

Frederick J. Presley, Town Manager

July 3 - 19, 2024

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Wethersfield Town Hall Summer Business Hours May 27th - August 30th

Monday – Wednesday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Thursday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Friday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Town Hall Closed

Thursday, July 4, 2024 and Friday, July 5, 2024

Refuse and Recycling Pick Up

Thursday, July 3rd and Friday 4th are delayed one day

Transfer Station

Friday, July 5^{th} 9:00 am - 2:45 pm Saturday, July 6^{th} 8:00 am - 3:45 pm

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager's Report

Summer is in full swing and nature has greeted us with a dose of extreme heat and strong summer storms already. I want to thank our first responders including Physical Services, Police, Fire and EMS for helping our citizens navigate the challenges created by these storms. Our crews did a great job getting things back to normal and keeping our community safe. Downed trees, blocked roads, power outages and some flooding occurred with these recent storms and we will likely see more of these events as the summer progresses. Stay safe and keep an eye to the sky.

As we look ahead to next week, I ask that you all take a moment to reflect upon the significance of July 11th to our many Bosnian friends and neighbors here in Wethersfield. July 11th is Srebrenica Genocide Remembrance Day. Fifty years after the world said "Never Again" to the horrors of the Holocaust, genocide took place on European soil; and the name Srebrenica has become synonymous with those dark days in July 1995 when, in the first ever United Nations (UN) declared safe area, thousands of men and boys were systematically murdered and buried in mass graves; and the victims, who were Muslim, were selected for death on the basis of their identity; this was the worst atrocity on European soil since the Second World War.

Wethersfield includes a strong Bosnian community that was directly impacted by this tragedy and we join with our friends and neighbors in remembering and forcefully condemning the atrocities committed against these people, and honoring the survivors as well as other victims of similar heinous crimes as we guard against repetition of such acts of genocide and endeavor to provide the public with a greater understanding of history.

On a lighter note, the July 4th weekend is upon us and I am sure many of you have great plans with family and friends including BBQ's and various water activities. This is also a time that our Fire and Police Departments respond to many calls related to careless use of fireworks, outdoor fires and water related accidents. The holiday should be a time of fun and celebration but please be responsible and watch out for each other.

The Town Council will have their next meeting on Monday July 15th.

I hope everyone has a wonderful 4th of July weekend and week ahead!



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Wethersfield Government Access Television

Town Council, Board of Education and Planning & Zoning Commission meetings <u>WGTV's YouTube Channel</u> - Live streamed / viewable any time <u>WGTV Meeting Replay</u> - Replay on WGTV

COUNCIL AND BOARD

Board & Commission Agendas

Town Council: Monday, July 15 7:00 PM

Central CT Health District: Thursday, July 18 6:30 PM

LIAISON MEETINGS

Board & Commission Vacancies

Shade Tree Commission	Mon, 7/8	Councilor Bailey
Housing Authority	Mon, 7/8	Councilor Clancy
Historic District Commission	Tues, 7/9	Councilor Zambrello
Library Board	Tues, 7/16	Councilor Roets
Planning & Zoning Commission	Tues, 7/16	Councilor Timbro
Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission	Wed, 7/17	Councilor
EDIC	Thurs, 7/18	Councilor Duric
Redevelopment Agency	Thurs, 7/18	Councilor Duric

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION NEWS

Employment Opportunities

https://wethersfieldct.gov/human-resources

Technical Assistant – Tax Collector's Office
Town Planner
Maintainer III – Mason
Police Civilian Accreditation Manager
Certified Police Officer

ENGINEERING

- Mill Woods Park Dam Improvements: A bid solicitation was issued to complete dam improvements at the Mill Woods Park Pond and Swimming Pond. This work is mandated by the CTDEEP Dam Safety Unit and primarily includes removing trees and root balls on or in close proximity to the dam embankments, installation of slope stabilization and erosion control measures, and concrete and pipe joint repairs. Bids are scheduled to open this week.
- LOTCIP Wolcott Hill Rd Reconstruction: Two of the new streetlight poles at the north end of the island near Hartford were hit by a vehicle soon after installation, so staff has installed white bollards mounted to the road surface and large, concrete planters in this area for additional protection. The streetlights will be replaced and installation of a new "Welcome" sign is underway.
- **CNG Edward St Gas Main Replacement:** The contractor, Barber Utilities, is continuing with gas main replacement work in this area, which is located between Wells Rd and Dix Rd.
- **CNG Griswold Rd Gas Main Replacement:** The contractor, Barber Utilities, is continuing with gas service replacement work in this area, which is located between Prospect St and Highland St.



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- Pavement Preservation Program: The Town's contractor, Indus, has begun crack seal work along local roads and fog seal work is scheduled the week of July 8th. The roads that will be fog sealed include Hartford Ave, Mill St, Broad St, and portions of Highland St and Garden St. These preservation measures help to preserve the integrity and extent the service life of the pavement surfaces.
- Pavement Marking Program: The Town's contractor, Atlantic Pavement Markings, has begun pavement
 marking work along local roads. The Physical Services Dept staff will be painting the parking lots at Town
 facilities this summer.
- **Spring Paving Program:** General Paving is finishing the installation of driveway aprons and restoring disturbed areas. The roads included in this program are:

STREET	FROM	TO
DUSTY LN	GOFF BROOK CIR	CUL DE SAC
FIELD DR	DUSTY LN	CUL DE SAC
GOFF BROOK CIR	HIGHCREST RD	CUL DE SAC
MINNIE LN	HANG DOG LN	CUL DE SAC
QUAIL HL	HIGHCREST RD	CUL DE SAC
SAGE RD	HIGHCREST RD	CUL DE SAC

PARKS AND RECREATION



The Summer Brochure is available online at <u>2024 Summer Brochure</u>. Program information includes Many options for children, adults and seniors.

Like us on our Wethersfield Parks and Recreation Facebook page (@ParksRecWethersfield). Program updates, special event notifications and weather cancellations will be posted.

PHYSICAL SERVICES

https://wethersfieldct.gov/physical-services

School cleaning and maintenance is continuing.

Park maintenance and fence repairs

Pool monitoring and maintenance at Willard and Mill Woods

Trash collection

Mowing and weed removal

Vehicle maintenance

Filling potholes

Drainage and catch basin work

Stump removals

Clearing brush from recent storms

Responding to calls for issues with HVAC, carpentry and electrical work in town buildings

SOCIAL, YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

Phone: 860-721-2880

Senior Center News

www.wethersfieldct.gov/senior-center.

Energy Assistance

Residents may call the office at 860-721-2880 to schedule an application appointment. More information at <u>State of CT Energy Assistance</u>.

Weekend Meals - Children receiving free or reduced lunch are automatically eligible for this program. Those experiencing financial difficulties may also sign up. Contact Social & Youth Services for application or appointment.

Food Bank and Special Needs Fund - This fund is used to assist eligible residents with various needs in addition to food insecurities. https://rec.wethersfieldct.gov/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/donation.html

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE www.wethersfieldchamber.com

President: Natia Shukakidze





CRCOG Capitol Region 2.3 Capitol Region Council of



https://www.crtct.org/newsroom/publications/

Connecticut Conference of Municipalities: Prescription Discount Card: This program was developed in conjunction with ProAct Inc. to help lower the prescription drug cost for Connecticut residents. The card is designed to be used by those who do not have insurance or if a prescription is not covered by your current insurance program. The card cannot be used in conjunction with another insurance program to discount your co-pays/deductible. Cards available at Town Hall. https://www.ccmct.org/Services/Prescription-Savings