

Town of South Windsor

Town Manager's Report October 2016

Matthew B. Galligan
Town Manager



The Town Manager's Report will be presented at the next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting on October 17th.

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Police Department

Timothy M. Edwards
Chief of Police

Haunted Torch Walk Event for CT Special Olympics:

On Saturday, October 15th Corporal Ron Littel is coordinating the annual "Haunted Torch Walk" and Fall Fest at Nevers Road Park. The extremely popular Haunted Torch Walk takes place from 6pm to 9pm along the trails filled with Halloween themed displays. This event raises thousands of dollars annually for the Connecticut Special Olympics.

South Windsor Police take part in "Wishes on Wheels 2016":

SWPD was honored to be a part of Wishes on Wheels 2016. This event is a Truck Convoy which departs from Rentschler Field in East Hartford along I-84 and runs to I-384 to Bolton and then back to Rentschler Field. Once returned to the field, the day is filled with lots of family fun. The event is a fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Connecticut. This year's theme was Honoring First Responders and we were the only police department invited to help grant the wishes of children all over Connecticut. We also received a beautiful 6 foot banner signed by many of the kids who participated.



Public Works Department

Michael J. Gantick
Director of Public Works

Fleet Services Division

The Fleet Services Division of Public Works continues to support town departments by maintaining their vehicles and equipment. Departments such as Street Services, Park and Recreation, Building Department, Engineering Department, Building Maintenance, Human Services, Police Services, Town Hall motor pool vehicles, Pollution Control and Fire Department. Fleet Services continue to strive to keep vehicles safe and to prolong longevity by providing routine services and road service when necessary.

Fleet Services continues to improve its capabilities by taking the initiative of applying new ideas and techniques to maintaining aging equipment; and extending the life of the equipment. For example the technicians salvaged and rebuilt a 2001 Freightliner Plow truck at a savings of about \$48,000 dollars to the town. We also had some of our newer trucks frames power washed, salt neutralized and a rust preventing solution sprayed on to allow trucks to last longer. We are starting to get ready for leaf season. We are going thru machines replacing impellers and liners. We also service machines for the rough season they go thru. We are also in the process of redesigning the parts room and shop to be

more efficient and organized.

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| Scheduled Maintenance or Repairs | 39 |
| Unscheduled repairs | 12 |
| Road calls | 2 |

Leon Clough
Fleet Manager



Human Services Department

Adult & Senior Services

Andrea Cofrancesco, Director of Adult and Senior Services

Calendars for Sale to Support Friends of the SW Senior Center!

A new fundraiser for Friends of the SW Senior Center! Twelve month 2017 hanging calendar will feature over 40 South Windsor seniors in twelve different locations around town including the One Room School House, Wood Library, Old Post Office, new school construction and more! Preorder this fun calendar, support a great cause and enjoy the professionally taken photos throughout the year! Just \$10 if preordered by 10/21. Stop in the Human Services office for an order form! Questions, call Andrea 860-648-6357

Pedestrian Safety Study

Professors from both Manchester Community College and the University of Connecticut are studying how and why people cross the road when they do. They would like to learn about opinions about walking across the street. They will be at the community center on Friday, October 21 at 1:00 PM for anyone wishing to participate in a study that will help planners understand human behavior so that safety can be increased. The South Windsor Senior Center is their first study date and we are excited about being able to partake in it! If interested, please let Andrea know by

calling 860-648-6357 or

andrea.cofrancesco@southwindsor.org

Anyone over age 18 is welcome.

Back to School Program a Success!

Human Services had another successful back to school program in which we served 27 families with 59 children with new back packs, Payless shoe gift cards and supplies. Through the generous donations of The South Windsor Community Service group, BearingStar Insurance and other local organizations and churches we were able to ensure these children had the supplies necessary to start the school year.

Medicare Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for Medicare begins October 15 and ends December 7 with changes effective January 1. Medicare beneficiaries can get unbiased insurance information from three CHOICES counselors in the Adult and Senior Services Division of Human Services. 860-648-6361.

Zip Lining

Our first Ziplining trip was a HUGE success! 13 people are able to cross this off their bucket list but they will probably want to go

back again soon! The weather was amazing and people are still talking about it.



Health and Safety Fair

Another successful year with almost 250 attending! Twenty four vendors provided a variety of services including flu shots, blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, balance testing, arm chair massages, oral evaluations, ear wax checks and safety tips and healthy snacks including smoothies and seasonal goodies.



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Youth & Family Services

Elizabeth Langevin, Director of Youth and Family Services



September 2016

Teen Center

The Teen Center opened the week of September 12th for drop in hours for high school students during the week and middle school students on Friday nights. An afternoon back to school celebration was held on Wednesday, September 21st with free pizza, prizes and giveaways for high school students. Twenty six high school students joined in the fun while we gave out some school supplies and raffled off gift cards for Subway, iTunes and Old Navy. Friday nights have started off strong with an average of 34 visits each night for our weekly Middle School Night! We also welcomed a new part time staff person, Danielle Koch, who looks forward to being a part of our many middle school events. Our Youth Council Committee, a group of high school volunteers, also resumed with eight members who have

already started planning projects for the 2016-17 school year! Next month we look forward to hosting a "Yoga for Teens" drop in session for high school students and will welcome Dawn Greenfield from Yoga Born, LLC.

*Local Prevention Council Grant Funds were used for the above special events.



School Outreach



Pinwheels for Peace is an international project focused on bringing peace to everyday life. It is about treating people with respect, caring for others and getting along in a peaceful manner. The project was a reminder to students and adults alike to treat each other with kindness. Led by Youth and Family Services and Peer Mediators, Timothy



Edwards Middle School students and staff created over 800 pinwheels that were displayed in front of the school as a symbol of our community's commitment to peace.



SWHS Students Against Destructive Decisions held a seat belt check on Wed., Sept. 28th in the parking lot of the high school. More than 30 club members handed out "Smart Food" popcorn as a thank you to students and parents for wearing their seat belts and making safe choices. They handed out 400 bags of popcorn encouraging positive behavior. Additionally, students and parents who were not wearing a seat belt received a bag of pretzels with a reminder that not buckling up could get them "Twisted" in a wreck. It was a successful morning for the club.



Parent Education and Support



SWAN facilitated,

"Temper Tantrums in Toddlers," which was very helpful to parents and caregivers. We had a nice mix of parents, grandparents and foster parents who learned the ins and outs of how to manage temper tantrums in themselves and their rambunctious toddlers.

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren reconvened after our summer break. It was a nice opportunity to reconnect with old friends and to greet some new members.

Youth Counseling

Our Youth Counselor, Eileen Adler is busy with planning pro-social and therapeutic groups for youth of all ages in addition to meeting with youth individually for support.

Eileen has planned a fun family event for October, called BOO Yoga. A night of yoga in costume!

Please check out our website, for all upcoming events.

<http://www.southwindsor.org/youth-family-services>



Parks & Recreation Department

Raymond Favreau
Director of Parks & Recreation

John Caldwell, Jr.
Superintendent of Parks

"Discover the Benefits!"

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Keri Apt
Asst. Director of Parks & Recreation

Park & Recreation Commission (PARC) –

The next PARC meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 12th at 7:30pm in the Sprenkel Room of the Town Hall.

The South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways

(**SWW&WW**) sub-committee meets next on Wed., Oct. 5th. Members have been busy assisting the elementary physical education teachers in conducting the 4th grade bicycle education program at Wapping and Orchard Hill Schools this Fall. They are also continuing their work on action plans for potential public access to the Eversource power line corridors for cross-town trails connecting the existing Jacques Lane trail to Pleasant Valley Road, and they are investigating applying for a CT Recreational Trails grant through the DEEP.

The South Windsor FOOD Alliance (SWFA)

The final Farmer's Market for the outdoor season will be Sat., Oct. 8th from 10am to 1pm on the front lawn of the community center. Their winter indoor market will run for 9 weeks from October 29 to Dec. 17. Location to be announced. Go to www.swfood.org for more details.

Like us on Facebook - The number keeps growing - we are now "liked" by 1,525 people! Won't you like us too at south windsor parks & recreation and check out the awesome videos posted? Also, please follow us on Instagram too at SWPRD06074!!

Special Invitation to Councilors – SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 15th Fall Fest 2016

– a 10-hour day of family fun! See pages 35-37 in our current Parks & Recreation Magazine or visit our web site for exciting details about the trail runs, craft fair, games, activities, trick or treating, entertainment, and culminating with the haunted torch walk grand finale! Net proceeds from the event to benefit CT Special Olympics. Fall Fest is run in conjunction with the South Windsor Police Dept. (thank you Ron Littell!!!). As always, we offer all members of the Town Council an open invitation to visit any of our 400+ 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 – October enrollment across the five elementary schools is at 330 up 10 registrants from Sept. with 39 students in the Early Release program to support the BOE professional development program, up 6 from Sept.

Adult Sports Leagues – Annual organizational meetings were held for Men's Basketball (13 teams), Women's basketball (5 teams), Men's Volleyball (22 teams) and Women's Volleyball (22 teams).

Longest Dinner Table Charity Event – We once again served as judges for this biennial S.W. Community Foundation event. Staff members Shelby Kosa, Lauren Bent & Sarah Robinson represented us well!

Youth Basketball – Early bird registration with a \$25 discount ends October 7th. Registrations received after October 21 will be placed on a wait list. Tryouts for Junior Divisions (grades 5 & 6) and Intermediate Divisions (grades 7 & 8) will be held at TEMS on Sat., Nov. 5th. Tryouts for Advanced (grades 9 & 10) and Senior (grades 11 & 12) Divisions will be held at the high school on Sat., Dec. 12th. There are no tryouts for any Beginner Divisions (grades 3 & 4), or Mighty Mite Divisions (grades K,1,2 & 3).

Wapping Re-Purposing – We received a preliminary report from Silver/Petrucelli on 9/29 and will review it with them on 10/3. We anticipate providing Council with an update on the progress of the engineering assessment later this month.

PARKS DIVISION

***"Caring for South Windsor's
Growing Needs"***

September Activity Highlights

- **Athletic Fields & Grounds:**
 - o Over-seeded all public building grounds in need.
 - o Continued to prepare all rectangular athletic fields for the fall season for soccer, football and field hockey at Nevers, Rye and the High School.
 - o Renovated the Wapping Little League field.
- **Parks & Open Space:**
 - o Completed all pool closing procedures at Veterans Memorial Park.
 - o Performed maintenance at the new mountain bike trail at Rye Street Park.
 - o Cut back overgrowth at Donnelley Preserve Trails
 - o Rough cut mowed all major flood control structures.
 - o Pruned trees around Bark Park as needed.
 - o Barton Property Project – Phase II, finish grading and seeding was completed with an amazing combined in-house effort utilizing staff talents

from both Public Works and Parks & Recreation in conjunction with budgeted funds to rent the necessary equipment (heavy duty CAT D6T bulldozers, wind-rower, root grapple, brilliant seeder) and purchase necessary materials (lime, fertilizer, sturdy grass seed mix heavy with drought tolerant Tall Fescue and some transitional Rye). Now it's up to Mother Nature to help us with good weather conditions for a strong Fall growing season.

- o Posted and then removed four trees at the site of the new Rotary Pavilion II at VMP. In advance of the need to remove some of the old existing chain link fence to make room for this structure a temporary fence was installed to secure the pools. Grading of the site will begin very soon. The project received unanimous approval of the PZC on Sept. 27th.
- o Deming Community Gardens - Neighbor friendly site plan modifications were presented to PZC and received final approval at their Sept. 27th meeting. Now we will re-apply for the \$20,000 grant with the state of CT Dept. of Agriculture Farmland Restoration Program. The goal is to have it ready for planting Spring, 2017.



Jake Burnham & Rob Hunt seeding the Barton property (Soon to be the "Fairgrounds at Rye Street Park")



Tree trimming and, only where absolutely necessary, removal at the high school stadium in preparation for the installation of a brand new fence to provide visual and sound barrier for abutting neighbors.



Completed Infield renovation at the Wapping Little League Field



We anticipate Fall Fest 2016 will be bigger & better than last year's event pictured here

Renovation of Wapping Little League Field infield begins



Our annual "Witch Way 5K" Trail Run starts at 11am, Sat. Oct. 15, preceded by "Jacob's Jog" kids fun run at 10:30am kicking off Fall Fest 2016!

October 2016 Town Council Meetings and Events

Meetings

Monday, October 3, 2016—CANCELLED

Monday, October 17, 2016
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Council Chambers

Holidays

Monday, October 10, 2016
Town Offices Will Be Closed in Observance of Columbus Day

Layout by Ashley Booth, Executive Secretary to the Town Manager

