

Town of South Windsor

Town Manager's Report June 2018

*Matthew B. Galligan
Town Manager*



The Town Manager's Report will be given verbally at the June 4 Town Council meeting.

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Police Department

Timothy M. Edwards
Chief of Police

Open House at Headquarters Saturday, May 19th

As part of the Police Department's 50th Anniversary, we hosted an Open House on Saturday, May 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Despite the rainy weather, we had vintage police cars, a SWAT truck, Hartford police Dive Team boat, two Command Posts, and an ambulance to view. Staff members from various police units, SWAT officers, and ambulance staff had display booths in our training room. Officers led tours of the building and of our equipment including a cruiser, motorcycles and bicycles. We explained a lot of the equipment we use daily and answered questions. The event was very well attended and went past the planned 2:00 p.m. closing time. Pictures are on our Facebook page.

We were honored to receive a State of Connecticut Citation presented by State Rep. Tom Delnicki which is now on display in our lobby. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the event, and thank you for your continued support of our agency.



*State of CT Citation presented by
State Rep. Tom Delnicki*



*Vintage police car on display
at the Open House event*



Presentations at the Open House

Upcoming Events

Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run:

This year's Law Enforcement Torch Run will take place on Thursday, June 7th, 2018. The Torch Run runners will enter South Windsor from Manchester on Rt. 30 (Oakland Road) at approximately 1:00 p.m. From the town line the runners will continue to Fire Headquarters- Company One on Ellington Road. At the fire house there will be a thirty minute break then the runners will continue down Ellington Road/Rt. 30 to Chapel Road where the runners will take a right onto Chapel Road and will be picked up for a ride over the Bissell Bridge.

South Windsor Police to Participate in Click It or Ticket 2018:

The South Windsor Police Department and the Metro Traffic Services Regional Partnership will be participating in Connecticut's Spring Click It Or Ticket high visibility safety belt campaign. With the summer driving season upon us, Connecticut's law enforcement agencies intend to promote safe driving and increase the protection of all motorists. Law enforcement officials are out on Connecticut's roads enforcing the State Occupant Protection laws and issuing citations to those who are unbuckled. Between May 21st and June 3rd, officers will be conducting safety checkpoints. Funding for this effort has been provided through the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Metro Traffic Services is a regional

partnership for traffic safety which includes South Windsor, Manchester, Coventry, Enfield, East Windsor, Vernon, Glastonbury, and Windsor Locks.

SWPD and Office of Emergency Management

We continue to remind citizens on social media of the need to be prepared for weather related emergencies. We had a severe weather event in 2011 that left our town without power for days and in May; we saw Litchfield and Fairfield counties suffer the same fate.

We will continue to point people to www.Ready.gov for preparedness tips. The tropical storm season appears to have begun early this year and now is the time to get ready for severe weather events and consequences that come with them.

Regional Team Police Training in Town—May 2018

We were pleased to be able to host two regional training events in South Windsor in May. Thanks to the Town and to Dr. Carter, we were able to conduct training at the town-owned farmhouse on Avery Street and at the former Orchard Hill School. Our regional SWAT team; (C.R.E.S.T.), used the farmhouse for practicing building entries and the CREST team negotiators practiced face-to-face entry and negotiations at the school. Both training events were successful and allowed our officers to practice their skills in realistic settings and scenarios.

SWPD Military Veterans Raise Money for Veteran's Programs

On May 12th three SWPD military veterans; Lt. Glenn Buonanducci, Officer Tina Roy, and Officer Bill Eastwood, were up before the dawn for the Marine Corps League 22 kilometer Ruck March. This event brings awareness to veteran suicide and raises money for veteran programs.

South Windsor makes #100 in America's Safest Cities

A national survey by www.Safewise.com recognized South Windsor as #100 safest city in America. We join 4 other Connecticut towns in the top 100 (Darien, Ridgefield, Newtown, and Cheshire). We are proud to have made the list -our citizens are helping by locking cars, reporting suspicious incidents and being observant - it's a Team Effort!

Activity Statistics

This report was due prior to June 1st, so the activity report for May will be posted on Facebook and included in next month's report.

Scott P. Custer
Deputy Chief of Police

Public Works Department

Michael J. Gantick
Director of Public Works

Street Services

Crews finished drainage repairs on Avery St and will be on to Dart Hill Rd to begin work on drainage there. The work consists of catch basin repairs from the Vernon town line to Niederwerfer Rd. There appeared to be issues with storm water drainage pipes along this stretch following a camera inspection, but due to a closer inspection by DPW personnel, they determined the pipes are in good condition saving thousands in drainage repairs. Without this critical and conscientious last look, unnecessary work could have been performed.

Street sweeping continues town wide. There have been a couple of lost days due to repairs and maintenance, but we are on schedule.

Curb and lawn damage repairs are nearly completed. There are only a couple of driveway aprons to repair as well.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health has asked the South Windsor Public Works Department to present at an upcoming conference in September. The department has specifically been asked to discuss salt management during winter operations. South Windsor was the first department in the state to calibrate salt spreaders and monitor salt output during winter storms.

The department has trained several departments across the state on salt spreader calibration and presents that same training at

UConn's Technology Transfer Center Public Works Academy twice a year.

The sign shop has emblazoned 3 town vehicles during the month, fabricated signs for Public Works Week, and replaced several downed signs during the month.

The department welcomed Marco Mucciacciaro to the management team as the new Associate Manager of Street Services. Marco has previous experience in the field with Windsor DPW where he served as crew leader. In the short time he has been with us, he has demonstrated a real hands-on approach and is eager to get up to speed. We all look forward to working with him. Welcome Marco!

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The Public Works department celebrated Public Works Week, May 20-26, 2018. As part of this weeklong event, we hosted elementary school students from Eli Terry School at the Town Garage providing a chance to "Touch A Truck". In addition to that, we conducted a "Fill a Public Works Truck" food drive on May 26, 2018 at Geissler's Supermarket on Sullivan Ave. This first-time event was a great success. As of this writing, donations have yet to be calculated but safe to say we collected several large boxes (a truck load) and over \$300.00 in cash donations from our incredible residents. We would like to thank Dan Jacobson, Charles Marshall, Colin McQuaid, Douglas Parent and Saxon Marselli for selflessly donating their time to help make this event possible.



Scott Yeomans
Associate Manager



Public Buildings Division

Community Center Renovations

With exception to three smaller tasks, the majority of the construction projects in the building are complete. We are still waiting for two double hung windows to arrive; the windows will be installed in Room 214 on the east side of the room letting in plenty of natural light which the room would really benefit from. We are also trying to find new bricks that closely match the original color and style that was used during the construction of the building. This is proving to be a difficult task seeing how the building is almost thirty years old. Lastly, we are waiting for handrail samples from the manufacturer, the railings will be installed along one side of the hallway from one end of the building to the other. I am hopeful that these remaining items will be close to completion before the next Town Managers report is completed.

Phase II Fire Code Upgrades

There is no update on this project other than we are still waiting for the new fire rated doors to arrive from the manufacturer. The doors should arrive to the contractors site within the next two to three weeks. An installation schedule will worked out as soon as the doors arrive.

Highlights of Work Accomplished by the Building Maintenance Staff (April-May)

- Relocated and constructed AED unit stand at the Edward F. Havens S.W. Annex

- Opened VMP, Rotary Pavilion, Press Box, Little League Shack and Rye St. Concession Stand
- Installed Ethernet cabling at Police Department for computer networks
- Installed new window blinds in the new fitness center at the Community Center
- Refurbished men's and women's rooms at the Press Box by painting the walls and ceilings, trimming out the windows and ceilings, painted the doors and refinished the metal roll up food service door.
- Wrapped unfinished wood column roof supports at Rye St concession stand
- Installed new Tax Collector Drop Box in the upper driveway island
- Installed outdoor LED lights in the soffits of the Press Box
- Installed two new outdoor information boards at the Press Box
- Replaced burnt out lamps and ballasts at various locations
- Installed new Fire Department connection signs on all Public Buildings and Fire Departments
- Repaired lighting circuits for Memorial Wall at VMP
- Adjusted and repaired shelving, hung pictures and transported unwanted old furniture and cabinetry for disposal.

Contractor project work completed (April-May)

- Updated Building Automation software at the Police Department
- Added two new dedicated electrical circuits for fitness center equipment at the Community Center

- Installed new fiberglass pipe insulation on second floor mechanical room (see photo below)
- Repaired leaking intake louver at Library.
- Removed asbestos flooring in old maintenance Office at Town Hall
- Installed new LED parking lot light fixtures at the Library (photo below)
- Replaced two rusted unit heater covers in the entryway of Community Center
- Repaired roll up overhead doors at VMP and Town Garage
- Imperial Plumbing completed plumbing repairs at the Veterans Memorial park
- Installed larger hot water coil in Kitchen at Edward F Havens Jr., South Windsor Annex
- Reset leaning flagpole at Major Michael Donnelley Land Preserve
- Installed LED lighting for the Edward F Havens South Windsor Annex knee wall lettering
- Thermal imaged roof of Edward F. Havens S.W. Annex Roof (for warranty)
- Dzen Roofing completed minor roofing repairs on various Public Building roofs
- Vulcan Security Technologies installed new door hinges, mullion, exit device and key cylinder on the upper side entrance door at the Library
- Valley Communications programmed the phone systems speech recognition system for new employees at Town Hall
- Advanced Energy Management installed dimmable lights in the Dispatch Office at the Police Department
- Electrical Contractors Inc. installed Ethernet cabling for new workstations at the Town Garage
- Andrea Furniture Industries installed a new counter and swing door in the Assessor's Office (see photo below)
- Venture Communications installed a new outdoor surveillance camera to monitor Tax Collector's Office drop box.
- Cutting Edge Installations repaired areas of the epoxy floors in the women's room at the Veterans Memorial Park (see photo below)
- All Pro Painting painted the Men's and Women's Rooms in the Filter Building at Veterans Memorial Park
- Overhead Door Company replaced two rotted overhead garage door panels at the Town Garage
- Precision Mechanical Services replaced two original hot water boilers and storage tank that suddenly failed at the Police Department (see photos below).
- Precision Mechanical Services also replaced a heat pump at the Community Center that also failed suddenly due to its age.

Clay Major

Facilities Manager, Public Buildings Division

Project Photos



New counter and swing door in the Assessor's Office



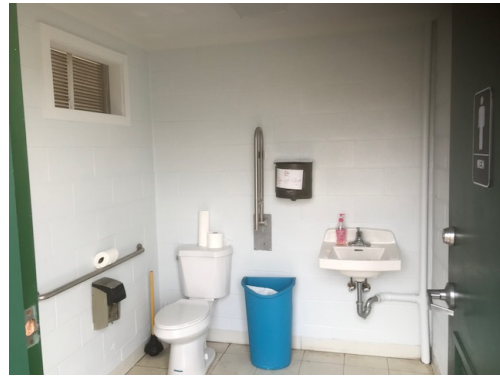
Old Boiler and Storage Tank at the Police Department



New Hot Water Boiler, Piping, and Storage Tank at the Police Department



Old and New Display Boards at the Press Box



Before and After Trim and Painting in the Bathrooms at the Press Box



Before and After Epoxy Floor repairs at VMP



Newly Insulated Cold Water Piping on Air Handling Unit at Town Hall



Mike Costa at Rye Street Concession Stand Fabricating PVC Trim to Wrap Exposed Wood Roof Support Columns



Electrical Contractors Inc. installing new LED Parking Lot Lights at the Library

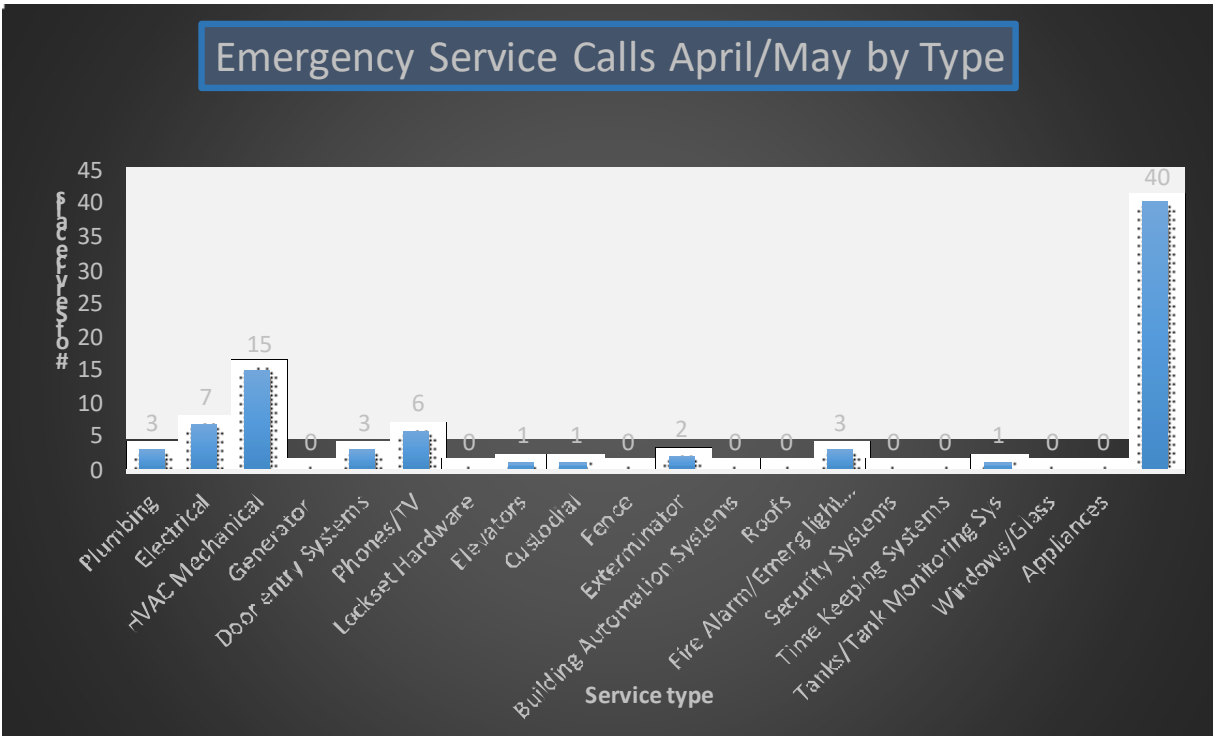
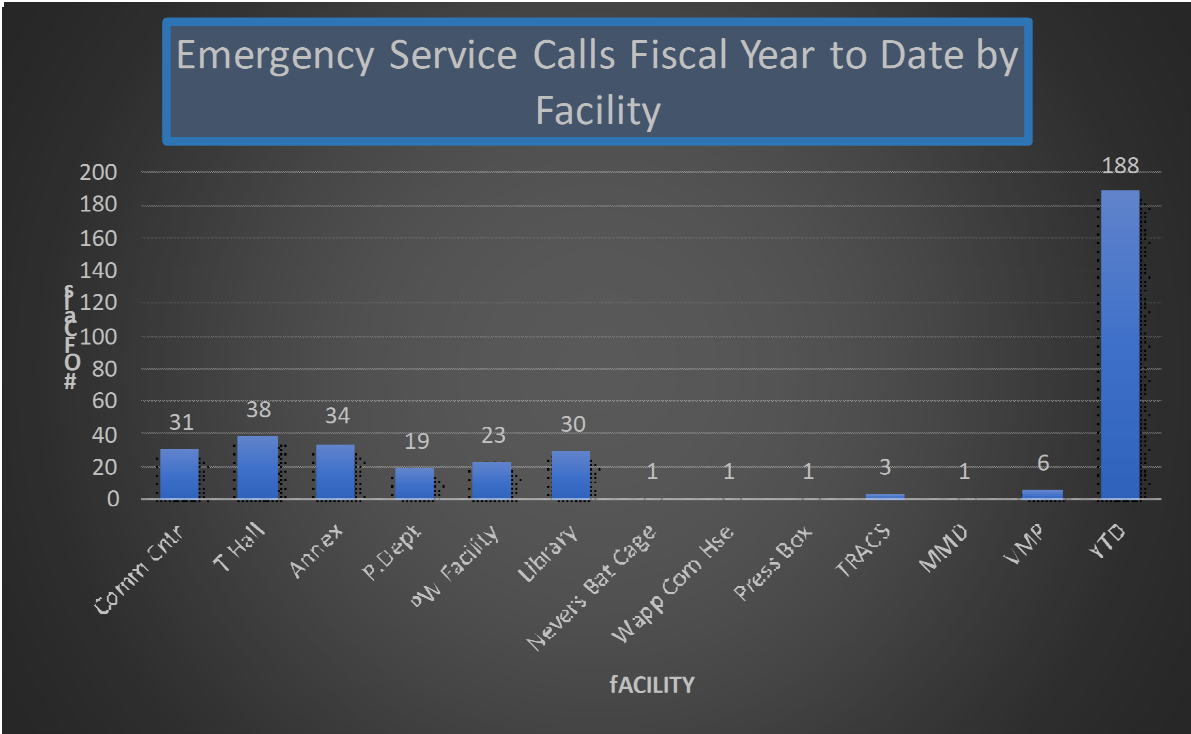


LED Soffit Fixtures at the Press Box



Replacement of several sidewalk slabs at the Community Center

Facility Asset Repair Metrics



Human Services Department

Andrea Cofrancesco
Director of Human Services

Adult and Senior Services

Garden Update

Adult and Senior Services recently received a \$2500 grant from Foodshare and an additional \$2500 from the MAX Challenge to fund materials used to make raised gardens to be used to grow vegetables for the individuals and families that utilize the food bank. We are super excited to be able to offer fresh, healthy and organic vegetables to residents with low income. We anticipate that we will get vegetables for a late summer harvest. Andy Paterna, a member of the Hunger Action Team, submitted the grant application and is working with a local boy scout to make the garden a reality as an Eagle project.

Food and Fuel Bank Supported by Community

The "Giving is Elementary" concert to benefit the Food and Fuel Bank was a huge success! Thanks to Mrs. Eileen Crawford and Ms. Genevieve Rose, instrumental music teachers for SW Public Schools, 120 students from all elementary schools, with several middle and high school students as helpers, drew a crowd of over 300 people to benefit the Food and Fuel Bank. Two trucks full of food and over \$200 in monetary donations were collected.

Fill a Public Works Truck event was another huge success, which town employees, schools and the community as a whole supported! Countless items were donated including paper goods, which is a necessity but something not

covered by the SNAP (food stamp) program. Thank you to Mike Gantick and his staff for their assistance in making our needs known to the community...as a result of their signage around town, it has brought the needs of the food bank to the attention of the community, with other food drives being held as a result!

These food drives came at a time when our food donations are low, summer is not far away and families will have more mouths to feed when school lets out. The South Windsor Food and Fuel Bank can only operate due to the generosity of the community. South Windsor is truly a great place to live where so many people help their neighbors through difficult times.



"Giving is Elementary" Concert



Mike Gantick stands near the full shelves of the food bank!

Property Tax Relief

Assistant Director of Adult and Senior Services Lindsey Ravalese and caseworkers Steve Clapp and Penny Shea worked hard to finalize 159 property tax relief applications for older adults and persons with disabilities. They contacted people by phone towards the end of the application period to be sure no one missed the opportunity to receive a reduction on their property taxes. This program is a two year program that helps people on fixed incomes. South Windsor residents are fortunate to have such caring and dedicated staff available to help meet their needs.

Community Center Improvements

We are almost done! The carpet in the lobby and hallways was installed, painting is completed and chairs have been repurposed (moved from one room to the lobby and reupholstered at a great cost!). People of all ages are coming in and commenting on how welcoming it is! Come on down and check it out!



FITNESS CENTER UPDATE

Our Fitness Center Open House is scheduled for Thursday, June 7 from 11-2 and 5-7. For the nominal fee of just \$75 per year (or \$10 per month), residents 55 and over can exercise with our brand-new, state of the art

equipment purchased with a large amount of funds from the South Windsor Community Foundation, \$2500 from the Max Challenge, and others. Total Fitness, the South Windsor business we purchased the items from, also donated the weight bench, a value of almost \$600. Susan Gouin, Program Coordinator and Certified Medical Exercise Specialist and Certified Personal Trainer will teach members of the Fitness Center on how to use the equipment and design an individual program to best meet their needs.



Outreach at Housing

Staff is once again reaching out to folks that live in senior housing to educate them on the services and programs available including financial assistance programs, transportation, trips and social events at the senior center, meal programs and much more! Lunches and socials are scheduled for June at Berry Patch, Hillcrest and Watson Farm.

MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM IS SAVED!

Older adults and persons with disabilities were anxiously waiting to find out if the Medicare Savings Program was going to be cut, reduced or saved. This provided a great deal of anxiety for people wondering if they were going to have enough money to pay for their medications, or if they had to choose between food or medications. After many anxious months of waiting to find out if the program will be cut, we are happy to announce our lawmakers saved the program! There will be no imminent cuts to the program so we can all rest easy for now and come together and celebrate the victory. We also want to thank our lawmakers for doing the right thing and funding the program for so many thousands of seniors in Connecticut. To thank Rep. Jeff Currey, Rep. Tom Delnicki and State Senator Tim Larson, we are providing refreshments to celebrate on Tuesday, June 26 at 11:30 AM at the Senior Center.

Adventure Club

Kayakers headed out on a recent 90 degree weather day to enjoy the CT River and a lesson on kayaking! The Adventure Club, which is celebrating its ONE year anniversary in July, has a ton of programs planned to meet the needs of the adventurer. Some upcoming programs include: Urban Adventure (taking the Fastrak bus into the city of Hartford for a walking tour), Rail Explorers, Hiking, Bicycling and dragon boating just to name a few! Who says senior centers are all about bingo?



Members of the Adventure Club

Youth and Family Services **May**



Please join me in congratulating our very own, Liane Lussier Smith, Teen Center Program Coordinator.

This month, Liane was awarded Field Instructor of the Year from University of Saint Joseph's Department of Social Work! This award recognizes Liane's outstanding service and dedication to the development of social work students. Below is Liane in the center with two of our current Saint Joseph interns, Jason Cerbone and Anna Chinsky.



This month, three of our JRB members attended the Connecticut Youth Services Association's Juvenile Review Board (JRB) Conference. Our Director, Liz, our Parent Educator/JRB Coordinator, Kelly and SWHS SRO, Ben learned a bunch to bring back to South Windsor. Juvenile Review Boards across the state of CT are working towards a more restorative framework that gives youth and opportunity to not only learn from their choices but to repair harm caused and put some good back out in to the world. Majority of Juvenile Review Boards are coordinated by their Youth Service Bureau.



Teen Center

The Teen Center Youth Council was busy giving back, planning and helping out during the month of May! Our group was energized while being a part of activities that expanded our awareness of various community issues and needs.

On May 9th, students joined with the SW Hunger Action Team to help serve a meal during the SNAP Dinner Experience. This informative evening helped the guests, as well as our students, learn more about the hunger needs right here in our town. Teens were happy to attend and even got some help from Mayor Anwar when serving dinner!

On May 15th, our group learned a little more about the SW Public Works Department and fulfilled one step of our ongoing commitment with the Adopt A Road Program to help clean up Ayers Road. We hope to expand our group clean-up efforts this summer and again in the fall.



Our group has also been planning ways to give thanks to a group from the high school, the Project Worth Young Adult Academy. This group helps the Teen Center tremendously with the bottle and can drive throughout the school year! Along with residents who drop off empty cans and bottles, the Project Worth Academy is a BIG reason why this drive is such a success.

Lastly, our group enjoyed hosting an End of the Year Celebration with two teachers and some students from SWHS who are either new to the Teen Center and/or seeking afterschool socialization opportunities. This event allowed for inclusive peer mentorships and supervised afterschool fun!



Parent Education and Support



On May 14th we invited Moving in Harmony, yoga instructors to provide family yoga for our families. The focus was on fun ways for families to find their strengths, increase joy and connection with others, and find ways to help reduce stress through yoga and play. The families enjoyed making up their own family crest using different yoga poses and the group enjoyed guessing which attributes represented the yoga poses. One mother stated “If anything, yoga with my child has reminded me not to take myself so seriously.”

We also started our 5 week Mother Daughter Circle Group. Group members learned about building safety, healthy communication, such as how to communicate under stress, building and deepening trust, meeting expectations and needs, and self-care were among the topics that were discussed. Families enjoyed role playing and learning these skills through different activities. Check out some of the fun that the families had.



During the week self-care was being taught families enjoyed decorating their self-care boxes and making slime and essential oil body scrub. We talked about the importance of taking care of yourself before you can take care of others. We used the life jacket analogy. Flight attendants teach that you put your life jacket and oxygen mask on first if there is an emergency before you help others. It is important for families to recognize that they matter, that your needs, wants and emotions matter.

During the month of May we also had 40 families participate in the Monday Morning Playgroup. The children enjoyed bubble play and stamp markers, and our roller coaster was a big hit with the littles.

School Outreach & Prevention

May was a busy month for School Outreach. We celebrated the Mentor program with a Picnic at the Rotary Pavilion on May 17th. Students and their mentors enjoyed an afternoon of activities and a shared lunch. We are truly thankful for all of our amazing mentors!

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) held their annual "Prom Promise Challenge". During lunch waves, they asked Juniors to sign a pledge encouraging them to make good choices during the prom weekend... and each and every day. Students who took the pledge and signed the banner were entered into a raffle for 2 free prom tickets! Additionally, they created a prom giveaway to remind their peers to make "Bright Decisions".



SADD students also sold and distributed graduation lawn signs as our main fundraiser. 100% of the proceeds are given back to the scholarship fund. Each year SADD awards scholarships to a number of seniors who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to the club throughout their high school career.

There are some great upcoming programs and events, please check out our Facebook page!
<https://www.facebook.com/SWYouthFamily>
or call Liz at 860-648-6361 x331 for more information .

Liz Langevin, LSMW



Parks & Recreation Department

Raymond Favreau
Director of Parks & Recreation

“Discover the Benefits!”

John Caldwell, Jr.
Superintendent of Parks

MONTHLY REPORT - June 4, 2018

Keri Apt
Asst. Director of Parks &
Recreation

Park & Recreation Commission (PARC)

– The next PARC meeting is Wednesday, June 13th at 7:30pm now in their new location in Room 14 at Wapping School, 91 Ayers Road. They have re-grouped and attendance has been supportive enough to roll-up the sleeves and dive into the Sustainable CT initiative and re-focus on their master plan!

The South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways (SWW&WW)

sub-committee meets next on Wed., June 6th at Wapping, Room 54. They have completed their investigation and submittals for the Sustainable CT initiative as requested. The 4th grade bicycle education program was completed at Orchard Hill and is currently in progress at Eli Terry. Members will be hosting CT Trails Day at the Michael Donnelley Preserve on Sun., June 3rd from 1-4pm with hikes and geocaching opportunities. This hard working group has successfully petitioned the CT Greenways Council with the DEEP to officially accept the Captain John Bissell Trail that runs along Chapel Road as a CT Designated Greenway! This can very well open the door for future funding to improve accessible biking in town. This significant milestone will be recognized at a state ceremony on Friday, June 1, 2018 at 10am at the Nathan Lester House in Ledyard, CT. If any Councilors would like to attend and join

representatives from SWW&WW, please let us know by Tues., May 29th. And, congratulations to committee chair Ginny Hole who was one of three community members to receive the prestigious BOE Eugene Policelli award for her unselfish volunteer work with the Boys Scouts, Junior Women's Club and SW Walk & Wheel Ways!

The South Windsor FOOD Alliance (SWFA)

– The annual summer Farmer's market opens on Sat., June 16th and runs every week from 10am to 1pm until Sept. 29th. Go to www.swfood.org for more details.

Like us on Facebook — We reached the 2,202 “likes” and followed by 2,251.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Raised Bill No. 5388 “An Act Concerning a Fair Minimum Wage” introduced by the Labor and Public Employee Committee failed to pass the General Assembly vote. The bill proposed a three-year phase-in as follows: \$12/hr. effective Jan. 1, 2019 ; \$13.50/hr. effective Jan. 1, 2020 ; \$15/hr. effective Jan. 1, 2021. We may have dodged a devastating bullet for now, but I am sure it will return next legislative session.

Special Invitation to Councilors – SAVE THE

DATES: **Mon., May 28th** visit the **Memorial Day celebration** that includes a parade that ends at VMP for the annual ceremony at 11am on the eagle patio. 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!"

4th R Before & After School Program – June enrollment across the four elementary schools is at 140 morning participants, 240 afternoon participants and 37 kids accommodated on Early Release Wednesdays to support the BOE professional development program.

The 4th "R" participated in "The Linus Project," which is an organization that collects blankets and donates them to local hospitals, shelters, and other places that may benefit from the blankets. The children worked to create fleece "tie blankets" and together we made 25 blankets to donate! See photos below.

PRS is ending their school year two days earlier than others to prepare for their temporary move to the old OH while their new school is under construction. We will offer a full-day program on June 19 & 20 at Wapping free of charge for all those currently enrolled in the 4th R and as an added convenience opened as a vacation day to all other families at PRS not enrolled in the 4th R that may need coverage. The cost for those will be our standard \$55/child/day.

Both Trailblazer Poker Ryed (misspelling intended!) scheduled for the Sat.,

May 12th on the new mountain bike trails at Rye Street Park from 9-11am, and the annual Armed Forces Day Picnic in the Park on Sat., May 19th were unfortunately cancelled due to very stubborn and uncooperative weather. The Poker Ryed has been rescheduled to Sat., Sept. 29th with a rain date of Sept. 30,

Trails for Charities Day – presented by SW PRD was held on Sun., May 20 and attracted 4 good size organizations to utilize the Nevers Park trail system to raise funds for their cause! At 9am the Journey Foundation's 5k run attracted over 150 runners ; the American Legion Auxiliary Unit kicked off their walk-a-thon at 10am followed by over 80 participants in the Run4Robin 5k run at 11am ; finishing with another walk-a-thon for the Alternating Hemiplegia of Childhood at 12pm with 25 participants. Kudos to Recreation Supervisor, Cheryl Gerber for orchestrating this annual event complete with professional timing system, inflatables for the kids and live music!

Wapping Re-Purposing – We are making good progress with Phase II. Room 33 has been painted, damaged ceiling tiles were replaced and it now sports a brand new vinyl tile floor. We have already booked a couple small birthday party rentals! Architectural plans are in the works for remodeling the Cafeteria to a Banquet facility. We are utilizing CRCOG's procurement program administered by the Gordian Group and have received a final quote of \$162,407 that includes A/C, new ceiling and LED lighting, new sheet rock walls, new floor, window shades, electrical upgrades and replacement doors. We hope to get this anticipated 6-8 week project approved and started by the end

of summer so we can begin booking functions for the Fall. Mini-split A/C unit installation in room 13 which houses 5 professional staff member offices is also a work in progress. Phase III calls for expanding parking.

PARKS DIVISION

“Caring for South Windsor’s Growing Needs”

May Activity Highlights:

Athletic Fields & Grounds:

- o Weekly athletic field preparations to accommodate the high school interscholastic program and local youth sports groups in full swing.
- o Attended to landscape beds, weeding, planting annuals and refreshing mulch.
- o Weather and conditions permitting we are still working on final “Spring Clean-up” of public grounds.
- o Continued planting annuals at landscape beds at town buildings.

Parks & Open Space:

- o Prepared the SW Fairgrounds (Barton Property) for Paws in the Park including aerating, mowing, laying out parking and vendor assignments and line painting.
- o Created a cricket field at the Barton Property by constructing a clay pitch and line painting the boundary lines with the help of two local cricket team members.
- o Worked closely with Pollution Control staff to finalize preparations of the pools at VMP for the upcoming swim season.
- o Prepared the mountain bike trails at Rye St. Park for the May 12th Poker Ryed.
- o Quickly reacted to concerns raised about the quality of the water supply at the Bark

Park by drawing samples and then having the water tested by two independent labs, shutting down the water temporarily and then re-opening the lines once the results came back with safe potable results.

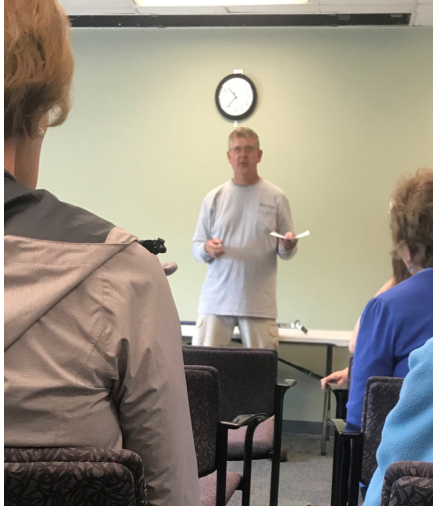
Projects:

- o Continued the process of replacing two gateway “Welcome” signs on Rt. 5.
- o Fortified the banks of the pond behind the filter building at VMP with rip-rap and concrete cloth and reinforced the chain link fence.

Other:

- o Nearly 100 people attended the regional tree demonstration successfully by John Caldwell and conducted by our tree contractor Distinctive Trees on May 3rd. In exchange for hosting the event to demonstrate their brand new equipment and techniques for more efficient tree removal, we receive free removal of nearly two dozen dead, diseased or hazardous trees from the Priest Property – a value of over \$12,000 in service and accomplishes continued site improvements in support of the SW Agriculture, Arts and Nature committee’s vision. Kudos John!
- o HazMat abatement and demo of the old farm house at the former Jones Property and now town-owned open space has been scheduled for June. The Police and Fire Departments will utilize the structure for some training exercises beforehand.
- o Transported bicycle trailer to and from Orchard Hill and Eli Terry schools in support of the 4th grade education program for the BOE phys. Ed. Dept. and SWW&WW.

Parks & Rec Pictures



Veteran parks crew member Steve Linton recently presented an informative session on maintaining your garden beds to the senior center



Welcome to SW Gateway sign restoration and installation on Rt.5



Construction of cricket pitch at the Barton property



Cricket pitch at Barton property—finished!



Satisfied cricket players with their brand new field!



Tree Demo on May 3rd at the Priest Property



Installation of concrete cloth erosion control at the back pond at VMP



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The participation is growing each year at Trails for Charity day. Over 380 participants raised money for 4 different charities over the course of the day at Nevers Parks trails.

June 2018 Town Council Meetings and Events

Meetings

Monday, June 4, 2018
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Council Chambers

Monday, June 18, 2018
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Council Chambers

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