

Town of South Windsor

Town Manager's Report July 2016

*Matthew B. Galligan
Town Manager*



The Town Manager's Report will be presented verbally at the July 5th Town Council Meeting.

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Police Department

Timothy M. Edwards
Chief of Police

New Officer Hired:

Chief Timothy Edwards has hired a new officer, David H. Johnson, who started working with us on Monday June 13th. David was most recently employed as a part-time CSO at Glastonbury PD and security officer for Westfarms Mall. David has also worked with CT. D.E.E.P. as a park ranger and completed an internship with the Farmington Police Department. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Central Connecticut State University. Ofc. Johnson, badge #193, will be attending P.O.S.T. Class #354 which begins July 1st and is scheduled to graduate on December 15th. He will then complete a 16 week Field Training Program. We are working diligently on filling the 3 remaining open positions.

Tip-A-Cop raised over \$10,000 for Special Olympics:

On Thursday June 23, 2016, South Windsor police officers participated in the Special Olympics "Tip-A-Cop" program. The event took place at the Red Onion Restaurant, 855 Sullivan Avenue, South Windsor from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Police officers served as waiters and waitresses and all of the tips received by the officers were donated to the Special Olympics of Connecticut. This year the event raised over \$10,000. Our thanks goes to our hosts at the Red Onion Restaurant, all

of the generous donors and organizer Corporal Ron Littell.

Bear sightings:

East Windsor Police have been reporting several bear sightings near our shared border and we have posted this to Facebook. Although they have been near our borders, there is no reason for public concern and we urge citizens to just be alert if using the Niederwerfer sanctuary or the golf courses near the town line. The bears generally don't want contact with humans and we will only monitor its' travels unless it shows aggressive behavior. If you see it in town or are notified of a sighting please let us know at 860-644-2551.

Food Drive to benefit SW Food Bank:

On Saturday, June 11th, the South Windsor Community Center TRIAD along with the Ambulance Service of Manchester and members of the Hartford Evergreen Lodge #88 of Freemasons hosted a Food Drive at Geissler's Supermarket, (965 Sullivan Avenue) and Stop & Shop (1179 Ellington Road). The TRIAD members, Masons and Emergency services personnel were at both Geissler's and Stop & Shop receiving food and cash donations from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event benefited the South Windsor Food Bank and

our local families. It was organized by Corporal Jim Nicoletta.

(TRIAD is a national community policing initiative wherein law enforcement professionals, seniors, and community groups partner to meet the crime-safety needs of seniors. The three groups in CT are law enforcers, seniors, and private entities. These groups come together to prevent victimization of older adults. Health and safety programs are also established under the TRIAD programs.)

Low Cost Rabies Clinic Held:

We hosted a low cost rabies clinic on Saturday June, 25th at Fire Headquarters from 2 to 4 p.m. The shots only cost \$20.00 per animal and this helps citizens comply with the state law that requires all dogs and cats be vaccinated against rabies.

Public Works Department

Michael J. Gantick
Director of Public Works

Engineering

Avery Street Reconstruction (Beelzebub to Gray Road)

The Town's contractor, Morais Concrete has made a lot of progress in reconstructing this section of Avery Street and is about 45% done. New culverts and headwalls for Avery Brook have been installed, new storm drainage pipes and structures are in and the new stone road base, binder course of pavement and curbs are down from just south of the Avery Street Church to Kelly Road. Concrete sidewalks are being constructed in this area on the east side of the road. Avery Street is open to one lane of traffic during work days and 2 lanes of traffic nights and weekends. Underground communications lines are being relocated where the new east end of Beelzebub Road will be located. In July and August the contractor will install new storm water drainage pipes and structures for Dart Brook in Avery Street and Woodland Road and will then reconstruct Avery Street from just south of the church driveway to north of Woodland and the east end of Beelzebub Road with new base, pavement, curbs and 4 foot wide concrete sidewalks. The end of Beelzebub road will be lined up with Woodland at Avery Street and the 4-way stop will remain for traffic control. Reconstruction of this section of Avery Street

will continue through the summer into fall and be completed by the end of November 2016.

Local Roads Repaving 2016

Empire Paving has completed drainage repairs and milling and paving of Diane Drive, Brent Drive, Goldmine Road, Laurel Street and Brian Road and is about 55% complete. They will put down the final course of pavement on Gerber Road East, Tumblebrook Drive, Hilton Drive, Simka Drive, Beechwood Lane, Kimberly Drive and Sandra Drive in July. Gerber Road West will be reclaimed and repaved later this summer. Local road paving is scheduled to be completed by September 30, 2016.

Buckland Road Sidewalks

Preliminary 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 have been reviewed and we are addressing comments. These sidewalks will connect the town buildings with the commercial businesses and residential units in the center of Town. The plans include traffic signal modifications at 3 intersections for pedestrian ramps, signals and crosswalks and an extension of the Plum Gulley Brook bridge. This project requires approval of additional funding needed from CRCOG, DOT approval

of the signal modifications, and environmental permits for the plum gulley brook bridge extension from the IWA/CC and possibly CT DEEP and US ACOE.

Abbe Road Improvements (by Robert Drive and the Town Line)

Improvements to Abbe Road by Robert Drive have been awarded to King Construction and they will begin work in early July. These improvements will lower the abrupt hump in this road just north of Robert Drive and raise the road a little at Robert Drive to improve sight line and safety in this area. This section of Abbe Road will be closed during work days from about July 18 to August 26 to perform this work and will be open nights and weekends. This construction should be completed by mid October 2016.

Avery Heights Road and Drainage Improvements

Spazarrini construction has begun work on Phase 1 of Road and Drainage improvements in the Avery Heights neighborhood and are about 15% done. New storm water drainage structures and pipes have been installed in the south end of Benedict Drive, the south end of Pine Tree Lane, Good Hill Road and Pond Lane. They will be excavating the old pavement and base and installing new stone base, pavement and curbs on these road sections in July and August. Plans for Phase 2 should be completed soon and bid so work can begin in this section in late summer or early fall. Improvements in Phase 3 will be done in 2017.

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

Semi Final plans to reconstruct Avery Street between Gray Road and Orchard Hill Road have just been received and delivered to CRCOG for review. This project includes new storm water drainage, base, pavement, curb and sidewalks. The schedule is to complete the design, obtain permits and easements and be ready to bid this project late in the fall of 2016. Most of this work will happen in 2017.

Sidewalk Repairs

The list of sidewalks in Town that need to be replaced or repaired has grown to over \$130,000 in estimated sidewalk repairs. Additional capital funds are needed to repair these sidewalks and keep them safe pursuant to the Town ordinance. We will continue to mark the trip hazards on sidewalks where we have received complaints with bright pink paint to alert pedestrians of these hazards until there is funding to repair these sidewalks.

Jeffrey Doolittle
Town Engineer

Fleet Services

The month of June proved to be another productive and fruitful month for fleet services managing the maintenance (66 service calls) and improvements of many of the town's vehicular assets.

Fleet services brought some of the towns

older vehicles that had full filled there useful lifecycle with the town along with some smaller assets (storage tanks, tire changing machines, etcetera) to a local auction; with the town realizing over twenty thousand dollars of additional revenue that was inserted into the general fund from this activity. It was not without its logistical challenges, getting these old broken vehicles to the facility along with the bulkier items; but with some outside the box ingenuity the guys found an efficient way.

The mechanics crew joined the APWA (American Public Works Association) school to be refreshed on the latest developments with brake replacement and maintenance, body repairs and air conditioning systems. Our fleet Manager was able to attend a forum in New York City to visit there fire apparatus repair facility in conjunction with some of our towns fire fighting personnel.

The management team of fleet services continues to keep up to date on our local department of motor vehicles ever changing requirements to remain compliant; updating and providing the DMV with the requested information for over 100 vehicles. Along with this the management team is beginning to bring live a new vehicle asset management program by the name of Ron Turley Associates. This 'RTA' software once fully operation will track mileage, maintenance, cost of repair, schedule routine maintenance, provide recall notices, amortization schedules all in one program interface; whereas now

they do all these things, but through several different forums and formats.

Leon Clough
Fleet Services Manager

Street Services

Street Services continued to exemplify town stewardship and good construction practices this past month, and had street services wrapping up a few different projects around town. Our Nevers Road rebuilding project was completed with its finish earth work and hydro seeding being completed. We are also pleased to report that the line of telephone poles that hug the edge of the Nevers Road on the Gram Road end are slated to be moved away from the edge of road in the not too distant future.

Rye Streets standing water issue was resolved with the installation of a 60 cubic yard drywell last month along with two new catch basin tops and has been wrapped up nicely with a new road surface, curbing and profile to help ease the persistent erosion issue we were observing there.

The division processed close to 4,000 cy of various gravel and fill materials for later use in the town and continued to clean out the catch basins on the maintenance schedule.

Thanks to our Associate Manager Scott Yeomans, he was able to acquire a gently used paint shaker for the division to help alleviate some of our tack coat waste

absorbed in the past. More over still it is a great indicator of the various ways we are looking to extend value to processes here at public works.

Public Works also tackled a few other issues around town you may have noticed. The boat ramp accessing the Connecticut River at the end of Vibert Road was cleaned out taking advantage of the lower than usual river height and there were also several tree incidences experienced recently that required road closures, detours, and cranes to help remove the trees.

Spring Street Sweeping operations wrapped up and we have gotten a jump start on bringing these waste materials to there respective dump sites.

Working with our equipment amortization schedule Street Services has traded in the old 1999 loader with excessive hours on it and has purchased a new equivalent sized machine. Keeping with fiscal thriftiness, the load measuring system (LoadRite) that was in the old loader was taken out and installed in the new unit.

The Department also facilitated the clearing of a small parcel of land adjacent to the Avery Brook Channel in preparation of the annual cleaning of the concrete lined culvert.

Street Services continued on with its various maintenance programs with pot hole patching, line painting, tree trimming and

curb/lawn damage repairs. Street Services is also partnering with the Department of Recreation creating an in house CDL training program for its employees to acquire Class A commercial driver's licenses. This program was developed by the management staff with the towns maintainers volunteering to be the trainers after hours to help their coworkers get their Class A licenses.

Mark Owens

Street Services Manager

Water Pollution Control

On Tuesday, May 17, 2016 when responding to a resident's complaint of water flowing on Benedict Drive, Pollution Control staff determined that the water was not potable water but wastewater, and that it was coming from the Benedict Drive Pump Station. The Station pumps were shutdown and it was determined that the wastewater flow was due to a break in the force main.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection was notified and the services of an excavation contractor and tank truck haulers were secured for the purposes of by-passing the Station and repairing the leak.

When a pump station is unavailable to pump wastewater up hill, another method must be used until the station is put back into service. For this purpose, tank trucks were used. Four tank trucks with capacities of 3,000 to 6,000 gallons were used over a period of four

days, 24 hours per day, to intercept the estimated daily flows of 500,000 gallons from area homes.

Traffic control assistance was provided by the Streets Division of Public Works on Orchard Hill Drive and Mountain Drive where, for four days around the clock, the tank trucks were directed to discharge the bypass wastewater. This operation was well managed and the residents in these areas were most understanding of the situation.

Before attempting to excavate the site to expose the forcemain, the mile long forcemain needed to be drained of 93,000 gallons of wastewater. The operation was further complicated by the high level of ground water in the area, and before the forcemain could be exposed and inspected, additional dewatering wells were installed to pump the underground water below the level of the forcemain.

On the third day of around the clock efforts, the forcemain was exposed and the source of the leak was found to be a crack in the flange of an isolation valve for the station bypass chamber. Following the overnight delivery of a new band clamp, repairs were completed on Friday morning, May 20, 2016. The forcemain was refilled, and tests for leaks were made, and the Benedict Drive Pump Station was put back into service.

The excavation site was restored, the potable water line reconnected, and the street and

storm drain system was cleaned and disinfected with liquid chlorine. It was estimated that about 750 gallons of wastewater leakage occurred between the time of notification and the time of initiation of the station bypass operation. Final costs amounted to \$89,543.

Fred Shaw

Superintendent of Pollution Control



Human Services Department

Adult & Senior Services

Andrea Cofrancesco, Director of Adult and Senior Services

Food Drive a Big Success!

The Triad for Senior Safety recently hosted the second annual food drive to benefit our food bank, with the help of the police department, Mason's Evergreen Lodge 88, Ambulance Service of Manchester and the



benefit the Special Needs Fund. This was a huge success and could only have been possible with the help of all the volunteers and of course the extremely generous community!

Human Services Community Service Group. A total of 7,050 items was collected! In addition, \$1426 in monetary donations was collected to

Farmers Market Vouchers are In!

Vouchers for the Farmer's Market are available to participants 60 years of age or

older (*or* under 60 and permanently disabled living in subsidized senior housing) and have a maximum household income of not more than \$21,775 or \$29,471 for a couple. Seniors should also be participating in other programs with similar means testing such as Title 19, SNAP, Energy Assistance or Medicare Savings Program. Proof of eligibility is required. Once qualification is determined a \$18.00 booklet will be distributed for the 2016 Farmer's Market season. 860-648-6361 to apply.

Outreach at Housing

Almost 50 people attended three separate "Meet and Greets" at senior housing complexes to learn about services that are offered through the Adult and Senior Services division. Often people don't know what is available until they are in a situation where they have needs; we want neighbors, friends, relatives and the general community to know what is available so they can encourage people to call us for more information. Word of mouth is the best advertisement!

Eagle Project...Day of Caring!

Human Services provided the names of 10 individuals/families that were able to have their yard work done or their windows cleaned through Jonathan Gordon's Eagle Scout Project. This project assisted seniors with tasks that they were not able to physically do themselves, that they would not be able to afford, or simply for people who needed a little cheer as they go through a rough patch in their lives. It was a very well

organized event and the recipients were truly grateful! Kudos to Jonathan and all 103 volunteers who showed up to make a difference!

C.A.R.E.S. Program Expands

We are excited to have the C.A.R.E.S. program expand from four to five days per week beginning July 1st. The CARES group is designed to meet the needs of those with memory impairment or other limitations that prevent them from participating in independent programming at the center. Special activities are designed to keep people mentally and physically active as they age. In addition, this program gives loved ones a much needed break!

Costa Rica April 24—May 2, 2017

9 Days * 13 Meals

Book NOW & Save \$100*

Highlights: San Jose, Coffee Plantations, Guanacaste, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Hanging Bridges Tour, Arenal Volcano, Lake Arenal Cruise, Cooking Demonstration, Cano Negro Refuge, Zarcero, National Theatre and more! For more information, see trip brochure or go to this website:

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/759751>

Cost: Double \$2,929*Single \$3,429* price good until Oct. 24. If any questions, call Tracy Ext. 340. Only 38 spots available—register now to avoid the wait list!



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Youth & Family Services

Elizabeth Langevin, Director of Youth and Family Services



June 2016

On June 6th, Youth & Family staff and both SRO's attended the first annual Juvenile Review Board conference, organized by the Connecticut Youth Services Association. SRO Tina Roy presented on, *Social Media Trends Taking Over Our Teens & Tips to Regain Control*, what she designed for our collaboration program, Cops, Coffee & Conversation.

On June 15th, Youth & Family Services staff participated at Operation Graduation by "working" the door! We were there to greet the high school graduates, check bags, purses and pockets to make sure that it would be a fun and safe night for everyone!



Parent Education and Support

SWAN had two programs for adults and one for "tweens" in June. "Quick Tips" for potty training was offered to some grateful moms. We covered basics: readiness, positive reinforcements, trip training, nighttime training and common difficulties. The moms were a great source of encouragement to one another. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

had their last meeting before the summer break. We had some special treats and talked about summer plans.

For the Rising Stars program, SWAN did a session on becoming financially literate. The tweens answered some true or false questions designed to test their basic knowledge about minimum wage, credit cards, debt, and average salaries for various jobs. After that exercise, they had a lively discussion about the differences between "wants" and "needs." From what I heard, their parents can be proud of the amount of basic knowledge they do have

SWAN is hosting "Finding Help, Finding Hope" on July 20th. This program is for parents who have a child with a mental health struggle or think they may have a mental health struggle. We will be showing a webisode about how parents and caregivers can actively engage in their child's behavioral health care, as well as identify available resources that can help the entire family thrive. After viewing the webisode we will have professionals in the community there to answer any questions. Our Youth Counselor, Eileen Adler will be here to facilitate and to talk about schools and children's mental health.

To register or for more info:
eileen.adler@southwindsor.org

School Outreach

In addition to supporting the Rising Stars summer community service program, School Outreach Specialist, Kathy Reed will be co-facilitating a new 3 day group for girls entering 6th grade in the fall.

NEW Girls Circle Group Just for girls entering 6th grade!

A program where girls are invited to make friends, prepare for middle school, talk about important issues, and gain confidence through creative activities and games!

Facilitators: Liz Langevin, Director of SW Youth & Family & Kathy Reed, School Outreach Specialist

Location: Timothy Edwards Middle School

Meets: Tuesday, August 2nd to
Thursday, August 4th
9am –1pm
Fee: \$20 includes lunch

**To register: please contact, Liz Langevin
at liz.langevin@southwindsor.org or
860-648-6361 x331**

Teen Center

The Teen Center recognized the end of the school year with two separate celebrations

for both high school and middle school members! What a great year we had!

Our Youth Council, comprised of 12 members, was also recognized for their hard work and dedication to the community throughout the school year – some high school students accumulated 30 or more hours of community service! Two of our senior leaders were chosen for the Teen Center, Thomas Finn award that will go towards their college education.



Our summer has started off with considerable excitement with our first middle school Rising Stars Group! We have filled our time with adventures in the park, guest speakers, games, art projects and meaningful

community service projects throughout the town. This group of hardworking youth have surely demonstrated the meaning of teamwork! A big thank you to all –town residents and staff alike-who have guided us, taught us new things and helped out with our many projects.



JUNE, JULY & AUGUST EVENTS at the Teen Center!

Fridays 6pm to 9:30pm

6/2 Summer Fun

6/10 Pizza Party Celebration \$2.00 Donation

7/8 Trivia & Outdoor Movie at Wapping

School 8:00pm *Sign up for this night is Required*

7/22 Popsicles & Pool Tournament
8/24 Special Event: New to TE Ice Cream
Social 4-7pm**

Youth & Family Counseling

Eileen Adler, our Youth Counselor will be running a 5 week summer program that meets on either Thursdays or Fridays for some crafts, games as well as an opportunity to make or connect with friends in July & August!

Eileen and Kathy Reed, will offer a transition group for students entering middle school this fall.

Girls

Wednesday, August 10th: 9 to 10:30am

or

Tuesday, August 23rd : 11 to 12:30pm

Boys

Wednesday, August 10th : 11 to

12:30pm or

Tuesday, August 23rd : 9 to 10:30am

This free program will be held at Timothy Edwards Middle School,
100 Arnold Way

Come learn more about Timothy Edwards, meet new friends, go on a tour and get prepared for the start of 6th grade!

Registration deadline for the Moving On Up program is July 29th, 2016.

Space is limited so please sign up EARLY!

For more information or to register, please
contact,

Eileen Adler, Youth and Family Counselor

At 860-648-6361 X 324 or

Eileen.adler@southwindsor.org

**Please check out our Parent Talk
Newsletter, available on the town
website for upcoming events.**

**[http://www.southwindsor.org/youth-
family-services](http://www.southwindsor.org/youth-family-services)**



Parks & Recreation Department

Raymond Favreau
Director of Parks & Recreation

John Caldwell, Jr.
Superintendent of Parks

"Discover the Benefits!"

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Keri Apt
Asst. Director of Parks & Recreation

Park & Recreation Commission (PARC) –

The next PARC meeting is Wednesday, July 13th at 7:30pm in the Sprekel Room of the Town Hall. Long-time dedicated member Rob O'Connor has officially resigned from the commission. Rob has served as Vice Chair for nearly a decade and consistently provided a clear voice of reason throughout his tenure. He will be sorely missed.

The South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways

(**SWW&WW**) sub-committee meets next on Wed., July 6th. Charter member and Co-Chair, Rob O'Connor has stepped down from this committee as well. He, along-side founder Ginny Hole, has been the glue that has kept this group together since November of 2007. He will be missed. We wish him luck as he re-establishes residency in nearby Wethersfield. They are continuing their work on action plans for potential public access to the Eversource power line corridors for cross-town trails connecting the existing Jacques Lane trail to Pleasant Valley Road.

The South Windsor FOOD Alliance (SWFA) sub-committee successfully kicked off their

2016 Summer Farmer's Market on Sat., June 18. Over 1,500 people visited between 10am and 1pm! You can plan on the market every Sat. from 10am to 1pm thru Oct. 8th on the front lawn of the community center. Go to www.swfood.org for more details.

Like us on Facebook - The number keeps growing - we are now "liked" by 1,330 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 SWPRD06074!!

Special Invitation to Councilors – SAVE

THE DATES: Yes, dates, as in plural, because July is PARKS & RECREATION MONTH!! And, we have something special planned for each and every day of the month! See page 53 of your Parks & Recreation magazine, or go to our web site for all the exciting details! You'll find something for everyone with events like concerts, outdoor movies, playground celebrations, canine parties and veterans appreciation day at VMP, as well as trial fitness opportunities and a full moon 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!"

Before & After School Program – See attached record-breaking enrollment report for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Veterans Memorial Park – Although early in the season, thus far our patrons are extremely satisfied with the changes instituted for operation of the pools at VMP for the 2016 summer season. Prohibiting water guns, curtailing the use of charcoal and gas grills on park grounds, increasing weekend daily admission rates for non-residents from \$9 to \$12 for adults and from \$6 to \$8 for children, and eliminating group visit discounts has created a much more enjoyable experience.

Summer Concert Series – started off on a great note (pun intended) on Thursday June 23rd as the Savage Brothers Band drew well over 1,200 spectators and put on a spectacular performance once again. By the time you read this you will still have an opportunity to catch 7 more shows in this season's series. It's truly worth a visit to Evergreen Walk Park Thursday nights at 7pm.

Day Camps – Summer camps are in full swing with a roster of over 350 resident kids each week! Our Fab Five, Little Explorers, Trailblazers, Camp Discovery, Junior Adventurers & Adventure Unit, are up for re-accreditation with the American Camp Association (ACA) this summer. We have successfully completed the policies, procedures and operations manual segment and now proceed to the site inspections scheduled for July 26th. ACA representatives will visit all five sites, inspect the facilities and equipment, talk to staff and campers and then interview management. They will then score the visit for compliance with over 300 standards of care which we are confident will result in re-accreditation. We have been accredited with the ACA since 1998.

Staff changes – With the departure of two full time management staff (Ryan Kane left May 23 to take a directorship position with the Recreation Dept. in Concord, MA and Patrick Telman started a new job with the Wethersfield, CT Parks & Recreation Dept. on June 13) we have been busy with the search and selection process, not to mention staying on top of the day-to-day operations. Effective May 24th Keri Apt was promoted to Assistant Director of Park & Recreation leaving her Recreation Supervisor position open. Keri has proven herself as an efficient strong leader ready for the challenges of her new post. I am excited to work with her on a new level and anxious for the department to further reap the benefits of her talents. After

completing eleven interviews we have successfully filled Patrick's vacant position with yet another internal promotion elevating Sarah Robinson from part time weeknight/ weekend supervisor to full time Recreation Supervisor. She will assume responsibility for all of our youth and adult sports leagues, sports camps and adventure programs (including the ropes course). Final interviews for Keri's old position were conducted on July 1 and we hope to have a solid replacement on board by mid-July. We had 107 applicants submit resumes for the two Recreation Supervisor positions.

PARKS DIVISION

"Caring for South Windsor's Growing Needs"

June Activity Highlights:

- Athletic Fields & Grounds:
 - o Prepped Little League complex for the baseball and softball all-star competition.
 - o Mowed, scarified and lined Rotary, Nevers & Duprey baseball fields in preparation for the annual Ralph Giansanti tournament June 17, 18 & 19.
 - o Began our aggressive over-seeding, fertilization, aeration and irrigation program at all primary "A" athletic fields.
 - o Performed maintenance work at the temporary cricket field & pitch at the Shepard property on Governor's Highway.
- o Parks & Open Space:
 - o Pruned trees, cleared brush and hauled & spread yards of wood chips to maintain safety zones at all of the elements at the ropes course at Nevers Park in preparation for use this summer.
 - o Began a new effort to mow the flood control structures off Avery St. & Beelzebub Rd. on a regular basis in contrast to once annually in an attempt to restricted the heavy woody growth and make the mowing task more efficient and less stressful on equipment.
 - o Repaired fishing deck by the pond at Donnelley Preserve.
 - o Performed trim work and removal of trees that had fallen, or in fear of falling onto a number of abutting private properties from town-owned open space.
- Projects:
 - o Extensive resources (manpower & equipment) have been expended on the construction of two "high tunnels" at the Avery Garden site. For those of you not aware, this is a town project spearheaded originally by Jeff Folger, Conservation Officer & Andy Paterna and the South Windsor Food Alliance (a sub-committee of the park & Recreation Commission) a few years ago. The structures under construction

are two "high tunnels" which is really a fancy name for a green house. The only difference is that the structures are for growing primarily produce year-round and the plantings are at ground level in the floor soil versus in pots on elevated tables or platforms as you normally see in traditional green houses. The project to date has been funded by an \$18,000 grant from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The purchase of the structures (of which there are two 48' x 25' in size) was \$13,000 with engineering and construction (ie – concrete footings) accounting for the balance. The Public Works and Parks & Recreation departments have partnered along with volunteers to erect the high tunnels which we anticipate will be done in early July. They will then be used for agricultural education opportunities and advocacy in cooperation with the USDA, the UConn Ag. program and others. We are hopeful this will help in preserving the rich farming history of South Windsor as it produces healthy food choices.

- o Barton Property Project – Bids for Phase II, finish grading and seeding, will be solicited within the next week or two. The crew is working on clearing and formalizing the emergency exit road to Troy Road in the meantime.

- o Assisted Eagle Scout Jonathan Gordon with South Windsor Cares project conducted on Sat., June 18th.
- o Deming Community Gardens - Neighbor friendly site plan modifications are a work-in-progress through our engineering department and should be ready to go to PZC for final approval in June. Once approved we will re-apply for the \$20,000 grant with the state of CT Dept. of Agriculture Farmland Restoration Program. The goal is to have it ready for planting Spring, 2017.
- Other:
 - o Began repairs to the aging fencing at the Wapping tennis courts.
 - o Assisted SW Food Alliance with preparations for the opening of the 2016 Summer Farmers' market at the community center.
 - o Pitched tents for our summer camps held at Orchard Hill School.



Trailer completely outfitted with hand tools for park and trail clean-up efforts by volunteer organizations who reserve it in advance and we deliver it to the site.



The very first finished product in the new "Artisan Park Bench" Program in conjunction with the Human Relations Committee



High Tunnel construction at the Avery Gardens site – sonotubes placement for concrete footings above and frame erection below



An egret with no regrets! Seems everybody loves VMP!





Summer Concerts kicked off with the Savage Brothers Band on June 23rd at Evergreen Walk!



Happy Little Explorer Campers!



Happy Camp Discovery Campers!



Happy Adventure Unit Campers – selfie-style!!

July 2016

Town Council Meetings and Events

Meetings

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Monday, July 18, 2016

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Holidays

Monday, July 4, 2016

Town Offices Will Be Closed in Observance of Independence Day

Layout by Ashley Booth, Executive Secretary to the Town Manager

