



**TOWN OF CHESHIRE**  
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**SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report – May 2024**  
**DATE: May 14, 2024**

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**Memorial Day Parade**

Leslie Marinaro and Stephanie Dunn are working on finalizing the Press Release and final marching orders (divisions) sometime this week. Marching Orders will be available on the Town website on or about Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

The **Saturday Wreath Ceremony May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.** on the Cheshire Congregational Green. A Flags Across Cheshire event, where flags are placed on veteran's grave markers will begin at 1:00pm on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>.

The **2024 Cheshire Memorial Day Parade** will honor the year of the 80th Anniversary of D-Day and will take place on **Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.** There is no rain date. In case of inclement weather, the parade may be cancelled. Information will be available on the Parks & Recreation website at **cheshirect.myrec.com** and on Facebook by 10:00 a.m. the morning of the parade.

Shuttle bus service will be offered from Cheshire High School to the beginning of the parade route. The buses will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Restrooms will be available at Highland Elementary School and at the Youth Center.

We ask all parade participants to keep the theme in mind when decorating floats or in developing posters, banners or any related materials for the parade. It is important to the Town of Cheshire, the Cheshire Veterans Council and all the residents and businesses in Cheshire continue to recognize and honor those who serve and have served our country.

New for this year, the Parade Committee has decided not to halt the parade at the Veteran's Memorial Plaza because it's disruptive for the parade and a duplicate presentation of the event that occurs on Saturday. Also, there will be no reviewing stand at the end of the parade at Cheshire High School in order to keep the parade moving.

**Electronics and Mattress Recycling Event**

The Town of Cheshire is hosting a free Electronics and Mattress Recycling Event this **Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 9:00AM – 1:00PM** at 1304 Waterbury Road (the old transfer station). This event is open to Cheshire residents only, proof of residency is required.

## **Bartlem Park South**

- Irrigation, grading and hydroseeding has been completed for the Town Green/Picnic grove area closest to Route 10.
- Additional testing on the 600 cubic yard pile of unsuitable topsoil has now determined we may have to opportunity to transport it to our closed landfill site (by DPW) at a very significant cost savings. This option is currently pending confirmation of DEEP approval.
- Precast bathroom building nearing completion offsite, delivery and installation tentatively in June.



## **Siting Council June 13<sup>th</sup> Hearing – Big Y/King Rd. Area Cell Tower**

The Connecticut Siting Council has scheduled a hearing on a proposal by Tarpon Towers and CellCo Partnership (Verizon Wireless) to construct a 90-foot cell tower in the parking lot behind Big Y, adjacent to King Rd. This site would address persistent cell coverage complaints in the South part of Town including throughout the Elim Park facility and would be able to host additional cell carriers as co-locators.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the hearing process. The hearing is scheduled for **Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> via Zoom**. The hearing begins at 2:00pm with an evidentiary session and continues with a public comment session beginning at **6:30pm**. To participate in the hearing, residents should email [siting.council@ct.gov](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov) or call 860-827-2935 to leave a voicemail with your contact information by June 12th.

### **Dave Milano Class IV License Exam**

I am very pleased to announce that our WPCD Superintendent, Dave Milano, successfully passed his Class IV Wastewater Operator exam on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. The Class IV certification is the highest level of certification available and is critical for the Wastewater Treatment Plant's general permit. It is very rare for someone to pass this 4 hour exam on the first attempt and we are incredibly proud of Dave for his hard work and dedication as he studied and prepared over the past year.

### **Town Clerk Patti King Designated as a Certified Municipal Clerk**

Congratulations to our Town Clerk, Patti King, on earning the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC), which is awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), Inc. IIMC grants the CMC designation only to municipal clerks who complete demanding education requirements; and have a record of significant contributions to their local government, community and state. The International Institute of Municipal Clerks, founded in 1947, has 14,000 members throughout the United States, Canada, and 15 other countries, and the mission of this global non-profit corporation is to enhance the educational opportunities and professional development of its diverse membership. Congratulations to Patti!

### **ArtsPlace at Ball & Socket - Final Inspection/Move In Plans**

The construction of the new home for ArtsPlace at Ball & Socket Arts is nearing completion. A final inspection is scheduled for next week. Once punch list items are complete, we anticipate the move to begin the following week with first classes tentatively scheduled to begin after the Fourth of July holiday.



## Human Services/Yellow House Programs

- Youth Mental Health First Aid Training: Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-4:00pm, Town Council Chambers
- *Screenagers: Under the Influence* showing for adults and students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Free event at the Cheshire Public Library, **6:30pm-8:30pm on Wednesday, May 22nd.**
- Yellow House – Cultural Exploration Project, Saturday mornings June 8<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-11:30am.

**CHESHIRE YOUTH SERVICES**  
Cultural EXPLORATION PROJECT  
Cheshire Cultural Diversity Association

A fun opportunity for kids to learn about cultures around the world

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Dzień dobry! 你好!  
Bonjour! Hello!  
Ciao! सुप्रभात Hej! Asubuhi njema  
Hola! صباح الخير

**Saturday Mornings**  
Yellow House 554 SO. Main ST.  
**June 8th - 29th**  
10:00am - 11:30am

**\$5**  
4 Week Fee

Activities:  
Learn words in a new language  
Crafts  
Music and songs  
Games

**Grades K - 2**

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL  
YELLOWHOUSE@CHESHIRE.ORG OR CALL 203-271-6691

**Mental Health FIRST AID**  
from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

**YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID**

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 12-18.

**10.2%**  
of youth will be diagnosed with a substance use disorder in their lifetime.  
Source: Youth Mental Health First Aid

**1 in 5**  
Teens and young adults lives with a mental health condition.  
Source: National Alliance for Mental Illness

**50%**  
of youth will be diagnosed with a substance use disorder in their lifetime.  
Source: Archives of General Psychiatry

**WHO SHOULD KNOW YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?**

- Teachers
- School Staff
- Coaches
- Camp Counselors
- Youth Group Leaders
- Parents
- Adults who Work with Youth

**CHESHIRE HUMAN SERVICES AND CHESHIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITE YOU TO**

**YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING**

**FRIDAY MAY 17, 2024**  
**8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
84 South Main Street  
Cheshire, CT 06410

This program is made possible by a generous donation from Everett and Katie Shaw.

Pre-registration is required. Please register by email to [cheshirehumanservices@cheshirect.org](mailto:cheshirehumanservices@cheshirect.org) or by calling the Human Services office at (203) 271-6690 no later than Monday May 13, 2024.

**SCREENAGERS UNDER THE INFLUENCE**  
ADDRESSING VAPING DRUGS & ALCOHOL IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Adults and students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited to attend this FREE event.

**Sponsored by:**  
The Cheshire Youth and Human Services Committee and Western Connecticut Coalition

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**  
**6:30 PM - 8:15 PM**  
**Cheshire Public Library**  
104 Main Street

## PRIDE Month – Flag Raising Ceremony – Sunday, June 2nd at 12:00 Noon

Cheshire’s Pride Flag Raising Ceremony will be held at the Congregational Church Green on Sunday, June 2nd at 12:00 Noon. The Cheshire Human Services Department is also pulling together a calendar of additional Pride month events to be posted on our website and distributed to all soon.

## Projects Around Town

Just a reminder to check out our Project Around Town page which is frequently updated to provide more information on many Town and State capital projects occurring across town:

<https://www.cheshirect.org/spotlight/projects>

## Recreation Updates

The Parks and Recreation Commission will be recognizing the main room at the John G. Martin Foundation Building at Mixville Park as the Frank Loehmann Room at 6:00 p.m. prior to their regular meeting (at Mixville Park) on Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

## **Business Appreciation Day – Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

The Town's Annual Business Appreciation Day will be held on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at Elim Park. Invitations will be going out next week to over 500 Cheshire business for this free event to honor our local business community.

Doors open at 8:30am for registration with the program beginning at 9:00 featuring Anthony Anthony Chief Marketing Officer for the State of Connecticut.

All Town Councilors are invited to attend and will also be receiving formal invites in the mail. We hope you can join. And a special thanks to Elim Park for their support.

## **Upcoming Town Council & Committee Meetings:**

**Thursday, May 16, 7:00 p.m., Room 207/209**  
Ordinance Review Committee Meeting

**Thursday, May 23, 6:30 p.m., Room 210**  
Sustainability Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 p.m., Room 207/209**  
Personnel Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, May 29, 7:00 p.m., Room 207/209**  
Tentative Capital Budget Workshop

**Wednesday, June 5, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**  
Tentative Capital Budget Workshop (BOE)

**Thursday, June 13, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers**  
Tentative Capital Budget Workshop