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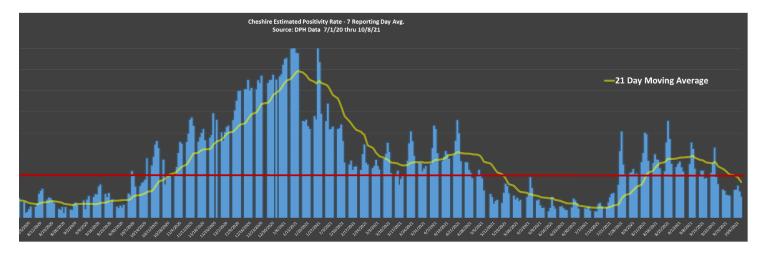
FROM: Sean M. Kimball, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report – October 2021

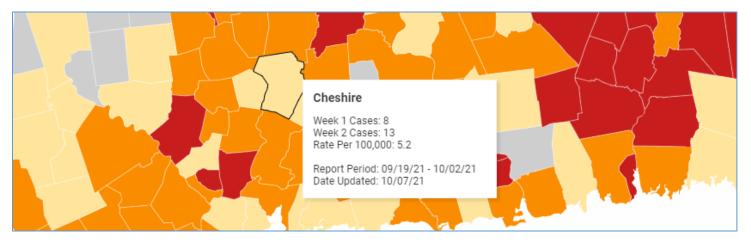
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COVID-19 Pandemic Data

The rate of new COVID-19 cases in Cheshire has been falling steadily over the past month as shown on the chart below. As of Friday, October 8th, our local estimated positivity rate over the past seven DPH reporting days currently stands at 1.0% (23 positives over seven reporting days in Cheshire out of 2,409 tests) and the rolling 21-day average of this reported metric (yellow line below) is now at 1.7%.

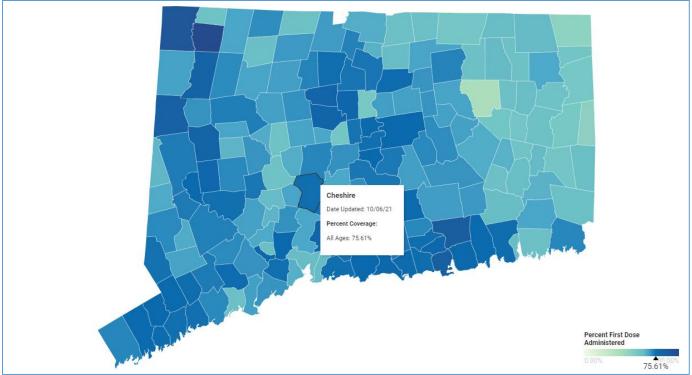


The recent decreasing case rate in Cheshire has also led to an improved weekly color designation from DPH, where Cheshire was assigned a "Yellow" alert level based on the average daily cases per 100,000 population (Cheshire is reported at 5.2 cases per 100k, compared with 16.8 cases last month)



To date, 75.61% of all Cheshire residents of all ages have received at least one vaccination dose, an increase of 0.97% over last month (74.64%).

Percent of Population All Ages Who Have Received at Least One Dose of COVID-19 Vaccination



Budget Referendum Reminder – Tuesday, November 2nd – 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM

As a reminder, the ballot for the upcoming municipal election scheduled for November 2nd includes two referendum questions for Town of Cheshire capital projects being sent to the voters for approval. The projects are:

- 1) \$1,700,000 for the Road Improvement Program
- 3) \$7,900,000 for Bartlem South/Chapman Property Park Improvements

The explanatory text for these items and a sample ballot can be viewed on our website at: https://www.cheshirect.org/news/upcoming_referendum_information

James A. Nankin Recreation Commission Community Service Award

Congratulations to Frank Loehmann on being the first recipient of the James A. Nankin Community Services Award, given in recognition of an individual's outstanding community services to the Town of Cheshire. Mr. Loehmann was presented with this award last week on the evening of Thursday, October 6th at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Bulky Waste & Special Collection Events

This week is the fifth and final bulky waste collection week; residents with Friday trash pickup are being collected through a one-time pass through the end of the week. To date, tonnage has been roughly 40-50% less than the prior collection two years ago.

Additionally, the Town has scheduled the following special collections for certain items not permitted to be disposed in either the regular trash or through a bulk waste pickup:

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal through the Regional Water Authority (May 22, 2021 through October 30, 2021 - Pre-registration is required) October 30th includes a Special Electronics Collection

https://www.rwater.com/in-the-community/hazwaste-central

Mattress Recycling Event

Saturday, October 16, 2021, Town Hall Parking Lot (Subject to change given popularity of recent electronics collection) **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Electronics Recycling (Up to 7 Electronics Items)

Every Saturday, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, AJ Waste/CCRT at 22 Burton Drive, Cheshire, CT http://www.ajwastesystems.com/our-services/ccrt/

Town-wide Leaf Collection

The annual town-wide leaf collection will run from November 8th – December 17th. Leaves must be placed curbside in biodegradable bags before 7:00 a.m. Mondays for pick-up by the Public Works Department.

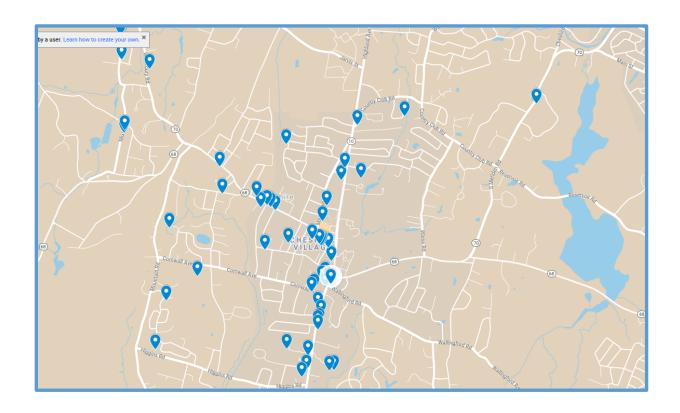
New Hires

The Town of Cheshire is pleased to welcome the following recent hires to our organization:

- o Jack Morely Parks Maintainer
- o Danielle Bagshaw Public Safety Dispatcher
- o Michael Kahn Patrol Officer
- o Tom Ruggiero Assistant to the Police Chief
- Patrick Holland P/T Fire Inspector
- o Craig Henderson P/T Fire Inspector
- o Brian Elionfante Public Safety Network Administrator
- o Pat O'Leary Senior Mechanic

Second Annual Scarecrow Contest

The second annual Cheshire Scarecrow Contest is ongoing and thank you to all of the participants including many local businesses for their creative submissions. Thank you to the organizers, including the Cheshire Chamber of Commerce, ArtsPlace, Cheshire Library and our Recreation Department. If you have not had a chance to drive around to see them I would encourage you to, there is an updated Google Map with locations available
HERE:



Upcoming Town Council & Sub-Committee Meetings

Town Council – School Modernization Meeting October 14, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Town Council Regular Meeting November 9, 2021 – 7:00 PM