

Town of South Windsor

Town Manager's Report March 2016

*Matthew B. Galligan
Town Manager*



Technology Park

Some Councilors requested to have this item on the agenda during the last Council meeting. Unfortunately, it was requested after the deadline for agenda items under the Town Council Rules and Regulations. I will give you a quick update on this project.

dck hired Brown Rudnick to participate in changing the PPA and negotiating with both Eversource and the State of Connecticut. After extensive negotiations, Eversource has indicated that they will not change the project scope to a technology park and would like to see the original project move forward. Even though dck made concessions on this proposal, they still have not come to an agreement. Negotiations are ongoing as different ideas are proposed to Eversource to see if any changes can be made.

To this date, no permits have been taken out. There has been no fuel cell commitment or purchase of land at this point, and I do not think that will happen until they get a reasonable assurance from Eversource on a final agreement. I had additional discussions with the Town Attorney, and as I will not be at the March 7th Council Meeting, the Town Attorney will be available for an Executive

Session regarding this issue. I can also call into the Executive Session to give updates on this particular project which will be of a financial and litigious nature.

Eversource Access Paths

Some Councilors along with the Walk and Wheelways Subcommittee had wanted to use the access paths created by Eversource that are under the power lines. I discussed this issue with Eversource, and the project leaders indicated to me that those paths would be left to be overgrown. I am enclosing for you a memorandum from Marcia Wellman describing some of the items that need to be done to these paths.

If the Council chooses to move forward, there are a few items to consider. Eversource will not take on any liability for any sprains, falls, or accidents that happen on these paths. We would need to discuss the Town's liability with the Park and Recreation Commission as well as Town staff to ensure that the Town will not be put in jeopardy. This issue was previously reviewed back in 1997-98. There were more cons than pros back in that time, but maybe today's environment will be different. However, this is an issue that the Town Attorney should be

involved with if the Town decides to move forward with this program.

Niagara Facility & MDC Issue

Councilor Pendleton asked me to look into the issue of MDC selling water to Niagara as I was on the MDC Board. I attended a Board Meeting where the issue was raised by residents from Bloomfield who were concerned about the selling of water and how water should not be sold to a private company. Some of the issues that were raised by the MDC Board on their decision to sell water were the following: MDC has sold close to 100 million gallons of water per year; through conservation efforts from MDC, residents, and new technology, that amount of water has been reduced to 80 million gallons which is a huge reduction in water usage that can affect water rates.

MDC can sell water to Niagara because the company has bought a piece of property. The water lines run adjacent to that property, and they wish to hook in. MDC is selling excess capacity as indicated by some of the information previously sent to the Council through press releases. It is my understanding that some of the water bottles that Niagara is using will actually be sold at local supermarkets.

The question is if Anheuser Busch or Coca-Cola or any major corporation were to come into the area and wanted to have a bottling and production plant, how could any water

company that has excess capacity deny that company from water? I believe water companies have an obligation to supply water under the law.

As mentioned previously, the MDC Board put out a press release and study that recently showed they have excess capacity. Some of the Board Members felt that they are in the business of selling water and would never put the towns they supply in serious jeopardy. The sale of such water could eventually bring down the price per household if these programs are successful. MDC staff has indicated they have studied this issue as they have studied other economic development issues such as huge subdivisions or large corporations. Through the planning and zoning process, they are asked to provide the appropriate information to ensure that water and sewer can be provided to those corporations or individual homeowners in subdivisions.

EOC Public Hearing

I will not be at the March 7th meeting. Staff will be handling the Public Hearing for the Emergency Operations Center. I recently sent to the Council the requested breakdown of the EOC costs and LoCIP fund usage. I am sure staff will be able to answer all of your questions, and nothing will be voted on that night. We can have further discussions when I am available.

Originally, when we set the Public Hearing, it was for the amount of LoCIP funding that was currently in our balance. As of March 1, 2016, the balance has changed. There is an additionally \$168,000 in that account, and we can now have a scheduled Public Hearing in April so we can finish the EOC Project. I did not want to be presumptuous in adding the \$168,000 without getting confirmation from the State. In the second meeting on March, I will be putting on another Public Hearing Resolution for April to get the rest of the LoCIP funds so we can finish this project.

Budget Presentation March 16, 2016

This is a friendly reminder that I am presenting the Draft Budget at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. This will be a lengthy presentation. I will be trying to discuss every department as well as review Strategic Planning and financial conditions that need to be considered in this new Budget. Also, the effect of new State Legislation will be discussed. I am giving you a warning that we will need to spend some time on this Budget. I am anticipating that this Budget will meet the strategic needs for the Board of Education and the Town of South Windsor.

Barber Hill Substation

I would like to update the Council on Barber Hill Substation. Currently, the landscaping plan for the Substation project has been approved by the residents, the Town, and PURA. All parties are in agreement.

Concrete Temporary Committee

I have received a copy of a Resolution that the Council is considering for establishing a temporary committee to address the disaster of crumbling foundations in South Windsor. I understand where the Town Council is coming from, as this is a serious situation for residents throughout the State. Just to inform the Council, we have a posting on our website regarding this issue in order to educate our residents. Also, we have been working with CRCOG and other agencies to monitor this situation so that our residents will be fully updated. However, this Resolution may need to be tweaked as I have a few concerns.

I do not know if a plan can ever be developed to prevent a similar disaster from occurring in the future unless the State Building Code is changed. There is nothing in either our Local, State, or Federal Building Codes that requires concrete to be evaluated before being poured. The only exception is in major metropolitan areas for foundations for major office buildings and skyscrapers. Testing is done at the plant and at the site for that type of concrete. That is something we should consider to help change the Building Code which may help to prevent this from occurring in the future. The question is what type of testing will need to be done? The concrete out of the plant is tested, but this is a particular issue from a chemical derived later, and therefore we would have to determine the best testing method.

The Resolution also mentions educating South Windsor residents about individual groups and businesses who are preying on victims of disaster. We do not know who is preying on our residents, but that is something that we all are concerned about.

I asked Representative Aman to see if the Federal Programs for Code Compliance under the Community Development Block Grant Funds could be used for this issue with a special fund. I feel that Federal and State agencies should be going after the insurance companies who had knowledge of this issue and changed their policies in advance so that residents would not be covered. Those are issues that I believe only the State and Federal agencies can handle.

Regarding the reduction of value, my biggest problem is having the Assessor being a part of this committee. The Assessor cannot discuss the reduction of value for an individual home. This is something that should be handled by an MLS real estate agent. The Assessor holds a certain license to evaluate a residence for tax purposes but is not a guarantor of value. Once the Assessor sets the values, individuals can appeal those values in front of the Board of Assessment Appeals. The individuals would bring their own real estate agent to evaluate their assessment, and at some point, that value would either be denied or approved by the Board and the assessment could be changed. Therefore, I do not think the use of the

Assessor would be a good idea in this situation as that position is not licensed to value buildings based upon concrete or other building issues.

Although I do like the intent of this Resolution, I feel that the committee and the responsibilities are items that cannot be met by our local government. I do not know what resources or support system could be developed locally to help these individuals. I do feel that the responsibilities could be put forth in a formal Resolution approved by the entire Council and sent to our State and Federal representatives as a message. This may be a more forceful way of handling this and putting this issue to the people who have more resources and power to solve these issues.

You may also want the Town Attorney to review the Chief Building Official's responsibilities. The Chief Building Official has no legal right to enter a property unless there is a permit, invitation, or Town declaration through the Blight Ordinance. I do not know the purpose of having the Chief Building Official on the committee, and the resolution should be more detailed. Human Services and Planning are not related to this issue, but they may be able to lend some education on this matter.

Although I agree with this Resolution's intent, it either needs to be tweaked or rewritten to be passed on to our legislators. I am

expressing my concerns to help avoid the possibility of opening up the Town to litigation if recommendations that we make are not accurate and if we do not have the required licenses or legal permissions. I would suggest that if we move forward with this Resolution, review by the Town Attorney would be appropriate.

Matthew B. Galligan
Town Manager

Police Department

Timothy M. Edwards
Chief of Police

Police Department looking to carry Narcan:

An overdose of heroin or other opiates such as oxycodone or hydrocodone can depress breathing and leave the user unconscious. Untreated, the user can die. Narcan (Naloxone) binds to the opioid receptors in the brain, displacing other drugs and reversing the effects. Naloxone can be administered as a nasal spray and lasts 30 to 90 minutes. It does not reverse the effects of other types of drugs, such as cocaine or methamphetamine.

We have reviewed patient data annually and whether there was a need to carry Narcan. South Windsor is fortunate to have paramedics stationed in town, often at or near the police department. The response times are excellent with the paramedics arriving with or sometimes before an officer. We are also fortunate to have a much lower incidence of opiate overdoses than other surrounding communities.

The decision to obtain Narcan for our officers was made due to the increased incidence of multiple overdoses occurring in a short amount of time in other towns, such as has been experienced in Enfield and New London. A particularly bad batch of heroin being

distributed in a community can make multiple users ill in a short amount of time and possibly overwhelm the EMS system. We may not need to use Narcan often but we feel it is important to have available to our staff. We are close to receiving medical approval; we will then commence training with and carrying Narcan.

Personnel Promotions:

Chief Timothy M. Edwards promoted two officers effective Sunday, February 14, 2016. Agent Brian Eckblom was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, Officer Stephen Hoover was promoted to the rank of Corporal. Nine officers recently participated in a full day Assessment Center during which candidates took part in 5 exercises designed to test their leadership and communication skills. Sgt. Eckblom is a 12-year veteran of the South Windsor Police Department and was serving as the School Resource Officer at South Windsor High School. He has also been previously assigned to the Traffic Unit and worked as part of the regional traffic team, Metro Traffic Services. Sgt. Eckblom recently earned his Master of Science in Criminal Justice degree from Central Connecticut State University.

Corporal Hoover is an 8 year veteran of the

South Windsor Police Department and is currently assigned to the Traffic Unit and serves as part of the regional traffic team, Metro Traffic Services. He is a department Use-of-Force instructor and serves on the regional SWAT team, Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST).

Both Sergeant Eckblom and Corporal Hoover are the recipients of several awards for their dedication to duty and our agency. They have completed new supervisor training and Sgt. Eckblom will now assume command of the Evening Shift; Corporal Hoover will remain part of the Traffic Unit and supervise operations as needed.

Personnel & Rank Changes:

On February 10th we began using the rank name of Corporal in place of "Agent". The Agent rank was between that of Officer and Sergeant. The people holding this intermediate rank serve as the watch commander in the absence of a Sergeant and may also serve as unit supervisors. It is a very important step in the supervisory ladder. We were always aware of some confusion however; in Connecticut the Agent title is generally associated with federal investigators or being an investigator only. In the interest of clarity we have changed the rank name to the better-known "Corporal". The individuals holding the Agent rank will now be addressed as Corporal and will continue to wear the 2 stripe chevron insignia on their sleeves. (Sergeants wear 3 stripes).

This change leaves the town of Glastonbury as the only the only local department using the Agent title. We hope this clarifies our rank structure and how we supervise the South Windsor Police Department.

Two Sergeants have begun new roles in the agency: Sgt. Michael Prescher was recently named Investigations Manager and will supervise the Criminal Investigations unit. Sgt. Christopher Duchesne was named Traffic Unit Manager and will supervise both our local traffic unit and the regional traffic unit, Metro Traffic Services. We are in the process of selecting a new School Resource Officer for the high school and we have two officers who have expressed interest in the position.

Citizen Police Academy Spring 2016:

We will be hosting a Citizen Police Academy again after a 5-year hiatus. The Police and Community Together (PACT) Academy will meet for 4 nights in April and give participants an overview of Police operations. We may also offer the Academy in the Fall of 2016 if there is sufficient interest.

Signage- Headquarters:

We are looking to add signage to the Police Headquarters building. Currently the only sign for the police department is at the west driveway, there is nothing at the east driveway or the building itself to indicate it is a government building. We have solicited a bid from a local sign vendor who will work within town regulations.

Public Works Department

Michael J. Gantick
Director of Public Works

Pollution Control

Emergency Response to Storm of Wednesday, February 24, 2016

During a storm of high winds and heavy rains beginning on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, and extending into the following morning, commercial power was lost in many areas of the Town. During this storm, power was lost at five wastewater pumping stations.

Normally, when commercial power is lost at a pump station, the station's control system will sense this condition and automatically activate the station's emergency generator as a back system until such time as commercial power can be restored. This process usually works without any problems, however, on this night, there was an unforeseen problem at the Ellington Road Pump Station.

On Thursday morning, at 12:45 am, an alarm from the Ellington Road Pumping Station was received by the Pollution Control on-call staff members. These two employees had also responded to four other separate pump stations alarms due to power outages.

The pump stations are monitored remotely by a telemetric system called SCADA (Supervisor Control and Data Acquisition). By means of this system, employees are able to control

and monitor distant pump station's operational functions. In using SCADA, employees were able to immediately determine that while the transfer for emergency generator power had proceeded normally at four of the pump stations, this was not the case at the Ellington Road Pump Station.

The SCADA system monitoring the Ellington Station determined that the pumps and the generator were not operating, and that the continuous flow of wastewater into the Station's wet well continued unabated. If this situation was not soon brought under control, wastewater would backup into the collection system eventually overflowing onto the streets, into surface water bodies, and into residential and commercial properties causing property damaged and public health risks.

When the Pollution Control employees arrived at the Ellington Pump Station, they found that directly in front of the Station was a downed live electrical wire arcing, and preventing them from safely entering the station.

The on-call employees contacted the Town's Police emergency services dispatcher, who in turn, contacted the Fire Department and Eversource. The Police and Fire Departments

immediately set up traffic control in the area, and detoured traffic around the area between the Clark Street and Pierce Road intersections.

Pollution Control on-call personnel contacted other Division employees to assist them in setting up a by-pass pumping system to intercept wastewater flowing to the incapacitated Ellington Station. When the Eversource workers reported to the site at about 3:00 a.m., the Pollution Control staff explained to them the need to shut down electrical power so that they could enter the Station to evaluate and correct the generator/pumping problem. The Eversource workers left the site soon thereafter to shut down the power. This was accomplished when, at 5:00 a.m., Eversource contacted the Fire Department incident commander to report that it was now safe for the Pollution Control employees to enter the Station.

Upon entering the Station, it was determined that all three surge protectors had been burned-out as a result of the downed arcing wire. The Station pumps were operated manually until repairs were completed, and then operated under generator power until commercial power was restored later that afternoon.

During this period of time, there were no bypasses of wastewater nor sewer backups of any kind in those areas of Town served by these five pump stations. This event provided an opportunity for Pollution Control

to revise its pump station SOPs so as to improve emergency operational procedures in response to a most unusual circumstance.

Fred Shaw

Superintendent of Pollution Control

Public Buildings Division

Project Updates

Fire Code Upgrades at Town Hall

The first phase of the project (with the exception of the replacement of the front doors and corroded I- Beam that was discovered while working on the project) is complete. We are currently awaiting a decision on whether or not we can use funding from other sources to replace the doors and I-Beam. If funds can be secured for the project it will start relatively quickly as proposals have already been received. Phase II will start FY 2017 if funds are appropriated.

Emergency Operations Center Construction Project

The bulk of the work since the last update is comprised of work inside the building. Select areas of the concrete floor were cut out for new column supports as well as re-supporting existing columns. Storm water drainage piping cleanouts for bathroom showers, toilets, and sink piping were also cut and patched. In addition, areas of the floor were cut out for electrical conduits where the main electrical service panel and water main enter the building. The Building Inspector was onsite to review and approve the plumbing and concrete rebar prep work prior to the

filling those areas of the floor.

All of the block walls have been stripped of old sheetrock, conduits, electrical circuits and miscellaneous brackets for plumbing and mechanical systems. Two inch thick aluminum faced rigid foam insulation has been installed on the bare concrete outside walls; sheet metal 2x4 walls were erected and window openings framed out as well. Eighty percent of the walls have now been insulated and sheetrock installed on them. "Rough ins" for electrical, plumbing and HVAC mechanical systems have begun. Because this building is a wide open space to work in the trades are moving quickly.

On the outside of the building, the old parking lot fixtures have been taken down. Electrical conduits for the main electrical service entrance, Telco and CATV were trenched across the driveway on the northeast corner of the building; this was done to eliminate potential damage to the overhead lines during severe weather. The areas of the driveway that were previously cut for the main water service entrance have been covered, compacted and patched with asphalt. On the front of the building a couple of shrubs were removed so that access to the sanitary sewer line from the street could be reworked and then reconnected to the building. In the rear of the building where the mechanical equipment and cold storage areas will be located, an opening in the brick has been made for access to the rear of the building; this opening will eventually be

where a set of double doors will be located for entry into the space. The roofers have set their materials on the roof in preparation of removing the old roof and installing the new one.

Heat Pump replacements at the Police Department

Heat Pumps and associated equipment arrived on site late February. To date six heat pumps have been installed and are up and running. The server room A/C units also arrived and ductwork has been assembled. Piping for the units has been run to the outside of the building for connection to the condensing units. A concrete pad will be poured this week for the outdoor units to be placed on. Once the units are placed and piping connected the units can be charged and started. The new redundant units will adequately serve the load of the room with plenty of capacity for future expansion. The cooling tower electrical and water piping systems have been disconnected so that the unit can be removed next week. The new tower will be placed and reconnected next week as well. This project is moving quickly and I expect that it will be completed by the end of March or early April time frame.

LED Lighting Upgrades at Town Garage

The lighting upgrades started early in January and are now 90% complete. All of the lighting on the inside has been upgraded and all of the outside lighting has been replaced with LED fixtures. The last area to be completed is the salt shed and that can't be

done until more of the salt has been dispersed so that an articulating lift can be brought in to reach the interior lighting.



LED lighting Upgrades at Town Garage



Verizon Antenna Prior to Faux Chimney

Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan

The plans for the Library, Town Garage and Police Department have now been completed. I will be conducting training sessions with my staff to ensure that we follow and perform the specific preventive maintenance checks and balances required to stay in compliance with Federal and State Regulations.

Verizon WiFi Antenna Installation at the Library

The antenna has been installed and is up and running. The antenna was concealed by a faux looking chimney, even close up its hard to tell that it's not real. There are a few minor punch list items related to landscaping and painting that will be addressed in the spring.

Community Center Column Repairs

This work is on hold until FY 2017.



After chimney installation

Wapping Community House Entry Door Replacement

The front entrance double doors and surrounding trim is being replaced as this report is being prepared. The double doors are being replaced with a single door and side lights. The decorative window above the door is also being replaced. The crew is expected to be back onsite to complete the

painting once the weather breaks. The trim, door and window are made from maintenance free PVC material that should last for many years to come.



Wapping Community House Original doors



Contractors removing trim and doors

New card access system at Wapping Community House Fitness Center

A new card access system similar to what the other town buildings are currently using is scheduled to be installed at the fitness center in the next month. The existing system was



New door and trim completed

no longer supported and did not utilize current web browser based technology. The new system will allow us to access the system from anywhere that has secure internet access.

Maintenance staff completed 96 work orders in February, some of them are listed below.

- Replaced cracked toilets in Town Hall restrooms
- Installed plumbing fixtures in janitorial closets for mop sinks
- Repainted Hallways in Town Garage
- Installed new zone valves and controls for heating system at the Library
- Repaired windows at the Police Department and Community Center
- Installed and wired new projector and controls in the Sprenkel Room

Projects slated for FY 2016/17

- Phase one security system upgrades
- Update and reorganize Town Managers

offices

- Update Assessors office
- Move Channel 16 filming studio from Maintenance Dept to IT Office
- Solicit proposals for Community Center proposed renovation projects
- Project management and oversight of second phase of Fire Code Upgrades at Town Hall
- Closeout and commission of EOC project
- Closeout and commission of Police Department Heat Pump Replacement Project
- Move IT, Health and Facilities Dept. to EOC
- Reorganize newly vacant areas within Public Works office
- Replacement of Town Hall front doors and support "I" beam
- Phone system replacements Community Center and Police Department
- Solicit Proposals for HVAC, Building Automation and Janitorial Services

Clay Major
Facilities Manager





Human Services Department

Adult & Senior Services

Andrea Cofrancesco, Director of Adult and Senior Services

Friends of the South Windsor Senior Center

The South Windsor Community Foundation has agreed to act as fiduciary for the new "Friends of the South Windsor Senior Center!" FOSWSC has been created to allow people to make a 100% tax deductible contribution specific to improvements and enhancements to the current community center that will directly benefit South Windsor seniors. This fund will also allow us to access grant funding and solicit donations from local businesses and the community. We will be embarking on FUNdraising efforts as well! We are excited about the possibilities! A big thank you to the SW Community Foundation!

Special Needs Fund Needs Funds!

The Human Services Special Needs Fund is designed to assist South Windsor residents in need of things that do not fall in any category....they are miscellaneous services that are necessary but are not typically funded by agencies. Caseworkers in the Adult and Senior Services division carefully screens clients and designate money in this fund to be used for needs when all other avenues have been exhausted. For those wishing to make a donation to the Special Needs Fund, please

send donations to the Human Services Office with "Special Needs" in the memo or call Andrea at 860-648-6357 with questions.

Service for Those with Low Vision Available at the Center!

We are excited to announce the addition of a new service to the Center: CRIS Radio! To learn more about what CRIS Radio is, a presentation will be held at the Center on Friday, March 18 at 11:00 AM. CRIS Radio is a radio reading service for people with print disabilities that broadcasts over 70 publications a month: local and national news, sports, obituaries and sale ads from the Courant, New York Times, JI and New Britain Herald are read daily. Titles like Time Magazine, Sports Illustrated, National Geographic are read. Made possible by a grant from the North Central Area Agency on Aging. **The broadcasts can be heard on a CRIS Internet radio that is located right here in our senior lounge.** Applications are available if you want to access the service at home. FREE to those who are blind or have a print disability. Register for the 3/18 program: 860-648-6361 ext. 335.

Letter to Editor

The following letter has been sent to the Editor to thank the community for their on-going support and generosity:

"Staff in the Adult and Senior Services Division of South Windsor Department of Human Services would like to extend a huge thank you to the South Windsor community at large for the tremendous support provided during our holiday food, fuel and gift drives! We are consistently humbled by your thoughtfulness and truly grateful for your commitment to your neighbors.

Businesses, civic groups, churches, school and sporting groups, and individuals have made a difference right here in South Windsor! These generous contributions help us to insure that those who need help will get it. We simply could not do it without you. Thank you!

Andrea S. Cofrancesco, Director of Adult and Senior Services, Dept of Human Services"



Intergenerational Animal Show on the Go a Success!

Over 100 grandparents and their grandchildren attended this intergenerational event during the school's February break! A fun time was had by all!

Archery Trip a Success!



Seniors headed to Hall's Indoor Archery in Manchester and had a great time! More fun events will be added to our spring schedule including hiking, ziplining and deep sea fishing!



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Youth & Family Services

Elizabeth Langevin, Director of Youth and Family Services



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South Windsor
& Neighbors



<http://swan.southwindsor.org>

Parent Education and Support

Karen Peck, owner of KIDSPACE, presented a workshop on Qi Gong. Qi Gong is a special type of massage parents can use to help their children with special needs.

The Mother Daughter Circle started in February. We have 5 mother daughter couples participating in relationship building activities and having fun. Our last session will be in March. Our Youth & Family Counselor, Eileen Adler is co-facilitating this group.



A mother/daughter duo participating in the activity "trust walk"

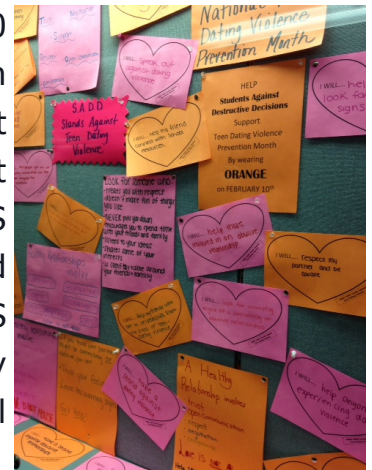
Coming up in March....

SWAN has some very exciting programs coming this month. Check out our new website for SWAN Parenting Programs at:

School Outreach

60 Students Against Destructive Decisions High School students watched a powerful video about Teen Dating Violence and then created an eye catching bulletin board about this important topic. February is Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month so the students wanted to spread awareness of the signs of abuse and how to get help if needed.

We now have 90 youth participating in the weekly Jumpstart tutoring program at TEMS. 45 SWHS students are matched up with the 45 TEMS students on a weekly basis for educational tutoring



Coming up in March....

3/10: 5th Grade Parent Orientation Night at Timothy Edwards Middle School. We will have a table set up at this event so stop by to say hi and pick up some important information about Youth and Family Services.

Selected students will attend the **PAWS**

(Peers Are Wonderful Support) Conference at MCC.

3/23: TEMS students

3/24: SWHS Students

Teen Center

Starting the last week in January through early March, the Teen Center participated in a second round of the TE Afterschool Matinee program with 15 middle school students who pre-registered to take a bus from TE to the Teen Center one afternoon a week, for 6 weeks. Middle School students had the opportunity to participate in various social activities including games, Wii sports, arts and crafts and baking with our MSW Intern from the Human Services Department.



In recognition of Random Acts of Kindness Week (2/14/16-2/20/16), our high school Youth Council Committee teamed up with a few interested 6th graders to create handmade, inspirational bookmarks to give out to people in the community center. The group made more than 50 bookmarks and shared them with Human Services Staff,

Senior Center participants, family members and residents at the Tri Town Shelter in Vernon.



The Teen Center also hosted its first session of Teen Talks, a monthly group meeting where 8th-12th graders can drop in, discuss various issues impacting teens and learn positive decision making skills from group activities and discussions with their peers. Our first session was sponsored by our high school Youth Council Committee and focused on healthy relationships. In the upcoming months, we will also explore other topics such as internet safety and stress management.

Youth & Family Counseling

Currently facilitating two groups, one is Mother/Daughter, facilitated with Ginny and the other is the Girls Circle group, facilitated with Liz. Both groups are well attended and have been beneficial for the folks involved.

Coming up in March....



Please check out our Parent Talk Newsletter, available on the town website for more March & April 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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Ryan Kane
Asst. Director of Parks & Recreation

Park & Recreation Commission (PARC) –

The next PARC meeting is Wednesday, March 9th at 7:30pm in the Sprekel Room of the Town Hall, at which they will continue work on the master plan.

The South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways

(**SWW&WW**) sub-committee most recently met on Wed., March 2. They meet next on Wednesday, April 6th at the Community Center, conference room 206 at 7pm. They are 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. They successfully submitted their application to the League of American Bicyclist to elevate their bicycle friendly community designation from bronze to silver. They should have a response by November the latest.

The South Windsor FOOD Alliance (SWFA) sub-committee is busy planning for their 2016 Summer Farmer's market beginning Sat., June 18. Go to www.swfood.org for more details.

Like us on Facebook - The number keeps growing - we are now "liked" by 1,194 people, 61 new friends this month! 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, March 25th please join us for our 45th Annual Egg Hunt at the South Windsor High School stadium from 9 to 11:30am proudly sponsored by Imperial Oil & Plumbing. As always, we offer all members of the Town Council an open invitation to visit any of our 350+ 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 – February enrollment is at 340, with 24 additions in after care on Early Release Wednesdays in support the BOE professional development program.



Mayor Delnicki addresses our Monday Night Social Club for young adults with special needs on Monday, Feb. 29th flanked by special guest Hartford Wolf Pack player Ryan Graves to the left and Ryan Pagiolo, MNSC participant and Dan Rezende, MNSC Supervisor to the right.

Monday Night Social Club – Our special participants in this special program were treated to a special visit by Hartford Wolf Pack player Ryan Graves and Wolf Pack play-by-play radio announcer Bob Crawford on Monday, Feb. 29th at the community center! Dozens of participants enjoyed a pizza party,



Photo opportunities and autographs were the highlight of the evening with MNSC participants anxiously waiting their turn to meet Wolf Pack player Ryan Graves.

photo opportunities and autographs with Ryan before they headed to the Teen Center for some air hockey games with Ryan. Mayor Delnicki addressed the group formally recognizing program supervisor Dan Rezende and his key volunteer, Rosanne Sapula. Huge thanks to Roseanne for putting this terrific evening together – it truly was special!!

Veterans Memorial Park – A message worth repeating - In advance of our budget submission we felt it important to notify you of some preliminary upcoming changes we are proposing for operation of the pools at VMP for the 2016 summer season. (1) We will prohibit water guns as they tend to create behaviors that annoy patrons. (2) Until such time as we can create a dedicated "grilling zone" (which is a project on the drawing board) we will curtail the use of charcoal and gas grills on park grounds. (3) Weekend daily admission rates for non-residents will increase from \$9 to \$12 for adults and from \$6 to \$8 for children.

Youth Basketball Leagues – Post season tournaments are only held for divisions grade five and above (that would be Junior Boys, grades 5&6, Junior Girls, grades 5-7, Intermediate Boys, grade 7&8, Advances Boys, grades 9&10, Senior Boys, grades 11&12, and Senior Girls, grades 8-12. Semi-finals will be held March 5, with Finals on March 12 (game schedules have been adjusted to accommodate the St. Patrick's

Day parade). Prior to all final games, the National Anthem will be sung live by our very own Chelsea Hebert who works part time with our 4th R program and summers as a day camp counselor.

45th Annual Egg Hunt – Is right around the corner, literally, and will kick off on Friday, March 25 at 9:00am with our first-ever egg hunt geared for children with special needs. Scheduled before the crowds arrive, this is designed for families that might find the regular egg hunt experience overwhelming for their children with special needs. The remaining hunt times are: Age 2 at 10am ; Age 3 at 10:15am ; Age 4 at 10:30am ; Age 5 & Grade K at 10:45am ; Grade 1 at 11am ; and Grade 2 at 11:15am. The event is once again proudly sponsored by Imperial Oil & Plumbing and will be held at the high school stadium. The South Windsor Community Women's Club will continue its' generous practice of running their "Kids Fair" from 10am to 1pm inside the high school.

Walk 4 Good – Our Trails, Your Cause – (see flyer)

Parks & Recreation Magazine – Our 2016 Spring/Summer edition is in the final proofing stage and should hit the printing presses the middle of the week and then be delivered to every mail box in town the week of March 13. The catalog includes 24 brand new program offerings as well as our traditional recreational opportunities like day camp,

swimming at VMP and our very popular outdoor concert series at Evergreen Walk kicking off on Thursday, June 23rd at 7pm with the Savage Brothers Band.

PARKS DIVISION

"Caring for South Windsor's Growing Needs"

February Activity Highlights:

- Athletic Fields & Grounds:
 - o Began developing renovation schedule, ordering materials and gathering equipment for what will be a busy spring preparing fields for the high school interscholastic program and local youth sports group needs.
- Parks & Open Space:
 - o With such mild winter weather we have been able to spend more time than usual this time of year with tree work at all parks, grounds and open spaces.
- Projects:
 - o Memorial Wall Project at VMP – work will resume as we get favorable weather.
 - o Barton Property Project – Some preliminary site work, primarily stump removal, at the area of the man-made earthen berm is near completion in preparation for the building of the berm once approved by Council. New tree plantings will be put in its place as soon as the berm is finished and stable.

- o Built two park benches with concrete legs and wood planks for the new "Artisan Park Bench" program in conjunction with the Human Relations Commission.
- Other:
 - o Responded to four winter weather operation in February in conjunction with DPW Street Services
 - o Began preparing small equipment used for spring and summer maintenance.



In-house preliminary site work, primarily stump removal, is nearing completion in preparation for the building of the berm at the Barton Property



Challenger basketball awards ceremony at the basketball extravaganza on February 20th at TEMS.



The Aces defeated the Bricklayers 49-39 in the Women's Basketball Championship held at SWHS on 2/20



Men's A Division basketball. Amerikaz Nightmare defeated the Dynasty at SWHS on 2/27



Men's B Division basketball. Gang Green defeated the Boozers at SWHS on 2/27



We caught these six "characters" having way too much fun on Feb. 11 at TEMS during our Cartoon Character Ice Cream Sundae Social. Students from the SWHS InterAct Club volunteered their time to play the "costumed roles". Judging from the smiles, the kids had fun too!

The mobile "Art Truck" visited each of the five 4th "R" sites this month providing novel art projects worked on inside the truck instead of the school! Kids had fun, and the parents loved that their kids had fun!



March 2016 Town Council Meetings and Events

Meetings

Monday, March 7, 2016

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

7:00 p.m. Special Meeting
Council Chambers

Monday, March 21, 2016

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
8:00 p.m. Public Hearing
Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

6:00 p.m. Town Council & Board of Education Joint Work Session
8:00 p.m. Public Hearing
TE Middle School - Rm Alt 6

Holidays

Friday, March 25, 2016

Town Offices Will Be Closed in Observance of Good Friday

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