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TO: Town Council
FROM: Sean M. Kimball, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Town Manager’s Report – January 2024
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Cheshire Public Library - 2024 Winter Reading Challenge

Kick off the New Year with a Winter Reading Challenge! Kids and adults of all ages are invited to join this online reading program with chances to win prizes! From now until February 29th, you’ll earn points for reading and completing special missions. Once you reach a certain number of points, you’ll get a completion prize and be entered into your age group’s grand prize raffle. Sign up at the library’s ReadSquared challenge website at <https://cheshirelibrary.readsquared.com> or visit the Library in-person.

WPCD Superintendent Dave Milano

I am pleased to formally announce that I promoted Acting Assistant Superintendent David Milano to be our permanent WPCD Superintendent effective January 1, 2024. Dave has proven himself to be an excellent addition to Cheshire’s WPC team since joining us in April 2022 after previously working for the Southington WPCD. He holds a Class III Wastewater Operator license and has achieved the required “in-charge” time to serve as our Superintendent and sit for the highest Class IV exam later this month. Dave has earned the trust and respect of our Town staff and Water Pollution Control Authority members and has improved our preventative maintenance, operational processes, strategic planning and emergency responsiveness significantly since joining our team less than two years ago.

I also want to thank John Cronin who has served as our Acting Superintendent since the departure of Scott Hallier in December 2021 and has consistently supported Dave’s transition and growth within the department.

Dave is having a particularly eventful month of January— in addition to this well-deserved promotion, he is going to be recognized at the 2024 New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) Conference in Boston as he will receive the 2023 Connecticut Operator of the Year Award and he and his wife just welcomed their first child, Carmela, last week!

Congratulations and best wishes to Dave and his family!

Economic Development Update

Please see the attached Economic Development monthly report for a lot of great 2023 year in review information. Of particular note, 2023 saw two of the largest property transactions in the Town's history: 475 Knotter Dr. in April selling for \$25,250,000 and 181 W. Johnson selling for \$39,000,000. Additionally, Bozzuto's is now the largest privately-held company in Greater Hartford with 3,500 employees and one of the top 20 employers in Connecticut. Additionally, both Whole Foods Northeast Distribution and Macy's By Mail increased their reported employment numbers significantly.

Compliments Received by DPW for January Storm Responses

Dear Daniel and Anne,

I am writing to you to express my appreciation for thoughtful manner the driver(s) demonstrated that serviced LeClerc Ave this past storm on 1/7/24. You see, my home is at the end of the dead end where the pavement ends and my yard begins with no curbing as a border. The driver(s) plowed the street in the normal manner then came to a stop to slightly lift the blade while pushing the street snow mass forward without carrying a mass of dirt with it. In short, I find this mindful courtesy as a great display of professionalism and awareness on the driver(s) part. Kudos to your staff and department. Thank-you Marcel Gauthier, 67 LeClerc Ave.

Cheryl Walters, 25 Homestead Place, called to say that she is very happy with the snow plowing on her cul de sac. She thanks the driver for a job well done.

Ron Gagliardi called and said the crew did a beautiful job of cleaning his cul de sac, but they left all the snow in front of his driveway. He wants to know if they can come back and clear it. Ron called back to thank the crew for removing the snow so quickly and doing such a great job.

Jessica called to thank the crew for the quick response and putting in a temporary mailbox for her. She is very grateful! - 180 Wiese Rd

Mr. Derwin or Heritage Dr. called to remind us that the sidewalks will need to be shoveled in front of the vacant home on Heritage Drive if it snows. Mr. Derwin called to compliment the crew on the excellent job they did shoveling the sidewalk.

Upcoming Town Council & Committee Meetings:

Town Council Planning Committee Meeting

January 30, 2024 at 7pm, Room 207/209, Town Hall

Town Council Regular Meeting

February 13, 2024 at 7pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall