

Town of South Windsor

Town Manager's Report September 2019

Michael Maniscalco
Town Manager



Overall Condition:

Over the last few weeks I have had an opportunity to visit and see every department in Town. At the time you have received this report I will be doing my first of two ride alongs with the Police Department. My personal assessment so far of all that I have seen and experienced is very good. I have found all of the staff incredibly talented, capable and ready to work on whatever challenges may face our community. While my report could go on for many pages related to activities going on internally in Town, below are a few of the more pertinent.

Emergency Management:

With the hurricane season and then winter upon us I wanted to remind both the Town Council and the general public to sign up for the Town's Emergency Notification system through the Town Website. Internally staff will be testing the alert systems to ensure it is working. September is National Preparedness Month and residents are encouraged to view the Emergency Management webpage on the Town Website for information related to creating an emergency plan and personal preparations in the event of an emergency.

Economic Development:

The Town is currently working on many economic development projects at multiple different stages. Mr. Galligan has been an invaluable asset to making sure these projects

continue on track. Probably the largest of these projects is Project Hammer which has been passed through Planning and Zoning unanimously and currently working its way through the WPCA and DEEP. Additionally, we saw the approval of a daycare at the Evergreen Walk site. Lastly, the Town has been working with the Buxton database and staff to start taking a more proactive recruitment stance. As a result we are compiling reports and data to use with potential prospects that we can bring to town.

Financials:

The Town Tax Sale is scheduled for October 1st. The Collectors Office started with over 30 properties and is currently down to 18 left. The ultimate goal of a tax sale is to get the properties current on their taxes. At this point individuals in the sale can no longer work with Town staff to pay off what they owe but must work with the tax attorney to settle their debts prior to the October 1 sale.

Town staff members have been meeting to both review and identify what we can do to increase the Town credit rating. The Town will need to begin bonding to pay for the schools in February and a favorable rating will help in the reduction of bonding costs. One of the activities we are undertaking to prepare us for the rating process is a review of all of the Town's Financial policies. We are looking to both bring them up to date and strengthen

them to ensure quality management practices. Also, we have started to draft a deficit mitigation plan. This plan takes into account the worst case scenario of a loss or reduction in revenue and the tools available to the Town and community in order to mitigate the loss both in the short term and long term.

Police Department

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Chief of Police

Summer Activity:

5-on-5 Summer Basketball camp:

Our School Resource Officers kept busy again this summer! Ofc. Tina Roy and Cpl. Ben White organized the Summer Youth Academy and the Summer Basketball Camp again this year. The basketball camp was so popular that last years' "3-on-3" camp is now a 5-on-5 team camp. These South Windsor students spent the week learning leadership and team-building skills and played a lot of great basketball. Thanks to all our sponsors and the South Windsor Fire Department for loaning us the van to pickup students who needed transportation.

2019 Police Summer Youth Academy:

The South Windsor Police Department's Summer Youth Academy was held again this summer at South Windsor Police headquarters. The academy was attended by students ranging in age from 12 to 16 and was sponsored by the South Windsor Police Department in cooperation with the South Windsor Human Services.

The objectives for the program are to teach youth about the law; provide physical activities to keep youth active; provide opportunities for community service; introduce youth to different positions and assignments within the police department; engage youth in discussions about how the law relates to every day experiences; and to provide opportunities to learn leadership and explore how to be good leaders within the

community. The program is put on by our School Resource Officers, Officer Tina Roy and Corporal Ben White. The Academy culminated with a brief presentation by the students to parents on Friday afternoon followed by the awarding of completion certificates by Chief Scott Custer.

Back to School Traffic Safety:

The South Windsor Police Department Traffic Unit would like to remind everyone that the new school year begins on Wednesday, August 28, 2019. With the increased number of children on or near South Windsor roadways, the Traffic Unit will have increased enforcement efforts in the town's school zones. Officers will be using marked and unmarked cars or motorcycles to monitor traffic and stop violators. All motorists are asked to slow down and be alert for children and school buses in the roadway. The fine for passing a standing school bus is \$465 and the minimum fine for speeding in a school zone is \$182. Please help us make this a safe school year.

The South Windsor Police Department is a member of the Metro Traffic Services regional partnership for traffic safety. It is the mission of the Traffic Unit to increase safety and reduce motor vehicle crashes on South Windsor roadways through engineering, education, and enforcement.

Looking for summer reading on your mobile devices? The Ready.gov webpage has great

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information pages on preparation for natural disasters, severe weather, and active shooters. Please share with friends and family that may rely on you in a severe weather event, or have questions about how to react to an active shooter event. We have had our share of severe weather in Connecticut and now is a good time to review your plan to protect yourself and your family.

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

Hirings & Departures:

Our newest officers are currently at the academy, officers Kyle Higgins and Erika Kuzara should graduate around January 1st 2020. These officers will fill existing vacancies. Officer Zachary Cosenza and Officer Megan Casey are getting close to finishing our 16-week field-training program and will be out on patrol solo soon. We are currently conducting background investigations to fill one current vacancy and to fill a few anticipated retirements in the next few months.

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 July 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:	2276
9-1-1 Calls Received:	676
Routine Calls Received/Outgoing:	4346
Directed Patrol/Premise Checks:	700
Motor Vehicle Stops:	366
Medical Assists/Emot.Dist. Persons:	174
Suspicious:	99
Alarms:	116
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	41
Welfare Check:	31
Assist Outside Agency:	31
Animal Problem:	43
Citizen Assist:	17
Miscellaneous Service:	15
Collision Reports:	17
BOLO:	20
Disabled Motor Vehicle:	35
Larceny:	22
Hazardous Conditions:	19
Pistol Permits:	7
Burglary:	3
Civil Matter:	9
911 Check:	18
Fraud:	12
Domestic Dispute:	18
Narcotics Violation:	2
Violation of Town Ordinance:	4
Youth Problem:	6
Sexual Assault:	2

Public Works Department

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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 and are working great. They plan to continue to clean and extend the Plum Gulley Brook culverts under Buckland Road to the west and complete sidewalks in September and October.

Sidewalk Repairs

Martin Laviero Contractors are replacing damaged sidewalk slabs in many places in Town.

Ridge Road and Deming St Drainage Improvements

Hinckley Construction has completed Ridge Road and Deming St Drainage improvements with new storm water drainage pipes and structures in part of Deming Street and in Ridge Road and new regrading, paving and curbing of Ridge Road. There are a few remaining punch list items that will be fixed this fall. This project is funded from 2018 bond funds.

Local Road Paving

B&W Paving has milled and paved several local roads this summer including Jonathan Lane, Imperial Drive, the south end of Slater

Street, Broadleaf Drive, Crestwood Drive Mountain Drive and Clinton Drive. Improvements to Dart Hill Road were made including a new catch basin and underdrain near Niederwerfer Road and milling and patching the worst areas of broken pavement. Dart Hill Road will be resurfaced with a rubberized chip seal in September. Mascolo Road, part of Chapel Rd and part of Governors Highway will also be milled and paved in September. This program is supported by the 2018 Bond funds.

Eversource Gas Projects

Eversource gas is completing installation of a new gas main on Northview Drive and in the Quarry Brook neighborhood. They are also installing new gas mains on Sand Hill Road to serve the Police Department and from Collins Crossing across Nevers Road to the Community Center. They should be ready to connect customers who want gas in these areas soon.

Verizon/Tilson Fiber Optic Project

Verizon has hired Tilson to install new fiber optic lines through South Windsor as part of their regional upgrade to a 5G network. The fiber is being installed underground by several subcontractors in Rye Street from Sullivan Avenue to Windsorville Road then in Griffin Road into East Windsor, and along Dart Hill Road from Vernon to Avery Street where it will run south in Avery Street to Deming Street in Manchester.

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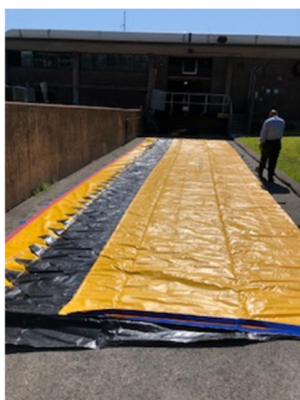
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Jeffrey Doolittle

*Assistant Director of Public Works
Town Engineer*

Water Pollution Control

As part of our annual emergency preparedness the WPC has been reviewing and updating the standard operating procedures, contact lists and equipment for the treatment plant and pump stations. One of the biggest concerns at the treatment plant is flooding from the Connecticut River. In the event of the river rising to a flood stage above 28 feet a barrier would need to be deployed at the front entrance. Our team has been inspecting this type of equipment along with generators and sluice gates that would be needed during a flood to protect electrical service which is essential for properly treating wastewater.



Inspection of the
50' flood barrier.



Flood waters fill the
space between the top
and bottom layers to
create 3' of protection.

The fourth and final phase of the Easement Vegetation Management Plan is coming to a close. Over the past four year the Pollution Control Department has methodically been

clearing all of the sewer right-of-ways to allow access for personnel and equipment. As we move forward these right-of-ways will be maintained to promote low growing vegetation. Our staff has already utilized the easements for pipe inspections and manhole repairs.

Refuse & Recycling

This year Town staff has reserved a government booth at the South Windsor Farmer's Market. In July the Pollution Control Department had recycling information available along with reusable grocery bags for interested residents. We received a strong turnout that allowed us to distribute important information.



Photo: Government booth set up
at the Farmers Market promoting
recycling efforts.

On September 7th an electronic recycling event will be held in the rear parking lot of Town Hall from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. These events are free of charge to the residents and divert an average of approximately 13 tons of

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material from the waste stream.

We are also working on providing backyard composting bins to residents for a discounted rate. The availability target date is the first week of September. When the details are finalized more information will be available.

For 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.

Tony Manfre
Superintendent of Pollution Control

Street Services

Public Works welcomed two new employees to the department. Colin Prescher is the new Maintainer I in the Streets Department and Robert Doughty is the new Assistant Mechanic in the Fleet Department. We wish them both much success and look forward to watching them progress in their new careers.

Street Services has been working at the TRACS building to re-design and re-surface the parking lot. This will provide a much safer area, and with the re-design, make the property much more functional. Executing this work in-house vs. contracting this out proved to be cost effective.

Dart Hill Rd has been completely prepped for rubberized chip seal in the very near future.

Brookfield St and Barber Hill Rd have also been prepped for upcoming conventional chip seal.

Drainage repairs have commenced on Steep Rd. This pipe has been compromised by invasive roots which has caused flooding in the area. The photo shows what was removed in the first and second blockages. There are several more areas to contend with further down this pipe.



Blockage 1



Blockage 2

Streets crews replaced catch basins at Fire Headquarters in preparation for paving the parking lot in September.

The town tree contractor, Distinctive Tree, removed nearly 3 dozen dying Ash trees that were a threat to public safety.

Emergency operations plans for the town garage have been updated in preparation for the hurricane season.

The department tackled more than a dozen small sinkholes in town roads. The fairly dry summer may have contributed to the formation of the sinkholes by reducing the water table whereby allowing the base to

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become unstable and collapse the road.

Storm water sedimentation chambers throughout town have been cleaned as part of our MS4 permit. These large chambers trap sediment and trash that passes through catch basins effectively keeping pollutants from reaching watercourses.

The department responded to a report of a detention basin on Greenwood Dr that was not draining properly. The culprit proved to be a beach ball lodged in the pipe. Once removed, the system began working properly. This should serve as a reminder that catch basins, and detention areas need to be kept clean. Nothing other than rainwater should enter these areas.

Road salt deliveries continued throughout the month. In all, nearly 3000 tons of salt was delivered and stockpiled in the salt barn. This included salt for the BOE.

Crews assisted the Parks Department with curbing at the new Nevers Park restroom facility.

The department assisted the BOE with the installation of a gas meter pad for the new gas service coming into the high school. The sign shop is also helping the BOE with sign changes and sign upgrades at the high school.

Scott Yeomans
Associate Manager, Street Services

Human Services Department

Andrea Cofrancesco
Director of Human Services

Human Services Update: **Tribute to Dave Harrison**

Monetary donations were given to the Senior Center by many people in memory of Dave Harrison, our beloved bus driver who passed away in July. One note that accompanied a donation that said it all as to who Dave truly was: "This donation is given in memory of Dave Harrison, one of the most giving, kind and gentle man that you could meet, with his big ready smile, laugh and helping hand to all he came in contact with." From Lynn and Norm B.

Thank you to Gary in Public Works for making a sign for the bus that Dave drove, which was parked at the funeral home for Dave's services. Gary was quick and responsive to our request for this sign; staff and family was moved by the tribute. It was a privilege knowing Dave and he continues to be missed every day.



Eagle Scout Project: Labyrinth

Thank you to Colin Pedersen of Boy Scout Troop 62 for creating a labyrinth in the community center garden area. Colin talked with John Caldwell about what would be easiest to maintain, researched and created a pattern and then provided leadership to the boys in his troop to create this for all to enjoy. Funding was provided by the Max Challenge! Penny Shea in Adult and Senior Services brought this suggestion forward and also assisted in researching this project.



The Labyrinth is an ancient pattern found in many cultures around the world. Labyrinth designs were found on pottery, tablets and tiles that date as far back as 5000 years. The Labyrinth is an ancient meditation path and walking it can help you review and reflect and bring peace and understanding to your life.

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Railings in Hallway

The community center has new hand railings as part of the building enhancements when Human Services took over the community center! These are on one side of the hallway, providing much needed support to those with mobility issues. These were fully funded by donations to the Friends of the South Windsor Senior Center and this project came in under budget!

Pickleball Picnic

The annual Pickleball Picnic was held in July with another great turnout. Awards were given out by volunteer Norene Kilburn, who recognized Dick and Bobbie Lane for coordinating Pickleball, in addition to others who assist! This program is hugely popular, with over 100 on an email distribution list and sometimes as many as 50 people coming a day! Games are held at Ellsworth and the Middle School and beginner lessons are

offered at the community center. This game has allowed for friendships to form and people now play golf and even vacation with each other as a result of meeting at Pickleball!



Senior Picnic

Our "Around the World" themed senior picnic was a big hit with all 165 who attended! Thanks to Jan Weston, Ms. Senior CT and for Town Manager Mike Maniscalco for attending! Teens from the Teen Center were a great help, playing games and serving! We are fortunate to have all of Human Services in our building to help out as needed!



Fresh Veggies for Food Bank!

Our food bank has received more fresh vegetables this year than any other year! Donations are being brought in by Broadridge employees and Futtner's Farm! And our own

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gardens at the community center, managed by Liane Lussier Smith, Teen Center Coordinator, with assistance from teen and senior volunteers also produce a lot and people are loving it! This is a great addition to our food bank offerings and with the help of our new commercial sized refrigerator (thanks to the Rotary Club and the Max Challenge!)

Welcome to “The Senior Connection”

In celebration of National Senior Center Month, the senior center's monthly newsletter the “Senior Connection” was mailed to 6500 residents 55 and older on the registrar of voters list. This is a great way to promote the many programs that are available to residents who are not aware of what is offered through the Adult and Senior Services Division. Funds used for mailing the newsletter are provided by local businesses who pay an annual fee to sponsor the newsletter.

This year's Senior Center Month theme is “The Key to Aging Well!” A variety of programs are offered monthly to build on lessons learned, to learn new skills and exercise to care for your body; volunteer opportunities to give back to foster purpose; and grow to be the most you can be.

NEW! ALS Support Group

The ALS Association CT Chapter is excited to start a support group for caregivers of people living with ALS. The group will meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the community center starting September 25 from 11-12:30. RSVP to Michelle at mgaski@alsact.org, 203-874-5050.



Youth & Family Services

This summer, 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 in June, one in July, with more to come in September. Often, medical doctors are unaware of the wide range of behavioral health services in our area. It was an opportunity to make sure that South Windsor kids and their families are getting the care that they need to be the healthiest that they can be!

South Windsor Youth & Family Services has recently taken over a state grant to operate the Local Interagency Service Team (LIST). There are 12 LISTs around the state. Local Interagency Service Teams (LIST) were created as a system development strategy for the establishment of an integrated system for planning, implementation and evaluation of juvenile justice service delivery in Connecticut. LISTs provide a venue for community-level interagency coordination

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and formal communication and planning between state agencies and local communities around juvenile justice issues. Their task is to coordinate local stakeholders in raising awareness about the needs of children and youth involved in the juvenile justice system, as well as planning, evaluating, and supporting juvenile justice services in each juvenile court catchment area.

In staffing news, we are sad to share that our Parent Educator/SWAN Parent Program Coordinator has left us! A wonderful full time opportunity came up for her working at another local Youth Service Bureau. Kelly McKenney has been with us for the last three years and brought some new creative programs to our repertoire. She will be missed!

On Monday, August 26th, we held the second annual Back to School Big Chill at Rotary Pavilion. It is such a pleasure collaborating with other departments. SW Recreation, SW Public Library and the SW Police Department were all there with us.

We had around 150 kids and parents come through for some fun and games to kick off a new school year. We even had a mime who

taught us a few fun ways we can cope with stress in our lives. Thank you to the other town departments that celebrated with us!

Teen Center

For the Teen Center, the months of July and August were all about the Rising STARS program! South Windsor middle school and high school youth were busy with 8 weeks of teambuilding and community service projects.



We are so appreciative of Town staff for supporting this project—this year we had the opportunity to collaborate with Parks and Recreation, SW Police Department, SW Fire Department, SW Food Alliance, the Senior Center, and the SW Food Bank. Other projects included working with the Wood Library at the Nowashe Village, Bordua Farms on Main Street and fun field trips on Fridays.

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This summer Youth and Family Services led a **Family Bike Ride** around Nevers Park. Family biking is not only a healthy, affordable, and sustainable way to get around with your kids, but an amazing opportunity for the little ones to get to know their environment, and for you to spend quality time with them.



Parent Education and Support

This summer, back by popular demand we offered our Chef in Training Class, for children ages 7-11 years old. This is an interactive cooking class for children and their caregiver. Junior chefs have fun while learning how to make a range of healthy foods. The children prepare an entrée and dessert. The classes help to build the youth's confidence and develop their talents. We offered 4 sessions this summer. Some of the delicious meals the kids created were Ham, Broccoli and Cheddar Quiche, Pizza, BBQ Chicken Casserole and Shepard's Pie. The kids also made Blueberry Crisp, Pineapple Upside Down Cupcakes and Magic Bars. The parents and kids alike had so much fun and friendships were made. One of the mother's in the group stated, "This class encourages my daughter to try new foods, since she helped to prepare the meal and she is with her peers."



Brown Bag Lunch Bytes was a series of discussions that was offered to all staff and the community during their lunch hour in July and August. One of the topics that was offered during the lunch hour was, How to Strengthen Your Relationship With your Children. Researchers remind us that we need five positive interactions to every negative interaction to keep any relationship healthy. Since we spend so much time guiding — a.k.a. correcting, reminding, scolding, criticizing, nagging, and yelling — it's important to make sure we spend five times as much time in positive connection.

Another topic presented during the Lunch Bytes Series was, Best Discipline Strategies for Children with ADHD. Kids with ADHD often require a slightly different approach to discipline. A few simple changes to your parenting strategies could give your child the tools he needs to manage his behavior more effectively. By definition, kids with ADHD may have trouble sitting still, completing tasks, managing impulses, and following directions. The discipline strategies, however, can be instrumental in helping kids with ADHD follow the rules.

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School Outreach & Prevention

The youth of South Windsor were busy helping others this summer. We held 3 nights of the Make a Difference program, which is a community service program for Middle and High School students. Collectively, they made 130 dinner bags for a local soup kitchen (combo photo), created flower pots for seniors who are in the Meals on Wheels program (photo) and also made craft kits for children at CT Children's Medical Center. They were all amazing kids!

The Moving On Up program was held this summer for students starting 6th grade in the fall. This transitional program was created to help kids connect to TEMS, meet new friends and prepare for the start of 6th grade. We had 93 students participate in this free program.

Counseling & Support

Both of our part time counselors kept a caseload this summer. In addition, both Robin and Sarah participated in mini talks with the Teen Center Rising Stars Program as well as collaborated with other staff on Moving on Up and Chef in Training Program.

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, Sept. 11th. On July 10th at an earlier time of 6:00pm we conducted a very successful and enlightening bus tour of the park system for all PARC members. We started from and return to our Wapping facility. Work continues on the master plan revision.

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

sub-committee meets next on Wed., Sept. 18 at Wapping at 7pm. 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 will run every Saturday through September 28 at the Community/Senior Center front lawn from 9am to 12pm. Go to www.swfood.org for more details.

Special Invitation to Councilors – SAVE

THE DATES: You don't want to miss our 50th Anniversary Celebration on Sat., September 14th at Nevers Park Rotary Field from 5:30 to 9:30pm (rain date Sun., 9/15)! We cordially invite each of you to our VIP tent

from 5:30-6:30pm for hors d'oeuvres and beverages. See attached flyer for all the exciting details! 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

- Year 13 of this incredibly popular program began on Wed., August 28th with full enrollment at all four sites once again. September enrollment stands strong with 218 participants in the morning and 226 after school across the four sites with 25 individuals accommodated on Early Release Wednesdays in support of the BOE professional development schedule.

Pre-School – The recent population explosion has impacted the demand for our highly respected pre-school classes and in response we have added another classroom and instructor to expand our offerings for these precious little ones!

Wapping Re-Purposing – The Cafeteria remodeling project is finally nearing

completion! All that remains is the technology connections and minor punch list items. An open house will be announced soon!

Veterans Memorial Park – Officially closed on Sunday, August 25. We experienced one of our slowest season in recent years despite a record number of days 90 degrees or above in July.

Doggy Dips (formerly Pooch Plunge) held on Tuesday, August 27th drew 40 small dogs (45 pounds and under) from 4-5:30pm and another 80 large dogs (45 pounds and over) from 6-7:30pm.

Family Camp Out – on Saturday night July 27th thirty-five participants from a dozen families enjoyed our first-ever over-night camping experience at Rye Street Park from 3pm to 10am the next morning. Affectionately referred to as “Roughin’ it at Rye” participants enjoyed a burgers and dogs cook-out co-sponsored by Red Heat Tavern, lawn games, scavenger hunt, star gazing and of course s’mores by the camp fire! Kudos to Recreation Supervisors Lauren Bent and Shelby Kosa for this great new idea, and then delivering and supervising it to perfection! Judging from positive feedback, sounds like a repeat command performance!

PARKS DIVISION

“Caring for South Windsor’s Growing Needs”

June/July/August Activity Highlights:

Athletic Fields & Grounds:

- Prepared all school grounds for the first day of school with a little extra TLC.
- Daily and weekly preparation of 12 baseball/

softball fields servicing Little League, American Legion baseball and adult softball.

Parks & Open Space:

- Installed a Park Bench by the Denfeld Memorial Fire Truck playground structure at My Friend’s Place.
- Continued seasonal aggressive over-seeding and fertilization of all prime turf areas.
- Prepared Rye St. Park for Panther Youth Football annual Jamboree August 24 & 25.
- Prepared Porter’s Hill for official dedication on August 15th.
- Performed some serious brush clearing and tree pruning at the high school
- Rough cut mowing at all school grounds, firehouses, and Dzen’s pond.

Projects:

- Completed in-house construction of the stone and paver patio at the new restroom facility at Nevers Park. Our talented crew comes through once again!
- Construction of the Nevers Park restroom project in partnership with the SW Rotary club is now complete! With the ability to heat up to 50 degrees, an electronic and remotely controlled access system and surveillance cameras we plan to have the facility opened year-round, 7 days a week from 5am to dark to service the athletic fields and Porter’s Hill. A successful well-attended ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Tuesday, August 27th at 6:30pm.
- Through the award of a \$5,000 grant from CT Water we were able to pull a water line under Deming Street and into the former

Nelson Property and now town owned open space slated for additional community gardens. CT Water supplied all the materials and a staff supervisor and the parks crew supplied the labor and machinery. We will publicize these new garden plots in time for spring planting next year!

- Renovated to new the outdoor basketball court at Wapping
- Refurbished the letters on the "Welcome to South Windsor" gateway signs by I-291 and Rt. 5.

Other:

- Assisted the Youth Service Division of Human Services with their annual summer Rising Star program for teens.



LA Backstage Pass rocks our summer concert series with music from the 80's on July 11th – selfie included!!



Photos



Dedication of Porter's Hill with the Collins Family on a beautiful August 15th evening



Doggy Dips (formerly Pooch Plunge) 2019 at VMP – again a furry success!!





New restroom facility at Nevers Park is now complete and ready for use by the public! Ribbon cutting on August 27th made it official. Thank you SW Rotary for another successful partnership!



Water Safety Instructors at VMP make swim lessons "fun" using a super hero theme!



Parks crew makes installing basketball goals look easy at the newly renovated court at Wapping



I-291/Rt 5 Gateway signage before restoration



I-291/Rt 5 Gateway signage after restoration



Drainage swale under construction at the Fairgrounds on Brookfield Street to eliminate the recent flooding problem. Again, thanks to our talented parks crew!



In support of the environment and the new plastic bag Legislation we distributed these fashionable reusable shopping bags to the first 200 folks to claim them at our office



“Roughin’ it at Rye” at our very first and extremely well-received Family Camp Out



September 2019 Town Council Meetings and Events

Meetings

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

7:00 pm Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Monday, September 16, 2019

7:00 pm Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Holidays

Monday, September 2, 2019

Town Offices Will Be Closed in Observance of Labor Day.

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