

Town of South Windsor

Town Manager's Report September 2021



Michael Maniscalco
Town Manager

COVID-19 Update: I will have a more accurate account of numbers to report to the Council the night of the meeting. As I think you are all aware, we have now instituted a Town Wide Mask Mandate due to the increasing number of people getting sick from COVID-19. I spent a lot of time working with our surrounding communities to do so as a regional consortium. I also discussed this with the local Board of the Chamber of Commerce. While I understand it is difficult and it has made some people very unhappy, I made this decision with two goals in mind: To keep numbers low enough that 1) kids can go to school in person; and 2) ensure that businesses are not closed or capacity limits do not have to be imposed.

Internally, masks are mandated for all staff and the public in Town Buildings. Large gatherings will be asked to wear masks on Town property to avoid a super spreader event. All Town offices remain open to the public at this time.

Hurricane Henri: Hurricane Henri hit the Town on 8/21 with the largest impact being significant rainfall of 5 inches or more. This was coupled with the significant amounts of rainfall 5.5 inches two days earlier. As a result, the Town experienced mostly flooding issues. The State declared a State of Emergency and evaluations are currently being done for FEMA to determine if there was a large enough cost to the Town to warrant FEMA reimbursement.

Metro Hartford Alliance Tour: I had the opportunity to provide a Tour to the Metro Hartford Alliance a few days ago. The Metro Hartford Alliance is a regional economic/community development agency. We looked at multiple locations in Town and discussed a number of potential prospect they may have for our community. We provided them with a number of vacant and properties ready for redevelopment. Our hope is that through this tour we will ensure our community is a part of the discussion as prospective businesses are discussed.

COSTCO Construction Update: COSTCO construction is moving along at lightning speed. We have had a couple of meetings with the construction management. Despite the weather setbacks, they are determined to be open for Thanksgiving. Additionally, we have sent a draft copy of the Tax Abatement Agreement over to them. The agreement is based off of the Resolution approved by the Council.

Carla's Pasta and 9 Tribe Foods: Through the bankruptcy of Carla's Pasta the company was bought by Tribe 9 Foods out of Wisconsin. They plan to keep everyone employed and to continue and possibly even expand operations in South Windsor. The original tax abatement that was given to Carla's Pasta had a transfer clause within it. We are in the process of working out the transfer to Tribe 9 and look forward to working with them as a new corporate neighbor.

Crumbling Foundation Insurance Captive: I wanted to let the Council know that I have been approved by the State to be a board member on the Crumbling Foundations Insurance Captive. My hope is through my membership on this Board, we will gain additional attention for South Windsor residents suffering with crumbling foundations.

Closed Captioning for Public Meetings: I have seen a few requests and inquiries from elected officials regarding offering closed captioning services and/or sign language for Town Council meetings and other public meetings. The Town currently has an on-call contract with an interpretation service and I reached out to them to see if they could meet this need. In the event there is a need for sign language we can certainly call our service. They would require two interpreters be on site for a two (2) hour minimum plus we would have to pay their travel. On a rough estimate for a normal Town Council meeting it looks like it would cost about \$1,000. In terms of closed captioning most televisions and computers offer this service already.



Police Department

Kristian R. Lindstrom
Chief of Police

Town Managers Report July and August 2021

Monthly Statistics July and August 2021

Each month we publish the totals of some of our more common calls for service. We continue to see some minor fluctuations in activity levels as school schedules change and Covid trends shift.

July's numbers are below:

Total Computer Aided Dispatch Entries:	2254
9-1-1 Calls Received:	793
Routine Calls Received/Outgoing:	4710
Directed Patrol/Premise Checks:	732
Motor Vehicle Stops:	289
Emotionally Disturbed Persons:	11
Medical Assists:	181
Suspicious:	82
Alarms:	74
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	27
Welfare Check:	37
Assist Outside Agency:	18
Animal Problem:	48
Citizen Assist:	27
Miscellaneous Service:	8
Collision Reports:	24
BOLO:	19
Disabled Motor Vehicle:	20
Larceny - Motor Vehicle	3
Larceny:	32
Hazardous Conditions:	19
Pistol Permits:	15
Burglary - Residential	2
Burglary - Motor Vehicle	7
Civil Matter:	10
911 Check:	5
Fraud:	10
Domestic Dispute:	17
Violation of Town Ordinance:	4
Youth Problem:	11

August's numbers are below:

Total Computer Aided Dispatch Entries:	2402
9-1-1 Calls Received:	868
Routine Calls Received/Outgoing:	5083
Directed Patrol/Premise Checks:	795
Motor Vehicle Stops:	208
Emotionally Disturbed Persons:	8
Medical Assists:	199
Suspicious:	96
Alarms:	112
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	33
Welfare Check:	50
Assist Outside Agency:	34
Animal Problem:	45
Citizen Assist:	33
Miscellaneous Service:	13
Collision Reports:	28
BOLO:	23
Disabled Motor Vehicle:	20
Larceny - Motor Vehicle	3
Larceny:	55
Hazardous Conditions:	137
Pistol Permits:	7
Burglary	3
Burglary - Motor Vehicle	13
Civil Matter:	13
911 Check:	7
Fraud:	6
Domestic Dispute:	10
Violation of Town Ordinance:	0
Sexual Assault	1
Youth Problem:	2



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Covid-19 Update: The months of July and August saw an increase in Covid cases within the community. Largely this increase can be attributed to the Delta Variant of the virus and also seems to overwhelmingly affect unvaccinated people. Due to this rise in cases, a town wide mask mandate for indoor public spaces was implemented.

Personnel and Recruiting Status: The strength of the South Windsor Police Department always has been, and continues to be, the staff who keep things moving day in and day out.

After learning in June that Officer Ben Lovett had been involved in a life threatening off duty motorcycle accident, on July 13th Ben succumbed to his injuries and passed away. This is a monumental loss for our agency as we cope with the second loss of a sworn officer in three years. We continue to rely heavily on each other, our Peer Support Team, EAP Provider, Department Chaplain, and municipal partners as we all grieve in our own way.

During the month of August, Lieutenant Richard Watrous announced his retirement after 28 years of dedicated service. He will take with him almost three decades of experience and institutional knowledge that will undoubtedly leave a significant void in our ranks.

Two new police officers were hired during the month of August. These officers were hired to fill vacancies that already existed with our ranks. Officer Isaih Spain started his employment with us on August 23rd, 2021 and comes to us as a certified police officer so he will not have to go through the police academy. Officer Christopher Myska started his employment with us on August 30th, 2021. Prior to coming to SWPD, he was a paramedic with the Ambulance Service of Manchester. He will begin his academy training in the second week of September.

With the above personnel in place, there are still two vacancies to be filled and we have multiple background investigations currently underway.

Local and National Social Justice Movements: The South Windsor Police Department remains strongly opposed to racism and biased policing. It continues to serve the public with the element of its mission to "Respect the Rights of Individuals" in mind. As an agency, and as a profession, we continue to stand ready to engage in crucial conversations to make meaningful change that enhances the world that we live in.

Community Activities and Support from our Citizens: We received an unbelievable amount of support during July when Officer Lovett passed away. We received sympathy cards from around the country, food donations, memorial plaques, remembrance flags, and general wishes of sympathy and support were received throughout the month. Local children also ran a lemonade stand in his honor and raised several thousand dollars that they donated to CCMC. It was humbling to see the community come together to honor and recognize Ben's life.

Our two School Resource Officers (SROs) worked this summer with staff from the Human Services Department to help facilitate the Rising Stars Program. This youth outreach initiative was a great opportunity for our SROs to create non-confrontational contacts with local youth as one example of our efforts to re-engage the community. Feedback received from Human Services is that the SROs' participation was a great success and played a vital role in the program's success.

Sgt. Mark Cleverdon continues to post public service announcements under the umbrella of the 9 o'clock routine initiative. This program aims to remind residents to secure their belongings, vehicles, and homes in an effort to combat and deter the juvenile car thefts that are plaguing the State. In addition, Chief Lindstrom continues to work with area chiefs to assemble a regional task force that will address this same issue.

The South Windsor Police Department continues to benefit from regular gestures of support from the community.

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Traffic Safety: Our Traffic Unit continues to exercise the “3 E’s” of Engineering, Enforcement, and Education as we address complaints ranging from speed to Commercial Vehicle travel. We continue to work in partnership with the Office of the State Traffic Authority to address traffic proposals, and projects.

During July and August, department personnel have been posturing to increase traffic enforcement in school zones during the upcoming return to school. This is an annual initiative that serves to slow cars and reduce distracted driving particularly in school zones where we expect an increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Distracted driving and driving under the influence continue to be issues that put the motoring public at risk. We continue to employ the belief that high visibility patrols and frequent motor vehicle stops serve to encourage safe and legal motor vehicle practices. Agency personnel remain busy trying to enforce motor vehicle laws while the police department works with Town Highway and Engineering to make sure the roads are well designed, appropriately marked, and optimal for motorist safety.

Police Activity and Significant Events: The South Windsor Police Department remains active and dedicated to the traditional law enforcement function by responding to the public’s needs.

Each summer we see a variety of different severe weather conditions and this summer was no different. The months of July and August saw a few such situations.

In early July there was one week where the typical summer evening thunderstorms packed a much larger punch than expected/forecasted and created significant tree damage and power outages. This occurred on multiple evenings in the same week. In addition, on the morning of August 19th the Town experienced torrential rains that caused localized flash flooding. The police department and fire department worked together and were able to respond to several scenes to

maintain public safety. Although some locations saw significant property damage, no injuries to town employees or the public were reported. On August 22, 2021, Tropical Storm Henri came through the area and deposited an enormous amount of rain in a relatively short period of time. Again, some local roads flooded and several homes had significant water damage. Luckily the wind from the storm was essentially a non-factor and therefore there was minimal loss of power in town. A member of the police department Command Staff helped staff the Emergency Operations Center throughout the duration of this storm.

In mid-July, police personnel responded to a serious motor vehicle accident at Route 5’s intersection with Governor’s Highway. Tragically, this crash resulted in the loss of two human lives. The crash scene was processed by the Metro Traffic Services regional crash reconstruction team and the investigation is ongoing. This was the Town’s first fatal car accident in several years.

During July and August, Sgt. Littell, Ofc. Eastwood, Ofc. Cosenza and K-9 Mason, Ofc. Higgins, and Ofc. Pierpont were all recognized by ECHN for their lifesaving efforts when they saved a person from an opioid overdose. The victim was located in the woods by K-9 Mason and the rest of the team administered life saving treatment that included, but was not limited to oxygen therapy and Naloxone, and extracted the victim from the woods to a waiting ambulance.

In addition to the traditional patrol based efforts and responses, several significant administrative initiatives. The first originated from the State level with a roll out of a new statewide automated fingerprint system. Unfortunately this roll out came with some technical issues and disorganization on the State’s end, but everything was resolved within the first week and the system is now online and working well.

In addition to working with the State, police department staff have been working closely with other town departments. We provided support to the Tax Collector for their tax auction on August

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27th and have been working very closely with the School District to facilitate a smooth and safe opening of a new school year.

Unlocked Car Burglaries & Car Thefts (cont. from last month): We have seen a troubling shift in the trend of burglarized and stolen cars over the last month or so. Historically these incidents were somewhat contained to overnight hours where actors could operate under the cloak of darkness, however recently we have received several reports of daytime burglaries and thefts. For this reason, it is prudent for citizens to keep their cars locked at all times when the vehicles are parked outside at home.

This has become a constant reminder over the past couple years, everyone needs to lock their cars. Despite what you may read on social media, these are not “break-ins” or “hotwired” cars. Historically, the frequency of these incidents increases as the weather improves. In most cases these cars are left unlocked with a key or key fob in it. Often people forget that new cars come with a spare key/keyfob and leave it in the glove compartment.

Most of Connecticut continues to experience car burglaries and car thefts. This is not a new problem; however with the increase in “push button start” cars, people have a tendency to leave the fob in the car. This makes it very easy for the youths to find a car to take. Locking the car is the answer; none of the stolen cars had windows smashed or were jimmied open. The crimes are generally being committed by groups of juveniles who arrive in a neighborhood in a stolen car overnight, try door handles and enter unlocked cars. If an unlocked car is found they look for keys or key fobs to take the car, or steal valuables located inside the vehicle. The stolen cars are generally used to “joyride” and are frequently recovered in Hartford or nearby once they run out of gas.

The activity seems to be increasing due to several recent factors: Current legislation aimed at not stigmatizing juveniles for crimes they have committed offers few, if any, consequences if they are caught. Moreover, the law was changed

prohibiting police from chasing cars except in extremely serious, physical injury crimes. These factors taken together embolden the would-be car thieves and they have very little, if any, concern about the consequences of being caught. We can eliminate the issue locally by “hardening the target”; if we all lock up our vehicles, they will move to other areas to find easy targets. As always, we urge citizens to report suspicious activity immediately.

Never too early to prepare for an emergency (cont. from last month): The message below has been a frequent post on Facebook and in this monthly report. As we look to recover from Covid-19 as a community and prepare for the “second wave” in the fall, I hope that our citizens will think about all-hazard preparations.

The Ready.gov webpage has great 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/>

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>. Follow us and share information with friends and family. Facebook: South Windsor Police Department Twitter: @SWPD_PIO

Public Works Department

Vincent Stetson
Director of Public Works

Street Services Update July/August 2021

Street crews assisted the Parks Department with the installation of a new sidewalk at Town Hall. This material is a pervious walkway, which allows rainwater to seep into the walkway and dissipate into the soils below eliminating excessive groundwater from reaching the parking lot.

The intersection of Windsorville Road at Rye Street has been realigned to bring the stop bar parallel to Rye St. making it easier for drivers to enter Rye St.

There were several large tree projects undertaken as a result of damaging storms in June. Our department assisted the Parks Dept with the devastating damage done in the parks. The department opened a temporary debris site at the garage so resident could bring in their brush.

Compost has been sold off for the season. We have a stockpile remaining for residents.

There were several drainage repairs done during the period including completing all drainage repairs on Quarry Brook Drive and Evergreen for the milling and paving project.

The department has been meeting with the 175th Anniversary Committee to help plan and execute the event.

Crews prepared for Tropical Depression Fred, readying equipment and checking low-lying areas. Crews remained busy with flash flooding from this unprecedented rainfall. Several roads were closed as a result.

And then....Tropical Storm Henri descended upon us. Crews once again took all necessary pre-storm measures to help thwart any significant issues. However, with the previous storm just behind us, this event lead to yet more flash flooding issues across town. Crews responded to dozens of calls for service. The EOC was activated and staffed during the event to assist staff in the field. Fortunately, there was relatively little power loss

in town and Eversource was making repairs into the evening.

As a result of Storm Henri, the town suffered damage to our storm water infrastructure on Chandler Dr and Sele Dr. Assessments are underway to determine the extent of damage and possible corrective actions. Labor, equipment and material costs are being documented should this become a reimbursable FEMA event.

Streets assisted the Board of Education in a parking lot expansion at Pleasant Valley School. Town crews also repainted traffic markings in the lot for the new traffic pattern, which will hopefully reduce the congestion.

Compost is available free to town residents at the compost pile on Burgess Rd. The area is accessible 24/7. This is a self-loading/self-service commodity. Please bring a shovel, buckets, pick-up trucks, trailers, but no powered loading equipment please.

Overall, the department responded to 223 calls for service during the period.

Residents are encouraged to use Connect South Windsor to report hazards. WWW.SOUTH WINDSOR.ORG/CONNECT or look for the app for iPhones and Androids.

Scott Yeomans
Associate Manager, Street Services

Public Works Department

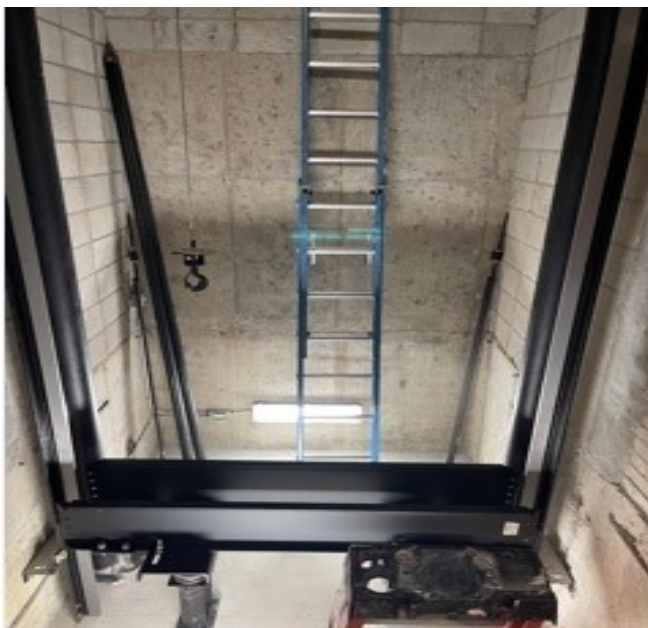
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Public Buildings Division
*"Providing Quality, Value
Minded Services to the South
Windsor Community"*

Building Maintenance Project Updates

Town Hall Elevator Replacement: Elevator parts arrived on the August 9th, a few days earlier than expected. The contractor started bringing parts and equipment into the building on the 11th. Thus far, the hydraulic cylinders and some of the guiderails have been installed. The final two bluestone caps finally arrived and were installed two weeks ago. The HVAC equipment for the Mechanical Room was installed and tested on the 12th. Work assembling the elevator is expected to take three weeks. Once done, the remaining brick work on each floor will be completed, the ceilings will be reinstalled and carpet replaced. The elevator will then be commissioned and with any luck ready to use by the end of the month.



Town Hall Elevator Shaft Work in Progress



Town Hall Elevator Control Box and Hydraulic Pump

Town Hall Phone System: The new fiber optic circuit and router arrived and were installed at the Annex by Frontier. The circuit was tested successfully on the 12th. AT&T has scheduled a port date to cut over to the new circuits the week of 9/13. At that time AT&T will also move their phone system server equipment from the Town Hall Server Room to the Annex Server Room, the final step assuming all goes well with the port and equipment relocation is porting of the phone numbers, deployment of phones along with user training for each site. Typically porting takes about four weeks, I'm hoping I can expedite that process.

Fire Alarm Replacements Fire Company 1&2: ADT Commercial LLC., out of North Haven was selected as the company to install the fire alarm systems at the two fire stations. Work started last month at Company 1 on Ellington Rd. Work is about 85% complete, an inspection for the work above the ceiling has been scheduled. The work should be completed shortly and then work will begin at Company 2.

Generator Replacement Company 3: R&C Electric LLC out of Bristol was selected for this project. The proposals came in under budget. We will be installing a 100 kW natural gas powered generator. The construction was set to start on

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Monday August 16th but was delayed due to the tropical storm. The concrete pad for the generator has subsequently been poured and the trenching dug for the electrical conduit. Inspections have been completed and the trench was then backfilled. There are many more weeks of construction yet to go but if all goes as planned moving forward the completion is slated for the week of December 6th.

Wood Memorial Library HVAC Upgrades:

The project is still in the schematic design phase. The engineer has provided two examples of the type of equipment and operational benefits they think will fit within the budget. A project meeting was held on 7/19 where we discussed the benefits and preliminary costs for each design. The intent of the design is to maintain reasonable temperature and relative humidity as required to preserve the nature of the structure, finishes and collections while also providing comfort levels for the occupants. The proposed project schedule will see the schematic design and report finalized, develop plans and specs mid-December, complete bid documents and bid package advertised mid-January, award contract early March, order equipment end of March and substantial completion on or about July 2022.

Community Center Roof Replacement: The roof replacement was completed in June. I am waiting for a change order proposal to add a small section of sheet metal inside the gable end louver to prevent water from entering the attic during heavy wind driven rain.

Public Works Garage Roof Replacement:

Materials arrived earlier in the month via eight tractor trailer trucks. Three more are expected to deliver the remaining materials in the coming weeks. A kick off meeting was held on Wednesday the 8/25, items discussed were where the roofers would start, where the dumpsters and hot asphalt kettle and staging materials would be located. All of that was ironed out and the work is slated to begin on September 20th. The work is expected to take three weeks.

Police Department Locker Room Renovations: We have received and reviewed three floor plan designs and chosen one of them. The engineering team visited the Police Department to take measurements and confirm the room layouts. A meeting was held on Thursday the 26th with the Engineer where we discussed a number of items related to the locker room, café, traffic office and uniform storage room. Among other things, we discussed furniture, fixtures and equipment finishes i.e., what type of tile we'd use for the floors, countertops for the café, carpet for flooring, ceiling and lighting types just to name a few. I will be sitting with the PD staff to go over what I suggested to the Engineer for finishes. Construction drawings sets are expected around the end of September early October time frame.

Police Department Security Fence Project:

Over the last two weeks the fence contractor made great progress. On August 18th trenches were dug in the east and west driveways for the gate operator conduit, wiring, card reader, wiring and associated controls. The area was then graded, backfilled and paved. All of the fence is now installed around the perimeter of the building. Both automatic gates are also installed. Protective bollards and concrete pad for the gate operators were poured completed. There are still some parts that have not been received, if they arrive in the next couple of weeks the next steps would be pulling wires both inside and outside the building for the controls, install the gate operators and wire loops in the driveway.



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Fire Alarm Replacements Community Center and Police Department: The Police Department Fire Alarm system was started on June 8th and finished on the 11th. The Fire Marshal completed his inspection shortly thereafter and the system was put back in service.

As part of the inspection it was determined that the access doors to the dumb waiter on each floor need to be permanently closed as the dumb waiter has not been used in many years. Building Maintenance will be doing that work.

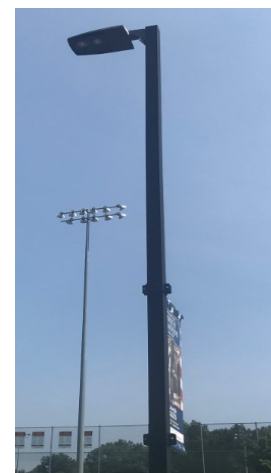
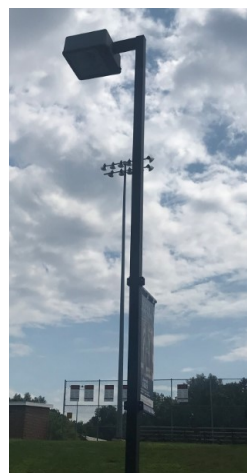


Police Department Fence Project

ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan RFP: This project was awarded to Silver/Petrucci and Associates. A contract was signed with them on July 22nd. Since then, I've sent the Architect as-built drawings of all the Town buildings so they can be reviewed and prepared for use during the evaluation process. I had a kick off meeting with the Architect on Thursday August 26th. Items discussed were, a schedule for site inspections, review of evaluations as they are completed, a transition plan and priorities as well as a tentative completion date. Per the RFP special instructions, I asked that this part of the project be completed in 6 months or less.

Library Carpet Replacement 2nd Floor: We now have a schedule to install the carpeting. The installers asked for a month to complete the work although they really don't anticipate taking that long. The second floor of the library will be closed off to patrons starting September 2nd and the work is scheduled to start on Friday the 3rd. Funds still need to be secured this FY in order to install the carpet we purchased for the lower level.

Community Center Parking Lot Light Upgrades: Last month eighteen induction style fluorescent parking lot fixtures were replaced with to LED fixtures. The fixtures are similar to those that have been installed over the last few years at all other parking lots in that they have a dimming feature and occupancy sensor built in to them. When the fixtures are on and not sensing occupancy the fixtures dim to approximately 50% of full power, when the sensor senses occupancy they ramp up to 100%. The new fixtures are 44% more efficient than the old fixtures, are dark sky compliant and eligible for incentives by Eversource.



Old Fluorescent New LED Lot Fixture

Clay Major, Facilities Director

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Engineering Projects Update

Avery Street Reconstruction Phase 5: Avery Street has been reconstructed and the first course of pavement installed from Dart Hill Road south to about 300 feet north of Talcott Ridge Road. Some additional drainage work needs to be completed by Talcott Ridge Road and the last section will be excavated and new stone base installed for paving. New bituminous curbs will be installed, concrete sidewalks repaired, extended to Dart Hill Road, and ramps installed and the final course of pavement installed. Then driveway aprons will be repaved and roadside areas restored with topsoil and grass seed. This project should be substantially completed this fall. Construction of this project is funded through the Connecticut DOT LOTCIP program.

Local Road Paving : Drainage repairs are complete on Nutmeg Rd South from Governors Highway to South Satellite, on South Satellite Rd and in the Quarry Brook neighborhood. including Quarry Brook Dr, Evergreen La, Sycamore Rd, Beechnut La. These roads have been milled and will be paved in September. Ident Road needs more extensive drainage work than expected and that needs to be completed before road work begins there. This work is supported by the 2018 Bond funds.

Sidewalk Repair: CRC continues to raising concrete slabs to eliminate trip hazards that are on our list. Hathaway Landscaping & Concrete will also be replacing more damaged sidewalk slabs in Town from our list of trip hazards this year. The sidewalk repair and replacement work is supported by the 2018 Bond funds.

Main Street Bridge over the Podunk River: The design engineer and utility companies have developed an alternate plan to relocate overhead utilities to the east side of the road so we do not need any more temporary easements from property owners on the west side. This will allow the project to be submitted to ConnDOT and bid this fall for construction.

Pleasant Valley/Clark Street Sidewalk Project: Bids will be received on September 2nd for the construction of this project. We will review the bids and recommend award to a contractor for ConnDOT approval to do this work.

Eli Terry Safe Routes to School Project: This project includes replacement of the pedestrian bridge that connects this school to the Brook Street neighborhood, and other pedestrian improvements on roads around the school. Our consultant is finalizing plans and contract documents for this project to submit to ConnDOT for final review and approval.

Other Engineering Projects: Greenskies Clean Energy was successful in their bid for ZREC credits for the solar canopy behind the Police Station and are working on the design of this system. The rear lot will be paved after the footings and conduit for the solar canopy have been installed.

We have responded to many requests for information and assistance from resident who had storm water ponding and flooding yards and basements in the last two weeks.

Connecticut Water Company contractors are just about finished installing a new water main on Beelzebub Road and Deming Street (from Buckland Road to Summit Drive). They are still working on a new water main on Foster Street (from Bayaberry to Orchard Hill Drive) and on McGrath Road, Farnham Road, Apple Orchard Lane and Cherry Blossom Lane.

Jeff Doolittle, Asst. Director of Public Works/
Town Engineer

Finance Department

Mary Huda
Assessor

Patricia Perry
Director of Finance

Jennifer Hilinski-Shirley
Collector of Revenue

Collector of Revenue

The Collector of Revenue would like to share that Friday, August 27, 2021 the Town held a Tax Sale that consisted of ten properties that were delinquent two or more years or owed \$10k. All properties sold at the sale, anticipated revenue from the sale is \$694k. Upon receipt of funds from Pullman & Comley, LLC an update will be provided. Additional information is available at <http://cttaxsales.com/>

Delinquent/demand notices were mailed on August 31, 2021. To avoid additional interest and fees payment must be received by the close of business Thursday, September 30, 2021. DMV has been notified of accounts that are delinquent. Therefore clearance will be required from our office to complete a renewal or new registration of a motor vehicle.

Residential sewer use bills will be mailed the last week of September and are due October 1, 2021. The last day to pay without interest is Monday, November 1, 2021.

Our office encourages social distancing thru the use of secure drop boxes which are located in the front drive way of Town Hall and mounted to the outside of the front entrance of Town Hall. Please note that the boxes are emptied twice daily by staff and monitored by video. Save time by mailing in the envelope provided. Office staff is available to answer questions by calling 860-644-2511 extension 321 or by emailing us at: taxcollector@southwindsor-ct.gov

Jennifer Hilinski, Collector of Revenue

Assessor

In mid-September, the Assessor's Office will be mailing the 2021 Personal Property Declarations to all business owners in town. Please see the information below for filing annual Personal Property Declarations:

- The Assessor's Office has many resources available online regarding Personal Property such as a step-by-step PowerPoint guide to filing your declaration and a Frequently Asked Questions pamphlet, among other tools to aid in your filing.
- All Personal Property Declarations are due back to the Assessor's Office on or before November 1, 2021 to avoid a 25% penalty for late or non-filing.
- If you receive a declaration and **do not** have a business or unregistered motor vehicle in South Windsor, please do not ignore this form; contact the Assessor's Office by phone or email to ensure accurate information.

Additionally, business owners have the option to file online. If interested in the online filing option please contact our office and request the online code, if one was not provided in the declaration. You may want to visit the Assessor's Office webpage in October 2021 for the updated link to the Online Filing Process.

The Board of Assessment Appeals will hear pre-scheduled appeals for Motor Vehicles only on September 13 and 14, 2021.

Mary Huda, Assessor

Human Services Department

Andrea Cofrancesco
Director of Human Services

July and August 2021

American Rescue Plan Act Funds: The Human Services staff is proud to be able to offer assistance to residents who are directly impacted financially by Covid-19. Funds can be used for a variety of needs based on the following criteria:

- Are you a South Windsor resident?
- Have you experienced a hardship due to COVID-19?
- Is your income less than \$54,950 (single) or \$62,800 (couple) (and more for larger families)?

Please call Human Services for assistance. 860-648-6361 ext. 3335 (ask to speak to a caseworker)

Residents will be asked to provide proof of their income and assets as well as be able to demonstrate that their specific hardship is a result of loss of income or death due to COVID-19.

These funds are part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provided to towns from the Federal Government. Call Adult and Senior Caseworkers at 860-648-6361 ext. 3335.

We have assisted three families with these funds, for needs ranging from medical bills to HVAC repairs.

Staff continues to assist residents through UniteCT for emergency rental and utility assistance.

Renter's Rebate: We are still taking applications for Rental Rebate until October 1st. Our caseworkers have assisted 133 Senior and Disabled residents in obtaining a rebate check for their 2020 rental and utility costs.

CARES Group

Center Activity Recreation Exercise Socialization: The CARES group had a successful re-start in May with meeting twice a week. Beginning in June, CARES will be back to five days per week for 2.5 hours per day. The "CARES" group is for residents over sixty and offers a variety of activities including music, crafts, games, reminiscence, current events, exercise, and holiday celebrations. If you have limitations or disabilities, but do not need medical or self-care assistance while in the group, you may qualify to attend. Call Lindsey at 860-648-6361 ext. 3319 for more information.

A note from a family member of a CARES Participant:

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you so much for your C.A.R.E.S program. It has been a game changer in our both our lives and I cannot express the joy given to both Ray and me diagnosed as his burnt out caregiver. You saved me. We met with HHC Social Worker and her recommendation was for Ray to join your group for his socialization and to allow me time to breathe. Being a caregiver 24/7 is a huge undertaking and I thought I could do it alone but nope...I couldn't. Initially Ray was reluctant to attend but he enjoys this time not spent housebound and loves the staff, volunteers and members as well as the activities. So, I had to share this most positive experience with you so that you know what you do makes a positive difference in the lives of others. Thank you for all that you do. With Much Appreciation and Kudos to All involved for making this share possible, R.S.

Back to School Programs: Through a cooperative program with the Salvation Army South Windsor Human Services distributed back packs, school supplies and Target gift cards to 22 families representing 52 children for the 2021-2022 school year. We also received generous donations of school supplies from the Community and a generous monetary donation from the South Windsor Senior Center Community Service Group.

Human Services Department

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Director of Human Services

Bench Dedicated to Late Bus Driver: In July, the Human Services Department dedicated a bench in memory of Dave Harrison, who passed away in July 2019 after 10 years of service as a bus driver. Dave was kind, caring, flexible, reliable, and an all-around good guy who was always happy. He made a difference in the lives of so many, impacting not just older adults that he drove but the staff as well. Thank you to all those who donated in his memory, and to the Parks Crew for working hard at installing this bench in just the right place, to Gary in Public Works Sign Shop, and to his family and friends for sharing in the dedication. We miss him and his cheerful personality every day.



Meet our New Program Coordinators!

We are so thrilled to be welcoming two new staff this month! Barbara Konicki and Tiffany Lazur will be starting Monday, July 12. Barbara comes to us with a background in therapeutic recreation and has been running our hikes over the past three years, is into fitness, camping, backpacking, yoga and green cleaning. Tiffany comes to us from another senior center and has a background in exercise and health science, is into fitness, the outdoors and adventuring. Barbara and Tiffany will be walking around to the different groups, so please give them a warm South Windsor welcome!



Chair Volleyball...SO FUN!

Chair volleyball continues to draw in a great crowd, enough to fill two courts! This is a fun game that people with all levels of ability can enjoy! The laughter can be heard throughout the building each Wednesday. Laughter is great medicine!



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Outreach at Housing: Each year, staff goes out to the housing complexes to educate residents of the services and programs the Adult and Senior Services Division of Human Services Department offers. Volunteers from the Fire Department also attended and educated people on fire safety! A total of 65 people attended the ice cream socials held at three sites.



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Youth & Family Services July & August 2021

Teen Center: The Teen Center staff spent their summer months focusing on the Rising Stars program that lasted from June to August. The program is for middle school and high school youth who are in need of positive youth development and/or socialization, but also for those interested in volunteering and partaking in community service around South Windsor. Our participants did a variety of work including helping the Parks Department with weeding, landscaping, and washing town vehicles, as well as spreading woodchips in the bark park. We helped to weed, plant and harvest fruits and vegetables at TicketNetwork and also had the chance to visit the animals at their Animal Sanctuary. Students had the opportunity to learn about Native American culture at the Wood Memorial Library and assisted with clean up in the Nowashe Village. The School Resource Officers- Officer Korchari and Officer Owens joined our program for the two months and had a great time building strong, lasting connections with each of the students. In our downtime we engaged in teambuilding activities, and played countless games. The program was a huge success and we can't wait for next summer!

Currently we are preparing for the new school year, and are excited to open up for drop-in hours on Monday, September 13th for middle school and high school students. Our high school hours will be Monday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 2-4:30pm. For our middle school drop-in hours we will be open on Tuesday from 3-5:30, and Friday from 5:45-9:30pm.



School Outreach & Prevention: The summer camp, Lucky Stars, returned this summer. This program was held in the afternoons throughout the month of July for middle school and high school students. We developed social skills, learned about leadership, played cooperative games and had fun! This camp gave students the opportunity to get outside, learn life skills and make new connections. The School Resource Officers also joined us once a week to share information about their job and the SW Police Department. Due to the contributions of many, the camp was a success! Kathy Reed, Robin Lagasse and Virna Powell all played a role in making this additional summer program a success.



We are excitedly preparing for the start of the new school year. We know that there will be challenges, but we look forward to working with students and families to support their transition back to school. We had the opportunity to assist TEMS with tours for returning students. We also were able to speak at both high school orientations to tell the high school students all about the teen center and other services that might be of interest to them.

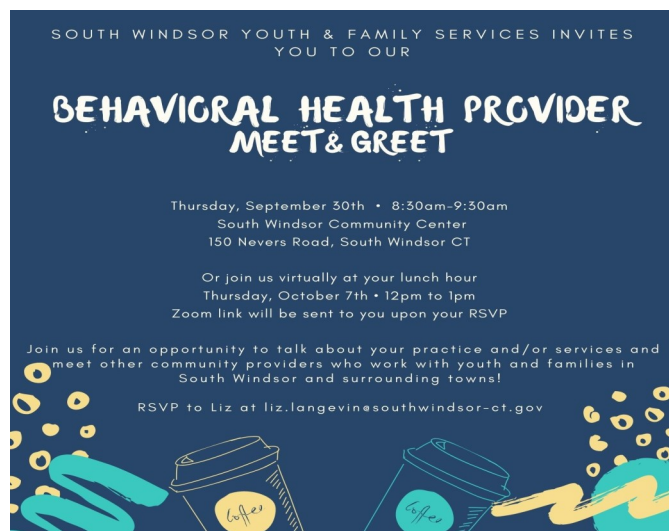
We are hoping to get Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), mentoring and tutoring back up and running for the year!

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Youth Counseling, Parent Education and Support: Despite it being summer time, our caseloads continue to be full. The referrals did slow down as the majority of referrals come from school staff. We were able to meet with our clients outside, in the community center and even in their yards if it meant we would not miss a session! All of our counselors played a role in some shape at both of the summer programs we held this summer. In addition to her part time role as Teen Center Program Coordinator, we have taken Danielle on as our clinical intern. In her first week, she has already opened up two cases. We will also utilize her for some groups. Now is a hectic time as we work the game of Tetris with the school schedules to make sure each client can be seen and that we don't overlap room usage.

We are hosting two Behavioral Health Provider Meet and Greets next month. One will be virtual and one in person. This gives us the opportunity to meet with other mental health professionals and to know who we can send families to if we are unable to provide the services ourselves.



Although we no longer have a Parent Educator, thanks to DCF Enhancement grant funds, we have contracted services with Peace At Home Parenting, Inc.

Our new Peace At Home webpage is now live. Parents/caregivers only have to sign up once with the code now which is much easier! I will send you all the flyer for September & October classes as soon as I receive it. Spread the word!

“Connection, Cooperation, Joy – let Peace At Home Parenting Solutions help you define your relationship with your child. We start by teaching from the heart.”

South Windsor Youth & Family Services has partnered with Peace At Home Parenting Solutions to bring you expert guidance and evidence-based strategies that solve parenting challenges and increase connection and cooperation with your kids.

Your Peace At Home Parenting Solutions Center delivers evidence-based digital strategies and support through live and recorded classes and conversation, at no cost (Free). Your Solutions Center has a new look, making it easier to find the support you need. Here's what you'll find:

Our Solution Series are developed around a specific parenting challenge. Each Series includes a collection of hand-picked, easily digestible (15 min+/-) videos which unlock a key piece of the parenting puzzle. Each class includes a video, handouts, and information about our Experts. Series are grouped by Age and by Topic.

South Windsor's Solutions Series include:

- Little Kids, Big Feelings (Toddlers & Preschoolers)
- Positive Discipline, Peaceful Home (School Age)
- Help you Tweens & Teens Thrive, Even When They Think You are Ridiculous
- Parenting Essentials – Let's Talk About You (All Ages)

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Live Classes: Something for every age group, weekly classes open to all Peace At Home parents where you can connect with teachers and other parents while you get answers on the spot. You'll find these added to the Live Class Schedule calendar link. Every live class is recorded and includes helpful handouts that help you apply strategies and share with your partner or others. These recordings and handouts can be found in your Course Catalog, along with your Solution Series recordings.

Peace At Home's Community & Support anchors your parenting center, with quick access to our Monthly Q&A sessions and our private, monitored Facebook group, where you can ask questions and get support from our experts and your peers. When you need a bit of 1:1, you can rely on our experts to provide guidance with individualized Coaching.

We invite you to visit the Parenting Center at:

<https://www.peaceathomeparenting.com/south-windsor-login/>. You'll need to create an account, using the code: SWindsorPeace. Once you've registered, you'll be able to login and access your content. Your personal account will keep track of the classes you've taken, those added to your schedule and provide a customized video library of your classes. If you are unsure where to start or have questions, contact us at : Solutions@PeaceAtHomeParenting.com or call 860-775-5109

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Parks & Recreation Department

Molly Keays
Director of Parks & Recreation

“Discover the Benefits!”

John Caldwell, Jr.
Parks Superintendent

MONTHLY REPORT -
September 2021

Jennifer Filer
Asst. Director of Parks & Recreation

MONTHLY REPORT September 1, 2021

Park & Recreation Commission (PARC): The Commission had a meeting on July, 14 2021 and they will be meeting next on Wednesday, September 8th.

The South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways (SWW&WW): SWW&WW has had another successful summer of learn to ride programs and Thursday night bike rides from CT Valley Brewing. SWW&WW met with Kevin Grindle on the updates of the design for the crosstown trails on July 7th. The group will be hosting a booth to showcase the composite design of the crosstown trail and give more information to residents on the project. The South Windsor Walk and Wheel way group was awarded a 2021 ABCD award for their dedication to making south Windsor a safer place to bike and walk.

RECREATION DIVISION “Feel great – recreate!”



The Farmers’ market has been full of great produce, local vendors, and fun activities!

Farmers Market: Our Farmers Market has been a fun addition to our programs this summer! Each week, we have had over 700 people attend the market to enjoy the local vendors, food, and live music! The Power of Produce program has been successful for its first year! We have over 75 youth in our community who have signed up, and they



attend the activities each week. The activities have included things such as a demonstration of the maple syrup process, scavenger hunts, healthy eating games, and a beekeeper. The last farmers market of the season will be on Saturday, September 11th, and we will return for a four-week pop-up winter market at Wapping on Saturday, November 20th.

Riverside reptiles came to visit the farmers market!



Summer Concert Series: Our Summer Concert Series kicked off with great success on June 24! We had several rain storms interrupt our schedule, but that didn't stop us from being flexible and adaptable! We were so eager to offer the community the opportunity to gather together to enjoy live music again! Between using a few rain dates and then receiving a few perfect evenings, it was a pleasure to offer our series again for 2021! Our concert series ended on August 19th with a fantastic show put on by soul sound revue! Over 800 people



Soul Sound Revue was the first concert to utilize our new showmobile!



attended this concert and had the opportunity to see our first concert with our new showmobile, in part sponsored by the South Windsor Rotary club! This last concert of the year also featured our SWPRD's annual awards which are mentioned below.

ABCD Awards: On August 19th, we hosted our annual Parks and Recreation ABCD awards. The ABCD award, also known as the above and beyond the call of duty award was an initiative created within our department back in 2009. We realized we are very fortunate in South Windsor to have many individuals who exemplify our mission and strive for excellence to make a positive impact on our department and community. Each year, we give these awards out to part-time staff, volunteers, community groups, and local businesses that truly go beyond their duties, display passion and dedication to parks and recreation, and most importantly and make a positive impact for our programs, department, and the community. During the awards, we recognized



Our 2021 ABCD Award recipients! We are so lucky to have such dedicated staff, volunteers, and community

five ABCD winners and one hall of fame inductee. Our 2021 hall of fame recipient is Billy Mitchell and Environmental Services Inc. Our ABCD award recipients are; Alana Ceppetelli, Linda Ciarcia, Julia Martocchio, Teresa Twomey, and South Windsor Walk and Wheel Ways.

Summer Camp: Despite the pandemic, we were able to host another successful summer camp! We offered our amended programs; Camp Evolution and Little evolution for campers age 3-15 from June 28 through August 20. We were able to offer one week of our teen trip camp, Junior Evolution. in August. Throughout the summer, we had several fun activities! We had trips to VMP, hosted a camp carnival with a dunk tank, three bounce houses, and cotton candy, and we were able to welcome the South

Windsor Fire Department to camp to educate the youth on fire safety. We served a total of 1,535 campers in 2021, and we look forward to serving more youth in the summer of 2022!

Below is a quote from an email sent by a parent;

*"Good afternoon Paul,
I am a parent of one of the Camp Evolution's camper. I wanted to take a moment to recognize and express my appreciation for all of your camp counselor staff. Like many parents, I was concerned about how camp will look and feel with covid still being present. The camp counselors have been amazing! All of them! Their energy and enthusiasm made camp fun! I saw how they learned the camper's names and would interact with the kids, which I believe made them feel comfortable and made them want to come back the next day. They also took the time to talk and learn more about them. One of the camp counselors took the time and worked on my son's dribbling skills. Another camp counselor learned about my son's favorite tv show and bonded with that.*

I also appreciated how they communicated how my son's day was and kept me informed on the upcoming events.

Thank you, everyone. You all did a good job in making camp fun and safe. I wish each of you the very best!"



Our little Evolution campers celebrating the fourth of July with a parade!

Athletic Specialty Camps: All sports camps were able to run this summer, and most of the camps had waitlists. The sports camps we ran were; Skyhawks Golf, Multi-Sport, Flag Football, Basketball, STEM Basketball, mini-hawk, and tots. We also ran a tennis program, field hockey camp,

Chris Corkum baseball, Ron Pires basketball, cougar soccer, and a cougar volleyball camp.

Youth Athletics: In July, we finally received our two new Mighty Mites Hoops. Our Mighty Mites programs use smaller hoops to help develop their shooting skills. Both new hoops will be safer as they have better protective padding and are easier to move.

Adult Athletics: Our Adult Softball League is in playoffs. With all of the rain, the season is going longer than anticipated. Softball has had a tough season with weather and issues with our lights due to storms. However, teams seem to be happy we are still getting games in.

Youth Specialty Camps: We offered several youth specialties camps this summer including Mad Science, Art Ventures, Broadway camps, and STEAM. Most of our specialty camps were full this summer, and it provided youth opportunities to participate in camps with a specialized focus.

Food Explorers: This summer we were able to run two Food Explorer camps which were held at the Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion. We had a total of 20 participants who learned about different food around the world and balanced plates! Our explorers learned to make blueberry pie, Zucchini Lasagna Boats, Greek Quesadillas, and Spring Rolls!

Preschool: Preschool Registration opened for residents on 8/18 and non-residents on 8/25, and we are happy to report that we are almost $\frac{3}{4}$ full across all of our classes! We have expanded our class offerings from last year, and we now have options for



Preschool had a booth featured at the farmers market one weekend and it was so much

parent/child, 2-year-olds, and 3-5-year-olds Monday-Friday. Registration is still open, and new friends are welcome to join us! To see a list of class offerings and to register, visit our website at: recreation.southwindsor.org



Our POP program has featured themed educational activities such as produce sculptures each week!

Veteran's Memorial Pool: We had a great season this summer! We were able to run a packed schedule for programming which included swim lessons, swim team, swim camp, water safety instructor classes, and lifeguarding classes. Overall this summer, we were able to certify 25 new lifeguards and four new swim instructors. We were excited to bring back our special events at VMP this summer. We hosted a Father's Day celebration which consisted of free snacks, water balloon contests, and some family-friendly activities. On Sunday, July 11 we hosted our annual veterans' event which allowed us to thank them for their service. We celebrated with free admission to the park and some refreshments at the VMP pavilion. On Sunday, July 18 we celebrated National Ice Cream Day! Free ice cream was given out to patrons who visited our facility. Thank you to Imperial Oil for making this event possible. We ended the last Sunday in July with our senior Sunday event! Unfortunately, the weather wasn't on our side for this event, but we were still able to offer seniors free admission into the park and a nice sweet treat, thank you to Human Services for sponsoring this event! Even though our season was cut short by 11 days due to significant flood damage, we had a great season and already miss our VMP patrons. The planning for summer 2022 has begun!

Swim Lessons: We were able to successfully run four sessions of group and private lessons this summer. We ran lessons beginning with Parent-Child through level 5. We served roughly 400 participants in group lessons and 140 participants in private lessons. At the end of every session, our swim

instructors were evaluated by our participants' parents/guardians. Out of 1440 possible points, we received 1415 which is about a 98% satisfactory rate. Swim lessons wouldn't be possible without our amazing instructors. We're already looking forward to next summer and all the new theme days it will bring!

Seals Swim Team: We had 70 swimmers on our swim team this summer! Our swimmers practiced six days a week for six weeks straight and competed every Monday and Wednesday in July. Their hard work and dedication were shown at the league championships which our senior group participated in on July 28 and our juniors on July 31st. Our senior group brought home third place and our juniors placed second! We hosted the end of the year swim banquet at the VMP pavilion which was a fun event for our swimmers and their families. We couldn't have done this without our dedicated swim team families, participants, and coaches. We're looking forward to another successful swim season in 2022!

Wellness Programs: Yoga and creative cardio have continued to offer both in-person and virtual programs this summer! Yoga had 50 participants who attended classes on Tuesday mornings, Tuesday evenings, and Wednesday evenings. Creative Cardio held classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and had 30 participants in-person and virtually. A new program called fusion yoga will be offered in October and November. Check out our Fall brochure for more information!

Our adult and youth Jukido classes have continued to run on Sundays throughout the month. We had a total of 10 participants! A new class has been added to the schedule for the Fall. Be sure to check out our Fall brochure for more information!

Patriotic Commission Poster Winners: Each year, the Patriotic Commission holds a poster contest asking South Windsor children to draw a picture of their favorite place in South Windsor. Two of this year's winners chose Nevers Park and VMP!

Monday Night Social Club: Monday night social club has been back to meeting in person at the teen center! Our friends in this club have been able to socialize and do fun activities throughout the summer. Most recently, The South Windsor Rotary club held their annual summer bbq for them at Nevers park on August 25! The club had yummy food, danced to music, and played yard games!

PARKS DEPARTMENT “Caring for South Windsor’s Growing Needs”

July and August Activity Highlights: This past month has been a roller coaster of weather for us. From heat and humidity to soaking wet fields and over-flowing pools, it has been quite a challenge for us.

Athletic Fields & Grounds: We fixed worn-out spots on the High Schools Multi-Purpose Field and Rotary Baseball with new sod.

We have begun preparing sports fields for the fall season by aerating and marking field locations.

The high school turf field had repairs and is now open in time for the fall sports season.

Parks & Open Space: The storm that occurred on Tuesday, July 6 caused over 150 trees to fall in our parks and open space. We also had many large stumps that uprooted. Stumps and trees were removed and future restoration is in the plan.

We continued our trail and tree work at the Rye St. park mountain bike trails after the storm in July.

Nevers Park trail system has been difficult to maintain. The rain over the past few weeks has caused much of the trail system to be washed out. Trails were closed for the last week of August due to rutting and washouts.

We installed a new volleyball net system and added more sand at Rotary Pavilion to bring the volleyball court up to grade.

Veteran’s Memorial Pool was severely flooded from the pond overflowing on August 19. We had to shut down the facility a week early due to the amount of clean-up and repairs were needed before residents could safely utilize the facility.

Projects: Our parks crew worked with South Windsor’s Teen Centers “Rising Star” Program to spread new wood chips at the Bark Park

The crew performed Weeding and beautification of Buckland Road Islands. We will continue to work to improve the planting and look of them. The last island going into Manchester has an invasive plant that is taking over the island and will be eradicated over the next few months and new plants installed. Park Department worked jointly with the Streets and engineering department on installing a new sidewalk

at the town hall. A product called Perk-E-Pave was used which is a combination of rubber, stone, and resin. This product was chosen because it allows water to filter into the ground instead of running off.

We continue to work on the tennis court removal and renovations at Rye Park. Mother Nature gave us a hand earlier in July. Plans for the new Pickleball and Dek Hockey court are currently being drawn up.



The removal of the original tennis courts at Rye street was completed and now we are in the design phase of our pickleball and dek hockey courts.



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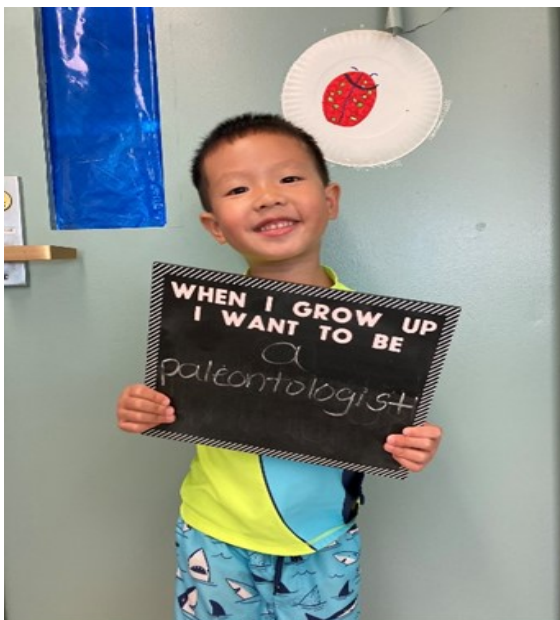
Our camp Evolution kids had a blast learning fire safety with the SW Fire department! The department brought the fire safety house, a fire truck, and set up a fire hose station for the youth! Thank you.



Recreation Photos



We love our theme days at camp. We had several fun themes such as Halloween this summer!



Recreation Photos



Little evolution had tons of fun this summer playing games, being outside, creating new crafts, and making friends!



Some of our Rockstar camp staff dressed up for the retro theme day! We love the camp spirit that this group has.

Recreation Photos



Skyhawks basketball camp in action!



Our popular tennis program run by Todd Custer was so much fun!

Recreation Photos



Our Seals swim team doing a team cheer before a home meet!

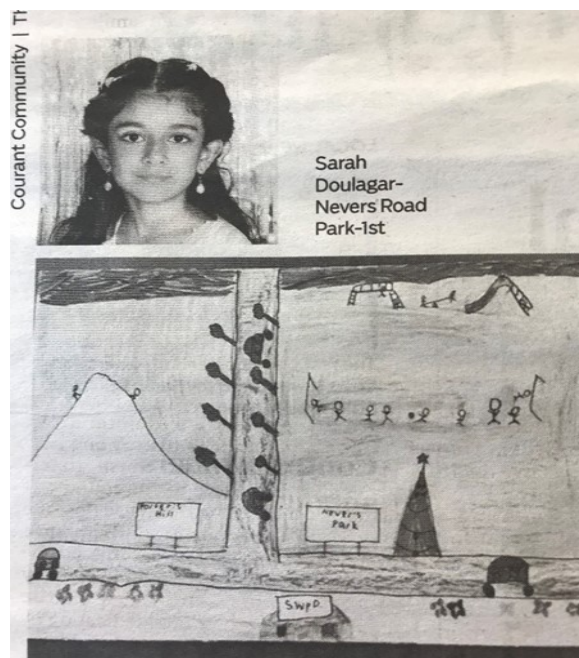


Youth learning new swim skills during group lessons at VMP!



VMP Theme days with our swim lesson friends!

Recreation Photos



***The 2021 winners of the patriotic commission poster contest!
We love that our youth enjoy the recreational opportunities in***



***Yoga is happy to be back at Wapping! If you are interested in taking a class, check out
our fall brochure to see what we are offering!***

Parks Photos:

VMP was closed for the season due to flooding after our storm on Thursday, August 19. A big thank you to our parks crew and pool staff for working hard to clean up VMP.



The crew working on the Buckland islands



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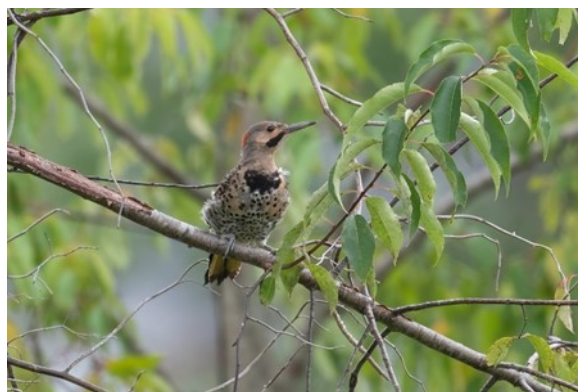
Repairing the Nevers Park trails after the storm.

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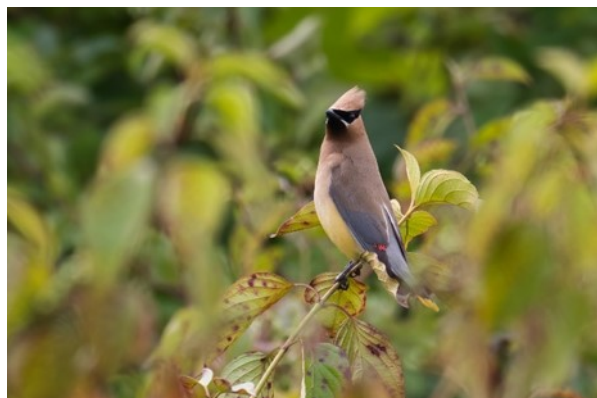
Birds at Donnelly Park



Song Sparrow Juvenile



Northern Flicker



Cedar Waxwing



Eastern Kingbird

September 2021 ***Town Council Meetings and Events***

Meetings

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

7:00 pm Regular Meeting

Hybrid Meeting

Monday, September 20, 2021

7:00 pm Regular Meeting

Hybrid Meeting

Holidays

Labor Day—Monday, September 06, 2021

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