



MEMORANDUM
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TO: Town Council
FROM: Sean M. Kimball, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report – September 2020
DATE: September 8, 2020

“Fall Festival” Fireworks at Bartlem Park - September 12th

The Cheshire Chamber of Commerce “Fall Festival” Fireworks will be taking place this Saturday evening, September 12th at Bartlem Park. Consistent with DECD Sector Guidelines the on field space will be limited to 500 people with appropriate social distancing markers and masks should be worn at the entrance. The field will open at 6:00pm and the fireworks will begin at dusk. There will be no food or beverages sold but attendees can bring their own picnic dinner. Rain date is Sunday, September 13th.

Update: Storm Debris Collection and Drop-Off Locations

DPW crews are over 50% complete with the town wide storm debris collection following the tropical storm last month. As a reminded, crews began in the south end and are making one pass though town working their way north. Brush and branches of 8” diameter or less will be collected. Leaves, grass clippings, bulky waste, bags, and trash will not be picked up. All material must be placed curbside on a Town or state road. Crews cannot enter private driveways or condominium complexes.

The Town extended the self-service drop-off location at the old transfer station at 1304 Waterbury Rd through September 12th. This location is open Monday-Saturday, 7:30am-3:00pm.

Tax Bills

Tax bills were mailed at the end of June and residents are reminded that the Town Council approved and adopted a 60-day extension per the option made available by the Governor's executive order. The deadline for tax bills to be considered late is now October 1, 2020. Taxpayers are encouraged to pay online, by mail, or use the drive-up payment box located in the circle of the Town Hall parking lot to help with social distancing.

Updates on Cheshire's COVID-19 Expansion of Services Plan

Cheshire Public Library:

The Cheshire Public Library is preparing to welcome patrons back into the building on a limited basis for Phase 2 of the reopening plan. Patrons will have access to the library for several hours a day, and the number of visitors will be limited to ensure social distancing. Face coverings that cover the mouth and nose are required, and no food or drink will be allowed.

Necessary accommodations have been made for the safety of patrons and staff. Some tables and seating have been removed, as have high-touch objects that are shared, such as puzzles and toys. Spacing and traffic flow has been organized and marked, plexiglass dividers have been installed, and compliant cleaning protocols have been implemented. During this phase, restrooms and several other areas will be closed to the public, and on-site programming and meetings will not be held. The popular Grab and Go curbside service will continue, as will other successful programs and services developed by the Library in response to the pandemic.

The reopening date and hours for public access will be announced soon.

Welcome to New CPD Officers

I am pleased to announce that we will be swearing in two new officers later this week. Alex Wells and Tonny Francois will be joining the men and women of the Cheshire Police Department. Alex is currently our Assistant Animal Control Officer and Tonny comes to us from New York having graduated earlier this year from the University of New Haven with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Michael Winters

I am very sorry to share some devastating news that one of our longtime Town employees passed away unexpectedly yesterday. Michael Winters served as the Technology Coordinator for the Cheshire Police Department and began his career as a dispatcher. During his 31 years working for the Town he was a respected and invaluable member of the department and wonderful friend and colleague to many. He will be greatly missed.

Upcoming Town Council & Sub-Committee Meetings

Town Council Planning Committee
September 9, 2020 – 7:15 pm (virtual)

School Modernization Committee
September 16, 2020 – 7:00 pm.

Town Council Personnel Committee
September 15, 2020 – 4:00 pm (virtual)

School Modernization Committee
October 5, 2020 – 7:00 pm.

Town Council Ordinance Review Committee
September 16, 2020 – 4:00 pm

Town Council Regular Meeting
October 13, 2020 – 7:00 pm.

