

# Town of South Windsor

## Town Manager's Report July 2019

Matthew B. Galligan  
Town Manager



### Hartford Foundation Grant

Just as a reminder the Town of South Windsor will have to form a new committee for the grant from the Hartford Foundation, as indicated in the information previously sent to the Council. I will suggest that you wait until the new Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco, is on board as he will be responsible for the committee.

### Hemp Farming

The hemp farming grant that has been proposed for the July 1st meeting is strictly a PILOT program design to evaluate the following:

- Determine what land that is currently being farmed is suitable for this crop, as not all soil conditions are appropriate.
- The seeds used cost \$.40 to \$.50 cents per seed. They are very costly and there is risk associated as to whether the final crop will meet industry standards for consumption.
- Monitoring of the plant will be done with the help of UCONN.
- Certain equipment will need to be changed in order to extract the plant safely from the soil so as not to damage the plant.
- The seeds need to be sent out to be put in small box type to start the growth process. This is a tedious process as there has to be a male and female seed in each box. A green house is also needed in this process.

- Lab testing of the plant and the end product needs to be tested and evaluated to meet Federal and industry standards so the end product is marketable.
- The extraction of the oil is the most expensive part of this process.

I sent an outline to the Council with all the details on this subject matter. This is a Pilot program designed to determine the feasibility of hemp farming in South Windsor. The results will be shared to all farmers in South Windsor who wish to grow this crop. Not all hemp farming gets the same results and the end product may not be marketable for consumption. There is risk by all parties in this endeavor but if we do this correctly and scientifically we may reduce this risk for all. I am also hoping that if there is a monetary advantage at the end, and the Town gets its investment back, that a fund can be established to help future farmers to develop this crop for profitability.

### Housing Authority

There is a resolution to exempt the Housing Authority from building fees for the three million dollar renovation project which has been funded by Federal and State as indicated in Mr. Daniels letter. It does not make sense to charge these fees as the money can be better spent on the rehab of the apartment units. We have given this exemption in the

past, as it does not make sense to charge our own agency.

### **I-291 Corridor Project**

In order to move the I291 project along the DEEP is asking that an ordinance be passed instead of a resolution to keep dogs away from the bird habitat we constructed on the Town-owned Dzen property the Town owns. Therefore there is a resolution to schedule a public hearing for the 15th of July and we will need to approve the ordinance on the 15th as well.

### **Economic Development**

On the economic development front we have been working with Buxton on a regular basis to evaluate the trade sectors of Town and how we can bring new development to these areas and help our local businesses as well. Scott Roberts , Michele Lipe and I will be the Economic Development team, along with new Town Manager Michael Maniscalco when he comes on board.

## Police Department

Scott P. Custer  
Chief of Police

### Community Events:

#### **“Ride for 155” Charity Motorcycle Ride:**

On Sunday, June 23rd the South Windsor Police Union hosted the “Ride for 155” motorcycle ride to honor Sgt. Matt Mainieri who was killed off-duty in September. The ride began at headquarters and went out Sullivan Ave. and up Route 5 into Enfield, ending at a cookout in Stafford at Sun Valley. The ride was very well attended and was a perfect tribute to our departed brother. A memorial stone was unveiled that morning at headquarters honoring Matt and his 20 years of service to South Windsor. We thank John Caldwell and his staff for making the area look so nice.

### Hirings & Departures:

On Monday, June 24th we hired two new officers, Kyle Higgins and Erika Kuzara. The two new officers will be doing orientation here and starting at the Connecticut Police Academy July 5th. These officers will fill existing vacancies.

Officer Zachary Cosenza graduated from the Hartford Police Academy and Officer Megan Casey graduated from the Connecticut Police Academy in June. The two officers now begin our 16-week field-training program.

One of our experienced dispatchers has given notice that he's taken another job so we will be working to fill that position. We have also mapped out a plan to hire part-time dispatchers that will hopefully reduce

overtime and create a pool for viable full-time dispatch candidates going forward.

### Notable Case Details:

**Carjacking:** In what is an extremely rare occurrence in South Windsor, a woman had her car taken on Wednesday, June 19th at approximately 2:37 p.m. The robbery/carjacking took place on Chapel Road in the St. Marc Circle condominium complex. The victim does not appear to have been followed or targeted, but rather just an easy opportunity for the suspects to flee onto nearby I-291. We recovered her car within 30 minutes on I-291 where it had crashed. Our detectives located the suspect's Acura in Hartford on Friday the 21st and seized it and a Mercedes stolen from Wethersfield. We are confident that arrests will be made soon.

### **Emotionally Disturbed Person cases:**

We go to many medical calls each month, the most challenging are those with persons suffering from mental health issues seeking to harm themselves. In one such case a local man left his house with a knife and drove to South Satellite road and fled into the woods. Several of our officers were committed to this case for over 90 minutes as we located him; then negotiated with him to drop his knife after he had cut himself.

Also in June a man walked into Headquarters lobby with a knife in his hand, having just cut himself after his attempt at drowning himself failed. Officers who happened to be in the

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building negotiated the knife from him and rendered medical aid. Both men are expected to make full recoveries. I highlight these two calls because it's important to recognize the work done each day by our officers utilizing Crisis Intervention Training.

### **Proclamation for Hartford-Evergreen Masonic Lodge:**

We thank the Town Council for their recognition of Hartford-Evergreen Lodge at the special meeting on June 18th. The Council recognized the local masonic lodge for their generous donation to our Community Outreach program. The lodge donated over \$10,000 so that we can purchase four new police mountain bikes and outfit the officers.

### **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

### **Department Activity for May 2019:**

Because these reports are due before the end of the month, the statistics are often a month old. You can view the most recent information the first week of every month on our Facebook page.

Total Computer Aided Dispatch Entries:	2549
9-1-1 Calls Received:	682
Routine Calls Received/Outgoing:	4382
Directed Patrol/Premise Checks:	759
Motor Vehicle Stops:	544
Medical Assists/Emot.Dist. Persons:	235
Suspicious:	84
Alarms:	105
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	46
Welfare Check:	40
Assist Outside Agency:	27
Animal Problem:	50
Citizen Assist:	17
Miscellaneous Service:	26
Collision Reports:	15
BOLO:	10
Disabled Motor Vehicle:	31
Larceny:	20
Hazardous Conditions:	20
Pistol Permits:	6
Burglary:	1
Civil Matter:	10
911 Check:	14
Fraud:	12
Domestic Dispute:	9
Narcotics Violation:	1
Violation of Town Ordinance:	1
Youth Problem:	8
Sexual Assault:	1

## Public Works Department

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Director of Public Works

### UPDATES

We participated in the first Chloride Stakeholder Meeting on June 11th. In attendance were representatives from DOT, DEEP, DPH, local and regional Health Districts, UCONN, ECSU, and water supply operators. While some of the discussion centered on how to remove chlorides from well supplies, a greater focus was on what can we begin to do now to mitigate the increasing trends of chlorides in private and public drinking water wells. There are no magical ways of melting snow and ice on the roads. Throughout North America and in Europe much research is being done to find a way to balance road safety, environmental impacts, and good levels of service. We likely remain decades off from a good solution. In the meantime, training of both private and public organizations responsible for snow removal operations on best management practices remains one way to mitigate the impacts. The Green Snow Pro Training is one way we are getting the word out. We are looking to present state legislation to limit liability to private contractors who follow the BMP's from the Green Snow Pro training (much like New Hampshire). We are looking at public education- for what residents may use and spread on their own driveways and better defining the expectations of winter maintenance operations.

The South Windsor Public Works Department is a statewide leader in winter maintenance practices. We were the first in the state to

weigh, measure and calibrate our use of salt products. We have trained/provided assistance to over 80 towns in CT on proper calibration techniques. We still have a long way to go. We are continuing to explore ways to better use materials for winter anti-icing operations to further improve upon the balancing of road safety, environmental impacts and costs. We will have more to report on as winter draws near.

As first responders, we are also reviewing our SOP's for the hurricane season including updating our Debris Management Plan.

*Michael J. Gantick, P.E., P.W.L.F.*  
*Director of Public Works*

### Engineering

#### **Buckland Road Sidewalks**

Trademark Contractors has completed most of the new sidewalks along the west side of Buckland Road from Deming Street north to Ellington Road and Sullivan Ave up to the Library. The traffic signals at 3 intersections have been updated with new pedestrian push buttons, signals, crosswalks and video detection of vehicles. They should continue to clean and extend the Plum Gulley Brook culverts under Buckland Road to the west to accommodate new sidewalks and complete all work this summer.

#### **Avery Street Reconstruction 3 (Orchard Hill Road to Manchester Town Line)**

Phase 3 of the reconstruction of Avery Street

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is complete with new storm water drainage, base, pavement, curb, concrete sidewalks all the way to the Walgreens driveway in Manchester, driveway aprons and lawn restoration.

### **Edwin Road Drainage**

This project is complete with a new double catch basin, 36 inch drainage pipe, manhole and outfall to carry storm water from the south west corner of Edwin Road down to a brook that runs through the property at 105 Edwin Road.

### **Sidewalk Repairs**

Martin Laviero Contractors will continue to replace damaged sidewalk slabs in many places in Town this summer.

### **Ridge Road and Deming St Drainage Improvements**

Hinckley Construction has installed new storm water drainage pipes and structures on Deming Street from just north of Grandview Terrace up to Ridge Road and also in Ridge Road. Ridge Road has been reconstructed with a low point at the new catch basins to collect storm water. Ridge Road will be paved, curbed and driveway aprons replaced as needed this week and into early July. Restoration should be complete in late August and September. This project is funded from 2018 bond funds.

### **Local Road Paving**

The Town Contractor has begun to mill and

pave several local roads. Jonathan Lane, Imperial Drive, and the south end of Slater Street are mostly complete. They are currently working on Broadleaf Drive, Crestwood Drive Mountain Drive and Clinton Drive. Improvements to Dart Hill Road will also be made including a new catch basin and underdrain near Niederwerfer Road, milling and patching the worst areas of broken pavement and resurfacing this road with a rubberized chip seal or thin pavement lift. Part of Chapel Rd, Governors Highway and Mascolo Road will also be milled and paved. This program is supported by the 2018 Bond funds.

### **Eversource Gas Projects**

Eversource and their contractors have almost completed installing a new gas main on Main Street from Sullivan Avenue to Governors Highway, and on Strong Rd and Governors Hwy from Main St to Rte 5. A new gas main is also being installed on 7 streets in the Quarry Brook Drive neighborhood.

*Jeffrey Doolittle*

*Assistant Director of Public Works  
Town Engineer*

### **Water Pollution Control**

The Water Pollution Control Authority on June 4th approved the fiscal year 2019/2020 budget which included Chapel Road Phase 2A as part of the Capital Improvement Projects for the budget year. Phase 2A is a continuation of 2017's Chapel Road relining



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project. The WPC staff has identified over 8,000 feet of critical sewer pipe that is showing signs of significant deterioration in its structural integrity. During the inspection process, pipe segments were graded and classified to prioritize the most critical segments which were addressed in Phase 1 utilizing cured-in-place pipe (CIPP).

CIPP is a trenchless technology that will renew the life expectancy of the sewer pipe and typically costs 25-30% less than traditional pipe replacement. Phase 2 has been broken up into two projects that are scheduled for this year and next year respectfully. At an anticipated cost of \$850,000 each year, Phase 2 will revitalize a total of 4,200 feet of 27"-30" sewer pipe that serves as one of the main sewer trucklines in town conveying 40% of the wastewater flow to the treatment plant.



*Illustration of Cure-in-Place Pipe*

### **Refuse & Recycling**

The Town of South Windsor's contracted hauler, All American Waste, has recently completed a multi-year project in East Windsor by adding solar panels to truck ports that provide protection to 50+ recycling and refuse vehicles that are operated using natural

gas. The compressed natural gas-powered vehicles emit 90% less pollutants and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 16% as compared to traditional diesel trucks. The solar panels will provide enough energy to power the compressors to fuel the vehicles. All American Waste is planning to expand their fleet of natural gas powered trucks to 100 by 2020.



*Aerial photo of All American Waste*

The next electronics recycling event will be held July 13th from 8-1 in the rear parking lot of Town Hall. Future e-recycling events are scheduled for September 7th, and November 2nd. This program is free of charge to residents and generates a rebate for each ton of material collected. Acceptable items include telephones, computers, laptops, printers, stereos, televisions, microwaves, DVD players, etc.

We continue to see a significant increase in textile recycling since the inception of the curbside collection service. The average tons per month has increased from 2.1 tons to 5.47 tons saving taxpayers \$388.37 per month in disposal fees by diverting this material. The Town is also collecting a rebate to further

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offset the savings.

Information on our refuse and recycling programs including a full list of acceptable items for each program please visit the Town of South Windsor's website at [www.southwindsor.org](http://www.southwindsor.org).

*Tony Manfre*  
*Superintendent of Pollution Control*

### **Street Services**

Public Works employees continued to perform mill and pave work on several town roads. Areas of Abbe Rd, Graham Rd and Wentworth Drive were repaired. Some of this work was done in preparation of paving and others for problematic areas.

The department lined catch basin pipes in the Gray Rd, Brewster, High Tower and Glenwood areas. This process entailed outing a synthetic sleeve inside the pipe and curing it with hot water. This pliable sleeve become rock solid after the curing process and adheres to the original pipe. These underground pipes were in need of repair in several areas. Seeing the condition of the roads were in good shape, a decision was made to make repairs without cutting into the road surface. In the long run, this saved considerable money and these treatments should last as long as new pipes.

Crews completed work on catch basins on Clinton Drive in preparation for upcoming milling and paving.

Catch basing cleaning and inspection continues throughout town. This relatively new program will provide us a condition index of all our catch basins and a GIS location of each asset.

The department continued to evaluate three different windrow turners and had the Maintainer III's (operators) assist with the evaluation of these machines. This was a very detailed process with opportunities to talk in-depth with the equipment representatives to gather much information. This due diligence will lead us to make a very informed decision.

The South Windsor Invasive Plant Working Group Goat project is making an impact. These creatures are helping clear invasive weeds at the rear of the town hall eliminating the use of chemical treatments. Although the process is slow, they are definitely making progress.

The managers conducted first and second interviews for the open Maintainer I position. We hope to have a new maintainer on board quickly.

Our newest maintainer, Neil Roback, successfully completed a 6 week public works academy hosted by UCONN's T2 Center. He did very well and shared information weekly with the entire crew. Great job Neil.

Crack sealing was completed during the month. The program went off without a hitch.



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Several town lots in addition to many roads were successfully treated.

Street sweeping has been completed for the season. The sweeper will soon get a complete service by Fleet Services and readied for next year or upcoming events or emergencies.

The sign shop repaired or replaced several damaged signs during the month. The shop is also making plans to schedule vehicle graphics for WPCA and Public Works vehicles.

Just a reminder, free leaf compost and wood chips are available 24/7 to town residents at the Town Garage on Burgess Rd.

*Scott Yeomans*  
*Associate Manager, Street Services*

## Human Services Department

Andrea Cofrancesco  
Director of Human Services

### **Human Services Update:**

#### **Senior Safety Day**

26 people received information on the Yellow Dot program and countless more came in for Files of Life and to learn about fire safety at our annual Senior Safety Day open house. The Yellow Dot program is an emergency contact and medication information for your car, much like the File of Life is for your house. Information is kept in the glovebox of your car so in the event of an emergency, first responders can access this information. It's free and available at the senior center.



Lorraine, a member of our Triad for Senior Safety, has been dressing up as the “yellow dot” for the past 10 years as a way to promote this worthy program.

#### **Outreach**

Caseworkers and Program Coordinators educated 62 residents who reside in senior housing, many of them new to South Windsor, about the services and programs that are available including financial assistance programs, transportation, trips and social events at the senior center, meal programs and much more! More outreach sessions will be scheduled at the Police Department, Post Office and low income housing.

#### **Chair Volleyball a HUGE hit!**

Our newest program is Chair Volleyball and is so much fun you can hear the laughter all the way on the other side of the building! People may think you aren't getting a workout because you are in chairs and they would be WRONG! A suggestion by a senior, this program is so popular that after three weeks, they are already talking about getting another net so they can play on two courts, side by side! We need a bigger building!



#### **Support Groups at the Center**

A variety of support groups are held at the center. Our Caregivers support group has grown over the past year with 10-15 attending monthly. This year they had speakers on a variety of topics including: family dynamics, time management, emergency preparedness, reducing stress and more! We have been offering space and publicizing an Alzheimer's specific support group that the Village at Buckland Court facilitates monthly. We offered a “get organized” workshop for people with too much stuff, which is a 10 week program based off of the Buried Treasures book. We are in the talking stages of hosting a Multiple Sclerosis Support Group beginning

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in the next couple months, and we are looking to start a Diabetes Support Group in the fall.

### **South Windsor Seniors head to Switzerland!**

Discover spectacular Switzerland, Austria, and Bavaria with Collette Tours on a 10-day tour featuring 4-night stays in two cities departing May 1, 2020. Your journey begins in Bern, the capital of Switzerland and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner featuring local cuisine such as cheese fondue. You will explore Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour featuring the Swiss Parliament, the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the gothic cathedral. Explore Bern independently. You will travel to Gruyeres for a cheese making demonstration and a ride along the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad. You will set out for Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake" for a leisurely walking tour and dinner. En route to Innsbruck, you will make your way through Liechtenstein. In Innsbruck, choose between two leisurely walking tours: discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions OR discover the city's unique architectural structures. Travel to Salzburg for a walking tour featuring highlights of the city i.e. the Mirabell Gardens (seen in The Sound of Music), to explore on your own, and dinner. Enjoy a free day in Innsbruck that will end with a Tyrolean folklore show. Tour Bavaria's famous castle, Neuschwanstein, the most photographed castle in Germany. Visit the picturesque village of Oberammergau. You

will learn about this charming place, famous for its Passion Play. Performed every ten years to fulfill a pledge made by the villagers to God for sparing their city from the Plague in 1633, the Passion Play has grown into an international event. You will get to see the excitement of the village right before the play begins on May 16! Cost is \$4,499 pp single, \$3,999 pp double, and \$1,400 pp triple. \$500 deposit due at the time of registration. Cost includes Transfer to Airport, Roundtrip Airfare, Trip Insurance, Hotel Transfers, 8 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners, and excursions highlighted in the itinerary.



### **Youth & Family Services**

Youth & Family staff had the pleasure of welcoming each and every one of the 2019 graduates of SWHS to their Operation Graduation celebration! As a substance free party open to all graduates, it is a safe place for all to come together and celebrate. Even though it is a late night, we really value the opportunity to be a part of this event.

This month, Youth & Family staff teamed up with CHDI (Child Health & Development Institute) to provide education to South Windsor Pediatricians on child and family behavioral health services. We visited two pediatric offices this month with more to come in September. Often, medical doctors are unaware of the wide range of behavioral health service in our area. It was an opportunity to make sure that South Windsor

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kids and their families are getting the care that they need to be the healthiest that they can be!

The Eastern Chapter of CT Youth Services met on Monday, June 3rd at Tolland Library for the annual "Direct Service Fair". About 30 Youth Services professionals from our region spent the morning together, learning from our speaker, Nicole Kowal, with the State of CT Judicial Branch, about serving LGBTQ/GNCT (Gender non-conforming & transgender) Youth. It was really helpful education on best practices, identifying risks and how to protect, correct language and identifying the differences between biological sex, gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation.

### **Teen Center**

This month the Teen Center recognized its very own Youth Council, a group of high school students who do volunteer work throughout the year. The Youth Council helps out with various projects at the Teen Center, such as prevention programs during Drop In hours afterschool as well as many different

community events with the Senior Center, Public Works, the Food Bank and the SW Farmers Market – just to name a few. This year the group celebrated by going on a group outing at Dairy Queen and each member received a certificate with their total number of volunteer hours. Graduating seniors were also given a pin. The Youth Council was proud to have over 25 active members this year!



One of the exciting moments from the Youth Council end of the year celebration was honoring one of the graduating seniors, Gregory Burnham, with the Thomas Finn Achievement Award.

Greg has been an active member of the Teen Center and Youth Council for the past four years— and with all of his hard work and dedication, he accumulated over 383 hours of community service! Greg is off to Manchester Community College next year, but will continue to be a loyal volunteer at the Farmers Market!





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Director of Human Services

### **Parent Education and Support**

Dads Dinner and Playgroup this month is scheduled for Thursday, June 13th. A child's relationship with their father is so very important. A recent University of Pennsylvania study published in the Journal of Youth and Adolescence found that kids who experienced paternal rejection were more socially anxious—and more prone to loneliness—than kids who felt secure connections with their dads. The same wasn't true when people felt disconnected from their moms during childhood. "This suggests that fathers' rejecting attitudes toward their adolescent children may make them more nervous about approaching social situations, which in turn is related to more social isolation and feelings of loneliness," says lead study author Hio Wa Mak, a University of Pennsylvania doctoral student of human development and family studies. The latest research shows children are more likely to experience the benefits of warm, meaningful friendships when they first experience warm, meaningful relationships with their dads. These findings suggest how important it is to reach out to families and help them support this sense of connection and belonging, especially with fathers.

For those that don't have as much support, joining a playgroup can really help. You often make lifelong friends and gain your own village. It can be hard to make that first step but it can be very rewarding. This month we

welcomed several new caregivers and grandparents to the Monday morning playgroup! We have had our fair share of rain this past month, wouldn't you agree! Outdoor play is great for kids. Nevertheless, what do you do when it's raining? We bring the outdoor games inside. We have a great indoor space that is great for when it is cold or raining. We setup basketball hoops and a mini roller coaster so the kids can still burn some of that energy off.

This month the Relatives Raising Children Support group met on June 25th. We are planning a summer potluck picnic, which will take place in July.

Managing parenthood can be overwhelming! Bring your lunch and join the discussion for any one of our 7-week series, this summer, starting June 25th. Town employees were invited to attend as well as, parents/caregivers and local businesses such as childcare providers and pediatrician's offices. Brown Bag lunch Bytes Series topics include: How to Strengthen Your Relationship With Your Children. Participants will learn how to sympathetic listen and avoid over-parenting and other important tips and tools. Family Communication, Best Discipline Strategies for ADHD Children, How to be an Advocate for your Child and Effective Ways to Work with Schools are a few of the upcoming discussion/topics. If you would like a flyer with the upcoming discussions and dates, contact Kelly McKenney at :

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Kelly.McKenney@southwindsor.org.

### **School Outreach & Prevention**

Robin Lagasse and Kathy Reed facilitated a "Girls Circle" group at TEMS during the last trimester of the year. We used this strength based program to create a safe space for teens to discuss issues that are important to them. We led discussions and activities on a variety of topics including body image, friendship and empowerment. The group enjoyed making connections with each other and with us. We look forward to offering another group next year.

June will kick off some summer programs inviting teens to volunteer to make our community a better place. The "Make a Difference" program will again be offered this year for students in middle and high school. We will provide 4 nights throughout the summer to give kids the opportunity to learn about an organization in need and then actually DO something to help them. Activities this year include making fun craft kits for kids at the hospital, baking snacks for a local soup kitchen and making blankets for a local domestic violence shelter.

### **Counseling & Support**

Both of our part time youth counselors are currently at capacity. We are on a waitlist for our counseling services at this time. Both counselors are facilitating one therapeutic group each as well.

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, LMSW*





## Parks & Recreation Department

Raymond Favreau  
Director of Parks & Recreation

### “Discover the Benefits!”

John Caldwell, Jr.  
Superintendent of Parks

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Keri Apt  
Asst. Director of Parks & Recreation

#### **Park & Recreation Commission (PARC)**

The next PARC meeting is Wednesday, July 10th at an earlier time of 6:00pm to allow for a bus tour of the park system. We will start from and return to Room 14 at Wapping School, 91 Ayers Road. Work continues on the master plan revision.

**The South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways (SWW&WW)** sub-committee meets next on Wed., July 3rd at Wapping. Efforts over the next year will be the design of the proposed cross-town trail through the Eversource power corridor including a massive outreach campaign to educate the public about the project.

**The South Windsor FOOD Alliance (SWFA)** – The summer Farmer's Market opens for the season on June 22 and will once again run every Saturday through September 28 at the Community/Senior Center front lawn with new hours – 9am to 12pm (previously the hours were 10am to 1pm). Go to [www.swfood.org](http://www.swfood.org) for more details.

**Kudos to....** Stephanie Parker, Administrative Operations Manager for taking the initiative to enroll and successfully complete a two-day Grant Writing Workshop certificate program through UConn 5/30-31.

#### **Special Invitation to Councilors – SAVE THE DATES:**

(1) Concert number two featuring the Redheads performing soulful rock & blues Thursday, June 27 at 7pm at Evergreen Walk. No concert on July 4th.

(2) Upcoming Friday Flicks, Mary Poppins Returns” June 28 and “Wonder”, July 12 at 8:30pm at Evergreen Walk.

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 -**

To wrap up Year 12 of the 4th “R” program, participants and families spent an evening at the pool enjoying the water along with a pizza dinner and ice cream treat dessert! This event was attended by approximately 300 4th “R” children/family members! For the second year in a row, participants in the 4th “R” program hand cut and tied fleece blankets to donate to the Project Linus Program, a charity project that provides blankets for children and

families in need to local hospitals, homeless shelters, etc. This year 4th "R" made and donated 26 blankets! The final 4th "R" Staff Color Wars Event was held on Tuesday, May 28. Staff competed in a variety of team building games throughout the year. After a close year-long race, the 4th "R" staff at Eli Terry (the green team!) came out victorious!

**Pre-School** - To end another successful year of our preschool program, children and families spent an afternoon at the pool enjoying the water, followed by a tasty ice cream treat! This event was attended by approximately 100 preschool children/family members!

**Wapping Re-Purposing** – The Cafeteria remodeling project is still a work-in-progress. We anticipate completion in mid-July.

**CT Trails Day** with SW Walk & Wheel Ways and Open Space Task Force on Sun., June 2 from 1-4pm at Wapping Park drew about 30 people to the park.

**Kite Nite Picnic** - from 5 to 8pm at Porter's Hill on Wed., June 19th attracted 350 kite flying enthusiasts! Folks enjoyed their own picnic and we supplied the music, lawn games and kites.

**Team Building & Leadership Center** – On Fri., June 14th Sarah Robinson successfully facilitated a teambuilding session for 45 camp staff members from Vernon Parks & Recreation as part of their pre-season training.

**Veterans Memorial Park** -we have experienced a very slow start to the summer

due to unseasonably cool and wet weather this spring. We are hopeful that Mother Nature is nicer and things will pick up now that school has recessed for the summer.

## **PARKS DIVISION**

*"Caring for South Windsor's Growing Needs"*

May Activity Highlights:

### **Athletic Fields & Grounds:**

- Installed heavy-duty wooden guard rails at the indoor batting building to better delineate parking from lawn areas at parking lot and provide a more secure safety barrier/separation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and prevent unauthorized parking. Also replaced the post and rail fence with the same guard rail system at VMP.
- Ordered, assembled and delivered 6 players benches to the Wapping Tennis courts.
- Landscape beds beneath signs at Donnelley Preserve, Community Center, Police Dept. and Town Gym received some much needed attention.
- Daily and weekly preparation of 30 athletic fields (12 baseball/softball and 18 for soccer and lacrosse) continued servicing the SWHS interscholastic athletic program, youth soccer, boys and girls youth lacrosse, Little League and adult softball.

### **Parks & Open Space:**

- Replaced post and rail fencing with heavy-duty wooden guard rails at VMP to better delineate parking from lawn areas at lower lot and provide a more secure safety barrier/separation of vehicular and

pedestrian traffic.

- Replaced concession freezer at VMP snack bar.
- Prepared Wapping Park for annual CT Trails Day hosted by SW Walk & Wheel Ways and Open Space Task Force on Sun. 6/2.
- Began seasonal aggressive over-seeding and fertilization of all prime turf areas.
- Prepared Rye St. Park for Boys Lacrosse Tournament the weekend of June 8 & 9 and then transitioned the park for a SW Soccer Club tournament Sat., June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Began repairs to the stone wall at the corner of Dart Hill Rd. and Avery St. which sustained damage due to a recent motor vehicle accident.
- Prepared Nevers Park for the annual Strawberry Festival June 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Street Services for all the help posting all the No Parking zones!
- Prepared Porter's Hill for our second annual Kite Nite.
- Brush clearing and tree pruning at Ropes Course.
- Rough cut mowing of Lawrence Rd. Park. The Priest Property and perimeter of Town Hall.

### Projects:

- Construction of the Nevers Park restroom project in partnership with the SW Rotary club is nearing completion. The only outstanding items are the electronic access system, surveillance camera hook-ups, epoxy flooring and some touch-up work.
- Began planning for beautification and

rehabilitation of landscape islands on Buckland Road.

### Photos



Wapping cafeteria remodeling – new walls are up, rough electrical, A/C and ceiling grid complete.



SWW&WW assists with removal of invasive water chestnuts in waterway behind Mill on the River



SW Walk & Wheel Ways with assistance from Mayor Paterna at CT Trails Day celebration at Wapping Park on Sun., June 2





Local MAX Challenge health & fitness club donates \$10,000 to the SW Community Foundation towards the newly established Healthy Habits Initiative which will benefit the Food Bank, SW Food Alliance and Parks & Recreation programming. Proceeds were from the April 13 "MAX Challenge Day of Giving"



For the second year in a row, participants in the 4th "R" program hand cut and tied fleece blankets to donate to the Project Linus Program, a charity project that provides blankets for children and families in need to local hospitals, homeless shelters, etc. This year 4th "R" made and donated 26 blankets!



4th R Family Night at VMP – what a way to end the school year with swimming, pizza & Ritaz Ice!



Many tiny smiling faces at our annual year-end Preschool Family Pool Party, also at VMP





Our fabulous 4<sup>th</sup> R staff is all smiles as they complete their final color wars team building session along-side chief judge and mascot - "Ben E.Fits"!



Installed heavy-duty wooden guard rails at the indoor batting building to better delineate parking from lawn areas at parking lot and provide a more secure safety barrier/separation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and prevent unauthorized parking. Also replaced the post and rail fence with the same guard rail system at VMP.



Kite Nite drew nearly 350 happy people to Porter's Hill for a family picnic and kite flying on Wed., June 19 from 5-8pm!



## ***July 2019 Town Council Meetings and Events***

### ***Meetings***

**Monday, July 1, 2019**

**7:00 pm Regular Meeting**

*Council Chambers*

**Monday, July 15, 2019**

**7:00 pm Regular Meeting**

*Council Chambers*

### ***Holidays***

**Thursday, July 4, 2019**

*Town Offices Will Be Closed in Observance of Independence Day.*

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