

Town of South Windsor



Town Manager's Report November 2019

Michael Maniscalco
Town Manager

Financial Advisor

After review of the current Financial Advisor, I decided we needed to explore other offers. After putting out an RFP, we have decided to go with Phoenix Advisors for the Town's financing needs. This decision was made for a few reasons, including the following:

- Phoenix Advisors does not charge a retainer, which will save the community \$30,000 annually;
- They have extensive experience with Connecticut municipalities; and
- They have extensive experience with helping CT municipalities achieve rating upgrades.

EEE

At this point with the cold weather the risk for EEE has significantly reduced. We are very fortunate that no one was infected and that due to the continued testing we were capable of putting appropriate safety measures in place.

PD Promotions

The Police Department is attempting to bolster its leadership structure in order to be prepared for potential retirements. As a result, Chief Custer has recommended, and I am approving the following promotions. Corporal Bowes and Corporal Little will be promoted to Sergeant. Chief Custer will be at the meeting to introduce them both to the Council.

Lock your cars

Recently the Police Department has seen an increase in stolen vehicles and or items stolen from vehicles. I would like to take an opportunity to remind residents to lock their cars.

Town Council Academy

I would like to take a moment to recognize the Town Council for participating in the Town Council Academy. I would also like to thank the department heads and staff who helped make it happen.

MDC

The MDC is proposing a 6.9% budget increase for 2020. In order to help fund this, they will be increasing water use rates. If the budget is passed, the water use rate charge will be increasing to \$4.26 per CCF starting on January 1, 2020.

Police Department

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Chief of Police

Department Activity—October 2019

Total Computer Aided Dispatch Entries:	2469
9-1-1 Calls Received:	692
Routine Calls Received/Outgoing:	4708
Directed Patrol/Premise Checks:	828
Motor Vehicle Stops:	347
Medical Assists/Emot.Dist. Persons:	187
Suspicious:	75
Alarms:	116
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	44
Welfare Check:	48
Assist Outside Agency:	36
Animal Problem:	35
Citizen Assist:	36
Miscellaneous Service:	11
Collision Reports:	20
BOLO:	18
Disabled Motor Vehicle:	27
Larceny:	33
Hazardous Conditions:	49
Pistol Permits:	3
Burglary:	17
Civil Matter:	8
911 Check:	7
Fraud:	16
Domestic Dispute:	15
Narcotics Violation:	4
Violation of Town Ordinance:	1
Youth Problem:	13
Sexual Assault:	1

Community Outreach:

- The November Food Drive is being held on Saturday, November 23rd and Sunday November 24th at both Stop & Shop and Geissler's, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Our STUFF-A-TRUCK Food and Toy Drive is being held on Saturday December 14th; also at both Stop & Shop and Geissler's, also from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- We will be assisting the Ellington YMCA with their Stuff A Cruiser event on December 6th to benefit local families. There are many South Windsor families that belong to the YMCA or are recipients of their services and we are happy to assist.
- We are excited to partner with Target for the Shop with a Cop-Reach Foundation Event again this year. The event is on December 10th and our officers will be partnering with deserving children to have dinner and games at Dave & Busters, then taking part in the cruiser parade to Target where the children will have a chance to shop for their families, all paid for courtesy of the Reach Foundation.

These events are a great opportunity for our staff to give back to the community and help our neighbors in need.

Coffee with a Cop & Veterans' Coffee Hour:

On Thursday, December 19th we will host Coffee with Cop in cooperation with the Human Services department and the

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Veteran's Coffee hour. This gives us an opportunity to speak with our citizens in a relaxed setting and answer questions about issues that are of concern to them. This event was re-scheduled from October when a storm cancelled school and our event.

Pink Shirt Initiative- A Women's Health Fundraiser:

October is nationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and South Windsor Police Officers purchased pink t-shirts to support the cause. Previously, our policy dictated that officers wear only black shirts under their uniform. We suspended that rule for October in an effort to increase awareness about women's health issues.

We raised over \$900.00 that will be donated to the CT Breast Health Initiative. Our female staff are a huge part of our public safety family and we are all working together to support women's health. <https://www.ctbhi.org/>

No-Shave November:

Once again, we have suspended the grooming policy for November to raise awareness for men's cancer screening. The goal of No Shave November is for men to donate money they would have spent on shaving supplies to charity that benefits prostate cancer research or other worthy groups. This year we will again be donating all proceeds to Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale.

New School Resource Officers:

Congratulations to Officer Peter Korchari and Officer Lawren Owens who have been selected as our next School Resource Officers. The High School SRO, Cpl. Ben White, has resigned to take advantage of a career in federal law enforcement. Earlier this month several officers tested to fill, the high school position and the middle school SRO position for next year. Officer Korchari will begin his duties at the high school November 19th. Officer Owens will replace Officer Tina Roy at the middle school next fall.

We are very excited to continue our collaboration with the excellent South Windsor School system. This is an opportunity for our officers to focus on security, outreach, and just be part of the wonderful learning environment South Windsor teachers and administrators create every day.

Unlocked Car Burglaries & Car Thefts:

The Hartford County region continues to experience car burglaries and car thefts, as do other parts of the state. The crimes are generally being committed by groups of juveniles who arrive in a neighborhood in a stolen car overnight, try door handles and enter unlocked cars. If an unlocked car is found they look for keys or key fobs to take the car, or steal valuables located inside the vehicle. The stolen cars are generally used to "joyride" and are frequently recovered in Hartford or nearby once they run out of gas.

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We can eliminate the issue locally by “hardening the target”; if we all lock up our vehicles, they will move to other areas to find easy targets. As always, we urge citizens to report suspicious activity immediately.

Never too early to prepare for an emergency:

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: @SWPD_PIO

Public Works Department

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Director of Public Works

Engineering

Buckland Road Sidewalks

Trademark Contractors has installed the new culvert sections and cleaned the box culverts for Plum Gulley Brook under Buckland Road. They are waiting for Eversource Gas to relocate the gas main that is on the culverts so they can complete the new sidewalks along the west side of Buckland Road south of the Terry Office Park driveway.

Sidewalk Repairs

CRC Contractors has raised additional sidewalk slabs along some Town roads to eliminate trip hazards. We will seek bids from contractors to replace more deteriorated sidewalks next spring and summer. These repairs are supported by the 2018 Bond funds.

Local Road Paving

B&W Paving is completing punch list items on the 2.25 miles of local roads they milled and paved this summer including Jonathan Lane, Imperial Drive, the south end of Slater Street, Broadleaf Drive, Crestwood Drive Mountain Drive, Clinton Drive, Mascolo Road, part of Chapel Road by the Rail Road crossing and part of Governors Highway, including the area of the Rail Road crossing. We will mill and pave more local roads next spring and summer. This program is supported by the 2018 Bond funds.

Scantic Road Reconstruction

South Windsor has teamed up with East Windsor to reconstruct Scantic Road in both

towns. The contractor has reclaimed and mixed the old road pavement into the base, regraded and paved the road. Driveway aprons will be paved and restoration of roadside areas will be substantially completed by winter.

Ellington Road RRFB

The Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFB) have been installed by the pedestrian crosswalk on Ellington Road and are working. The accessible ramps and final lawn restoration will be done in the spring.

Upcoming South Windsor Engineering Projects

Consultants have been hired to begin surveying, soils borings and design for reconstruction of the northern section of Avery Street (between Talcott Ridge Road and Dart Hill Rd), Beelzebub Road, and the southern section of Nevers Road, sidewalks along sections of Pleasant Valley Road and Clark Street and drainage improvements to Pleasant Valley Road. These projects are funded from the 2018 Bond Referendum.

Eversource Gas Projects

Eversource gas has energizing their new gas mains on Main Street, Strong Road and Governors Highway west of Route 5, in the Quarry Brook and Northview Drive neighborhoods, on Sand Hill Road to serve the Police Department and from Collins Crossing across Nevers Road to the Community Center. They have starting to

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connect customers to gas in these areas.

Verizon/Tilson Fiber Optic Project

Verizon has hired Tilson to install new fiber optic lines through South Windsor as part of their regional upgrade to a 5G network. The fiber has been installed underground by several subcontractors in Rye Street from Sullivan Avenue to Windsorville Road and up Griffin Road into East Windsor, then along Dart Hill Road from Vernon to Avery Street where it is being run south in Avery Street to Deming Street in Manchester.

Jeffrey Doolittle

Assistant Director of Public Works

Town Engineer

Street Services

Public Works crew wrapped up the resurfacing of the Town Garage for the season. There is more work to do which will commence in the spring.

The department supported several events including the Hartford Marathon and the Apple Fest.

All the compost on site #1 has been screened and that site has been prepped for the upcoming leaf harvest.

Streets crews removed asphalt and graded areas of Scantic Rd in preparation for re-surfacing. As East Windsor was resurfacing their section of Scantic Rd, Mr. Gantick

fostered a plan to work with East Windsor to get our section done as one project. This proved to be a cost effective solution for a road that was in dire need of repair.

Crews worked to get equipment ready for the leaf harvest. This entails installing leaf boxes and testing equipment. Our maintainers also stored equipment for the winter. Once the leaf harvest begins, there is little else for the department to do but focus on leaf collection. Should a plowable snow event occur during the leaf program, there is a lot of work to move from leaves to snow removal. Let us hope the winter weather holds off a bit.

Two of our streets maintainers conducted a salt spreader calibration demo at UCONN'S T2 Center for the Public Works Academy program. This biannual ritual garners a lot of interest and often leads to other towns asking for assistance with calibration. Calibration of salt spreaders is critical to mission success as it is necessary to know how much material is being applied. This avoids waste and unnecessary impacts to the environment.

Streets crews provided traffic control on several occasions supporting our tree contractor with removals, mostly of dead or dying ash trees.

Our maintainers installed a temporary ramp in a parking lot at the Eli Terry School at the request of the Board of Ed.

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The 2019 Leaf Harvest began October 28th with crews in full swing.

Streets crews and supervisors all received their biennial CPR and First Aid training.

The sign shop repaired or replaced 22 signs during the month. All of these signs were warning signs. In addition, the sign shop fabricated and installed signs for CERT Day and put up the leaf harvest signs.

Scott Yeomans
Associate Manager, Street Services

Human Services Department

Andrea Cofrancesco
Director of Human Services

Human Services Updates:

Congratulations to Liz Langevin!

Congratulations to Youth & Family Services Director, Liz Langevin, who recently attended a train the trainer for Question, Persuade & Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention training. QPR is an evidence based practice model, teaching every person how to ask the right questions and refer someone to help. Suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in Connecticut. This training goes over suicide warning signs, verbal clues, myths of suicide as language around suicide. While suicide isn't always predictable, it may be preventable. Liz will now be available to train SW high school students, town and school staff, as well as the general public.

Narcan and QPR Training

On November 6, our department along with South Windsor Alliance For Families (SWAFF), hosted "How to Help in a Crisis" a community Narcan and Question, Persuade and Refer Suicide Prevention Training. 35 community members attended and were trained on how to administer Narcan and how to help someone who may be contemplating suicide. 211 resources as well as Intercommunity were there to provide information on their programs. John Lally, APRN facilitated the training. This was free to the public, thanks to grant funding that we received through the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Adult and Senior Services Update

Food and Fuel Bank Partners with South Windsor Community Foundation!

The South Windsor Community Foundation (SWCF) has accepted our proposal to act as fiduciary for the Food and Fuel Bank! This means that organizations or businesses who can only donate to a 501c3 organization can donate to the SWCF (with Food and Fuel Bank in the memo). We have had to turn away donations in the past, as the Town is municipal, but not 501c3. We will continue to accept donations here as well, but this gives us another option to receive donations to benefit South Windsor families in need.

This is also the first step in becoming a FoodShare partner agency. Our goal is to be able to use FoodShare to get meats and other items that we do not typically have, and it will also allow us to "shop" at FoodShare when we are low on certain items. The cost is significantly less to purchase from FoodShare rather than grocery stores. We have to be 501c3 in order to get food from FoodShare.

Holiday Programs Beginning!

The Thanksgiving Basket Program will soon be underway with individuals, local businesses, school and church groups donating items for a Thanksgiving meal. Contact Lindsey Ravalese at 860-648-6361 ext. 3319 for more information on donating. We are also starting to recruit donors for our annual Adopt a Child program, which

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provides toys and clothes to children in low income families. To inquire about the Adopt a Child program, contact Steve Clapp at 860-648-6361 ext. 3325.

Renter's Rebate

Caseworkers processed 210 applications for South Windsor residents in the Renter's Rebate program. This program provides a refund for low income renters and provides staff an opportunity to screen people for additional programs that they may benefit from including SNAP (Food Stamps), Medicare Savings Program and more!

Health Fair

Our 9th annual Health and Safety Fair had almost 200 in attendance with 99 flu shots administered and 25 vendors providing a variety of services including blood pressure checks, balance screenings, muscle and nerve testing, evaluations for vein disease, ear wax and hearing screenings and reiki and massages. Healthy snacks were available at several of the vendor tables and information on a variety of topics was distributed including fire safety, Yellow Dot program, and more!



Reading at Pleasant Valley School

Volunteers recently read to all students at Pleasant Valley School as part of our 8th annual Reading in the Schools program. Books are donated to all classrooms and libraries in all four elementary schools.



Thank you, Parks Crew!

Thank you to John Caldwell and the Parks Crew for making a bench for our labyrinth area in the Food Bank gardens next to our building. This is a great addition to our garden area and we appreciate the support from Parks to beautify and maintain it for all to enjoy. Thank you also to Penny Shea, Social worker in Human Services, for the idea and leadership in making this labyrinth a reality and to Colin Pederson, who created this with the assistance of his fellow scouts as his Eagle project.



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Backpack Program

Adult and Senior Services had another successful back to school program in which we served 31 families with 50 children with new back packs, Payless shoe gift cards and supplies. Through the generous donations of The Senior Center's Community Service group, the Salvation Army, and The Residence at South Windsor Farms, we were able to ensure these children had the supplies necessary to start the school year.



Youth & Family Services

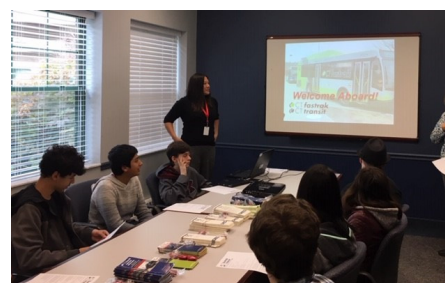
welcomed two part time staff members this month. We hired a new Youth Counselor/Parent Educator, Chris Garrahan, LMSW. The position isn't new, though we made some tweaks due to needs of the community. As a retired school social worker, Chris comes to us with many years' experience working with youth and families. Chris will maintain a 1:1 caseload with youth, facilitates the Juvenile Review Board, provides support and psycho- education for parents and caregivers as well as coordinates parenting education programs for the town.

South Windsor Youth & Family Services has recently taken over a state grant to operate the Local Interagency Service Team (LIST). There are 12 LISTs around the state. Local Interagency Service Teams (LIST) were created as a system development strategy for the establishment of an integrated system for planning, implementation and evaluation of

juvenile justice service delivery in Connecticut. LISTs provide a venue for community-level interagency coordination and formal communication and planning between state agencies and local communities around juvenile justice issues. Their task is to coordinate local stakeholders in raising awareness about the needs of children and youth involved in the juvenile justice system, as well as planning, evaluating, and supporting juvenile justice services in each juvenile court catchment area. With the recent acquisition of the Local Interagency Service Team (LIST) Grant, we were able to hire a Rockville LIST Lead for 8 hours a week to manage everything related to the grant and the monthly meetings associated with it. Nancy Shasha, a retired Juvenile Probation Officer has begun in this position.

Teen Center

With the help of the South Windsor Mass Transit Committee, the Teen Center was fortunate enough to have staff from CT Transit come to the Teen Center to explain to high school students how to access the bus, read schedules, etc. Students were given information to take home and had the opportunity to learn more from the drivers –

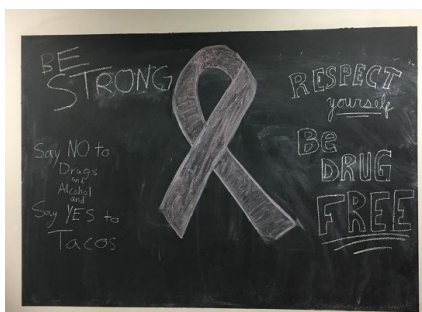


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how to get off at your desired stop and how to put a bike on the rack. It was a great presentation put on by helpful people looking to inform teens about how to access local public transportation.

During the month of October, the Teen Center Youth Council hosted events in recognition of Red Ribbon Week, a national drug and alcohol awareness and prevention campaign. This year, Youth Council Members decorated the teen center with candy, red bracelets and created a sign in support of this year's theme – "Send a Message, Stay Drug Free". Members also created a "Jeopardy" style game with facts about drug use and abuse and handed out head phones with the theme printed on it to all participants who attended the Teen Center that week.



S.W.A.N.  **Parent Education and Support**
South Windsor & Neighbors

As of November 5th, we have a new Youth Counselor/Parent Educator. He has jumped right in, setting up intake appointments for counseling. He will start the Relatives Raising Grandchildren group back up late this month.

School Outreach & Prevention

The Students Against Destructive Decisions Club organized a seat belt and phone check at the high school on a sunny October morning. 40 kids got out of bed early and showed up at 6:45am to remind their peers to be safe and not distracted. They gave "Smartfood" popcorn to all drivers who had their seat belt on and their phones away. Drivers not making great choices were given a bag of pretzels with a message reminding them not to get "Twisted" in a wreck because of bad decisions. It was the true definition of POSITIVE peer pressure!



The Jump Start Tutoring program also started up in October. SWHS students visit TEMS each Thursday afternoon to tutor middle school students. Together they do homework, study for tests and complete projects. It is a wonderful opportunity for learning for both

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students. We appreciate the tutors willingness to volunteer their time to help others in this wonderful program!

Counseling & Support

The demands for counseling services continue. With the addition of a third part time counselor, our waitlist has gone down but it does continue.

Some great upcoming programs and events, please check out our Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/SWYouthFamily>
or call Liz at 860-648-6361 x3331 for more information

Liz Langevin, LCSW



Parks & Recreation Department

Raymond Favreau
Director of Parks & Recreation

“Discover the Benefits!”

John Caldwell, Jr.
Superintendent of Parks

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Keri Apt
Asst. Director of Parks & Recreation

Park & Recreation Commission (PARC)

The next PARC meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 13th. Work continues on the master plan revision.

The South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways (SWW&WW) sub-committee last met on Nov. 6th and meets next on Wed., Dec. 4th at Wapping at 7pm. Efforts over the next year will be the design of the proposed cross-town trail through the Eversource power corridor and re-applying for “silver” Bicycle Friendly Community designation with the League of American Bicyclist. The application deadline is February 5, 2020.

Special Invitation to Councilors – SAVE

THE DATES: Turkey Hoop Shoot Contest on Sat., Nov. 16 at Wapping where contestants shoot baskets to win a free turkey for Thanksgiving! Ages 4,5,6 – 12:320-1:30pm ; Ages 7,8,9 – 1:30-2:30pm ; Ages 10,11,12 – 2:45-3:435pm and Ages 13,14 – 3:45-4:45pm. 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!”

4th R Before & After School Program - November enrollment accommodates 139 in the morning and 257 in the afternoon.

HallowEEEn Hullabaloo - This event was quickly created in response to all the outdoor fall events and programs that have been canceled due to health and public safety concerns related to the “EEE” virus carrying mosquitoes discovered in town about a month ago. Upon the great suggestion of Asst. Director, Keri Montague we decided to host an indoor trick-or-treating event for our 06074 community especially since we did not know the status of conditions that might affect trick or treating on Halloween night. We are super pleased and proud to say HallowEEEn Hulabaloo provided a AAA experience for our residents plagued by a challenging, frustrating and disappointing EEE Fall season!! Community response was truly unbelievable! 25 interior doors were creatively decorated for the holiday over the weekend and then on Sunday evening staffed by costumed volunteers from a variety of civic organizations, school groups and businesses. In age appropriate groupings between 4 and 6:45pm 509 kids, accompanied by 534 adults,

totaling 1,043 people visited our Hulabaloo collecting most of the \$1,500 worth of treats, and all left with a smile! I want to thank all the wonderful volunteers for stepping up to support this spontaneous event. All the doors looked fantastic and the excitement level was through the roof!

We want to really thank Imperial Oil, Propane, Plumbing & Heating for stepping up to sponsor this HallowEEEn Hullabaloo event! We are incredibly grateful for Imperial's generosity, sponsorship and support of our department!

I want to personally thank Recreation Supervisors Cheryl Gerber and Shelby Kosa for pulling this all together so quickly and successfully, and to the entire administrative staff for making it happen all while in their costumed role of Extraordinarily Exceptional Exterminators! The 25 lbs of surplus candy from the event was donated to "Operation Gratitude via Smiles in Bloom" (E.Windsor) for service men & women overseas.

Caught Being Kind – Two months ago we launched a new initiative called "caught being kind!" In an effort to focus on good deeds and acts of kindness in a world all too often full of negativity we want to recognize those who help their neighbors known and unknown. Any resident who witnesses kind acts, or are on the receiving end of the kind acts, can submit the people who do them along with a description of the kindness shown by sharing them via email to rec@southwindsor-ct.gov, or calling us at 860-648-6355. Approved nominees will have a sharp custom heart-shaped sign placed on their front lawn by our "clandestine kindness crew" to let others

know that a "good deed doer" lives here! We will also post all those recognized on a huge heart in the lobby of our Wapping Parks & Recreation facility! As of 11/12 we have deployed 181 heart signs for 181 good deeds done! This years' initiative will end on Nov. 22.

Men's Basketball League - This year both Division A and B have 8 teams each, an increase of two teams from last year. League play began on 11/3.

Beginner Basketball Div. for grades 3 & 4 is growing! We had eight boys teams last year with eight to nine on each team. This year we have eight boys teams with 10-11 on each team. Last year we had just four girls teams with seven to eight on each team. This year we have six teams with eight on each team.

Staff – The application deadline for our remaining vacant Recreation Supervisor position was Nov. 8th. We had 29 applicants and will screen to a short list of candidates for first round interviews on Nov. 20th with finalist interviews on Dec. 5th. This position will be responsible for the aquatics operation at VMP in the summer and health, fitness & wellness programs throughout the year. We also just bid farewell to Parks Maintainer Tom Kuehlewind on Nov. 5th as he had resigned to move back to his wife's home country Canada. We will re-visit finalist from the last search and selection process completed just eight weeks ago that introduced new hire Ben Bedard to the parks crew.

Ashley Casiano, Recreation Supervisor was named starting goalie and Captain of the

Puerto Rico National Women's Lacrosse Team and will be competing in an international tournament Nov. 9 – 17 in the hopes of qualifying for the World Championship in 2021. Congratulations and good luck Ashley!!

Monday Night Social Club – We are so proud to announce that our very own Monday Night Social Club for young adults with special needs is the 2019 CT Recreation & Parks Association Award winner in the Inclusion or Adaptive Program of Merit category to be recognized at the annual state conference on Nov. 26th!! Thirty-six folks from the program – participants, family members and program volunteers will be in attendance at the awards ceremony to receive their recognition! This strong and popular program, which began in 1990, retains all of the charter members that still live in the area!

Wapping Update– the only remaining tasks for the cafeteria remodeling project are window treatments and wall art. All furniture is in, cable TV installed and technology center operational. We will plan promotional public push over the next couple months to start reserving for the New Year. The recent boiler incident on Sun., Nov 3rd has been corrected with all necessary repairs made as needed and multiple system safety checks performed thanks to the quick actions of Patrick Hankard, Facility Manager for the BOE. Local and State Fire Marshalls, the Town's Chief Building Inspector, HVAC experts, engineers and technicians were all brought in to assess the situation and approve re-opening the building the evening of Wed., Nov.6th.

PARKS DIVISION

"Caring for South Windsor's Growing Needs"

October/November Activity Highlights:

Athletic Fields & Grounds:

- Re-constructed infield at Rotary Baseball Field, including stripping old turf, distributing new material; lazer-grading to correct drainage problem, and laying fresh sod.
- Daily and weekly preparation of athletic fields servicing high school football, soccer & field hockey; boys & girl youth soccer; youth football and youth baseball.
- Winterized all irrigation systems and parks structures in conjunction with DPW Building Maintenance staff.
- Attended to garden/landscape beds with weeding, cutting back tall grasses and removing unwanted fallen leaves.
- Decorated Wapping for our HallowEEEn event with hay bales, mums, pumpkins, gourds and corn stalks.
- Deteriorating and unsightly concrete sign bollards were covered with bright colored plastic sleeves throughout the park system

Parks & Open Space:

- On October 25th with the approval from DEEP and the blessing of our Health Dept. and Town Manager the 5:30pm EEE curfew to minimize human contact with mosquitoes at dusk was finally lifted. Phew!!!
- Equipment in need of repair at My Friend's Place playground was addressed.
- Prepared the Rotary Pavilion at Nevers

Park for the CERT Day on Oct. 19th.

- Hazardous trees were removed at Rye Street Park
- Prepared the Eagle Patio at VMP for the annual Veterans Day Ceremony

Projects:

- Still soliciting quotes for potential renovations to the tennis courts at Wapping thanks to a \$50,000 grant from the State of CT.
- Skate Park Phase II construction is complete as of Nov. 8th. Site restoration will be done in-house. Once the site is safe and stabilized we will do an immediate ribbon cutting and open it for skating with a grand opening sometime in the spring. Despite weather related delays we only missed the desired completion goal of Nov. 1st by one week!
- Mike Samsel & Mike Hanrahan put their carpentry skills to the test modifying Preschool room cubbies.
- Completed site work at the Police Dept. in preparation for the new perimeter fence installation by others.

Other:

- 70% of our parks crew joins forces with DPW Street Services for the month-long leaf harvesting program. The remaining three or four crew members finish caring for final Fall athletic field needs and leaf collection throughout the park system and public building grounds.
- Assisted with logistics for the successful Hartford Bags of Love Sleep-Over at Nevers Park on Sat., Nov. 2nd. Congratulations Tiernan Cabot, the twelve-year-old young

man who created this movement!

- Responded along-side DPW to the unusual storm on Oct. 16 & 17 that brought down trees and power lines throughout town.



Your Extraordinarily Exceptional Exterminators from SWPRD to save the day at HallowEEEn Hullabaloo!



509 youth and 534 adult Trick or Treaters invaded Wapping for HallowEEEn Hullabaloo



Tremendous community volunteer support for HallowEEEn Hullabaloo!!



Our own new Ben Bedard (center) helps with skate park!



Skate park Phase II under construction – this time with all poured-in-place “shotcrete”.



Cox Cable installation at Wapping



Fall leaf clean up at Rye Street Park



October storm tree work and clean up



Rotary Baseball Field infield was rebuilt/ regraded and fresh sod installed



Before modification to remove potential entrapment in preschool rooms



After modification



Veterans Day Ceremony at VMP – the “11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour”



November 2019 Town Council Meetings and Events

Meetings

Monday, November 4, 2019

7:00 pm Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Monday, November 11, 2019

8:00 pm Organizational Meeting

Council Chambers

Monday, November 18, 2019

7:00 pm Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Holidays

Monday, November 11 2019

Town Offices Will Be Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day.

Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29, 2019

Town Offices Will Be Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Day.

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