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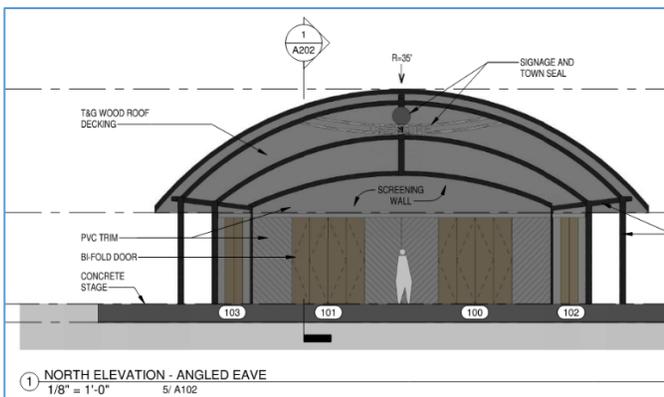
Winter Weather Reminders

As we continue further into the winter months, we ask residents for their cooperation in keeping our Town roads safe by following these regulations and suggestions:

- **Street Obstructions:** Parking ban announcements will be made through the local media and on the Town website, www.CheshireCT.org. During a ban, Town Ordinance prohibits parking on the street. Any vehicle so parked may be towed. Basketball hoops and other private property should be removed from the rights-of-way.
- **Sidewalks:** Per Town Ordinance, property owners are responsible to clear snow and ice from adjacent sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of the snowfall or precipitation event. Residents are encouraged to wait until the Town plows have pushed snow back to the curb line before clearing the sidewalks and driveway aprons.
- **Priority Roads:** The first priority is to create travel lanes on through streets. Residents who live on a cul-de-sac or lesser-traveled road are asked to be patient with the removal of snow from these areas. Following the end of the storm, all roads will be plowed back to the curb line. This pushback allows room for snow from future snowstorms, provides better access to mailboxes, and opens up storm drains for melting snow. NOTE: State roads (Routes 10, 42, 68, 70) are plowed by the State of CT Department of Transportation, not the Town.
- **Mailboxes:** According to Town Ordinance, the Public Works Department does not replace mailboxes that are displaced by snow or slush from plowing. Occasionally a plow strikes a mailbox. Any damage thought to be the result of a plow hit must be reported within 48 hours of the end of the storm. Please contact the Public Works Department within the designated time period to have your claim investigated. The Town Council Resolution can be viewed at www.CheshireCT.org.
- **Salt/Sand Mixture:** Available to Town Residents at the old transfer station on 1304 Waterbury Road during the hours of 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM. (Please bring your own container)
- **Fire Hydrants/Storm Sewers:** Please help the Town by keeping fire hydrants and storm sewers clear of snow and debris.
- **Other:** The Town prohibits placing snow on any public road in such a manner as to impede or inconvenience travel. Residents and private contractors will be held responsible for any curb damage that results from private plowing operations.

Bartlem Park South Update

- All newly expanded park areas are open for public use.
- Paving of the rest of the Bartlem Park parking lots, access drives and the skate park is scheduled for the Spring.
- Bandshell is currently under fabrication by Polygon. The design team recently sent us a necessary design change proposal for the back walls/doors of the band shell facility. These originally designed bi-fold doors have been determined to be in conflict with the cross pitch of the stage area and as such there was a recommendation to switch to barn door style openings per the picture below. Our review by staff and the three council liaisons was favorable to this change as it should 1) provide easier maintenance, 2) be more durable against damage/vandalism, 3) provide a very similar (for some preferable) aesthetic, and 4) it should be cheaper to construct thereby providing a credit back on the project.



New Emergency Operations Center at Town Hall

We are making exciting progress on new Emergency Operations Center at the Town Hall. The room in the Town's basement where the emergency operations center will be located has been cleared to get it prepared for construction. We anticipate contract execution to occur within the upcoming week with construction commencing soon thereafter.

Public Forum on Racial Profiling Panel at the Cheshire Public Library:

On **Thursday, January 30, 2025 from 6-8 p.m.** in the Mary Baldwin Room, the Cheshire Public Library will be hosting an discussion about racial profiling with the Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Project, a program that studies how well law enforcement is following state laws that prohibit race-based discrimination during traffic stops. Cheshire's Police Chief Neil Dryfe, project manager Ken Barone, and others will discuss how CTRP3 is working to improve the relationship between the public and the police. Please join the conversation and offer your input! Light refreshments will be served starting at 6:00 pm. The program, which is sponsored by the CT Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, begins at 6:30 pm. Registration is required.

Elderly and 100% Disabled Tax Credit Application Period

The filing period for the Elderly (65+) / 100% Disabled Tax relief for homeowners runs from **February 1st to May 15th**. Income thresholds and credit amounts are available on the Town website at <https://www.cheshirect.org/185/Tax-Relief-Programs>. For more information, please visit the website or contact the Assessor's Office at 203-271-6620.

Energy Performance Contracting 2.0 Project Update

Last Thursday the Town/BOE staff, along with our Energia project leader, held the RFP opening for energy performance contracting proposals. The good news is twofold with the most important being that between our Town and School buildings we do have significant enough savings from energy improvements to pay for building infrastructure improvement projects ranging from a \$6.6M total project size to more than \$20M. (Our first Energy Performance Contract was \$10.2M). In addition, the 3 firms that submitted proposals are well known and highly qualified, namely Honeywell, Johnson Controls and Ameresco. There is an enormous amount of detail that the project team, led by Vin Masciana, will be working through with Energia as we continue this process in advance of the budget deliberations.

Town of Cheshire 2026 Plan of Conservation and Development Public Input Survey

We want to hear from you! The Town of Cheshire engaged with Tyche Planning and Policy Group to assist with updating the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. A Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD, the "Plan") is an advisory document that serves as a municipality's official action plan for its future land use, development, and conservation goals. We are continuing to gather feedback from the community. The public input survey can be accessed on the Town's website or directly at the following link:

[Cheshire 2026 POCD Public Information Survey](#)

West Main Street - Brownfield Area Redevelopment (BAR) Planning Grant Update

As referenced in the Economic Development monthly status report, the consultants for the West Main Street Business District Revitalization Plan project delivered their first draft of their proposed form-based code was delivered to the Planning and Zoning Commission at their POCD workshop on January 8th. PZC will be reviewing over the coming months and is scheduling public workshops for further input and discussion. Copies of the draft code will also be forwarded to the Town Council.

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

Town Council Public Hearing Re: School Naming

Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall

Town Council Special Meeting

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall

Town Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall