



**TOWN OF CHESHIRE**  
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**SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report – July 2024**  
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**Bartlem Park South**

- Crews have completed grading and initial seeding for the Great Lawn area along with tree plantings and lamp post installations.
- Poligon has given an update that final engineered plans for the bandshell are now estimated to arrive July 31<sup>st</sup>. Fabrication will take 10-12 weeks, putting the tentative bandshell installation date into early November.
- Precast bathroom building nearing completion offsite, delivery and installation tentatively scheduled for July 24-26. Once the bathroom building is constructed, the process of installing the electrical transformer/equipment can begin for lighting throughout the site – which may be September/October depending upon Eversource's schedule.

**Bartlem Beats Concerts**

The Bartlem Beats Concerts will be starting up next month, and the four dates for 2024 have been announced:

- Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> - Zep & Co., playing music from Led Zeppelin and Bad Company
- Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> - Struggle Monkey, a high energy, party rock cover band
- Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Zac 'n Fried, tribute to the Zac Brown Band
- Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Tuohy, playing a variety of rock, country, and Americana music

The shows on each of these dates will start at 7:00pm and rain dates for each will be the following Tuesday.

**Monthly Electronics and Mattress Recycling Event**

The Town of Cheshire is pleased to announce this month's Electronics and Mattress Recycling Event will be held this **Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 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. This collection will also include drop off of grass clippings and leaves. For more information on acceptable/unacceptable items, please visit the Town's website: <https://www.cheshirect.org>

## **Mixville Parking Lot and Sidewalk Improvements**

Cheshire Public Works has been making steady progress on the site and accessibility improvements to Mixville Park. The sidewalk connecting the parking lot to the upper turnaround area by the pavilion has been completed. Paving of the additional, expanded parking and accessible drop-off area will be undertaken later this week. Work on the ice rink area is expected to begin in the coming months.



## **Demolition of 422 N. Brooksvale Garage**

Public Works has been working to coordinate the demolition of the old garage located adjacent to the Norton School playground area. This work is anticipated to begin before the end of July.

## **Cheshire Park & Recreation Kindness Award**

The Cheshire Recreation Department wants to recognize and celebrate people who are invested in building a strong sense of community and demonstrate kindness to other residents. Cheshire is lucky to have amazing citizens and we would like to acknowledge them!

Now is the time to nominate someone over the age of 18 who you feel is thoughtful, kind-hearted and a positive role model! Nominations can be done online via <https://cheshirect.myrec.com/> or by stopping by the Youth Center (559 South Main St.) to pick up a paper nomination form. Paper nomination forms must be returned to the main office of the Parks & Recreation Department (559 South Main St., Cheshire, CT 06410) by July 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **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>

## **Record-Breaking Participation in the Library Summer Reading Program**

We are excited to provide an update that 1,279 total individuals registered for the Summer Reading program of all ages, which is nearly double the 648 people registered last year. This year breaks the all-time record for summer reading participants, which was previously 966 registrants. The Cheshire Public Library is doing a lot more programming this year with weekly story times continuing to run on a 6-week basis. There will also be a summer reading closing party for participants who have finished the summer reading challenge currently scheduled for **Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 pm.**

## **Upcoming Town Council Meetings:**

- **Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** – Town Council Regular Meeting