

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

To: Members of the South Windsor Town Council

From: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager

Subject: Town Manager's Report for 4/15/2023 Town Council Meeting

Date: April 11, 2024

Spring Parks Update- We have been conducting ongoing maintenance of all trails and they are now officially open. During the winter, we replaced boardwalks at Major Michael Donnelly. We will also be re-grading the Sullivan Ave entrance parking lot on April 11th which will complete the much-needed maintenance at that park. The athletics fields have all been renovated and prepped for the season. We finished prepping and lining all of the fields the week of April 1st for both the recreation and high school fields. We did a lot of grading and over seeding in the fall, so the fields are in good shape for the spring sports season. We will be conducting on-going maintenance of the parks; which will include items such as mowing, landscaping, trail maintenance, playground repairs as well as lining of the athletic fields throughout the season.

Police Department Accreditation- The Police Department has been pursuing national accreditation for several years. This process started well before it was required by Connecticut's Police Accountability Act and is almost complete. The Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) is the certifying body for national accreditation. After several years of behind the scenes efforts, we officially applied for CALEA Tier 1 Accreditation in September 2021. Once this application was submitted, it started a three year countdown towards a deadline of September 2024 by which all standards have to be met. Sgt. Charlie Bowes is our accreditation manager and his focused, consistent, and dedicated work have brought us to the final stages of receiving this award. After preparing hundreds of standards in policy, and providing proofs that those standards are being upheld, we were ready for the final CALEA assessments.

The first of these assessments was a web based remote assessment that took place from March 1st through March 9, 2024. The two assessors reviewed Sgt. Bowes' work for days and we sailed through that assessment with flying colors. During a conference call after this assessment, the assessors spoke very highly of the thorough work that had been done. The next and final step is an onsite assessment that will take place next week. On April 15th, 16th, and 17th we will host a CALEA assessor at the South Windsor Police Department. His assessment will include several meetings, interviews, tours, and opportunities to see that the CALEA policies and observable standards are being upheld. Once this final assessment is complete, the last step in this three year long process will be for Sgt. Bowes and Chief Lindstrom to attend the National Accreditation Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina in July where we anticipate receiving our official award of accreditation