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TO: Town Council
FROM: Sean M. Kimball, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report – October 2024
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Bartlem Park South Construction Update

- Power to the lights of the turf field was activated Friday, September 20th and the Musco lighting control application is working well.
- Weston & Sampson is compiling a punch list of items and working on inspections this week.
- Four 27' 4-row bleachers with a capacity of 72 people each have been ordered along with four 27' player benches with backs.
- The bandshell design was completed last month and a deposit made with Poligon for fabrication to begin. Estimated fabrication completion date is late January, 2025.
- Tentative plan is for substantial completion and acceptance of the park (with the exception of the bandshell), pending an agreement with DeRita on any outstanding punch list items beyond the bandshell in the next couple of weeks, opening up the park for public access.





Welcoming New Deputy Director of Public Works Ray Harris

Please join me in welcoming Ray Harris who began with the Town of Cheshire on Monday, October 7th, as our Deputy Director of Public Works. Ray brings with him fifteen years of experience in public works and construction. In his previous position, he worked for the Town of Simsbury for over four years as a Project Administrator managing maintenance, construction, energy efficiency and repair projects for Town assets and ensuring adherence to budgets, timelines, and quality standards. He served as staff liaison to the Sustainability Committee where he led an initiative for the installation of EV chargers and assisted with the Town's application of a Silver Level certification by Sustainable CT. Prior to that, he was a Project Manager for Mattatuck Museum. He was also previously an Assistant Project Manager for Colliers International and also an Inspection/ Construction Materials Field Technician for Independent Materials Testing Laboratory. Welcome to Cheshire, Ray!

Early Voting Information

Early voting for the November election will be held at the Town Hall. It will take place October 21, 2024 through November 3, 2024 10am-6pm with the exception of 10/29 and 10/31 which will both be 8am-8pm. For questions, please contact the Registrars' Office at (203) 271-6680.

Referendum Vote Reminder

As a reminder, the ballot for the upcoming statewide election scheduled for November 7th includes five referendum questions for Town of Cheshire capital projects being sent to the voters for approval.

The projects are:

- 1) \$2,800,000 for the Road Improvement Program and E. Johnson Ave. Road Reconstruction
- 2) \$435,000 for Road Reconstruction of Industrial Avenue
- 3) \$350,000 for Replacement of a Portion of the Dodd Middle School Roof

The explanatory text for these items and a sample ballot can be viewed on our website at:
https://www.cheshirect.org/government/departments_and_divisions/elections

Electronics and Mattress Recycling Event

The Town of Cheshire is hosting a free Electronics and Mattress Recycling Event on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 9AM – 1 PM at 1304 Waterbury Road (the old transfer station). Also accepted on this day: grass clipping and leaves.

This event is open to Cheshire residents only, proof of residency is required.

Mattresses:

Cheshire residents may drop off their mattresses, box springs. Unacceptable items, see below.

Electronics:

Residents may drop off their electronic recyclables. Acceptable items to recycle include computers/laptop/printer/keyboard/mouse/monitor; TV/VCR/DVD/remote; telephone/cellphone; fax machine; console; scanners; iPods/PDAs; stereo equipment, camera; tablet/eBooks; small appliances, lightbulbs, game consoles/controllers and household batteries. Unacceptable items, see below.

Grass Clippings and Leaves:

Residents must empty grass clippings and leaves out of the bag or container. Unacceptable items, see below.

For additional information, contact the Public Works Department at 203-271-6650.

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>

Other Project Updates

Emergency Operations Center – the EOC project for the basement of Town Hall is scheduled to go to bid in the next 2-3 weeks, the Town is now only waiting for prevailing wage calculations from the state before proceeding.

Yankee Expressway Highlands/Mountain Bike Trails – CT NEMBA has secured a proposal for wetlands flagging of the property where the trail network is proposed. The total cost is \$8,000-\$10,000 and the Town will be paying for half of the cost utilizing the \$50,000 state grant we received for this project.

Plan of Conservation and Development – P&Z Listening Session for the Town Council

Please mark your calendars as the Town Council is being invited to a Planning and Zoning meeting for listening session similar to other boards and commissions. An invitation along with a questionnaire will be shared with the members closer to the meeting date. Just a reminder, this is a meeting of PZC, and they are looking for input as they develop the Plan of Conservation and Development. The Town Council is being scheduled to meet with PZC **Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00pm.**

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

Town Council Special Meeting

Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 6:30pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall

Town Council Sustainability Committee Meeting

Monday, October 21, 2024 at 9:30am, Room 207/209, Town Hall

Town Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall