# Town of South Windsor

### Town Manager's Report May 2017

Matthew B. Galligan Town Manager



### **Budget Deadlines**

I am enclosing two legal opinions for you regarding extending the deadline for budget approval. Both attorneys have determined we have no choice in this matter. The Council must approve a budget according to Charter deadlines. By May 15th, the Board of Education budget must be approved, and by May 22nd, the General Government budget must be approved. We are still watching the progress of the State budget, and it is my understanding that budgets will be produced by the Appropriations Committee on April 27th. The Republicans will also be proposing a budget. Once these numbers are made available, we can determine how they will affect the Town of South Windsor. I have been in contact with Representative Delnicki, and he has indicated that there will be budgetary information coming out shortly.

### **Grant Proposal**

There is a grant proposal for a piece of firetruck playground equipment near our Boundless Playground. The family has raised close to \$12,500. The total cost is \$28,000. They are asking for \$2,500 from the Mini-Matching Grant Program. Currently, the Program does not have any funds. I am asking the Town Council to transfer \$5,000 from contingency to the Mini-Matching Grant Program as I am recommending accepting

this application. I have reviewed all of the documentation and think it is a great addition to our Boundless Playground. I want to thank the family for bringing this project forward.

### **Wapping School Transfer**

The Superintendent and I had a meeting with staff to discuss the logistics of moving into Wapping School. After this current school year has ended, the Board of Education will need to move furniture and teachers' materials to various different schools. When the building is vacated, the Town will be able to move in to make minor renovations such as painting in order to prepare the building for the Recreation Department. We are hoping that some of the Recreation facilities can be moved into Wapping by September, and the rest should be moved in by February.

Both Board of Education and Town staff are working together to make this happen, and I am extremely pleased at the cooperation that has created a strong implementation plan for this move.

### **Town Seal Logo**

The Town Seal's logo has changed from "One Town, One Future" to "Our Town, Our Future". This new logo will be displayed at the Town Council Chambers and other Town areas where appropriate.

### **FOI Packet**

During the course of the year, new Board and Commission members will be appointed or elected onto various Town agencies as members may retire or move onto other endeavors. As new members come on, we will ensure they receive a copy of the FOI packet produced by Town Attorney Morris Borea. This will allow them to fully understand their obligations of being transparent and meeting all of the FOI requirements.

Matthew B. Galligan Town Manager

## **Police Department**

Timothy M. Edwards Chief of Police

### Pick-A-Pasta dinner to benefit Connecticut Special Olympics:

The second annual Pick-A-Pasta night to benefit Connecticut Special Olympics was hosted by South Windsor PD on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at Maneeleys Banquet Facility on Rye St. The event featured a DJ, raffles, and all you can eat pasta. This year's event raised over \$6300.00 for Connecticut Special Olympics.

### **Recruiting Update:**

The police department in currently looking to hire 6 officers to replace officers who have retired or transferred to other departments. We are faced with a shortage of academy seats at the Connecticut Police Academy due to state budget cuts. We have entered into an agreement with the Hartford Police Academy to help instruct and obtain training seats there. The Hartford Academy is very highly recommended by the Windsor and West Hartford Police departments. We are looking to have 2 officers start in the June academy class, and we are close to hiring 2 officers who are already certified, saving us training time and tuition payments to the state. We are continuing to identify other candidates to fill the remaining vacant positions and to start training in the Fall of 2017.

# New Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System (CAD/RMS):

The Police Department will be replacing the current, 14-year old, failing CAD/RMS system this summer with a new vendor, Nexgen Public Safety Solutions, from East Haven, Connecticut. <a href="http://www.nexgenpss.com/">http://www.nexgenpss.com/</a>

The selection of this software was based on its lower cost, solid reputation and excellent functionality for our police, fire and EMS dispatch needs. This software will greatly improve our ability to file reports in the cruisers, upgrade to bar-coding of evidence, and puts us on the same platform with 140 other Connecticut departments with the opportunity for data sharing in the future. This is the same system being adopted by East Hartford Police and currently used by Vernon, Bloomfield. Windsor, West Hartford. Newington, Farmington, the State Police and a hundred other towns in Connecticut.

Our current software was purchased in 2003 and the company was sold 5 times. We have not had technical support in about 7 years, but we haven't had to pay annual service costs either. We are very excited to move to this new product which will also let the Fire Department have access to records and reporting in their vehicles via tablet computers.

### **Public Works Department**

Michael J. Gantick Director of Public Works

### **Administration**

Mr. C. Fred Shaw's last day was April 7, 2017. We are fortunate to have hired Anthony Manfre as the new Superintendent of Pollution Control. Anthony comes to the Town with a background in Marketing and Water Pollution Control, having worked previously for the Town of Vernon WPC and most recently as a supervisor with the Town of Enfield's Water Pollution Control Division. Anthony is married with three daughters and resides in Tolland. We are looking forward to Anthony leading the Pollution Control Division of Public Works for many years to come.

Public Works sent representatives to the Funeral procession of Warren Cowles, longtime Longmeadow, Mass. Public Works employee who was killed while plowing snow during the last snow storm last month. Over 400 trucks from across the New England states participated. Warren's death underscores the dangers our first respondersnow plow operators face.

South Windsor hosted a "Snow Summit" on April 27 with over 100 Public Works Professionals from 25 towns from across the state, Representatives from the CT DOT, and UCONN's Technology Transfer Center attending. Breakout sessions were held to discuss the good, the not so good ,and the opportunities to improve our services for the areas of plow drivers, mechanics, supervisors, and secretaries/customer service reps. This report was published before the actual event took place so the results will be shared next month. South Windsor hosted a similar event back in 2008 and it is a great opportunity for all of us the look for best practices by sharing/networking.

National Public Works Week is May 21-27 this year. We will once again be coming before the Town Council on May 15th to recognize this year's award recipients.

# Engineering Avery Heights Road and Drainage Improvements

Drainage work in Phase 2 of the Avery Heights roadway improvements has started up again this month and is about 45% complete. Phase 2 includes the east side of Benedict Drive, Peach Tree Lane, Spruce Lane and Highview Road. The contractor will complete the drainage and roadwav improvements in Phase 2 this fall. Phase 3 of the Road and Drainage improvements in the Avery Heights neighborhood includes the west side of Benedict Drive, the North side of Pine Tree Lane, Manor Lane and Raymond Road, The plans for work in Phase 3 have been finalized and bid and we expect to award this contracto soon so work can begin this

summer.

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

The Town has received bids to reconstruct Avery Street between Gray Road and Orchard Hill Road and is working with ConnDOT to awarding this contract. This project includes new storm water drainage, base, pavement, curb and sidewalks. The schedule is to award this project to a contractor so work can begin in early May and be finished by December.

### **Local Roads Repaving 2017**

We have received bids to mill and pave 8 local roads in 2017 and have awarded this contract. This work is being coordinating with drainage repairs the street department needs to do. We expect milling and paving to begin this spring.

#### **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 traffic signals at 3 intersections will be modified for pedestrian ramps, signals and crosswalks. The Plum Gulley Brook bridge will be extended west for a sidewalk The Town has applied to CT DEEP and ACOE for permits for the Plum Gulley Brook bridge extension and are waiting for these permits. We also have to respond to comments from ConnDOT on the traffic signals upgrades. Easements are needed on a few properties for

these sidewalks.

### **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. We are be developing a plan to repair the worst and oldest sidewalk defects that have been reported using the \$20,000 recently appropriated by the Town Council. This work is expected to be bid to begin this Spring. Additional capital funds are needed to repair all the sidewalks and keep them safe pursuant to the Town ordinance. 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 sufficient funding to repair all the sidewalk defects.

### **CT DEEP MS4 Stormwater Permit**

The Connecticut DEEP has issued a final version of the new MS4 Stormwater Permit. Town staff has developed a Draft Town wide Stormwater Management Plan to comply with this new permit. The permit and this plan will go into effect on July 1, 2017.

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 has finished getting equipment and vehicles ready for spring. We installed a new body on another parks vehicle to extend the life of vehicle. Fleet Dept. also is in the process of replacing an engine in a backhoe at a substantial savings allowing backhoe to be used for many more years to come. We also recently replaced lubricant storage tanks from old 275 gallon tanks to 350 gallon tanks to utilize space more efficiently and to allow us to get better pricing by buying lubricants in bulk.

Scheduled Maintenance or Repairs 22
Unscheduled repairs 8
Road calls 6

Leon Clough Fleet Manager

#### **Street Services**

During the month, our crews have been busy preparing tools and equipment for the soon-to-be-upon-us summer season. Work has been done around the town garage removing old fencing, the former dog pound, sending scrap steel to recycling and general clean-up of our areas.

Street sweeping is under way. The resident leaf site was prepared and opened for spring clean-ups. The department put into service a new compost spreader to assist breaking down the leaves for the spring compost auction.

Crews worked to repair a severe drainage issue at the TRACS building. This required installing a new catch basin structure, new piping and surge materials to slow the flow of water into the culvert to prevent erosion.

Pothole patching is in full swing. We were fortunate that the winter was relatively mild and there was a limited freeze/thaw cycle which causes damage to roadways. But the crews are nevertheless very busy as the condition of some of our roads cannot tolerate even the most minor of stressors.

The department provided traffic and site security to our tree contractor with the removal of a large tree on Main St.

Crews responded to a neighborhood for a flooding situation. Our crews determined that roots had grown through the pipe joints blocking the flow of water. Water Pollution Control assisted our department with the effort utilizing their camera to inspect the line. A contractor was brought in the following day to "root" the line to eliminate the problem.

We began the process of cleaning sedimentation structures in our storm water system to assist with compliance with our MS4 storm water permit. Catch basin cleaning will be underway shortly once the sedimentation structure cleaning is complete.

Curb and lawn damage repair is also underway now that the asphalt plant is open.

The Street Services management team has been working with Engineering to solidify a schedule for road repairs including replacing some storm sewer piping as well as catch basin tops in preparation for road resurfacing.

Scott Yeomans Associate Manager



## **Human Services Department**

### **Adult & Senior Services**

Andrea Cofrancesco, Director of Adult and Senior Services

# What is the South Windsor TRIAD for Senior Safety?

TRIAD is a national community policing initiative wherein law enforcement, seniors, and community groups partner to meet the crime-safety needs of seniors to prevent victimization of older adults. Each TRIAD is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors called a S.A.L.T. Council (Seniors And Law Enforcers working Together). The South Windsor Triad was created in May of



2007! Anniversary luncheon: Friday, May 12 at 11:00 AM. Invitations were emailed to all members of the town council. Please let us know if you can make it!





# Triad's Tour of Safety Services a Success!

A group of seniors toured Fire House Company 3, The Emergency Operations Center and the Police Department. People are already asking when we are offering this tour again!

### Local businesses receive Goodies and a Certificate

Our Community Service Group recently delivered homebaked goodies to 14 businesses



along with a certificate of appreciation for their contributions to our programs. This is the second year in a row for some.

### 7 Year Old Donates Toys from Birthday Party

Elena Zande turned 7 years old recently and she wanted to help others in need. She donated a bag of toys that she received from her birthday party to the Human Services office to benefit another child in South Windsor.

### **Property Tax Relief Ends May 15**

Elderly and disabled homeowners who qualify can apply for reduced property taxes on their homes. Filing period ends *May 15*, *2017*. This year's income limits are \$35,200 maximum for an individual and \$42,900\*for a couple. \*Local option allows up to \$4,000 higher income than regular program. For more information call 860-648-6361.

### **Reading in the Schools**

We are coming up on our last school of the year and the last time we will be reading to Wapping! Over 35 readers volunteer their time to read to all five elementary schools. We are hoping to continue this program again next year!







### **Youth & Family Services**

Elizabeth Langevin, Director of Youth and Family Services



### April 2017



On April 12th, Youth & Family Services hosted the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Grandparent/Grandchild Pancake Breakfast and Bingo. 93 people came for pancakes, sausage and fruit prepared by the Youth & Family Services

staff and volunteers. All proceeds from the breakfast went to the Youth & Family Services "CARE" Fund which benefits families in need of assistance with educational supports.



### **Teen Center**

Teen Center Youth Council Members have been working hard in April and having fun

doing it! We are excited to have three new high school members —just this month! High School Students helped Y&FS host their Annual Grandparent &



Grandchild Pancake Breakfast- getting up early on their Spring Break to help greet, serve and play Bingo with families! We were also thrilled to team up with the

Parks and Recreation Department at their Annual Imperial Egg Hunt and sell refreshments as a fundraiser. Spending time at the indoor hydroponic garden continues to be a great learning experience in many ways

and recently getting to harvest lettuce to share with their families and friends at the teen center was also quite rewarding. Lastly, we hosted an afternoon to share



gratitude for our friends who are part of the Young Adult Academy, Project Worth Program. The students and staff of Project Worth are a HUGE help with our year round cans and bottles fundraising efforts – an important fundraiser that helps to keep free



or low cost programs running for many SW youth! Our teens have been learning a lot about giving back, spending time sharing appreciation with others and paying attention to all the ways – big *and* small – that we can make a difference and feel connected to our community.



# Parent Education and Support

Mother/Daughter Circle: This 6 week group for mothers and their daughters met 3 times in April. Please check out the pictures from our April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mothers and their daughters learned about self-care and ways to take care of themselves. They decorated calm boxes and we talked about



when they are feeling stressed, such as playdoh and bubbles. They made a brown sugar scrub to keep in their boxes. The girls decided it tasted delicious and enjoyed sampling their sugar scrub! I read a story to the group about Helice Bridges. Ms. Bridges had a dream and dedicated her life to finding a way for all people to feel appreciated, respected and loved so that they would know that *Who They Are Makes A Difference*. We pinned each other with blue ribbons to acknowledge why their Mother's and Daughters have made a



difference in their lives. Please keep an eye out in the Community for these blue ribbons! We hopeful that the "One Minute are Acknowledgement" will make a ripple in our community! On April 6th our theme was Building Trust and meeting Expectations and Needs. We read the Bucket Filler poem and talked about what it means to be a Bucket Filler. Each family was given a jar and little glass beads. They were asked to keep the jar in a central location in their home and to catch each other kind things for each other. When they observed each other being kind they would add a bead to the bucket/jar. Hear is a quote from a mother who emailed me and shared her thoughts on the how the Bucket Filler Concept has made a difference in her



home, "We love the "bucket filler" jar. We keep it on our kitchen table as a center piece with the jewels around the jar. I love that my son and husband put the jewels in too! It's such a nice way to verbally recognize good things that others do. It's extra cool when my daughter and son call out why they are putting one in for their sibling. Before this, I rarely heard them complement each other. We plan to go to Rita's for ice cream when it is full."

Baby Steps is a new group that was formed for mothers and their infants. The purpose of the group is to offer support and education and a network for mothers in the community to meet other parents with young children. The groups meets monthly. This month the theme was Literacy. Mothers were asked to bring their favorite childhood books to share with the group.

Relatives Raising Children This is a monthly support group for relatives who are raising a child. We took a trip on April 3rd to the Coventry Community Center for a Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Workshop. There was a resource fair which provided a variety of information and support. Speakers presented on topics such substance abuse, internet safety and Medicare and Husky/SNAP. Our monthly meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> was a success. We talked about summer camp and recreation activities in the community for children as well as shared resources and offered support to families.

### **School Outreach**

The 6th grade Healthy Living Week was held 4/17-4/21. Four HS students involved with SADD went to speak with 6th graders about making smart choices in all aspects of their lives. They played a trivia game and handed out prizes. The Smoking Prevention Poster Contest winners were also announced.



The Mentor Program held a breakfast at TEMS on Thursday, April 20th. Mentors, students and their families enjoyed each other's company, along with a delicious breakfast. It was a wonderful opportunity for the mentors to connect with the families in the program.



**Youth Counseling** 

Eileen Adler, Youth Counselor continues to meet with lunch bunch groups at Eli Terry. The students enjoy learning ways to manage their worries and socialize with their peers.

Eileen & Director, Liz are in the middle of a six week group with high school girls. The focus of the group is to address stress & anxiety and learn some self-care skills.

### **Upcoming Programs for May & June**

- Kidding Around Yoga
- Ethnicity & Culture in Parenting Practices
- Newborn Care Class
- Chef in Training
- Youth Service Bureau Day at the Capitol
- Ice Cream Social-Teen Center Open House
- Rising Stars Summer Community Service Program
- GIRLS CARE Summer Program
- Human Services Mini-Golf Program

Please check out our Facebook
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a>
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/">SWYouthFamily</a>
or call Liz at 860-648-6361 x331 for more information on any above program.



### **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, May 10th at 7:30pm in the Sprenkel Room of the Town Hall.

The South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways (SWW&WW) sub-committee meets next on Wed., May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm at the community center.

The South Windsor FOOD Alliance (SWFA) is busy finalizing details for the 2017 outdoor Farmer's Market starting June 24th! Go to <a href="https://www.swfood.org">www.swfood.org</a> for more details.

**Like us on Facebook** - The number keeps growing - we are now "liked" by 1,682 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 SWPRDo6074!!

**Technology**– We are in the final stages of transitioning from our current software provider ActiveNet to RecDesk to improve efficiencies, streamlined for more customer friendly navigation for on-line registration and cost savings. We will also be launching a

brand new mobile app through our web site provider Civic Plus to better accommodate the 80+% of our customers that access us from a mobile device. Thanks go out to Stephanie, Lauren and Sarah for spearheading these efforts!

**Summer 2017** – We are busy confirming returning and hiring new staff for VMP which opens May 27<sup>th</sup> and our ACA Day Camps beginning June 26<sup>th</sup>. Our Concert Series packs an extra powerful punch this year with top-notch headliners and a variety pre-concert warm-up acts in celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the highly successful series!

We have been asked to host the **CT Recreation & Parks Association annual Camp College** which is a regional training opportunity for municipal day camp counselors. It will be held at TEMS on Sat., June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00am to 5:00pm. I am proud to say that many of our management team will also be presenters! We anticipate 300-400 delegates.

Special Invitation to Councilors – SAVE THE DATES: Sat., May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to

3pm visit Never Park for the annual "Paws in the Park" event sponsored by the SW Jaycees. On **Sunday, May 21** we will host our second annual Trails for Charity Day at Nevers Park – five non-profit groups are registered to raise funds for their cause. Join us on **Monday, May 29** for the annual Memorial Day Parade (10am start) and ceremony (11am start) at Veterans memorial Park. 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!"

We are super proud to announce that our summer Day Camps achieved second runner up recognition in the 2017 Best of Hartford Magazine annual reader's poll!! Here's a link to our Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ video SWPRD/ (the o f our announcement is the first thing pinned on our page and takes a half of a scroll to get there), or simply control, click on this link - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a> SWPRD/videos/1354722081273103/. Kudos to Lauren Bent, Recreation Supervisor for her leadership reaching this initial level

**Before & After School Program** – May enrollment across the five elementary schools

recognition. Our goal is now to be #1

next year.

is static at 328, with 42 students participating in the Early Release program to support the BOE professional development program. We held a very successful April vacation camp for 170 children including a field trip to a new park and a "bounce house" day! As part of our year-long 10th Anniversary celebration of the program - we held a huge 4th R Birthday Party for any and all current and past participants and their families on Sun., April 30 from 1-3pm on the grounds of the community center. Nearly 400 people (178 parents 7 185 kids) enjoyed dozens of outdoor activities, games, contests, an appearance by our mascots Ben E and Betty Fits, birthday cupcakes for everyone and a goodie-bag to take home!

46th Annual Egg Hunt was successfully held on Fri., April 14th at the high school stadium proudly sponsored by Imperial Oil & Plumbing. The seasonal fun started at 9am with an "eggsclusive"egg hunt geared for youngters with special needs followed by age group hunts every 15 minutes starting at 10am. We estimate close to 4,000 people enjoyed the morning hunt for 27,000 prized-filled plastic eggs and then the games and food at the Kids Fair inside the high school. Well done Cheryl Gerber!

**33rd Annual Fishing Derby** was held on Sat., April 22nd at the newest Town-owned property on Barber Hill Road (formerly the Dzen Tree Farm Pond). The event cosponsored by the Super Sixties Sportsmen Club ran from 9am to 1pm and was for kids age 16 and under and Sr. Citizens who will

enjoy trout fishing and plenty of burgers and dogs off the grill. Less than ideal weather conditions kept the crowd smaller than usual, but still attracted slightly over 100 anglers.

Wapping Re-Purposing – A kick-off planning meeting with the Town Manager, Superintendent of Schools and appropriate staff from both agencies was held on Wed., April 26<sup>th</sup> for nearly two hours to discuss plans for this critical transition for parks & recreation. The meeting was very productive and provided much needed direction in a spirit of cooperation to successfully accomplish this long-awaited initiative.

# PARKS DIVISION "Caring for South Windsor's Growing Needs"

April Activity Highlights:

- Athletic Fields & Grounds:
  - In matter of 10 days, I am proud to say our crew, in record-time, prepared all urgent athletic field preparations for the late starting spring season. Thank you to all the local sports groups for their patience and cooperation as we struggled through stubborn winter weather conditions to get them on our fields.
  - De-winterized all irrigations systems and assisted the Building Maintenance crew to open up all parks buildings.

- Prepared Rye Street Park for a 40 team Boys Lacrosse Tournament the weekend of April 22.
- ♦ Prepared Nevers Park for a 20+ team Girls Lacrosse Tournament the weekend of 4/29.
- ♦ Conducted annual spring clean-up at all public building grounds
- Parks & Open Space:
  - New Rotary Pavilion II at VMP Basic structure is erected, and rough utilities are in the process of installation.
  - Concrete flooring, interior build-out of the kitchen and restrooms, site landscaping and fence replacement will be on-
  - going for the next month. We hope to open for business mid-summer.
  - Prepared the Barber Hill Road property for the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Fishing Derby.
  - The recently refurbished entrance sign to the Rotary Pavilion at Nevers Park off Chief Ryan Way beautifully done by Gary Schacht & Mike Hanrahan has been installed.
  - Finished final clean-up of open space on Greenwood Drive and Nevers Park behind Rotary baseball field.
  - ♦ Completed the clearing of brush and deadwood beyond left field fence of Rotary baseball field and the western agricultural parcel at Nevers Park. Stump removal and general clean-up of the disturbed site still remains.
  - ♦ Completed picnic table restorations.
  - Refurbished stone dust trails at Nevers Park to repair annual winter damage.

Crew is busy working alongside operators from the Water Treatment Plant and Building Maintenance staff preparing Veterans Memorial Park for the 2017 swim season that starts Memorial Day weekend. Pools open on Sat., May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Projects:

- Kevin's This inclusive Kourt basketball feature soon to be added to MyFriend's Place playground continues to move forward at record pace, and is now fully funded primarily by private donations and a generous allocation of \$10,000 from the Town Council! Parts are in, site plans are finished compliments of Design Professionals, Inc in town with construction drawings courtesy of Jim Galey from Fuss & O'Neill. Our parks crew is proud to assist with this project. works begins May 1 with construction slated to start June 1. The anticipated dedication with Coach Kevin Ollie, head coach of the UConn Men's Basketball team is Friday, June 16th at 3pm.
- Completed the fence project by the stadium at the high school. Our crew hung 86 acoustic panels with over 5,000 stainless steel zip ties to create the 504 foot long privacy buffer for the abutting neighbors.
- Continued preliminary planning and work on the rehabilitation of My Friend's Place playground in

- preparation of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in June.
- Began restoration of our Bobcat and trim mower trailers.

#### Other

 Continue to assist DPW with leaf composting operation





New entrance sign to Rotary Pavilion



Property line fence project under construction at the high school stadium



High Five! SWPRD 2nd Runner Up in the Summer Camp category





Crew begins pool cleaning at VMP







33rd Fishing Derby snap shots! Each participant was given a seedling to take home and plant in honor of Earth Day which just happened to fall on derby day this year!





46th Annual Egg Hunt Highlight photos





### May 2017 Town Council Meetings and Events

### **Meetings**

Monday, May 1, 2017 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting Council Chambers

Monday, May 8, 2017 (Tentative) 7:00 p.m. Special Meeting Set Board of Education Budget Council Chambers

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 (Tentative)

**6:00 p.m. Joint Work Session for General Gov't Budget & Board of Education Budget** *TE Middle School—Rm Alt 6* 

Monday, May 15, 2017
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Set Board of Education Budget
Set General Government Budget
Set Mill Rate
Appoint Rate Maker
Council Chambers
Deadline for Adoption of Board of Education Budget

<u>Monday, May 22, 2017</u>

Deadline for Adoption of General Government Budget

### Holidays

Monday, May 29, 2017

Town Offices Will Be Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Layout by Ashley Booth, Executive Secretary to the Town Manager

