

Town of South Windsor

Town Manager's Report November 2016

Matthew B. Galligan
Town Manager



The Town Manager's Report will be presented at the next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting on November 21st.

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Police Department

Timothy M. Edwards
Chief of Police

On Saturday, October 15, 2016, the South Windsor Police Department and the South Windsor Parks and Recreation Department hosted the Haunted Torch Walk and Fall Fest at Nevers Road Park to benefit the Connecticut Special Olympics. Corporal Ron Littell of the South Windsor Police Department and South Windsor Town staff members were instrumental in the success of the two events.

The Fall Fest attracted 65 vendors and had more than 2000 attendees. The Haunted Torch Walk had 14 scenes staged along the trails at the park viewed by 2500 visitors. At

the end of the trail, Maneeley's Catering of South Windsor provided hot chocolate and cookies at no charge. The two events raised more than \$13,000 for the Connecticut Special Olympics.

On Tuesday, October 25, 2016, several members of the South Windsor Police Department had the opportunity to visit with students and staff at the CREC International Magnet School's first responders breakfast. It was another exciting opportunity for members of the Police Department to have positive interaction with students and educators.



Public Works Department

Michael J. Gantick
Director of Public Works

Engineering

Avery Street Reconstruction (Beelzebub to Grey Road)

The reconstruction of this section of Avery Street including the realignment of Beelzebub Road has been substantially completed by the contractor ahead of schedule and within budget. There are some minor punch list items that should be done in November. Pictures of the intersection of Beelzebub Road and Avery Street before and after reconstruction are shown below.

Local Roads Repaving 2016

Milling and paving has been substantially completed on time on Diane Drive, Brent Drive, Goldmine Road, Laurel Street, Brian Road, Gerber Road East, Tumblebrook Drive, Hilton Drive, Simka Drive, Beechwood Lane,

Kimberly Drive, Sandra Drive and Gerber Road West. The contractor is completing small punch list items.

Abbe Road Improvements (by Robert Drive and the Town Line)

Abbe Road by Robert Drive has been reconstructed to improve sight line and safety in this area, and was substantially completed on time and within budget.

Avery Heights Road and Drainage Improvements

Roadway improvements to the south end of Benedict Drive, the south end of Pine Tree Lane, Good Hill Road and Pond Lane were completed ahead of schedule and within budget. Phase 2 roadway improvements including the east side of Benedict Drive, Peach Tree Lane, Spruce Lane and Highview Road has been bid and awarded to Spazzarini



Beelzebub Road at Avery Street before reconstruction



Beelzebub Road at Avery Street after reconstruction

Construction, and they will begin drainage work in November and complete these roadway improvements in the spring and summer of 2017. Improvements in Phase 3 will begin in 2017.

Buckland Road Sidewalks

The Town and our consultants are working on final plans to construct sidewalks along the east side of Sullivan Avenue and the west side of Buckland Road from the Town Library to Deming Street. These sidewalks will connect the town buildings with the commercial businesses and residential units in the center of Town. The plans include traffic signal modifications at 3 intersections for pedestrian ramps, signals and crosswalks and an extension of the Plum Gulley Brook bridge. We have begun to apply to the IWA/CC, CT DEEP and ACOE for permits for the plum gulley brook bridge extension, and will be discussing utility relocations with the affected utility companies to finalize the design.

Avery Street Improvements 2 (Gray Road to Orchard Hill Road)

The Town is finalizing plans and specifications for submission to CT DOT to reconstruct Avery Street between Gray Road and Orchard Hill Road. This project includes new storm water drainage, base, pavement, curb and sidewalks. The schedule is to complete the design, obtain permits and easements and be ready to bid this project in the winter of 2017. Reconstruction of this

section of Avery Street will take place in 2017.

Sidewalk Repairs

The list of sidewalks in Town that need to be replaced or repaired has grown to over \$150,000 in estimated sidewalk repairs. Some residents have called multiple times to ask when sidewalks in front of their property will be repaired. Additional capital funds are needed to repair these sidewalks and keep them safe pursuant to the Town ordinance, and we have requested funding to at least begin these repairs. We will continue to mark the trip hazards on sidewalks where we have received complaints with bright pink paint to alert pedestrians of these hazards until there is funding to repair these sidewalks.

Jeffrey Doolittle
Town Engineer

Fleet Services

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 had a busy month; we completed leaf machine and truck repairs for leaf season. We also completed getting ready for snow season. We have also painted backroom walls and floor as part of parts and storage room renovation.

Scheduled Maintenance or Repairs	39
Unscheduled repairs	3
Road calls	3

Leon Clough

Fleet Services Manager

Street Services

Street Services continues to work on the Town Hall Annex project. Crews worked to trim the shrubs around the facility and mulched underneath. The line painting crew lay out and striped the newly sealed parking lot.

The department re-graded and replaced the cul-de-sac on Patria Rd that will improve drainage which has been an on-going problem.

Street Services and Park and Recreation installed a new gate at the Troy Rd entrance of the Barton Property.



Crews worked with our line painting contractor to paint the new section of Avery St and the roads that were chip sealed last month.

Salt spreaders are being calibrated to ensure readiness for the first snow. Leaf boxes are being installed for the annual Leaf Harvest.

Two of our crew members, Michael Spielman and Jeffrey Ewing conducted a salt spreader demonstration at the Public Works Academy at the Technology Transfer Center at UCONN in Mansfield. Douglas Parent, our newest Maintainer I, was a participant in the program and graduated October 12th.

The department supported the Hartford Marathon, the Apple Harvest Festival and the Haunted Torch Walk events with signage, fencing, and barricades.

Street Services completed work on a serious erosion problem in the Farmham Estates area. The work entailed removing several trees to facilitate access, reconstructing a deteriorating drainage structure and restoring the site. The department worked closely with

the residents to coordinate access to the area. The residents have been very supportive with our work which helped make the project go smoothly.

Several crew members tested the leaf machines at the end of the month to ensure that the equipment will be ready for the 10/31/2016 start date. (Crews will not be working overtime on 10/31 so the equipment will be off the road for the Halloween revelers.)

The sign shop continues to work on replacing aging signs throughout town. All the regulatory stop signs have been replaced and the shop is now focusing on warning signs. This work has been done with the assistance of Brenden Prattson of the Project Youth-Young Adult Academy. Brenden has excelled in the sign shop and we are grateful for his assistance.



Mark Owens
Street Services Manager

Public Buildings Division

Project Updates

Town Hall Front Door and "I Beam" Replacement

The entry doors and rusted "I" beam have been removed and the "I" beam has been replaced. The design engineer has been out to verify that all the materials used and workmanship completed thus far are in compliance with their design. Barring any discrepancies in his findings we hope to restart the project in a couple of days or so. The project is at least three weeks away from being completed. The weather could play a roll as to when the concrete slab can be poured. This is the only concern in regards to the schedule at this time.

Phone System Replacements Police Department and Community Center

Lance Scott and I recently met with a cabling vendor at the Community Center and Police Department to evaluate the cabling infrastructure throughout the building. As it turns out, most of the buildings' Ethernet wiring is original to the building and is no longer compatible with most newer phone and computer network equipment. This wasn't a complete surprise but we didn't think that we'd have to address replacing all the wiring at this time. I don't think this will have a huge impact on the project completion timeline which is still being worked out between my department and the I.T. Department but it will add another layer

of coordination, communication and scheduling to each of these projects. Although we have the Police Department phone system on the top of our lists we can't get started on that project until current projects at the Annex are closed out.

Tax Collectors Office Security Glass Installation

The glass and frames were mounted and installed last week. A couple of small items are still outstanding but at this point the job 95% complete. Commercial Storefront located here in South Windsor did a great job with the design and install.

Fire Code Upgrades at Town Hall

The project is currently on hold.

Assessors Office Carpet and Paint

This project is currently on hold.

Town Managers Office Renovation

This project is currently on hold.

Annex/EOC Construction Project Update

On September 23rd three-hundred and twenty-three days after the start of this project, we achieved a huge milestone, one that seemed like it would never get here. After months of design and construction meetings, submittal and shop drawing reviews, site meeting, change orders, schedule changes and contractor delays we've received a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. An official punch list has been

generated by both the Architect and MEP Engineer; it's now up to the contractor to complete the punch list in a timely and efficient manor. Most of the punch list items are small in nature, all of which can be done while we are working in the building.

The driveway connector is complete. The Public Works Streets Department laid out and stripped all of the standard and ADA parking spots, in addition, the Sign Shop made and helped install all the new signage that's placed around the site. The employees of the Public Works department worked feverishly to design and build the driveway and sidewalk. If you've never seen this process in action first hand I highly recommend you do at some point. I promise you that you will come away from the experience simply amazed at just how much goes into constructing a driveway like this. The planning, design and execution involved in getting this driveway connector completed in such a short amount of time could only be accomplished by a well-oiled and talented group of individuals dedicated to work together to accomplish a common goal.

My staff also worked inside and outside of the building over the last few weeks. We've power washed all of the stains off the building exterior including the large retaining wall out back. We also cleaned the bluestone walkway leading into the building entrance.

This, in addition to all the other sprucing up

around the site has really transformed the building from an eyesore to eye candy. On the inside we've installed shelving units, hung monitors and pictures in various offices, conference rooms and hallways.

The buildings name "SOUTH WINDSOR ANNEX" and street number have been installed on the freshly painted knee wall out front.

The Parks Department has also been working very hard at the site. They have graded, screened and prepared all of the new topsoil around the building including around the driveway so those areas could then be hydro-seeded. In addition, the Parks Department removed all of the overgrowth, weeds and saplings, pruned over grown shrubs, trees and ornamentals around the building. It's amazing what a little TLC will do! The Tree Warden coordinated the removal of the dead and or severely damaged trees on the north and east side of the building; all of the large trees that were pruned were done so by a licensed arborist with a bucket truck. The arborists made quick work of what looked like a monumental task.

The I.T. Department has also played crucial role getting this building "connected". While they were not directly involved with the specification, purchase or installation of the card access system, phone system, energy management system or DSL and Internet installations (for the phone system), these

systems would not be up and running without their direct involvement, cooperation and hard work. The I.T. Department and I are interconnected in almost every project that I take on. If it were not for their dedication to my projects and project deadlines none of my systems would be up and running.

I can't thank the Management group and their staff enough for all the hard work they've put into this site to make it look as good as it does. South Windsor does truly have an educated, talented, dedicated group of employees unlike no other town!

On the inside, Scott, Vanessa, Lance and I have come up with some creative, tasteful and appropriate design elements for some of the walls surrounding the Command Center. We've also enlisted the expertise of Gary Schact (a true master of the Sign Shop) to help us with a couple designs for lettering we're going to install in the next couple of days. I really cannot wait until all of you see the finished product, this is an impressive building.

Over the last three months or so, Scott, Lance, Heather, Jay and I have been meeting to plan our eventual move from Town Hall to the Annex. We (think) we thought of everything from what type of coffee machine to purchase to the window covering colors and styles and even what items will be put on and in the storage room closets around the building. A plan is being put together to

reconfigure the area where the health officer and I used to occupy cubicles at Town Hall. Although a new floor plan has not been finalized or approved I anticipate that minor changes to the area will take place over the next couple months or so.

Okay, on to the good stuff. All of the furniture is now in place and it looks awesome. Meeting rooms, conference rooms and management office spaces were laid out with efficiency, ergonomic functionally and productivity in mind. Computers, monitors, printers, plotters and the phone system have now been installed and are up and running. Ashley recently sent out an employee phone directory which contains the main number, fax number and all of the staffs' direct office numbers.

Jay Gonzalez has been working hard to get the communications systems up and running. Jay has already had a couple meeting with the CERT team leaders to get them familiar with the how the Command Center layout will be utilized.

The video wall has recently been installed. In my opinion, the video wall is really the finishing touch to the building and the cornerstone which will make this building one in which everyone will want to be part of. Three men were on onsite for over two weeks to install the wall and associated equipment. I would love to explain all of what the wall is capable of, what state of the art

technology is built into it but that's best left to Scott Roberts and the rest of the I.T. Department, the real experts on the subject matter. You will be able to see the video in action during the Grand Opening as well.

I know I can speak for everyone involved in this project when I say that there were many, many late nights and weekend hours dedicated to making this project a successful one.

I've attached some photos of the inside of the building below.



Main Entrance Vestibule



I.T. Offices Northwest Corner of the Building



Multi-Purpose Meeting Room



Kitchen/Lunch Room



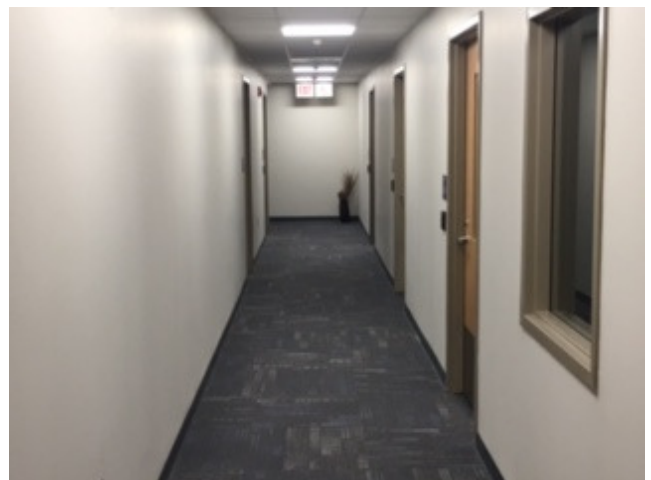
EOC Hub/Jay's Office



Communications Room



***Main Hallway leading to Multi-Purpose Room
and Command Center***



***Rear Hallway Leading to Health Dept/Public
Buildings Div. Offices***



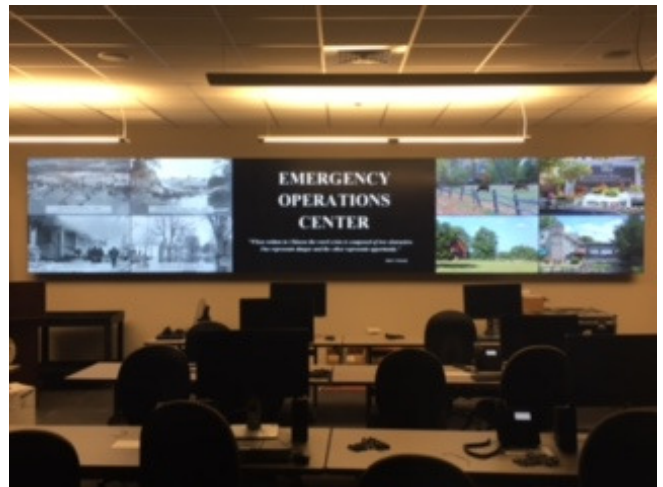
Environmental Health Officer's Office



One of Four Breakout Conference Rooms



***West Entrance into Command Center off
Hallway***



***Rear Center of Command Center Facing Video
Wall***



***Rear of Command Center looking toward Video
Wall***

**Photos of work completed during
September/October**





Patched and Repainted Banquet Hall wall



Completed load banking testing and Preventive Maintenance servicing on all Public Buildings' back- up generators. This annual testing is crucial to ensuring that the generators will be ready and capable of being utilized at their full capacity when needed.

Sandblasted and painted the ADA accessible hand railing in front of the Wapping Community House

Installed safety guards for the skylights on the Library Roof

Sanded primed and painted the overhead Sally Port door at the Police Department. This was really a larger task that it seemed but after everything that had to be done to the door to prepare it for paint, the end result is that it looks great.



Installed 110'linear ft of galvanized roof gutters and leaders at the town Garage

Replaced large swing doors surrounding the generator at the Police Department with cantilevered style sliding gate.

Winterized the Veterans Memorial Park Buildings, the Ralph Giansanti Press Box, and the Rotary Pavilion. The other remaining two sites will be done in the next week or so.

Inspected and lubricated and adjusted all fifty overhead doors at the Town Garage and Police Department

Replaced an obsolete Carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide gas detection system at the Town Garage. The system is fully automatic in that it disables HVAC systems and enables exhaust fans to start when high levels of the toxic gases are detected. The system was

also updated on our Building Automation System for alarming, monitoring and trending purposes.

Installed a new projector and powered screen in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Annex



***Sally Port
Door at PD in
progress***

***Sally Port
Door After***



Tax Collectors Office Security Glass



Skylight Safety Guard

Contracted Service Provider Service Calls

Otis Elevator called twice, once because someone was stuck in the elevator at the Library and once because the elevator at the Town Hall stopped working.

Electrical Contractors Inc was called to replace the electrical service box and flood light at Major Michael Donnelley Preserve,

install snow/ice melting system on the roof of the Tyler Regional Animal Care facility and did work at the Library to replace two breakers that were no longer working.

BESAM Automatic Door was called our four times to make repairs to the Community Center entry door system which will now as a last resort need to get a controls package upgrade in order to keep the doors operational for a couple more years.

Frontier Communications and Venture Communications were both out twice at different points of time last month making repairs to the communication system for the Fire Alarm system at Town Hall. Venture Communications eventually replaced the fire alarm monitoring device but we're still not sure if that is going to resolve the communication issues were having with the Fire Alarm system.

Clay Major

Facilities Manager, Public Buildings Division



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!

Calendars are available for \$12 each! Get one (or two!) before we run out! 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, Bissell Farm, new school construction and more! Support a great cause and enjoy the professionally taken photos throughout the year! Stop in the Human Services office the week of November 7th to get your calendar. Questions, call Andrea 860-648-6357.



Medication Collected

The Triad for Senior Safety (police/fire, seniors and business community) held a Drug Take Back day on Saturday, October 22 with 22 boxes of unwanted medications collected totaling 708 pounds! This number, combined with the other collection days held since 2010, has resulted in an amazing 5,693 pounds of unwanted medications that have been

removed from resident's homes, resulting in a lower risk of getting medications in the wrong hands and getting into our water supply.

Mediterranean Cruise

A great time was had by 37 seniors who enjoyed a 12 day Mediterranean cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's "Brilliance of the Seas" with two days in Barcelona and many ports in Italy. People are already asking "when's the next trip?!"



South Windsor Hosts LGBT Moveable Senior Center

LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) Adults and Allies of the LGBT Community are invited to join the LGBT Moveable Senior Center — a partnership among multiple CT Senior Centers to connect the LGBT community to mind-body-spirit, to each other, and to services and supports for healthy aging. The LGBT Moveable Senior Center is coming to the SW Senior Center on **Thursday, November 10** from **3:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. The evening will begin with a tour of our center, followed by our keynote speaker's presentation on *Early Onset Dementia*. Next, we will have fun with beginner country line dance class with easy to follow, step-by-step instructions. A light dinner will follow. End the evening with card games, puzzles, adult coloring, and more.



Reading in the Schools Resumes!

For the 6th year in a row, the Senior Advisory Council and other volunteers within the senior center will be reading to all five



elementary schools in town. Our first school was PR Smith. This is a very popular program! Funding for all books, which are donated to the classrooms and libraries in all schools, was provided by the South Windsor Community Foundation, Youth and Family Services (SDE Grant) and Savings Institute Bank and Trust.

Outreach at Housing

Adult and Senior Services caseworkers presented information to residents of the Housing Authority senior housing complexes about the variety of services offered on the state and local level for older adults. This is an annual event at all five sites of senior housing. Staff continues to get referrals from friends, neighbors, businesses, the post office and doctor's offices. Please help spread the word!

Friends of the South Windsor Senior Center

Fundraising efforts continue for our 501c3 Friends of the South Windsor Senior Center. Since fundraising began in June, a total of \$3,437 has been raised from solicitations, memorial donations and FUNdraisers events including breakfast, early bird dinners, raffles and more. Calendars are continuing to be sold and a new discount card program will soon be for sale.



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[Facebook.com/swseniorcenter](https://www.facebook.com/swseniorcenter)

Youth & Family Services

Elizabeth Langevin, Director of Youth and Family Services



October 2016

The entire Youth & Family Services staff attended the annual Connecticut Youth Services Association Conference on October 6th. Along with staff from the other 102 Youth Service Bureaus across the state, we spent the day focused on professional development. The conference topic was "Strategies For Success In A Changing Landscape." The keynote speaker was Ian Hockley, father of Dylan Hockley who was killed in the Sandy Hook school shooting. Some of the breakout sessions covered were: Teen Dating Violence, Social Media & Teens (presented by South Windsor SRO, Tina Roy), & Current Drug Trends.

On October 15th, Youth & Family Services held a FREE pumpkin decorating station at the Fall Fest. We were able to use grant funds to offer this attraction. 200 pumpkins from Foster Farm were decorated and brought home by many South Windsor families!

Teen Center

The Teen Center has been *the* place to be on Friday nights! So far, for the month of October, we averaged over 50 visits per night! We have welcomed the help of high school and college student volunteers and

planned fun events such as fall themed "Minute to Win it" Challenges and some of the classics, such as foosball or basketball tournaments.



High School Students participated in youth lead activities during Red Ribbon Week, a National Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Awareness Week. Our very own Teen Center Youth Council handed out bracelets with this year's theme "#YOLO (You only live once), Be Drug Free", organized pledges to be drug free and to kick off the week events, played a game of kickball afterschool. What an energizing way to promote substance free fun while hanging out with friends!

School Outreach

Youth and Family Services teamed up with the SW Police Department once again this year to bring the Cops, Coffee and



Conversation Program to both the High School and the Middle School. More than 50 parents joined the School Resource Officers for some honest conversations about how to help their children make good choices. Social media, driving laws and prevention were highlighted topics. We greatly appreciate working collaboratively with both the Police Department and the SW Public Schools.



Parent Education and Support

SWAN welcomed several new grandparents to our monthly support group. We had a very nice gathering where people were able to share their stories and get support from other members of the group.

The Mother/Daughter Circle held a reunion dinner for the moms and daughters that attended our circle over this past winter. It was a great to see how the girls have grown and how they have been able to use the tools

they learned in the group.

SWAN presented a workshop on "ADHD Parenting Tips." Parents were able to interact with other folks and talk about how ADHD impacts their whole family. We discussed tips on self-care, establishing structure, giving clear and calm instructions, how to increase physical activity and limit "screen" time, as well as some ideas on how to support their child in forming friendships.

Youth Counseling

Our "Boo" Yoga was a big success with over 20 parents and children participating. Many of the children came in costume and enjoyed learning and doing some yoga poses with their family members. There was music, and glow in the dark fun with bracelets and glow sticks for all. This was a fun and relaxing time for parents and children to connect with one another.



The bereavement group has started at the high school. This annual group offers support to students who have lost family members and allows them to feel less alone.

Mothers and daughters came together on Monday October 24th for a reunion. They had participated in a mother/daughter circle group in the spring and this was a chance to reconnect with friends and see the progress they continue to make in their relationships. The girls enjoyed dinner with their mom's and then a craft while the moms were able to have some time to talk with one another.



**Please check out our website, for all
upcoming events.**

**[http://www.southwindsor.org/youth-
family-services](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, Nov. 9th at 7:30pm in the Sprekel Room of the Town Hall. They are reviewing their bylaws for possible revisions.

The South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways

(SWW&WW) sub-committee last met on Wed., Nov. 2nd and meets next on Wed., Dec. 7th. Members have been busy drafting the application for the next round of CT Recreational Trails grants from DEEP for potential public access to the Eversource power line corridors for cross-town trails specifically connecting the existing Jacques Lane trail to Pleasant Valley Road, and Clark Street.

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 1,563 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: Friday, Nov. 11 at 11am join us at Veterans Memorial Park for the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the eagle patio and new memorial wall. The SW Patriotic Commission will once again conduct the moving program to honor our military veterans. 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 –

November enrollment across the five elementary schools is at 326 down 3 registrants from Oct. with a static 39 students

in the Early Release program to support the BOE professional development program.

Fall Fest 2016 – On Saturday, October 15th was a huge success thanks to Herculean efforts by Ron Littell from SW Police Dept. and Cheryl Gerber, Recreation Supervisor!! Ten hours of family fun posted some impressive numbers: 63 vendors including crafters, vendors and food trucks; 150 pumpkins decorated by children thanks to Human Service staff; over 130 runners in Witch Way 5K and Jacob's Jog; 2,000+ people attended the day time festivities; and well over 2,000 people walked through the trails in the Haunted Torch Walk that evening. Net proceeds from Fall Fest and Haunted Torch Walk combined for a donation of over \$12,000 for Special Olympics. Fall Fest is run in conjunction with the South Windsor Police Dept. (thank you Ron Littell!!!).

Camp Accreditation – It's official, South Windsor Parks & Recreation Department Day Camps have once again successfully completed the re-accreditation process with the American Camp Association! Thanks go to Lauren Bent, Recreation Supervisor for her diligence and extreme organization to get us there! We have been the accredited since 1998 and still the only municipal day camp operation in the state to do so.

Adult Sports Leagues – 2016-2017 Adult Volleyball League regular season runs

October 4th – April 6th. With 22 Men's Teams (4 more than last season) and 22 Women's Teams (1 more than last season) we have reached our maximum capacity for a reasonable season at Timothy Edwards Middle School.



Adult volleyball leagues got under way the second week of October.

Youth Basketball – 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 – Structural Engineers from Michael Horton Associates will assess the building on Tuesday, Nov. 8th. Once we have their results Silver/Petrucelli will incorporate the findings in their final report and cost estimates. We anticipate providing Council with an update on the progress of the engineering assessment before the end of the calendar year.

Chamber of Commerce Business Expo –

The entire management team from our department took shifts staffing our department booth at this annual event on Nov.3 from 3-8pm at Maneeley's.

PARKS DIVISION

"Caring for South Windsor's Growing Needs"

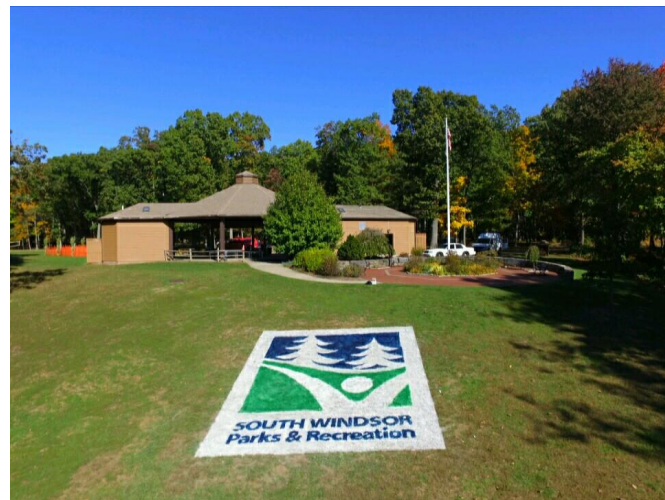
October Activity Highlights:

- Athletic Fields & Grounds:
 - o Aerated and fertilized all "A" rated athletic fields.
 - 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 High School Stadium Fence Project – Tree work was completed, the old chain link fence has been removed with all steel debris recycled. Remaining tree stumps were pulled. Fence contractor, Durham Fence, begins installation of the new 8 foot high chain link fence on Fri., 11/4. Goal is to have that accomplished within 10-12 days. Acoustic fabric will be installed by our parks crew in early Spring.
 - o Began Fall clean up season at all public grounds.
- Parks & Open Space:
 - o Designed and began construction of a third and fourth trail loop for mountain biking at Rye Street Park.
 - o Prepared Nevers Park for Fall Fest 2016 – pitched tents, built a maze, cleared off leaves on the trail system, cut back growth along the trails, moved dozens of picnic tables, stenciled and painted dept. logo on hill, decorated the park with traditional Fall fare (pumpkins, hay bails, corn stalks, mumms).
 - o Final weed-wacking at all major flood control structures in preparation for the 11/3/annual inspection by DEEP.
 - o Barton Property Project – The lime, fertilizer kick-started the sturdy grass seed mix heavy with drought tolerant Tall Fescue and some transitional Rye so much so that we have had to mow the site twice already! We are pleased with the stand of turf at this point and hope that with one more growing season we'll be ready for use next Fall. We also installed a gate at the Troy Road access point, and will do the same on Brookfield Street soon.
 - o New Rotary Pavilion II at VMP – The old fence has been removed as have the remaining tree stumps at the site. Temporary construction fence was installed to secure the pools and rough grading and building stake-out has been completed. Over-stock material from grading was hauled to Lawrence Road Park for fill. Received WPCA approval for the sewer connection on 11/1/16.
 - o Winterized irrigation systems.

- o Deming Community Gardens - We are still planning to re-apply for the \$20,000 grant with the state of CT Dept. of
- o Agriculture Farmland Restoration Program to begin developing the new garden site.
- o Began helping Public Works with the annual Fall Leaf Harvesting program.
- Other:
 - o Returned the bike trailer to the garage from TE following the close of the 4th grade education program at Orchard Hill
 - o Continued re-building the used Holder snow removal equipment in preparation for winter use.



Local Balloonist, John Bond provided those who dare the excitement of a tethered hot air balloon ride at Fall Fest!



New 24' x 17.5' stencil allows us to paint our logo on the hill by the Rotary Pavilion to celebrate Fall Fest!!





All smiles at the corn maze and 100 pound pumpkin at Fall Fest!



***Human Service staff provided pumpkin decorating for 250 kids at Fall Fest!
Thank you HS!!***



Train rides were popular this year at Fall Fest!



Runners in the Witch Way 5K hit the trails at Nevers Park



The Coyote River entertained for 4 hours at Fall Fest – and quite well at that!



Crew painted a pink Breast Cancer Awareness ribbon on the soccer fields at Rye Street Park for the Soccer Club tournament 10/28 & 29



Crew members demo the old fence at the high school in preparation for the new fence



A few 4th R participants enjoy Halloween Family Night at the Foster Farm on October 18th

November 2016 Town Council Meetings and Events

Meetings

Monday, November 7, 2016—CANCELLED

Monday, November 21, 2016

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Holidays

Friday, November 11, 2016

Town Offices Will Be Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, 2016

Town Offices Will Be Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Day

Layout by Ashley Booth, Executive Secretary to the Town Manager

