

Town of South Windsor

Town Manager's Report June 2017

Matthew B. Galligan
Town Manager



Employee Retirement

Bonnie Rabin, our Collector of Revenue, has officially retired as of June 1. I want to wish Bonnie good health and happiness in her retirement and hope that she enjoy the fruits of her labor with her husband, daughter, and grandchildren. I did extend best wishes from the Town Council at a retirement party held here at the Town Hall on Tuesday during lunch.

Eversource

I want to inform the Council that Eversource will be going for Siting Council approval for a sound wall at Barber Hill substation. We have had various meetings between the residents and Eversource to reduce the noise level coming from the substation. They have come up with a design for a sound wall but they need approval from the Siting Council. They are hoping once they receive the approval that the wall should be finished by Spring 2018. I will keep you advised on the outcome.

RHS Plan

I will need an Executive Session on Monday night before you vote on the RHS Plan. Attorney Allan Friedland from Jackson Lewis would like to come and speak to the Council during this Executive Session. I have received an opinion from him as he is the one who had worked on the Plan documents when Judy

Hall was the Director of Human Resources. I would also like to discuss with you the importance of terminating this plan. I think it is important that we pay attention to what Attorney Friedland will be discussing as there were items that came to my attention for the first time during our recent conversations. He will be able to provide information on what transpired when the Plan was set up. I have also ran this issue by Attorney Bruce Barth at Robinson and Cole, and he is of the same opinion as Attorney Friedland.

On Thursday morning, I will be reviewing this issue with staff during a Staff Meeting, and Vanessa will be sending out letters to the retirees.

I will be appreciative if we go into Executive Session first before passing any resolution on the RHS plan.

Matthew B. Galligan
Town Manager

Police Department

Timothy M. Edwards
Chief of Police

Promotions and Transfers at South Windsor PD:

On Sunday, May 28, 2017 Corporal Matt Mainieri was promoted to the rank of Sergeant to fill the vacancy created by Sgt. Tina Ferrante's retirement. Sergeant Mainieri will complete supervisor training and then assume command of the Midnight Shift.

Officer Charlie Bowes and Officer Kyle Laporte were both promoted to Corporal to fill the vacant positions available. Corporal Bowes will remain in his position of C.A.L.E.A. Accreditation Manager. Corporal Laporte is currently assigned to the Traffic Division and is certified as a Fire Inspector.

Sergeant Brian Eckblom will be transferring from the Patrol Division to supervise the Youth and Victim Services unit. He will work closely with the schools and our S.R.O.'s, along with other duties related to victim advocacy and community outreach.

Corporal Mark Cleverdon was transferred from the Patrol Division to the Investigations Unit to fill Sgt. Mainieri's vacant investigator position.

Each of these officers earned their rank or assignment through competitive examinations and oral boards. They were selected due to

their excellent work ethic and dedication to duty.

We continue to work to hire officers and get closer to full staffing. Per the new budget we will have two open positions until January 2018 and we have several good candidates in the process that could be ready to hire at that time.

SWPD Officers Participate in Police Unity Tour:

Officer Tina Mazzocchi and Officer Joseph Futtner participated in the 2017 National Law Enforcement Memorial Police Unity Bike Tour. During this 250-mile bicycle event officers honor the memory of fallen officers who made the ultimate sacrifice and raise money for the national memorial. Both of our officers participated in a send-off ceremony at Hartford PD and began the trek to Washington D.C.

We send our thanks to everyone who sponsored our riders and made donations toward the Police Unity Tour and all the work the tour does to remember the officers killed in the line of duty each year. We would like to recognize the generous donations from Paul Cullen Allstate Insurance, Shea & Company Real Estate and Integrated Rehabilitation Services. Thank you all for your help and generosity.

**Mothers Against Drunk Driving
Recognition 2017:**

Officer Kevin Geraci and Officer Joe Futtner were among the honorees at the 2017 MADD Recognition Ceremony. Off. Geraci is one of just a few Drug Recognition Experts in Connecticut. His specialized training allows him to detect and identify those persons operating under the influence of drugs, which is not as easily identified as the drunk operator. Officer Futtner has had a consistent focus on motor vehicle enforcement and getting impaired operators off the road. We are proud of their commitment to highway safety.

Drug Takeback Day Success:

On May 1st we collected 542 pounds of unwanted medication at a Drug Takeback Day at headquarters. Over 120 cars attended this drive-up event. By getting unwanted medication out of your homes, we are reducing the risk of accidental ingestion or abuse. Disposing of the medication properly also keeps the medicine out of our waterways. Remember that we have a Drug "Drop Box" in our lobby which is open 24/7.

Public Works Department

Michael J. Gantick
Director of Public Works

Administration Updates

South Windsor hosted a "Snow Summit" on April 27 with over 90 Public Works Professionals from 25 towns from across the state, Representatives from the CT DOT and Mass DOT, and UCONN's Technology Transfer Center attending. Breakout sessions were held to discuss plow operations; Equipment; Coordinating Winter Snow Events; and Customer Service. It was a great opportunity for all of us to look for best practices by sharing and networking. There was great response from attendees with many looking at the "Snow Summit" as an annual gathering to continue the dialogue and information sharing. What was very apparent is that whether an attendee was from a small town or a large city or from the CT DOT or Mass DOT we all have similar experiences and challenges. Take-away highlights included providing more/better information to the public on expectations and how they can help us get the job done more effectively; the pros/cons of different road treatments; use of different plow blades and truck equipment; care and maintenance of equipment; use of contractors; using GPS; managing long snow events; dealing with private plow contractors (pushing snow into roads); and mailbox damage.

Eversource's contractor has completed the conversion of all street lights to LEDs. Several resident complaints relative to "light shining" into homes have been resolved. I did meet with an Eversource Rep and their contractor relative to some street light "orientation" issues (lights look like spot lights to oncoming traffic) and they are reviewing that matter presently.

Engineering Avery Heights Road and Drainage Improvements

Drainage work in Phase 2 of the Avery Heights roadway improvements is complete and road work is ongoing. Peach Tree Lane and Highview Road have new road base material and the binder course of pavement has been installed. Spazzarini construction is working on excavating the old road material, installing new road base and regrading the east side of Benedict Drive and Spruce Lane and plans to pave the binder course on these roads by the end of June. New curbs, the final course of pavement, replacing driveway aprons and lawn restoration in Phase 2 will follow this summer and fall. Spazzarini Construction will begin to replace the drainage pipes and structures in Phase 3 of the Avery Heights road and drainage improvements in June and continue through the summer. Phase 3 includes the west side of Benedict Drive, the North side of Pine Tree

Lane, Manor Lane and Raymond Road, All work in Phase 2 and most if not all work in Phase 3 will be completed in the fall.

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

The Town has awarded the reconstruction of Avery Street between Gray Road and Orchard Hill Road (Phase 2) to Nunes Connecticut. This project includes new storm water drainage pipes and structures, road base, pavement, curb and concrete sidewalks on the west side of the road. Tree clearing has begun and drainage work is scheduled to begin in June. Road work will continue through the summer and fall and be finished by December.

Local Roads Repaving 2017

Work has begun to replace catch basin tops and make minor drainage repairs on 6 local roads that will be milled and repaved in 2017. These roads include Pine Knob Drive, Pine Knob Circle, Pam Lane, Roy Road, Spinners Run and Northview Drive. All these roads, except Northview Drive are scheduled to be milled and repaved in June. Drainage repairs and milling and paving on Northview Drive are scheduled for August.

Sidewalk Repairs

We have developed a plan to repair the worst sidewalk defects that have been reported using the \$20,000 appropriated by the Town Council. The first phase will be to raise sidewalk slabs to remove trip hazards using mud jacking. A contractor selected through a competitive bid process will drill 4 holes in

each sidewalk slab to be raised and pump cement grout under the sidewalk to raise the slab and align it with neighboring slabs. The holes are then patched with cement. This process is expected to cost half what it cost to remove and replace sidewalk slabs and we are doing this first to stretch the limited funds available and fix as many sidewalk defects as possible. This work is expected to begin this summer. The second phase is to hire a contractor through a competitive bid process to replace slabs that are broken, or significantly heaved, by tree roots for example. This will also be done this summer. However, this work will not fix all the sidewalk defects in South Windsor. The list of sidewalks in Town that need to be replaced or repaired has grown to over \$150,000 in estimated cost. Some residents have called multiple times to ask when sidewalks in front of their property will be repaired. 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 receive complaints with bright pink paint to alert pedestrians of these hazards until there is sufficient funding to repair all the sidewalk defects.

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 the new 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 are also responding to comments from ConnDOT on the traffic signals upgrades. Easements are needed on a few properties for these sidewalks.

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

Fleet Services continue to perform routine maintenance on town owned vehicles per our schedule. The mechanics also performed several emergency calls for services required on town equipment and vehicles.

We have begun to re-power the John Deere backhoe. This requires us to replace not only the motor but also a myriad of hoses and wiring on the machine. This has been made much easier with the motor out of the backhoe and will minimize future downtime as well as increase durability in the long run.

The mechanics also refurbished two Parks Department trailers. One trailer required the rear gates to be replaced and the other trailer needed all wiring redone. They also finished working on one of the 6 wheeled dump trucks that needed a turbo replaced.

We as a group are very proud that Charles Marshall, Master Mechanic, was selected as one of the Department of Public Works Richard Boudreault Award winners for 2017.

Leon Clough
Fleet Services Manager

Street Services

During the month, our crews have been busy making drainage repairs on roads that will soon be milled and paved. Part of this work includes addressing root issues within the drainage pipes in some areas discovered during pipe inspections. These invasive roots can and will cause drainage issues if not removed. This required us to bring in a "rooting" contractor to saw cut the roots within the drainage pipes. The contractor sends a water powered, water driven saw down the pipe to cut the roots. Once again, the Water Pollution Control team supported our efforts using their camera to watch the progress of the saw to avoid damage to the pipe or the equipment.

The annual street sweeping program is nearly complete and will be finished by the end of this month.

We have been finishing up curb and lawn damage from the winter as well as the never ending task of pothole patching.

Our tree contractor removed a tree on Griffin Road which had been causing the sidewalk to push up and which created a serious tripping hazard. Once the tree was taken down, our crews removed the broken sidewalk panels. The contractor ground the stump down and our crews paved the area until permanent repairs can be made.

We assisted with two events in town by installing barriers and no parking signs for the "Evening in the Park" and the "CREC School Open House".

We are continuing the process of cleaning sedimentation structures in our storm water system to achieve compliance with our MS4 storm water permit. Our catch basin cleaning contractor will be coming in the first week of June to begin their work assisting in the cleaning of our catch basins.

We had our crews mow, patch and sweep the parade route for the upcoming Memorial Day parade.

Work continues at the pond on Krawski Drive. Our tree contractor removed several trees from the face of the flood wall. This is necessary to maintain the integrity of our flood prevention structures.

Beavers continue to plague us in several areas in town. We have been working with DEEP to

establish a control plan. One area of note has finally been remedied. There has been an ongoing issue at the Lawrence Road Park which has caused issues for nearby homeowners. Thankfully that beaver issue has been eliminated and water flows as designed.

As the week of May 21-27, 2017 is Public Works Week, we will be hosting an Open House for some eager visitors from the Orchard Hill Elementary School on Friday May 26th. These welcome guests will tour the town garage facility, view some operations on the site and have close up looks at some of our equipment before travelling to the Water Pollution Control Facility to learn about the towns waste water operations.

Scott Yeomans
Associate Manager

Public Buildings Division
Phone System Replacements Police Department and Community Center

Scott, Lance and I have meetings scheduled with two Electrical Contractors next week to review the Ethernet cable installations at the Police Department and Community Center. Depending on the contractors schedule we hope to be able to start installing upgraded cabling early next Fiscal year. This project is expected to take about three months. The phones system installations themselves are now on hold. Since the pilot phone system was installed at the Annex we come across a few issues that the vendor is unable to correct. I will be asking the Town Attorney to look at the contracts we have in place for the

Community Center and Police Department to see if there is a way to get out of these contracts. Scott, Lance and I have spoken with AT&T regarding their VIOP phone systems and found that their systems offer proven business continuity and disaster recovery solutions, which are obviously a critical part of any business phone system.

Phase II Fire Code Upgrades at Town Hall

The Fire Marshal and I met with DRA associated to finalize the plans for the work. Once plans are completed, we will submit them to the Building Department for review. Preliminary proposals have been received and we have a tentative start date for the end of June. The second floor ceiling and lighting will be the first things to be replaced. I will be soliciting proposals in the next couple weeks for the remaining work. That work includes a new fire alarm system, emergency lights and exits signs, and making an area of refuge on the second floor. Assuming no (more) delays, this project is expected to take three to four months to complete.

Assessors Office Carpet and Paint

My staff recently repainted all the walls in the office, new carpet has been selected and will be installed early next F/Y.

Town Managers Office Renovation

I have met with the contractors, reviewed the work and received proposals. This work should also start sometime around the end of June. The work consists of installing a large bankers window off the hall, removing all of

the furniture for new carpet and paint, relocating the door going into the caucus room from inside the Manager's office, replacing cubicle wall panels, installing a new lighting and ceiling tiles in the caucus room, running new electrical and data wiring and installing door access controls on the main door into the manager's office and caucus room. The work is expected to take about three weekends to complete.

Other Projects Completed since the last report

- Removed and replaced nine old sinks and faucets in the Town Hall
- Two additional surveillance cameras were installed on light poles in the front parking lot of the Garage
- Upgraded all interior and exterior lighting at Rye St
- Upgraded all interior lighting in bathrooms at VMP
- Replaced rotted siding at VMP
- Scraped and painted front side of Shower building at VMP
- De-winterized all seasonal sites
- Repaired epoxy floors in main and filter building at VMP
- Installed a sample LED parking lot fixture at the Police Department to determine if the type of light and light spread would be adequate for the Police Department's needs. As it turned out it worked as designed. I am planning to upgrade all interior and exterior lighting at the facility in Fiscal Year 2017/2018. Other sites will also be looked at for upgrades next Fiscal Year

- Repaired the rubber roof on the Guard Shack at VMP. The roof leak caused damage to large area of the ceiling inside the room. We removed the damaged sheetrock, taped and repainted the entire ceiling.
- Repainted men's and women's shower rooms at VMP

Clay Major
Facilities Manager
Public Buildings Division



Human Services Department

Adult & Senior Services

Andrea Cofrancesco, Director of Adult and Senior Services



Triad Celebrates 10 Years: 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. Created in May 2007, the Triad just celebrated 10 years of programs. Mayor Carolyn Mirek and State Rep Tom Delnicki both presented the Triad with a proclamation/citation.

Highlights of the Triad:

- Collected 6,235 pounds of unwanted medications
- Offered health and safety fair with 1200 flu shots provided over the years
- Registered over 125 people for the Yellow Dot program (a file of life for your car)
- Shredding events held annually with over 150 cars each year coming through!
- Tours of Safety Services offered



- Educational programs on: Elder Abuse, Internet Safety, Emergency Preparedness, Scams and Fraud, CarFit and HomeFit programs and more!



Triad Collects 600 pounds of Drugs!

A total of 600 pounds of drugs was collected at our most recent Drug Take Back Day, totaling over 6,235 pounds collected in fourteen (14) days since September 2010 when this program was created. That's a lot of unwanted medications disposed of properly, thereby keeping them out of our water and out of the hands of children and grandchildren!

**Property Tax Relief Program Ends**

Caseworkers in the Adult and Senior Services Division of Human Services assisted 127 people with their applications for the Property Tax Relief program. This gives staff an opportunity to screen residents for other programs they may qualify for and to inform them of the services offered by the department.

Volunteers Honored

The South Windsor Human Services Department honored our 250 volunteers in a variety of programs including meals on wheels, food bank, friendly shoppers, telephone reassurance, activities assistants, community service group, readers, youth council and much more. Over 100 volunteers showed up for our breakfast, catered by

Chartwell Food Services to celebrate National Volunteer Month and for staff to show appreciation for all they do for our department and for South Windsor residents. We simply could not provide the programs and services we do without their help.

Cookies Delivered to Homebound Seniors and Persons with Disabilities


On May 1st, in celebration of spring, 30 homebound residents received a package of homebaked goodies along with a bouquet of flowers to let them know that they are thought of and to provide a little cheer! Volunteers in our community service group baked the goodies and assembled the packages. One recipient came back from 6 hours of chemotherapy to the goodies and flowers and it made her day!

**Friends of the SW Senior Center****Update and Clothing Drive a Success!**

For the second time, Friends of the SW Senior Center held a clothing drive for Savers in order to raise funds for building enhancements. Four buses were filled to the brim and almost \$900 was raised! This,

combined with several other fundraisers over the past year, has surpassed our goal of raising \$20,000 so we have upped our goal to \$30,000! We'll get there, thanks to the generosity of so many!



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Youth & Family Services

Elizabeth Langevin, Director of Youth and Family Services



Teen Center

Four members of the Teen Center Youth Council attended Youth Service Bureau Day at the Capitol on May 3. Joining with other high school students from across the state, our group learned ways to advocate and start important conversations on diversity, race and ethnicity. They also met with local representatives to hear important ways youth can get involved in their communities and ways to communicate with their own state representatives.



The Teen Center is gearing up for the summer with the start of our Rising Stars Program in June! We are excited to continue our partnerships with the Parks and Recreation Department, TRACS Animal Shelter, SW Food Alliance and Agrivolution, LLC for community service projects and thrilled to be taking on a new project with Bordua Farms!

Parent Education and Support

As the saying goes April showers brings May flowers! To wrap up our Mother/Daughter Circle group on May 4th we discussed ways to



continue to nurture our relationships. As a reminder that relationships need nurturing, consistency and love we planted seeds to watch grow and bloom. The mother/daughter pairs also wrote letters to each other that will be mailed to their home in the Fall 2017 as a reminder of their commitment to each other and to invite them back for a reunion in the fall 2017. This will be an opportunity to see how their relationship has grown and a chance to spend time together and remind them of their commitment.



On May 11th SWAN facilitated an Ethnicity and Culture in Parenting Practices, Round Table Discussion for Parents. We discussed how your background influence your parenting and parenting challenges that are unique to



raising children according to your cultural traditions. We also discussed which parenting challenges transcend culture and unite us and how South Windsor Youth and Family Services can help support families parenting efforts. The children were invited to participate in making rain sticks.



On May 17, 2017, Marie Russell a Certified Postpartum Doula came to talk with parents about newborn care. This was an interactive, hands on class that taught new, expectant parents and grandparents how to care for their babies with evidenced based knowledge. Topics such as diapering, bathing, soothing, feeding and caring for a baby were discussed, demonstrated, and practiced.



On May 23rd we had our monthly Baby Steps support group for new/expectant mothers and their babies. On May 30th we had our

monthly Relatives Raising Children Support Group. We discussed and looked at the Transition Tool Kit for families on the journey from Adolescence to Adulthood, a resource from Autism Speaks.

School Outreach

The Mentoring Program celebrated the end of another successful year with the annual Picnic held on May 18th. The kids and their mentors enjoyed an afternoon at the Rotary Pavilion having lunch together, relaxing and playing games. The Mentors play a "GIANT" role in making this program a success so we spend some time playing Giant games after our delicious lunch. It was a fun afternoon and we are incredibly thankful for our mentors!



On Thursday, May 11th, Students Against Destructive Decisions sponsored a field trip to St. Francis Hospital for the "Let's Not Meet By Accident" prevention program. More than 40 students took part in a day of learning about the trauma room, life star, making good choices and the impacts of making poor decisions. They also heard from a speaker from "IMPact", which stands for Mourning Parents ACT, who shared a sad and powerful story about the choices that we make each day. Cooper (in photo) was doing an activity to reinforce that drinking and driving is dangerous. The students really enjoyed all aspects of the field trip.



Youth Counseling

Eileen Adler, Youth Counselor did a parents presentation for the Philip R. Smith P.T.O. on May 9th. The presentation focused on how to identify children's anxiety and stress and how parents can help their children cope in ways that are both healthy and fun.

In addition, Eileen is wrapping up school programming and gearing up for the summer. She will continue to meet with youth & families during the summer months.

Upcoming Programs for June & July

Kidding Around Yoga
Chef in Training
Relatives Raising Children
Baby Steps
Rising Stars
Girls Care
Family Pajama Wellness Night
GIRLS Care
Human Services Fundraiser

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**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

Keri Apt
Asst. Director of Parks &
Recreation

MONTHLY REPORT - June 5, 2017

Park & Recreation Commission (PARC)

– The next PARC meeting is Wednesday, June 14th 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., June 7th at the community center. A contingency accompanied by yours truly were invited to and attended the DEEP CT Greenways Designation Ceremony on Fri., June 2nd in Stamford, CT where the North to South Cross Town Trail along the Eversource power corridor in town will be officially recognized as a key component of the CT Greenways system. This is a tremendous accomplishment and will open doors to trail segment improvements and potential grant funding to do so. Members will also be conducting tours of the brand new mountain bike trails at Rye Street Park on Sun., June 4th from 1-4pm. The public will have a chance to try the trails using bikes from our bike education fleet that will be trailered to the park in advance.

The South Windsor FOOD Alliance (SWFA) is busy finalizing details for the 2017

outdoor Farmer's Market starting June 24th! Go to www.swfood.org for more details.

Like us on Facebook - The number keeps growing - we are now “liked” by 1,727 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!!

Summer 2017 – VMP officially opened on Sat., May 27th to less-than-ideal weather conditions. Our “Fab Five” ACA Day Camps begin June 26. All staff is hired and our rigorous 25 hour pre-season training will be conducted over the weekend of June 3, 4 & 5. 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 30th anniversary of the highly successful series!

We will be hosting 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 3rd from 8:00am to 5:00pm. I am proud to say that we

continue to be trend-setters in the state and many of our management team will also be presenters! We will be entertaining over 400 delegates.

Special Invitation to Councilors – SAVE THE DATES: June is shaping up to be a spectacular month of celebrations!! **Fri., June 16 at 3pm** join us as we officially dedicate the brand new addition to My Friend's Place – **Kevin's Kourt** at Nevers Park. The colorful, intriguing and unconventional completely accessible basketball court championed by Kevin Ollie, UConn men's basketball coach, appeals to all ages and all abilities. Kevin will be present to preside over the ceremony emceed by WTIC's own Joe D'Ambrosia. **Thurs., June 22 at 7pm** enjoy concert 1 of 9 with the Savage Brothers Band kicking off our 30th anniversary celebration of our popular summer concert series. As an added bonus, pre-concert specials begin at 6:30pm all summer long. Opening for the Savage Bros. is Bryson Lang's comedy juggling act! **Sat., June 24th from 2-4pm** stop by to celebrate the 10th anniversary of My Friend's Place accessible playground where we will also unveil another brand new addition with the Derek Denfeld Memorial Fire Truck play structure! 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!"

I can't help but repeat that 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/SWPRD/> (the video of 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 - <https://www.facebook.com/SWPRD/videos/1354722081273103/>. Kudos to Lauren Bent, Recreation Supervisor for her leadership in reaching this initial level of recognition. Our goal is now to be #1 next year.

Before & After School Program – May enrollment across the five elementary schools is static at 326, with 43 students participating in the Early Release program to support the BOE professional development program. Our annual year-end pool party at VMP is scheduled for Tues., June 13 from 6-7:30pm and is open to all 4th R participants and their families. We expect between 400 and 500 folks to attend for pizza, Italian ice and swimming!

Preschool Program – Our annual end-of-year pool party is scheduled for Tues., May 30th from 1 to 2:30pm at VMP. Rain date is Fri., June 2, same time and place.

Wapping Re-Purposing – We are now knee-deep in preparations to relocate to Wapping School. The goal is to be minimally

functional and operational by August 30th, 2017. Staff is excited and prepared to do what is necessary to open for the public knowing that we will be phasing-in the opening of square footage for use over the next year or so.

PARKS DIVISION
***“Caring for South Windsor’s
Growing Needs”***

May Activity Highlights:

- Athletic Fields & Grounds:
 - ◇ Mowing, lining and scarifying athletics fields to support all spring sports organizations has kept the crew extremely busy this month.
 - ◇ Began refreshing landscape mulch beds of public building grounds.
 - ◇ Performed some serious tree pruning at Fire Headquarters.
- Parks & Open Space:
 - ◇ New Rotary Pavilion II at VMP – Utilities are connected from the filter building to the pavilion. Concrete floors throughout and replacement fencing to secure the pools are complete. Finishing touches to the structure exterior and interior build-out of the kitchen and restrooms and final site landscaping remains. We hope to open for business mid-summer.
 - ◇ Crew was busy working alongside operators from the Water Treatment Plant and Building Maintenance staff preparing Veterans Memorial Park for the 2017 swim season that started Memorial Day weekend.
 - ◇ Prepared Nevers Park and the Rotary Pavilion for May’s two large annual events – Paws in the Park on sat., May 6 and Armed Forces Day Picnic in the Park on Sat., May 20.
 - ◇ Prepared Veterans Memorial Park for the annual Memorial Day Ceremony.
- Projects:
 - ◇ Kevin’s Kourt – This inclusive basketball feature soon to be added to My Friend’s Place playground is 75% complete now that the asphalt surface, sidewalk connectors and basketball goal poles & backboards are in place. All that remains is the installation of the ornamental fence, pavement markings and finish grading and hydro-seeding. Rims will be hung just prior to the dedication to prevent premature use. Our parks crew is proud to assist with this project. The official dedication with Coach Kevin Ollie, head coach of the UConn Men’s Basketball team is Friday, June 16th at 3pm.
 - ◇ Continued preliminary planning and work on the rehabilitation of My Friend’s Place playground in preparation of the 10th anniversary celebration in June.
 - ◇ Completed construction of the final bridge at the new mountain biking trails at Rye Street Park. The trails are now all connected and ready for curious visitors to try out on CT Trails Day, Sun., June 4th from 1-4pm.
 - ◇ Buttoned up the seams and bottom of the new acoustic fabric fencing behind the high school stadium.

- ◇ Completed restoration of our Bobcat and trim mower trailers.
- ◇ Completely gutted and re-built from scratch the propane burner system in the fire pit at the Rotary Pavilion at Nevers Park that had proven unreliable, difficult to light and keep lit. Now works like a charm!
- Other
 - ◇ Transported the bicycle fleet trailer to Philip R. Smith, Pleasant Valley and Eli Terry Schools to support the 4th grade bicycle education program a shared service between the BOE Phys. Ed. Dept., the SW Walk & Wheel Ways and Parks & Recreation.
 - ◇ Erected and removed two large tents and provided a bounce house and staff for the Wapping School Closing celebration on Sun., May 21st from 2-5pm.
 - ◇ We will be busy preparing for the June 9-11 annual regional boys lacrosse tournament at Rye Street Park and the annual Strawberry Festival at Nevers Park on June 10th.



Over 100 children & adults enjoyed “May the Fourth be with You” tribute to Stars Wars at My Friend’s Place, complete with movie characters including an Unbelievable R2D2 replica and fully operational robot!



New fishing deck at Lawrence Road Park compliments of Eagle Scout Puida!



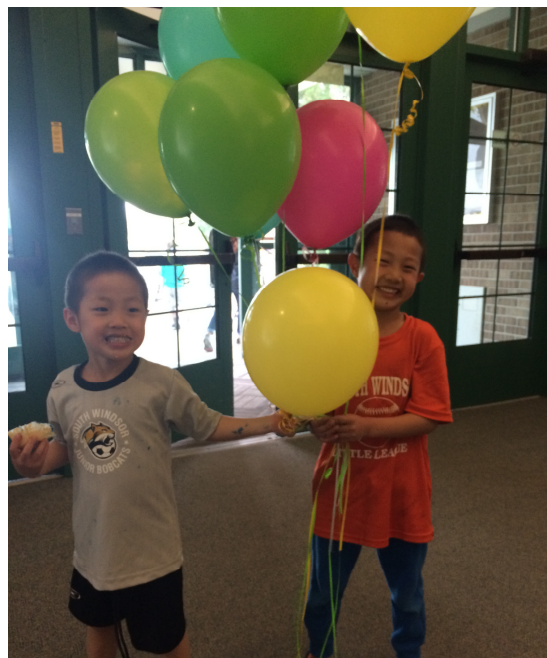
Four groups participated in the Trails for Charities Day. With over 500 total walkers and runners, the combined total raised for the day was over \$25,400!



***VMP opened on Sat., 5/27.
Here's our first brave
customers enjoying the 60
degree water and air temp!
Brrrrr!!***



4th R 10th Birthday Party celebrated in style despite being moved indoors at the community center due to inclement weather.



June 2017 Town Council Meetings and Events

Meetings

Monday, June 5, 2017

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Council Chambers

Monday, June 19, 2017

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
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Layout by Ashley Booth, Executive Secretary to the Town Manager

