Summer Program continued strong with fun filled days of teambuilding, community service work, and adventure. This year, our middle school and high school participants focused on three learning components – community, friendship and self. Various activities, teambuilding challenges, art projects and discussions helped to promote these three areas along with highlighting the importance of self-reflection, goal setting and individual strengths. The collaboration with other town committees, departments and staff- including but not limited to, Adult & Senior Services, Parks and Recreation Department, SWPD, SW Historical Society, and SW Food Alliance- helped to support the unique opportunity for SW youth to get a hands on experience of learning about their town and community involvement. We were also thrilled to team up with Justin and Corrine Bordua of Bordua Farms to experience the benefits and treasures of local farming. Being a part of this journey with so many wonderful, energetic youth was just priceless!
Parent Education and Support

This month we wrapped up our 5 week Chef in Training Program. On July 5th we enjoyed a homemade Taco feast, complete with homemade chips, guacamole and tacos. The children enjoyed learning how to make chips from flour tortillas and baking them. On July 12th we had Dietitian, Diane Lombardi from the Healthy Me Program join us, to discuss healthy eating. Diane taught us about the different food groups and ways to find you’re healthy eating style and build it throughout the day. The families enjoyed making dessert on July 12th for a special treat for their last class. We wanted to incorporate fruits that were in season, so we decided on homemade blueberry crisp. The families also made chocolate cupcakes from scratch and experimented with piping and frosting decorating. Overall I received wonderful feedback from all of the families. One mother stated, “It’s easier to let the kids make mistakes in cooking class rather than at home because, if you’re cooking at home then I’m usually in a rush and trying to feed the family.” Another family shared their highlights from the class such as learning how to prepare a healthy meal, encouraging teamwork within the group, eating together as a family and with others in the community, and she appreciated her kids were open to trying new foods. The parents shared that they liked that their children learned how to read a recipes and improvise if they didn’t have a specific ingredient. Parents felt not only was the class educational, but it was FUN!

In August, families had the opportunity to participate in our Scrumptious Science: Making Ice Cream In a Bag and Lawn Games on August 9th. This was a lot of messy, fun!! Who doesn’t love ice cream on a hot day? Caregivers and their young children joined the summer Playtime Adventure on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Caregivers enjoyed meeting other parents and their children had fun playing and creating a craft such as corn rolling and peanut butter, pinecone birdfeeders. On August 30th we will be holding our annual Relatives Raising Children Picnic. Caregivers will bring their families for some good old fashion fun. On August 16th Parents joined the discussion on Adoption Assistance. Guest Speaker, Theresa Hixon spoke about adoption and adoption assistance programs in Connecticut. Mrs. Hixon has been working with the Adoption program at the Village for Families and Children for over 19 years. She has extensive experience preparing individuals and couples to adopt a child in the DCF foster care system. Theresa has worked the last several years with post-adoptive families providing assessments, support and referrals to community resources. Theresa is also an adoptive parent.
**School Outreach**

The "Moving On Up" transition program for incoming TE 6th graders was a great success. 6 different sessions were offered by Eileen Adler and Kathy Reed during August so that students could meet new people, have last minute questions answered, take a tour of the building and practice lockers. We had a record breaking 106 students participate in the program!

The 1st ever "Make A Difference" program was held in August. The program was an opportunity for high school students to work together to learn about needs in our community and then to do something about them. They learned about a local soup kitchen and made snack bags and centerpieces for them, they learned about therapy dogs and visited with "Cooper" and they also took a tour of the police dept., and then made domestic violence info bags and blankets for a local shelter. It was a wonderful few days with a group of very caring high school students.

This July, Kathy Reed & Liz Langevin coordinated the first ever, THRIVE College Prep program. We had 20 students in attendance that evening. We had an honest conversation about campus life and how to stay physically and emotionally healthy as well as safe. We had a student from Uconn’s Nutrition Program to talk about how to eat healthy at college, Bill Oulundsen of Oulundsen’s Taekwon-Do to practice safety skills, and SWPD Officer Kevin Geraci to talk about safety campus. We were lucky to have 4
SWHS alum come and talk about their experience and answer questions about college.

Youth Counseling
Children, ages 6 to 10, enjoyed their yoga and crafts program this summer. The kids learned yoga, breathing and meditation to help them manage stress, develop their attention span and learn to self-regulate when upset. They did relevant crafts and loved doing the sand art. This program was facilitated by Eileen Adler.

Please check out our Facebook https://www.facebook.com/SWYouthFamily or call Liz at 860-648-6361 x331 for more information on any above program.
September 2017
Town Council Meetings and Events

Meetings

Tuesday, September 5, 2017
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Council Chambers

Monday, September 18, 2017
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Council Chambers

Holidays

Monday, September 4, 2017
Town Offices Will Be Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Layout by Ashley Booth, Executive Secretary to the Town Manager