

Town of South Windsor

Town Manager's Report May 2021

Michael Maniscalco
Town Manager



COVID-19 Update

I will have updated numbers on infection rates and vaccinations for the night of the meeting. The CDC announced that it is now safe for vaccinated individuals to meet without masks outside in small groups. Masks are still required for safe interactions indoors. The Town is continuing to offer vaccination clinics once and sometimes twice a week.

Reopening

Town Staff have been hard at work moving forward plans for the safe reopening of Town Hall and the other community buildings. In terms of Town Hall, starting on May 19th the building will be open for the public to enter. All public will be required to wear a mask, answer COVID-19 screening questions, provide contact tracing information, have their temperature taken, and practice social distancing. No one from the public will be allowed to wander the building, and they will be escorted from a waiting area to departments and then out of the building once they complete their work.

Economic Development

I am pleased to welcome HarborChase to the South Windsor Community. It was very exciting to have the opportunity to do a ribbon cutting again, and it was even more exciting to do so at such a great assisted living and memory care facility. Construction has started at COSTCO and Windsor Federal Bank and is well underway. There is a proposal for the Geissler's re-development and a site plan proposal for the Evergreen Walk Grocery Store in front of Planning and Zoning.

Summer In-House Paving

The Department of Public Works has released its summer in-house paving list which includes: Wood Pond Road, Tallwood Road, Wild Rose Drive, Nutmeg Road South, South Satellite Road, Quarry Brook Drive, Evergreen Lane, Sycamore Road, Beechnut Lane and possibly Ident Road. We are also working through some final State approvals for the 5th phase of Avery Street, and the Town has been working on identifying/obtaining temporary rights of way in order to move forward with the Main Street Bridge replacement.

Town Hall Elevator Replacement Project

The Town and contractors have been working on the elevator replacement at Town Hall as well as the creation of a permanent ramp in the front of Town Hall. To date, the ramp is almost complete except some punch list items. The old elevator has been removed, and the elevator shaft has been demolished and rebuilt. The new elevator equipment has been on order for a while, and it is expected to take a few more months before it is completely built and delivered for installation.



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Monthly Statistics March 2021:

Each month we publish the totals of some of our more common calls for service. We continue to see some minor fluctuations in activity levels as school schedules change and COVID trends shift. Patrol staff continue to proactively check businesses and facilities whose schedules and business models have been impact by the public health crisis :

Total Computer Aided Dispatch Entries:	2,192
9-1-1 Calls Received:	638
Routine Calls Received/Outgoing:	4,232
Directed Patrol/Premise Checks:	959
Motor Vehicle Stops:	186
Medical Assists/Emot.Dist. Persons:	118
Suspicious:	77
Alarms:	93
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	22
Welfare Check:	31
Assist Outside Agency:	19
Animal Problem:	32
Citizen Assist:	20
Miscellaneous Service:	3
Collision Reports:	21
BOLO:	23
Disabled Motor Vehicle:	37
Larceny - Motor Vehicle	3
Larceny:	25
Hazardous Conditions:	22
Pistol Permits:	23
Burglary - Motor Vehicle	7
Civil Matter:	4
911 Check:	4
Fraud:	16
Domestic Dispute:	10
Narcotics Violation:	4
Violation of Town Ordinance:	5
Youth Problem:	7

COVID 19 Update:

As the State cautiously creeps towards re-opening, COVID numbers continue to exist at a manageable level. Vaccinations are on the increase in the community and we remain cautiously insulated

from any widespread outbreaks within our ranks and within the town. Different members of the community have different levels of apparent concern and, as an agency, we continue to respond to all complaints regardless of their nature and COVID status.

As a town, we continue to enjoy large scale voluntary compliance from the public with regards to COVID precautions and restrictions.

Personnel and Recruiting Status:

The strength of the South Windsor Police Department always has been, and continues to be, the staff who keep things moving day in and day out. Ofc. Kyle Kolcharno's basic training continues at the Academy facility in Meriden and Dispatcher Ryan Fraley is well into his field training program and is progressing nicely. Officer Cosenza and K-9 Mason continue to report daily to the State Police K-9 training program.

The month of April brought with it several promotions and assignment changes catalyzed by Deputy Chief Eckblom's promotion in January. The following promotions went into effect during the month of April:

- Christopher Duchesne was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.
- David Gesualdi was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.
- Christopher Poehnert was promoted to the rank of Corporal.
- Joseph Futtner was promoted to the rank of Corporal.

The above promotions also created the following assignment changes:

- Lt. Christopher Duchesne was transferred

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from supervising the Traffic Unit to commanding the Operations Division.

- Lt. Buonanducci was transferred from commanding the Operations Division to commanding the Support Services Division.
- Sgt. Mark Halibozek was transferred from Patrol (Evening Shift) to supervising the Traffic Unit.
- Sgt. Gesualdi was transferred from the Investigations Unit to Patrol (Evening Shift).
- Corporal Futtner was transferred from Patrol to the Investigations Unit.

We have begun accepting applications for our two current vacancies.

The month of called for recognition of our Public Safety Dispatchers during National Telecommunicator Week and Administrative Office Administrator on National Administrative Professionals Day. The dedication and unrelenting effort by these individuals plays an integral role in the success of this agency.

Local and National Social Justice Movements:

The South Windsor Police Department remains strongly opposed to racism and biased policing. It continues to serve the public with the element of its mission to "Respect the Rights of Individuals" in mind.

This month the trial of Derek Chauvin concluded and he was found guilty on all counts of killing George Floyd in May of 2020. During the trial and jury deliberation, the police department monitored national and regional intelligence bulletins from the FBI that highlighted the potential for unrest. To date, there has been no

intelligence indicating any events of unrest in Connecticut.

As an agency, and as a profession, we continue to stand ready to engage in crucial conversations to make meaningful change that enhances the world that we live in.

Community Activities and Support from our Citizens:

As has been the case in previous months, the public health crisis continues to impact our ability to host and be involved in various community policing events. Despite this impact, we continue to seek out ways to engage the community both in person and virtually.

Sgt. Diaz directed a drug take back day on Saturday April 24, 2021. This event occurred on the same day in locations all over the country and aims to reduce the presence of unused, unneeded, or expired medication and narcotics in people's homes.

The department continues to benefit from regular gestures of support from the community.

Traffic Safety:

As the COVID environment has reduced the number of daily travelers, we continue to see some high risk behaviors from the motoring public. Our Traffic Unit continues to exercise the "3 E's" of Engineering, Enforcement, and Education as we address complaints ranging from speed to Commercial Vehicle travel. We continue to work in partnership with the Office of the State Traffic Authority to address traffic proposals, and projects.

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Department members continue to work with relevant stakeholders to address traffic related complaints throughout town specifically on Laurel Street and Chapel Road.

Members of the Department's Traffic Unit have been working overtime under a CT DOT grant to enforce distracted driving violations. This initiative will continue until it dovetails with similar grants aimed at combatting seat belt compliance and other problem driving behaviors.

Police command staff members continue to work with school officials to address traffic congestion issues at Pleasant Valley School during student arrival and dismissal.

Distracted driving and driving under the influence continue to be issues that put the motoring public at risk. We continue to employ the belief that high visibility patrols and frequent motor vehicle stops serve to encourage safe and legal motor vehicle practices. Agency personnel remain busy trying to enforce motor vehicle laws while the police department works with Town Highway and Engineering to make sure the roads are well designed, appropriately marked, and optimal for motorist safety.

Police Activity and Significant Events:

The South Windsor Police Department remains active and dedicated to the traditional law enforcement function by responding to the Public's Needs despite our staff having approximately 200 contacts with known COVID positive individuals.

During the month of April, Chief Lindstrom and Deputy Chief Eckblom participated in the Town

Manager's presentation of the Police Department Budget presentation to the Town Council.

In addition, Chief Lindstrom met with the State's Attorney for the Hartford Judicial District and other area Chiefs about possibly starting an investigative task force to combat human trafficking.

The Chief and Deputy Chief continue to plan for significant site improvements to the police department campus. A perimeter fence and the renovation of parts of the bottom floor of headquarters to accommodate an expansion to the women's locker room are among front burner projects for which planning is well underway.

The month of April saw two search warrants get served for unrelated cases. One of them yielded over 4 pounds of marijuana, approximately \$14,000 in cash, and approximately 20 firearms. The second warrant was pursuant to a domestic violence complaint and this search led to the seizure of several firearms. Both warrants were served with no use of force.

Unlocked Car Burglaries & Car Thefts (cont. from last month):

This has become a constant reminder over the past couple years, everyone needs to lock their cars. Despite what you may read on social media, these are not "break-ins" or "hotwired" cars. Historically, the frequency of these incidents increases as the weather improves. In most cases these cars are left unlocked with a key or key fob in it. Often people forget that new cars come with a spare key/keyfob and leave it in the glove compartment.

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Most of Connecticut continues to experience car burglaries and car thefts. The towns of Vernon, Tolland and Stafford have been the latest target for these groups of car burglars.

This is not a new problem; however with the increase in “push button start” cars, people have a tendency to leave the fob in the car. This makes it very easy for the youths to find a car to take. Locking the car is the answer; none of the stolen cars had windows smashed or were jimmied open. The crimes are generally being committed by groups of juveniles who arrive in a neighborhood in a stolen car overnight, try door handles and enter unlocked cars. If an unlocked car is found they look for keys or key fobs to take the car, or steal valuables located inside the vehicle. The stolen cars are generally used to “joyride” and are frequently recovered in Hartford or nearby once they run out of gas.

The activity seems to be increasing due to several recent factors:

Current legislation aimed at not stigmatizing juveniles for crimes they have committed offers few, if any, consequences if they are caught. Moreover, the law was changed prohibiting police from chasing cars except in extremely serious, physical injury crimes. These factors taken together embolden the would-be car thieves and they have very little, if any, concern about the consequences of being caught.

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

Never too early to prepare for an emergency (cont. from last month):

The message below has been a frequent post on Facebook and in this monthly report. As we look to recover from COVID-19 as a community and prepare for the “second wave” in the fall, I hope that our citizens will think about all-hazard preparations.

The Ready.gov webpage has great information pages on preparation for natural disasters, severe weather, and active shooters. Please share with friends and family that may rely on you in a severe weather event, or have questions about how to react to an active shooter event.

We have had our share of severe weather in Connecticut and now is a good time to review your plan to protect yourself and your family.

<https://www.ready.gov/>

Follow us on Social Media:

We continue to have a strong presence on Social Media and update our citizens on all kinds of activity. Our Facebook page and Twitter feed are also displayed on our webpage <https://www.southwindsor.org/police>. We encourage everyone to follow us and share information with friends and family.

Facebook: South Windsor Police Department
Twitter: @SWPD_PIO

Public Works Department

Street Services

Street Services performed milling, paving and curbing on some of the worst areas on a number of town roads. This work removed problem areas and improved drivability. Sections of Birch Hill Drive, Ayers Road, Governors Highway and Clark Street were the targets for this treatment. This will increase the overall longevity of these roads until they are slated to be resurfaced.

Streets crews installed conduit between the Annex and Town Hall for future communication needs, at the request of Building Maintenance.

Crack sealing has begun on approximately 17 miles of town roads. This treatment is used on newer roads and roads that have moderate cracking to prevent water infiltration under the road surface. Keeping water from penetrating our roads minimizes damage from freeze/thaw cycles that will lead to potholes if left untreated.



The department assisted the Parks Department with the removal of the pool covers at Veterans Memorial Park.

Crews have been prepping the landscape at Veterans Memorial Park in advance of the

installation of conduit for the new communications tower.

Drainage work continues on several town streets and the Police department for repaving later in the season. As part of the work, crews have been working to restore lawns damaged by the projects.

Streets maintainers are working to restore crosswalks and stops bars on the roads that were milled and paved. Later in the spring, centerlines and edge lines will also be restored once chip sealing on some of these roads are complete.

The street sweeping program is currently on pause as work is being done on the sweeper. We hope that we will be back on track in the next three weeks. All town buildings and schools as well as two of the four districts have gotten one pass. As we were able to get an early start, this setback should not impact the overall program.

The sign shop replaced 32 regulatory and warning signs at various locations during the month. The shop installed a new stop sign at an uncontrolled intersection at the request of a resident and after approval of the LTA. Signs were also made in support of the new vaccination clinic location at Evergreen Walk.

Residents are encouraged to use Connect South Windsor to report hazards.

WWW.SOUTHWINDSOR.ORG/CONNECT or look for the app for iPhones and Androids.

Scott Yeomans
Associate Manager, Street Services

Finance Department

Mary Huda
Assessor

Patricia Perry
Director of Finance

Jennifer Hilinski-Shirley
Collector of Revenue

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Additional auto can bills were mailed the last week of April. They are due May 1, 2021. Failure to make payment by June 14, 2021 will result in the removal of the cart(s) and a \$35 fee per cart will be payable prior to return of the cart.

Tax time is upon us if you need 2020 tax information to complete your income tax return information is available on line <https://www.mytaxbill.org/inet/bill/home.do?town=southwindsor> or send an email to taxcollector@southwindsor-ct.gov, please allow 48 business hours for a response or schedule an appointment to purchase receipts at the cost of fifty cents per page, call 860-644-2511 ext. 321.

Our office encourages social distancing through the use of secure drop boxes which are located in the front drive way of Town Hall and mounted to the outside of the front entrance of Town Hall. Please note that the boxes are secure, emptied twice daily by staff and monitored by video. Our office is available to answer questions or schedule an appointment at Town Hall by calling 860-644-2511 extension 321 or emailing taxcollector@southwindsor-ct.gov.

Human Services Department

Andrea Cofrancesco
Director of Human Services

Adult & Senior Services

Reopening Plans

The Community Center will be reopening on Monday, May 3 for in-house programming for seniors. While we have offered appointment-based services such as the fitness center, foot care, therapeutic massage, hearing clinic and tax aid, we have not had anyone in our building for social programs since March 13, 2020. Our ever popular drive-thru events which have resulted in as many as 260 coming through, in addition to outdoor programs such as a picnic, concerts, parking lot bingo and social time have been offered to keep people engaged as much as possible throughout the pandemic. We are excited to have this next phase upon us! Kudos to staff for keeping things going in tough times!

Financial Assistance Programs

Caseworkers (Lindsey Ravalese (Assistant Director), Stephen Clapp and Susan Grundstrom) are assisting people with a variety of different financial programs. Property Tax Relief ends May 14, and only those who are new to the program need to apply this year, as the governor mandated that those who were on the program last year would get the same benefit this year. Renter's Rebate just started April 1 and this program ends in October. Energy Assistance has been extended due to COVID. Staff continues to meet with people for Medicare assistance and other programs related to financial assistance. This service did not stop during the entire pandemic, whether it be on the phone, as a drop off service, driveway visit or in person visit while social distancing. They have been creative in ways to service South Windsor residents and we thank them for this!

Food Bank Gardens

Danielle Bifolck and Susan Grundstrom of Human Services have been working with the Parks and Recreation Department and with Youth Service teens to clear the weeds and rejuvenate the Food Bank Garden. Parks and Rec. have generously donated a rain barrel, a composter and are providing us with mulch. Our goal is to create an organic garden to help supply the South Windsor Food Bank with fresh produce, but to also create a peaceful space for our seniors to enjoy. This will include adding flowers to attract bees, hummingbirds and butterflies, a hummingbird feeder, and enhance the stone labyrinth. We have been receiving guidance from an organic gardener who is also our local mail carrier! He will be visiting the garden on occasion to lend a hand and teach us some of his many gardening skills. We've included pictures of the first day we began clean-up and can't wait to show you the end result!



AARP Tax Aid Volunteers

11 volunteers assisted a total of 148 South Windsor residents with filing income tax this year. We wondered if it was going to happen, but with the leadership of Phil Medeiros, who has dedicated his time for many, many years, he pulled it off to provide a socially distanced service. We are very proud and grateful to have been able to offer this

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again despite the challenges we faced. Thank you to all!



Nursing Services Restart

For over 30 years (maybe longer!) the Visiting Nurse and Health Services of CT (VNHS) has provided a weekly nurse clinic at the Senior Center to talk with people about their general health, make doctor referrals and check blood pressure and blood sugars. Due to COVID, they eliminated this service and it has been hard to find an agency to offer this again. We are excited to say that Homecare VNA out of Hartford will be resuming this service, twice a month to start, at the same rate of pay that we were paying the VNHS. We are thrilled and can't wait for them to come on board in June!

The Senior Center Is On TikTok!

Who said seniors can't keep up with trends?! TikTok is a social media platform where people share a variety of videos 60 seconds or less long. We are going to be posting trendy dances, skits, and video/picture collages, showcasing our VIBRANT group of South Windsor Seniors!

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH OUR FIRST TIK TOK!](#)

Wellness Kits

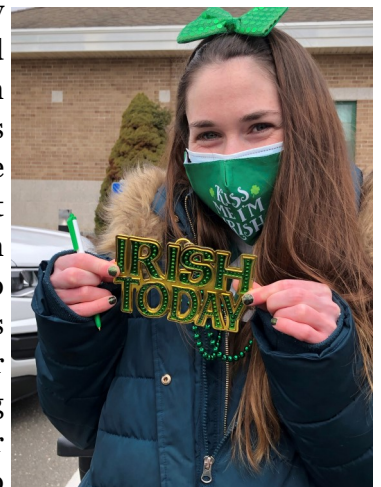
28 older adults received "Wellness Kits" consisting of adult coloring books and pencils, puzzle books, lip balm, fuzzy socks, soaps and more, to let them know we are thinking about them. A few opted to get a birdhouse and seed for their long-term

enjoyment. All items were paid for out of a CARES Act grant administered through the State Unit on Aging.



Program Coordinator Victoria Hellberg

Victoria Hellberg, a program coordinator here at the Senior Center, is moving on! She has gotten a position as Assistant Senior Center Director for the Berlin Senior Center after three years of dedicated service to South Windsor seniors. Victoria brought energy, positivity and creativity to her position here and has built relationships with many, many seniors. She has had amazing patience in teaching older adults how to use technology, she got the Senior Center on TikTok, and she also helped countless people get their COVID vaccine among other things. Her primary job was to



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plan trips for seniors but she embraced all activities here. We wish her luck in her new endeavor and know she will succeed! We will be looking to find someone to fill this vacancy as soon as possible.



Youth & Family Services

Teen Center

The Teen Center has updated their hours to accommodate to the new school schedule. We are now open for high school students on Monday & Thursday from 2-4pm, while the middle school hours are on Tuesday & Friday from 2:45-5pm. Space is limited, so we ask that you contact Danielle to reserve a spot.

Our staff have been working hard to implement new programs and engaging activities for our youth. We have a wide variety of games and crafts, so there is always something to participate in. Whether you want to play a game of pool or darts, or want to bring out your competitive side with Xbox and Wii games- this is the place to be. We recently celebrated the students' April vacation with a pizza party and ice-cream party during the week! Our students had fun tie-dying t-shirts, but were not so thrilled at how messy it was!



Our Youth Council members have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities that they've been able to participate in and will start within the next couple of months. We have begun to clean up the Food Bank Garden to prepare the beds for planting vegetables and other items, and are excited to see the turnout!



Youth Counseling, Parent Education and Support

We are currently seeing a Springtime uptick in referrals this month.

We currently have 48 active cases with weekly or bi-weekly sessions. Counselors are working with their clients on a variety of struggles including:

Youth that are impacted by parental substance use, impacted by trauma, struggling with anxiety, struggling with emotion regulation, struggling

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with the impact of divorce, struggling with the death or serious illness of a parent.

All of our clinicians will be a part of our summer programming in addition to meeting with their clients who wish to continue with counseling over the summer.

We received our first Juvenile Review Board referral for 2021. Youth Counselor, Virna Powell is coordinating the case.

School Outreach & Prevention

The SWHS Students Against Destructive Decisions "SADD" Club organized our first "Be The Light" Virtual 5K in April. We invited high school staff and students to register for the event and then walk or run at a place of their choice. We are thankful to everyone who participated and supported the SADD Club and our mission to encourage safe and healthy decisions. We raised \$345 for our annual SADD scholarship!

The TEMS "Be The Change Club - Outside Edition" started back up in April. During the last session of the club, we made bandanas for sheltered dogs and cats, created educational boards about animals, raised over \$600 for the Pajama Program for kids in foster care and made videos for the TETV News. This session will focus on helping the earth, planting a small garden, reducing waste in our school and having fun!



Parks & Recreation Department

Molly Keays
Director of Parks & Recreation

“Discover the Benefits!”

John Caldwell, Jr.
Parks Superintendent

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TBD
Asst. Director of Parks & Recreation

Park & Recreation Commission (PARC) – Commission will meet next on Wednesday, May 12, at 7:30 pm virtually via WebEx.

The South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways (SWW&WW) – On Monday, April 12, 2021, we met with Kevin Grindle of Anchor of Burton & Loguidice Co. at the Rotary Pavilion in Nevers Park to discuss the Crosstown trail. Kevin went over the topography maps of the corridor, and we discussed our next phase in the planning and design of the Crosstown trails. We will be walking the corridor to work on the alignment of the trail. SWW&WW also had a moonlight walk on Saturday, April 24, at Nevers Park. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5, at the Wapping facility.

RECREATION DIVISION

“Feel great – recreate!”

Egg Scramble –With our traditional, in-person Egg Hunt on hold again this year, we hosted an Egg Scramble for our 06074 community from March 25-April 4! We hid 600 plastic eggs throughout three Town Parks (Nevers Park Trails, Rye Street Park, and Wapping Parks & Recreation Facility Grounds), each with a small prize and a special QR code inside! QR codes were scanned to reveal possible winners, and out of 150 total possible winners, 124 winning eggs were redeemed for additional prizes!

Fishing Derby- The 36th Annual Fishing Derby was on Saturday, April 27, at Frazer Fir pond! The event had 214 total people attend over two sessions. The fish were active and biting! Thank you to The South Windsor Jaycees for sponsoring the event!

Preschool programs – Our spring session of preschool is in full swing! Our enrollment numbers increased wonderfully, and we have 65 unique children enrolled across 140 slots. Of those 65 unique children, 29 are brand new to our program as of this session! We are having lots of fun learning and playing together both inside and out!

Adult Softball- Our adult softball league is in full swing with practices that started on the week of April 19. We have six teams in each division, and they begin games on Monday, May 3.

Veteran's Memorial Pool- The covers came off at Veterans Memorial Park Pool on Wednesday, April 21, and the park's staff is working hard to get the pools ready for the summer season. Our 2021 Season begins on Saturday, May 29!

Wellness programs-This past month we have continued to offer our virtual yoga classes which we have continued to run throughout the pandemic. This past month we had a total of 53 students participating via zoom!

Our track club is in full swing for our K-8 graders and filled up within a week of opening! We have 50 participants who practice on Monday/Wednesday and will soon be competing in meets with other local towns.

Youth programs- Our final session of virtual art programs with Abrakadoodle Artsplash has begun. We currently have six students in the 3-5-year-old "Plug into your Imagination" class, and six students in the 5-12-year-old "Plug into your imagination"

class. These virtual classes were a blast, and we look forward to running them in person this Fall!

“Summer Happenings” – We have prepared and emailed our brochure for our summer 2021 programs! The brochure is still digital as our programs have been evolving with the COVID-19 pandemic. The brochure is available on our website and Facebook page! Our summer program registration begins on May 6.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

“Caring for South Windsor’s Growing Needs”

April Activity Highlights

Athletic Fields & Grounds:

- Baseball, Lacrosse, and Soccer are prepped, lined, and are ready to go! The smell of fresh-cut grass is in the air, and spring sports are in full swing.
- The Synthetic field at the high school was groomed, leveled, and the seams checked. We are working with some of the original field developers to resolve a few of the turf issues that are occurring. Some of the issues include the repair of several seams on the field that are under warranty. We will be adding some turf Enviro-fill infill to top-dress the field as well.
- We continued our aggressive overseeding program because a good stand of grass helps to keep weed pressure down on our fields.

Parks & Open Space:

- Serious tree work, including stump removal and grinding, continued to be an ongoing effort at multiple public grounds, parks, and open space sites.
- The area west of the Bark Park down to the trail outside the left-field corner of the Rotary baseball field at Nevers Park was cleared last season, and now has a new memorial Pin oak planted on it.
- Where conditions permitted, we continued early rough-cut mowing of open spaces and detention basins.

- Equipment adjustments and repairs were completed at My Friend’s Place Playground.
- The Fire Pit at Nevers Park was opened and tested for summer use.
- Stone dust paths at Little League Complex and trails at Nevers Park received much-needed attention.
- Avery and Deming Community Gardens are ready for spring planting! Some of the gardeners have already put some plants in the ground. The gardens are a huge success this year, with Avery gardens at capacity, and Deming is very close to being full.
- Water is back on at most of the parks, including the dog fountains at the Bark Park.
- Our Part-time grounds keeper continues to spruce up multiple locations with mulch and new plants.
- Our Parks crew continues to make our Town Parks, open space, athletic fields, and grounds looking fantastic.

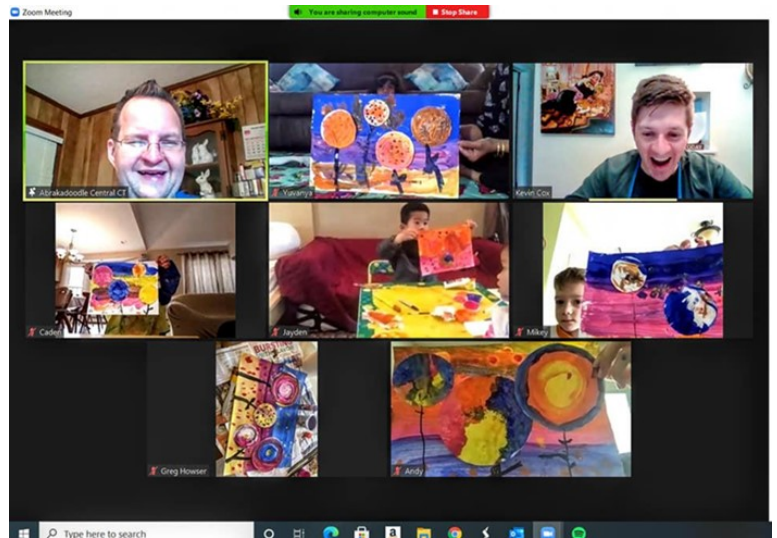
Projects:

- A large pipe project is complete behind Eli Terry school, as seen in the photos on page 16.
- With the Flyers club and Farmers Market location change approved by planning and Zoning, we plan on starting construction of two gravel roads into two of our existing Parks. The Flyers club will come in from Troy Rd and enter the back of John J. Mitchell fairground, also known as the Barton property. The Farmers Market will be located off of 220 Nevers Rd.
- We are working on the Priest property and 1355 Ellington Road to beautify the site and make it safer and easier to maintain. We are moving forward with a new parking lot on 1355 Ellington Road along with new trail access into the property.
- There's a possible project of a heart-shaped memorial patio with two magnolia trees and a granite or stone monument west of the Bark Park.

Recreation Photos:



Some excited 06074 friends who won prizes during our egg scramble!



Final session of virtual art programs with Abrakadoodle Artsplash!



The 36th annual Fishing Derby was a success! 214 people enjoyed catching fish and spending time with family and friends.

Recreation Photos:



Our preschool kids are ready for spring!



Left: Our preschool friends having a lot of fun getting messy and creative!

Right: Making new friends at preschool!



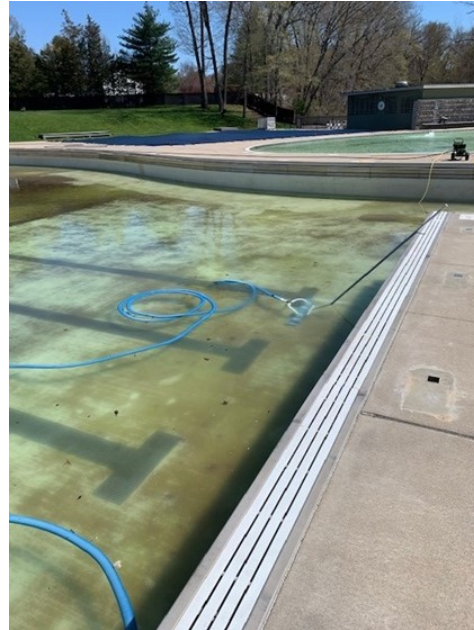
Parks Projects:



Parks Crew eliminated a large swale behind Eli Terry School to make a safer area behind the school. They added 120 of 18" ADS pipe, and 276 yards of material. They also regraded and seeded that space.



An Eagle Scout Project by Jacob Griswold. He did a Bridge repair and rebuild at Wapping Park!



The Parks crew removed the covers from VMP, and now the hard work starts! Mike Samsel , Rob Hunt and Rob Link scrubbed and vacuumed to remove the winter algae from the pool bottom of the large pool that holds 755,000 gallons of water. The floor of the pool is almost a half-acre!

May 2021 Town Council Meetings and Events

Meetings

Monday, May 3, 2021

7:00 pm Regular Meeting
Set Board of Education Budget
Set General Government Budget
Set Mill Rate
Appoint Rate Maker
Virtual Meeting

Monday, May 10, 2021

7:00 pm Special Meeting (only if needed)
Virtual Meeting

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Deadline for Adoption of Board of Education Budget

Monday, May 17 2021

7:00 pm Regular Meeting
Virtual Meeting

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Deadline for Adoption of General Government Budget

Holidays

Monday, May 31, 2021

Town Offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day

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