



TOWN OF CHESHIRE
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TO: Town Council
FROM: Sean M. Kimball, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report – November 2023
DATE: November 14, 2023

Chicanes Installed at Farmington Canal Linear Trail:

As of November 7th, chicanes have been installed at the West Main St. intersection of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail.



The chicane system is designed to slow users of the trail as they approach West Main Street. As users approach the crossing, they will encounter a single arm barrier or “chicane” that extends approximately 10’ into the paved path leaving approximately 3’ clear for passage. A second like sized barrier spaced 10’ in front, staggered from the first, forces users to slow while approaching the intersection and to utilize the push button to activate the HAWK System. Their use is recommended for all bike paths leading to main thoroughfares. The gates are moveable for winter clearing of the path and for emergency vehicle access by way of a base lock. The gates are safety marked with reflective paint, and the area will have appropriate permanent signage.

Mattress/Electronics Collection (Two Events - Same Location)

Saturday, November 18, 2023 – 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Quinnipiac Park, 1325 Cheshire Street.

Reminder: Up to 7 Electronics may be recycled every Saturday, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, AJ Waste/CCRT at 22 Burton Drive, Cheshire, CT

Curbside Leaf Collection:

Leaves must be placed curbside in biodegradable bags before 7:00 AM Mondays for pick-up by the Public Works Department according to the following schedule:

- **Week of November 6th** – Entire Town (No collection on November 10th-Veteran's Day)
- **Week of November 13th** – All residences EAST side of Route 10 (Wallingford side)
- **Week of November 20th** – All residences WEST of Route 10 (Waterbury side)
- **Week of November 27th** – All residences EAST side of Route 10 (Wallingford side)
- **Week of December 4th** – All residences WEST of Route 10 (Waterbury side)
- **Week of December 11th** – Entire Town

Residents may also bring leaves in biodegradable bags for disposal at the Public Works Garage, 1286 Waterbury Road on Monday mornings from 7:30-8:30 AM from November 6th thru December 11th.

Parks and Recreation Department Upcoming Programs:

- The Great Turkey Hunt is this Thursday! Register by 4:00pm on **November 16th** to participate.
- The Annual Tree Lighting will take place at Bartlem Park on **December 3rd** beginning at 4pm. Come out and join the fun!
- The Nights of Lights and Sights Competition still has room for competitors. Please register by **November 30th** and decorate by December 1st. Judging will be done in early December.
- We still have a handful of spots left for our Santa Hotline! Santa will be making calls on December 12th between 4pm- 6pm and December 14th between 5pm-7pm. Please register online at <https://cheshirect.myrec.com/> or in person at the Parks and Recreation Department office.

West Main Street Streetscape Improvement Project – Phase III:

The Town of Cheshire received FY 2022 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant funding in the amount of \$290,000 for the West Main Street Streetscape Improvement Project Phase III. The project will result in the installation of approximately 650 linear feet of sidewalk continuing the gateway enhancement projects previously funded with STEAP funding in the immediate area. Brick pavers will continue along the western edge of Willow Street along Building 2 (Sweet Claude's location) with the installation of granite curbing, site lighting and benches for approximately 115 linear feet in the Town's right of way. The sidewalk will transition from pavers to a 5' wide sidewalk continuing south and terminating at 31 Willow Street, the property south of the new entrance to the municipal parking area with access to the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail. The project seeks to enhance the general area, improve site lines, and provide for safe pedestrian access from the new parking area to the West Main Street Business District.

Referendum Questions – Results

All five November 7th referendum questions for Town of Cheshire capital projects passed. The official results were as follows:

<i>TOTAL \$ VALUE ACCEPTED PER PROJECT</i>	<i>ACCEPTED PROJECTS</i>	<i>TOTAL VOTES</i>	<i>% OF YES VOTES</i>
\$2,500,000	Acquisition and Replacement of Two Firetrucks	7,354	71%
\$1,600,000	Road Improvement Program	7,321	76%
\$460,000	Industrial Avenue Culvert Bridge Replacement	7,256	64%
\$600,000	Acquisition and Replacement of Boilers at Dodd Middle School	7,365	76%
\$750,000	Window Replacement at Cheshire High School	7,349	71%

Cheshire's Energy Assistance Program

Cheshire Human Services is an intake site for the energy assistance program. The energy assistance program offers financial assistance to income eligible households in paying for a *portion* of a household's heating costs during the winter months. This is a supplemental assistance program, and award amounts are lower this energy season, so it is helpful to plan accordingly. Payments are made directly to fuel or utility vendors.

Program eligibility is based on income and household size. Applicants are required to provide documentation of current income for household members over the age of 18. This is an annual program, so an application does need to be completed yearly. Individuals interested in applying should contact Kristen Cherry at 203-271-6690.

Upcoming Town Council Meetings and Subcommittee Meetings:

Town Council Orientation Meeting and Swearing-in Ceremony

Monday, December 4, 2023, Time TBD, Council Chambers, Town Hall

Town Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall