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TO: Town Council
FROM: Sean M. Kimball, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report – September 2023
DATE: September 19, 2023

Bulky Waste

As a reminder, a 2023 curbside Bulky Waste Collection is currently underway. We are presently in Week 2, which is for households with Tuesday morning regular trash pickup. More information including a full list of acceptable and unacceptable items is posted to our website.

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:

Mattress/Electronics, Household Hazardous Waste and Grass Clipping Disposal Options:

The Town has scheduled the following special collections for certain items not permitted to be disposed in either the regular trash:

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal through the Regional Water Authority
(Through October 28, 2023 - Pre-registration is required)
Pre-Registration: <https://www.rwater.com/hazwaste/>

Mattress Recycling & Electronics Recycling Event (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

Grass Clippings Collection

Mondays ONLY- Through October 30, 2023 - 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM
Location: 1304 Old Waterbury Road (Old Transfer Station)

Human Services Department Moving Schedule

The Cheshire Human Services Department will be relocating to 19 Wallingford Rd. (across the street from Town Hall) beginning next week. The offices will be closed for the move from **September 25th - September 29th**. If you need immediate assistance during this time, please contact the main line at (203) 271-6690 and leave a voicemail.

The Human Services Department will open in the new location on **Monday, October 2nd**, and will resume our normal business hours of 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Visitors to the new location can utilize the Town Hall parking lot or there is limited parking at the new building. The main entrance to the offices is located at the back of the building.

Thank you for your patience as the Human Services staff take on this move. They are very much looking forward to serving the Cheshire community in their new space!



Fall Paving Schedule – Round Two for 2023

The second round of paving for this year is tentatively scheduled to begin October 2nd for milling with paving to take place beginning a week later on October 9th, weather dependent on the following roads:

Country Club – Utility Pole #4776 to 525' W of Wolf Hill

West Johnson Ave – Reinhard Road to Route 10

Wallingford Road – Talmadge Road to the Town Line

Cheshire Park Drainage Project and Parking Lot Pavings

Please be advised that concurrent with the paving listed above, both the North Parking Lot at Cheshire Park and the Police Department Parking Lot will be repaved in early October when Tilcon is in town.

Additionally, our incredible Public Works crews are wrapping up construction of extensive drainage improvements at Cheshire Park. This work was self-performed after bids came back much higher than the available budget. A full report including photos and the cost savings achieved will be provided with the October Town Manager's report, but kudos to DPW for their amazing work that is also saving the Town significant tax dollars.

Economic Development Updates

- Hair Social has opened in the Watch Factory Shops
- Tater Baseball is ready to open their new location
- Lot 3, Stonebridge Commons transferred on 8/29/2023 for \$9,000,000 to Eastpointe Cheshire, LLC
- Napoli Foods is Planning a 45,000SF Addition to their existing 120,000SF distribution Center on Knotter Drive
- The Learning Experience Construction is complete at 435 Highland Avenue
- Salsco gained approval to construct a 12,000SF addition and a second 12,000SF addition (future) to their existing 40,000SF manufacturing building at 105-115 Schoolhouse Road
- Cheshire Fitness Center approved for 340 Industrial Avenue
- Bozzuto's gained approval for a driving school for CDL Drivers at 160 Sandbank Road
- Brian's Guitars received approval for a 2,000SF addition at their existing building located at 435 West Main Street

Ribbon Cutting at Ball & Socket Arts 9/29 - New Municipal Surface Parking Lot and Trail Connection

The dedication of the new municipal surface parking lot and official ribbon cutting of the long-awaited trail connection between the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail and Ball & Socket Arts will be held on Friday, September 29th at 5:00pm.

For the first time, this access will be opened allowing for trail users to access municipal parking and the Ball & Socket Arts Complex. Parking is available in the new parking lot accessible from Willow Street.

Library Summer Reading Program a Success!

The Library had a successful Summer Reading Program for all ages. Total participation was 648 with 123 children ages 0-5, 293 children ages 6-11, 44 young adults and 188 adults. In July and August, staff planned and held 127 programs with 2,427 participants.

Library After Hours Halloween Bash

The Library is bringing back the very popular Afterhours Halloween Bash on Friday, October 27th starting at 5:00 PM when the Library closes.

“Scarecrows Are Coming to Cheshire” Returns

This is a collaboration between the Library, Artsplace, Parks and Recreation and the Chamber of Commerce. The registration deadline is September 28th and the link to sign up is available online: [Scarecrows Are Coming to Cheshire](#)

ArtsPlace 20th Annual Local Author Event – October 3rd at 4:30pm

Friends of Artsplace is holding the 20th Annual Author Event on October 3rd at 4:30pm with two Cheshire Authors: Cindy House and her book “Mother Noise” and Donna Norman Carbone with her book “All That is Sacred”. The event is at the Manor Inn in Milldale. Tickets are \$45.00 per person and include dinner. Tickets and full details can be found at: <https://artsplacefriends.org/>

Senior Center Events/Programs

The Senior Center has partnered with Hartford Healthcare’s Center for Healthy Aging and is offering the five-week Healthy Brain Series Program, beginning Tuesday, October 3rd at 10:00am through Tuesday, October 31st. This course will offer evidenced based lifestyle strategies to help prevent cognitive decline. Please contact the Senior Center for details and to register.

The Senior Center is also offering the six-week Powerful Tools for Caregivers Program, beginning Monday, October 16th at 10:30am through Monday, November 20th. This evidenced based course will provide caregivers with the tools that they need to decrease stress, manage difficult decision making, and locate helpful resources. Please contact the Senior Center for details and to register.

New MYRec Recreation Registration System Reminder

The Town is very pleased to be rolling out a new and improved registration system for all Parks & Recreation, Community Pool, ArtsPlace and Youth Services programming beginning August 1st.

Current patrons will need to go online to establish new customer accounts for their household, as the Town is changing system vendors. Patrons can also contact any of the participating Town Departments directly for additional assistance. This initiative will create one registration location for all programs across Town departments, simplifying access to information, programming, and facility use. The new MyRec system also comes with a fully customizable web page where information, forms, policies, news, maps, announcements, calendar, text/email blast alerts, photo gallery and more can be posted and updated live 24/7.

The new registration page (<http://cheshirect.myrec.com/>) went live beginning July 10th for patrons to begin creating their customer accounts.



Upcoming Town Council Meetings and Subcommittee Meetings:

Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall

Town Council Candidates Information Session

Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:30pm, Location TBD